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Clouds and rain with highs in the 50s and lows in the high 30s

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Dancin' the night away



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Sophomore Mary Ellen Zappa busts a move with entertainer Johnny Holms on Tuesday night at Knowles Center. Holms performed a variety of songs from popular artists ranging from country to hip-hop.

In the national spotlight

Sarah Colburn
Editor in Chief

She's been in the national spotlight for a week-and-a-half. And she may play a role in determining the outcome of the heated race between U.S. Senate hopefuls Mark Neumann and Russ Feingold.

Her story garnered national media attention. And her name has been splashed across everything from the Wall Street Journal to the Wisconsin State Journal.

For UW-River Falls senior Theresa Zirbel, the uproar started during a televised debate aired on "We the People/Wisconsin."

Zirbel attended the debate as a member of the organization. During the forum, she asked Neumann about illegal campaign donations. He, then, accused her of being planted in the

audience.

"I was pretty thrown back by the whole thing," Zirbel said. "He (Neumann) and the media in general, don't think we know this kind of information. As a student, they don't expect us to be involved in the political process."

Zirbel's knowledge of politics got the media humming and she was bombarded by phone calls from reporters. She was out of town for six days and came home to a list of messages. In the days following, she said she received at least four calls a day from reporters. Zirbel only responded to a few inquiries, but she sent out a press release to the rest of the media.

"I didn't have the time to answer all the

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The race is on for U.S. Senate

■ Russ Feingold and Mark Neumann debate issues that may pertain to UW-RF students



Neumann



Feingold

Karen Timp
Staff Writer

With only less than a week until the final vote, incumbent Senator Russ Feingold and Representative Mark Neumann are standing firm on their platform issues.

The major issues provoking discussion between the two parties are taxes, campaign finance reform, social security, education, crime and abortion.

Rep. Neumann, 44, a former math teacher and real estate developer, was elected in 1994 to the House of Representatives.

Sen. Feingold, 45, a Harvard Law School graduate, served in the Wisconsin Senate for 10 years and as U.S. Senator for four years.

Taxes

According to Internet campaign literature, Neumann is in favor of a \$400 per child tax credit, college scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500 to help parents send their kids to college and the Roth Individual Retirement Account.

"Neumann favors the Roth IRA, which encourages people to save and use the money for college, home buying and retirement," said Gary Blank, press secretary for Neumann.

Neumann was opposed to raising the gas tax in 1993. He also voted to remove the tax increase on senior's Social Security benefits.

Feingold opposed the \$400 per child tax credit, college scholarship tax credit and the Roth IRA.

"Feingold supported the gas tax increase in 1993 as part of the deficit reduction program and to get the economy running again," said Jud Lousbury, spokesperson for Feingold.

Feingold also voted to increase taxes on Social Security benefits to seniors. "Feingold does support some tax cuts and one if his priorities is to put money back into the social security," Lousbury said.

Campaign Finance Reform

Feingold co-authored the unsuccessful McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Act, which would restrict spending "soft money" to influence

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Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

Mixed results. That's what UW-River Falls students are getting when it comes to the fluctuating price of a college education.

The UW-System Board of Regents has already passed a 4.9 percent increase in the cost of tuition for next semester (around \$114 per semester).

According to Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Virgil Nylander, the tuition hike is due to a lack of support from state government. The UW-System used to receive 14 percent of all state tax money collected. Now that number has dwindled down to about nine percent.

"To maintain the quality of education, part of the money has to come from a tuition increase," Nylander said.

The University also plans to give more funding to the Information and Technology Support Services.

"We're going to hire additional support staff to help meet the needs of students and faculty," Nylander said.

Technology is the one place where River Falls needs improvement, according to stu-

dents.

"If we're going to pay more money, they should put it to a good use like computers," said Michele Dickson, a freshman majoring in elementary education. "We need to be ahead of other colleges."

Of course, most students still don't believe they are getting the most from their money.

"It's not like classes are getting any better," said Dale Bailey, a sophomore majoring in marketing communications.

Others just don't like paying the extra cash.

"I'm going to end up paying for it out of my own pocket," said freshman Jessica Berg, majoring in elementary education. "I can't expect my parents to pay for it."

Nylander said although some students might be leery, he doesn't think this will hurt River Falls' enrollment.

"We increased the tuition before and we have an increase of students now, so it's not going to hurt us there" said Nylander. "It will be more difficult for students with financial needs and students that fall between the cracks and don't have financial assistance from parents or the government."

That assistance from government could grow

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HOW MUCH?

Undergraduate (12-18 credits)	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99
Resident	\$1,222.55	\$1,282.46	\$1,375.20	\$1,445.20
Minn Reciprocity	\$1,378.05	\$1,441.96	\$1,472.20	\$1,495.20
Non-Resident	\$3,790.05	\$4,014.46	\$4,346.20	\$4,586.20
Graduate				
Resident	\$1,530.05	\$1,620.96	\$1,741.20	\$1,828.20
Minn Reciprocity	\$1,523.05	\$1,612.96	\$1,659.70	\$1,828.20
Non-Resident	\$4,644.05	\$4,944.46	\$5,355.70	\$5,650.00

Graphic by Sarah Colburn / The Student Voice

UW-RF students, staff befriend pets at shelter

■ To volunteer at the Humane Society or to adopt an animal, call 426-5535

Karen Timp
Staff Writer

It's raining cats and dogs and some UW-River Falls students and staff are acting as an umbrella.

The Humane Society of Pierce and St. Croix counties use volunteers to better the animals' lives and help find them homes. Many of these volunteers come from UW-RF.

"It's a stress reliever for me," said Beth Krull, a junior majoring in animal science, who has been working as a volunteer for about a year. "I like to work with animals. It feels good when you find them a good home."

Volunteers help with all kinds of work at the Humane Society, including exercising the dogs, playing with the animals, fund raising, typing flyers and cleaning.

"We can use volunteers all the time," said Sarah Kastern, a biotechnology major who volunteers at the shelter. "The animals are so fun to play with."

The Humane Society, which is located just outside River Falls on Hwy. 65, provides a home for the animals until they are adopted. Kastern said 93 percent of the animals at the Humane Society are adoptable.

Some animals are harder to adopt



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

UW-RF sophomore Carmi Wallis volunteers at the Humane Society. Kiki is one of about 30 animals waiting to be adopted.

because of their past experiences with abusive owners. Some animals are easily upset by human contact because they were neglected in the

past. However, volunteers help to make these animals adoptable by

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE will be here on Monday, Nov. 9 from noon to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from noon to 6 p.m. in the River Room at Rodli (formerly the Yellow Room). Appointments can be scheduled in advance on Monday, Nov. 2 through Friday, Nov. 6 in the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Melissa Marius or Brenda Ratzloff at 425-4911.

SHORT-TERM TRAININGS OPPORTUNITIES in Scandinavia. 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 8 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.

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION hosted by the Art Society in Gallery 101 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. The show will run from Oct. 18 through Nov. 7, 1998. For more information call the Art Department at 425-3266.

KNOW YOUR WORLD display series sponsored by the UW-RF International Club and the Office of International Programs will highlight a specific country each month in Davee Library. October will highlight the People's Republic of China.

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.

SPRING CURRENT TEXTBOOK SALE If you want to purchase any of the textbooks that you have checked out, bring them to Textbook Services during the Spring Textbook Sale, Sept. 28 thru Nov. 20, 1998 and you will receive a 20 - 40 percent discount.

IMPROMPTU STUDENT EXHIBITION, hosted by the Art Society, in Gallery 101 of the Fine Arts building. The show will run from Oct. 18 through Nov. 7, with a reception on Friday, Oct. 30 from 3-4 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Sunday 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call the Art Department at 425-3266.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

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

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

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 on this program is available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. in 331 A.G.S. building.

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

Animals strut their stuff at annual showmanship contest

■ **Livestock takes center stage at Block & Bridle's 38th Annual Royal this Saturday**

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

The 38th Annual Block & Bridle Royal won't be just a repeat of the last 37 years. On Oct. 31, the fun begins at 8:45 a.m., at UW-RF Lab Farm No. 1, with many new and exciting changes.

According to Tammy Duve, chair of this year's event, the Royal is an opportunity for students to learn how to show animals.

"Students are judged on how they prepare the animals before the Royal and how they present the animals to the judges," Duve said.

More than 75 students will show in five animal categories. The animals shown will include beef cows, sheep, swine, dairy cows and horses.

"The Royal is a showmanship contest open to all UW-RF students," said Erin Hovey, a junior agri-

culture education major. "It is designed for entrants to learn about fitting and showing livestock. Students can show as experienced or first-time participants. They use animals provided by the University's farms."

This year's Royal will have a bit of a twist from the Royals of the past. Duve said she attended other university Royals in order to make UW-RF's better.

"This year we have made it more professional," Duve said. "We have also added some new things to it such as a hog roast for participants and their families, invited alumni and faculty. We are also giving out a scholarship and a silver platter to the overall winner, and there will be a sportsmanship award."

There will also be a costume-optional dance following the event from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. at P.R.'s Place. Duve said everyone is welcome to watch the Royal and participate in the dance following it.

"We have invited participant's parents and 175 alumni who were involved in Block & Bridle," Duve said.

As for personal experience with the Royal, both Duve and Hovey have participated in previous years.

"I have shown beef, hogs and sheep, and this year I am showing a horse," Duve said. "It is a very interesting event and a wonderful learning

experience. One thing I discovered as part of this event is that showing sheep is a lot harder than it sounds."

Hovey, who has also participated in the Royal, said the event is a lot of fun and a good way to meet new people.

"It is a good way to learn about something you have never done before," Hovey added.

Justin Luther, Block & Bridle president and agriculture education major, has also participated in the Royal.

"I have shown sheep at the Royal for the last two years," Luther said. "This is an event that has allowed me to meet more members and learn more about my species of interest. I think everyone should try it sometime."

As part of this year's event, Duve said parents and faculty will also play a big part.

"The faculty will have an opportunity to show an animal-they don't know which one yet-and the parents will be there to show their spirit," Duve said. "This event is non-profit and it is a great learning experience and social activity."

Block & Bridle holds fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for the event.

Block & Bridle is an on-campus organization open to any student who has an interest in livestock. They meet every other Tuesday at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be Nov. 10.

A sign of the times



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

If you forget where you are just read the new monument built on the corner of Cascade Ave. and Main Street. Installation of the sign was finished last Tuesday.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Lost, and slightly damaged

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

This week's occurrences are a mixture of missing and damaged property reports.

A professor reported that his keys were stolen from his office in Karges Center on Oct. 22.

Three students reported a missing key and keychain after a dance rehearsal on Oct. 20.

On Oct. 16, a citizen reported to the UW-River Falls parking office that two parking stalls on the southwest end of the UW-RF S-lot had damaged parking meters.

A student reported that her vehicle was involved in a hit and run while it was parked in the UW-RF E-lot on Oct. 23.

On Oct. 25, Walsdor Roofing reported a two-way Motorola radio stolen from a Ford 800 truck. The windshield of his truck was also smashed. This occurred outside the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The value of the radio was estimated at \$180.

Women's issues are the focus of the day

■ **National Young Women's Day of Action heightens campus awareness of gender issues**

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

On Oct. 22, a grassroots campaign organized for and by young women, took place — the National Young Women's Day of Action.

"It is a day to let women all over the nation know what is out there to help them as women, and what their rights are," said Robin Kinney, treasurer of the Gender Equality Council.

Kinney said The National Young Women's Day of Action lets people on campus know that they are not alone and that help is available when dealing with problems such as domestic and sexual abuse.

The Gender Equality Council sponsored and provided information about the event on Oct. 22 at the Student Center. There was information on TurningPoint for victims of domestic abuse; information on abortion, rape, reproductive choices, including the different types of contraception; religious choices and women's studies.

National Young Women's Day of Action takes place in October because it commemorates the death of Rosie Jimenez on Oct. 3, 1977.

Jimenez was the first known woman to die from an illegal abortion after Congress passed the Hyde Amendment which denies women federal medic-aid funding for abortions.

Christy Betsinger, member of the Gender Equal-

ity Council, said the National Young Women's Day of Action raises awareness on campus about women's choices and rights.

"I believe in equal rights for everybody," Betsinger said. "This day brings everyone together and lets them know about the different issues that are involved with women."

Both Kinney and Betsinger said the biggest issue for women right now is sexuality.

"People should have the right to choose who they are," Betsinger said.

Kinney agreed and added that people should be allowed to live safely.

"Sexuality issues involve the right not to be discriminated against if you are heterosexual or homosexual," Kinney said. "It's the right to be who you are."

This year, The Gender Equality Council is looking to improve campus safety and sexual harass-

ment awareness.

Amy Jurgens, Gender Equality Council member, said the group has looked into putting in more blue light emergency phones around campus.

"Blue Light emergency phones have blue lights on them, and when someone picks up the phone, it automatically dials 911 or campus security," Jurgens said.

Two phones are located on campus: one is in the Hathorn parking lot, the other is by Knowles.

Jurgens said they have found 14 more places that could benefit from an emergency phone.

The Gender Equality Council plans to focus on improving the way sexual harassment incidents on campus are reported.

"People think UW-River Falls is safe, but there is sexual harassment on campus," Jurgens said. "People feel too safe."

Jurgens said incidents have already been reported this semester, so students should be aware.

An upcoming event is the annual "Take Back the Night" march which supports women and recognizes victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. The Gender Equality Council will plan the event for this April.

"It is an event that heightens the awareness of domestic violence and domestic abuse," said Krisi Davies, Gender Equality Council, secretary.

Last year, "Take Back the Night" featured Silent Witness Statues that represent women who died from domestic abuse. Each witness had a plaque telling how they died.

The clothesline project was another part of "Take Back the Night." T-shirt's made by survivors of abuse or their family members, were displayed on the Student Center lawn.

A march around campus and the town ended the evening.

"It was very successful last year and a lot of people said they liked it and couldn't wait for next year," Davies said.

More than 150 people showed up to support the event, Davies said.

"I think it made this campus more aware that domestic abuse and rape can even happen in River Falls," Davies said.

Currently, the Gender Equality Council has ten members. Last year, the group was called Women's Equality. The name was changed this year to include men.

Meetings for Gender Equality Council are held on Mondays at 4 p.m. in the Falcon room of the Student Center. The meetings are open to anyone.

"Sexuality issues involve the right not to be discriminated against if you are heterosexual or homosexual. It's the right to be who you are."

-Robin Kinney, Gender Equality Council treasurer

Finding a job outside the help wanted ads

■ Motivational speaker encourages students to follow their hearts instead of job market predictions

Ben Schmitt
Staff Writer

Dave Swanson is a motivational speaker and nationally-renowned author. But his message isn't exactly telling people he lives in a van down by the river, like the late Chris Farley's character on Saturday Night Live. Swanson listens to classical music, and cites composer John Phillip Painter as his hero ever since he played clarinet in the Northwestern University Band.

On Wednesday, with "Canon in D" sounding from his stereo, Swanson spoke in the Presidents Room of the Student Center about job hunting techniques for the twenty-first century.

"It's neat to have someone here to talk about careers," said Carmen Croonquist, Coordinator of Career Services. "The information he talks about is helpful for students, but also to faculty. Faculty members need this information to relay to students."

Swanson's workshops and speeches are aimed right at college students, especially those who are struggling to find out what they want to do after graduation. He also talked about how people change their minds even as they are about to graduate.

During his workshop, UW-RF senior Jeff Sinna told Swanson that his dream job was to ride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and to write about them for a magazine.

"He was fantastic, and terrific at getting people's attention," Sinna said. "I'm a speech communications and computer major, but that's not really what I'd like to do after I graduate, so he was right on the money."

Freshman Toni Osmak also found his techniques informative.

"I found him very inspirational," Osmak said. "His information will definitely be useful."

Swanson says he has been speaking professionally since 1975.

"I've been to every state in the United States, except maybe for Delaware," Swanson said. "My goal is to teach people how to decide what they want to do with their lives, and how to start immediately. It's never too soon."

Swanson is the author of the best seller, "The Resume Solution," and has worked on a worldwide workshop team called "What Color is Your Parachute" since 1977.

"Parachute" is named after a career book with the same title, which has sold 6.5 million copies worldwide. Swanson says he works with Richard Bolles, the author, on the workshop team.

"What color is your parachute" has made B. Dalton Bookstore's Top 25 list, Swanson said.

Swanson stands behind these two books, and finds certain other career and resume guides to be unhelpful.

"People shouldn't rely on such books titled 'Best Jobs for the Future,'" Swanson said. "Never look to see what's out there, but what's in you. Go for what gets your juices flowing."

Swanson and Croonquist believe that learning



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice
Motivational speaker Dave Swanson talks to students about the future job market.

how to create a professional-looking resume is critical.

"When creating resumes, it's important to include plenty of action verbs," Croonquist said. "Employers also look to see how you will match with their particular job. Showing this on your resume is very beneficial."

Swanson stresses another quality of the resume which employers notice before anything else.

"Paper type. The feel of the paper is important to a resume," Swanson said. "Heavier paper feels classier. People should also keep the resume focused into one to two pages with no small, unreadable print."

Swanson also stressed the importance of a great interview, and how it is important to be specific and detailed with your future employers.

"The bottom line is, do your homework, and don't ask dumb questions," Swanson added. "If someone asked me in an interview, 'what are your health benefits?', I'd ask them, 'do you get sick a lot?'"

Dress was another quality that Swanson brought up, using his own audience-grabbing style and humor.

"Do you wear underwear? How about a dress shirt? You should, because it soaks up the sweat better," Swanson said. White dress shirts are always appropriate at any interview, and the ties should be conservative looking."

Swanson said that employers, such as himself, look for the right attitude, someone who likes to work, and someone who is knowledgeable and has a passion for the particular business. But he also stresses a four-year college degree and experienced candidates.

"The people with four years of higher education are the ones who didn't give up," Swanson said. "This tells me that they are committed. Another reason to have this is to get yourself through those adolescent years when you've done dumb stuff."

He also stresses the importance of getting involved and being committed during your college years, emphasizing extracurricular activities and volunteer work.

"Active people who are always doing something will have an edge in getting jobs, as opposed to those who spent their college time watching

Ricki Lake and Jerry Springer," he said.

Croonquist agrees that being active and volunteering is a good way of getting noticed.

"Volunteer work gives students the ability to test out a certain idea," Croonquist said. "Employers really do want job candidates who are 'doers.'"

Another point Swanson kept referring to was that the importance of the first job after college.

"The first job is the most important job you will take in your whole life," he said. "When I was 29, I was hired as Corporate Director of Personnel for Manpower, Inc. I was making \$12,500 a year, working 70 hours a week, but the experience was the most rewarding thing. Find a way to take your first job not for the pay, but the experience."

Swanson referred back to Sinna's desire to work with motorcycles throughout his seminar, stressing the importance of going after what's inside, not what others may expect, and to take courses that work with students' abilities.

"I definitely don't recommend struggling through college," Swanson said.

Swanson jokingly talks about his dislike for technical courses while he was a freshman at Northwestern University.

"I wasn't good at high-tech classes. I'd still be in college today if I had majored in something like engineering," Swanson added.

Swanson graduated from Northwestern University and has given more than 2,500 talks and programs all around the globe. He was nominated twice as "National Lecturer of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities and has been a member of the National Speakers Association for 11 years.

Swanson said the best part of his job is when people call him to thank him for his help.

"Just the other day, a man called me from Paris. Apparently he has been working all over the world," Swanson said. "He said that he wouldn't have been working in his job if it weren't for me."

Croonquist said that a reason for getting Swanson to speak at UW-RF was the fact that his information was valuable to students.

"He is definitely a case in point," said Croonquist. "He offers students individual help, and we felt that this service would be great for our students."

FACULTY SENATE

Film minor added

■ New minor may be an option as early as this spring

Sarah Doyle
Staff Writer

A motion to implement an Interdisciplinary minor in Films Studies was unanimously passed last Wednesday by Faculty Senate. The minor is the result of an effort by the history, journalism, English and speech communications and theater arts departments, but other departments may become involved with it in the future.

The film studies minor is a liberal arts minor. Journalism Department Chair Michael Norman said this minor can be used to enhance a major such as communication, English, or broadcast journalism.

"It's not going to get students a job in Hollywood," Norman said. "It's for students who are interested in maybe going on to grad. school."

The minor will be 23 to 24 credits with the required eight to nine credits, 12 direct-elective credits, and three to five electives credits.

Two courses will be added to complete the minor. They are Film History 301 and Independent Study 499.

Norman anticipates Film History will be added in the fall of 1999. All other courses necessary for the minor already exist within the various departments.

In a survey taken last year of students in several classes including journalism, English and speech, there appeared to be a desire for this minor, Norman said.

According to the survey results, 41 students were interested in a film minor, 24 students said they might be interested, and 25 students were not interested.

Norman said some classes will be offered more frequently to ensure availability to students minoring in film. Most equipment needed for the minor, including various films, is already available at the library or within the individual departments. Norman does not foresee any addi-

tional costs aside from a \$300 allocation from the library for expenses such as promotional brochures. Requests for grants will help pay for other expenses such as guest speakers.

Norman said he hopes to have the minor available to students in the spring. Students can switch to or add the minor as soon as it becomes official.

Faculty Senate also unanimously passed a motion to allow students to add and drop courses online during the first week of each semester. This new policy will allow students to change their classes without signatures from their advisor or the individual departments.

"I think it's good to have more responsibilities put on the students' shoulders," Prof. Don Leake said. "This new policy cuts down on a lot of senseless signing."

In order to drop or add on the web, students will need their RAF forms, which they receive from their advisor, and their Personal Identification Number Faculty Senate Chair Bob Baker said. Students will only be allowed to add a class if the class has not reached its maximum student capacity. After the first week of the semester, students will be required to obtain signatures in order to add or drop classes.

In other business, the Senate passed a motion to send a letter to Chancellor Thibodeau regarding a policy implemented Aug. 26, which does not allow staff who are on a fixed-term contract and have been employed for five years, to return for a sixth year.

The letter asks Thibodeau to suspend the policy to enable the four affected staff members the opportunity to be hired for another year.

The policy implemented by Thibodeau in August sets guidelines for credit workloads and the number of years a staff member on a fixed-term contract can be rehired, secretary Valerie Malzacher said.

One member also voiced concerns that this policy also takes away the ability of departments to control who they hire. With this policy, departments will not have the opportunity to hire someone for a sixth year, therefore part of the selection process is done for them.

"It's not going to get students a job in Hollywood. It's for students who are interested in maybe going on to grad school."

-Michael Norman

STUDENT SENATE

Students could be breathing easier

■ Senate discussed a non-smoking policy and a tuition freeze at Tuesday's meeting

Max Date
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One of the big issues to come out of Tuesday's Student Senate meeting was whether or not the residence halls on the UW-River Falls campus should be a smoke-free environment or whether it should be the student's choice.

"It seems to me," said Senator Ryan Eiler. "That this would take away freedom... you can hurt your body if you want."

Right now, there is no-smoking on the first floors of Crabtree, Stratton, and Johnson Halls. Senator Sharaine Smith suggested to vote with a referendum, not with representatives, and the discussion was closed.

Student Senate President Mac Gupta said that the issue needs to be discussed soon.

In legislative issues, Senator Page Steele said that the VOTE campaign that has been running for the last few weeks signed up a total of 400 people on campus to vote on Nov. 3.

In new business, The following students were appointed to the following committees: Joe Flicker (Student Academic Success Center Advisory Board), Sarah Shoberg, Jamie Parrott, and Kristie Crandall (University Centers), Mary Hollister (Student Affairs and Academic Services), and Kristopher Thompson, Brett Onan, and Sharaine Smith (Textbook Services).

The following students were appointed to the ad hoc application interview committee: Chris Silver, Jaime Kirkpatrick, Amy Jurgens, Mandi Watkins, and Jason McLean, who was amended in as a substitute after Sharaine Smith couldn't be on because of an unapproved work schedule.

Eric Hanson was removed from the Library Faculty committee and was appointed to the Campus Planning Committee. Amy Jurgens was appointed to the ad hoc retention committee.

Finally, the Senate passed a resolution to actively support the 1999-2001 Tuition Freeze campaign, saying that they would like to get 40 percent (amended from 70 percent) of the student population to "express their support through a postcard, letter, or phone call to our legislators." The number was brought down from 70 percent, because the Senate felt that 40 percent would be a reasonable majority. The issue of overcrowding in classrooms came up as well, and Paige Steele said that the students wanted more faculty and funding, not an increase upon the students.

"We need the state to start compensating more," Steele said.

There was also one correction from the article in last week's Student Voice regarding Theresa Zirbel, who resigned as Student Organization Chair, not the Leadership Chair as initially reported.

Book costs still cause concern

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

Keeping college costs at an affordable level is a major concern for all students. Tuition costs, room and board, entertainment and book costs all add up.

"UW-River Falls is one of seven universities in the UW-System that has a book borrowing policy," said Virgil Monroe, director of textbook services. "UW-RF has always had some sort of textbook borrowing."

According to Monroe, the service began as part of the library. Students were only allowed to use the textbooks in the library, during hours. Then students were allowed to check them out for a few weeks at a time.

Monroe said that students started to complain about this policy and then UW-RF switched to the semester-long checkout policy.

"All of the money for the textbooks comes from the students, as part of the tuition cost," Monroe said. "Each full-time student pays a \$46 rental fee, as part of tuition, for all of the textbooks they need for that semester. Part-time students pay a per credit fee for textbook rental," he added.

Monroe also said that students looking to purchase a textbook can buy them anytime, but during the middle eight weeks of the semester, all textbooks are 20-40 percent off of the original costs.

Many students are still required to buy books and manuals for various classes.

"I think the rental policy is good," said Angela Bien, a freshman majoring in Pre-Veterinary Medicine. "I just wish we didn't have to buy as many books. I had to buy five this semester. I paid \$20 for a used book and I think that's a

little expensive."

According to Brent Greene, director of the Student Center, there are a variety of ways to reduce the costs of needed books and manuals.

"Students can reduce the total costs of books a few ways," Greene said. "If a student uses Center Points, that reduces the cost by 7 percent. Students also have the option of buying used books. This reduces the original cost of the book by at least 25 percent."

Students have the option to sell their books back at the end of the semester, if the books will be used again the following semester.

"If the book will be used the next semester, the student would receive 50 percent off the price it was purchased for," Greene said. "If it is not being used the following semester, students should check with their professor to see if it will be used the following year. If it will be, it could be sold back at the end of the following semester."

Greene said if a student purchased a new book with Center Points and then sold it back at the end of the semester, the cost would only be 43 percent of the retail price. If a student purchased a used book with Center Points and then sold it back, the book would be only 32 percent of the original price.

"Faculty can also assist by completing the book adoption form sent by the bookstore to let the bookstore know if a book is going to be used the next semester," Greene said. "Professors also need to let students know if a book is only used every other semester."

According to Monroe, if students were required to purchase all of their textbooks, the estimated cost per semester would be \$200-\$300. Monroe also said that it might be more for students majoring in business, math and science.

Zirbel

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questions and be a student," she said.

In addition to all of the questions geared towards Zirbel, her acquaintances were also getting calls.

She said calls were made to the student senate office and to one of her professors questioning her political activity.

Zirbel has been active in politics for years, in fact, that is what she is studying at UW-RF. She was a student senator for more than three years, but she recently resigned to become involved with more campus committees.

"At first it really made me think 'Do I want to get involved in politics at a deeper level?' she said.

Zirbel said that even though she was frustrated, she has realized she can make a difference.

"Maybe they'll take us more seriously when students ask a heated question," Zirbel said.

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unregulated by the government. "Russ Feingold has refused to allow 'soft money' in his campaign," said Lousbury of the controversy over campaign finances.

Neumann refused to support the McCain-Feingold Campaign Reform Act legislation. Neumann is in favor to give more power to the states, not the federal government.

"Why does Washington need to tell Wisconsin how to reform the campaign finance laws?" Blank said, on behalf of Neumann. "Without changing the laws, there is no way to stop 'soft money' for both parties. Neumann feels confident he will win even without the help of the 'soft money'."

According to Blank, both candidates voluntarily agreed to limitations for personal spending money, and out-of-state contributions.

Social Security

According to Internet campaign information, Neumann drafted the Social Security Preservation Act, which would stop the government from spending Social Security money on other government programs. This bill would replace the Trust Fund IOU's with real money.

"The social security collects about \$98 million dollars more than it pays out," Blank said. "This will accrue in the Trust Fund. Instead we should invest it in the social security to get rid of the IOU's and force the government to put real money in the

social security fund."

Neumann is also in favor of reducing Medicare.

Feingold has voted to protect seniors programs, such as Social Security, Medicare, and the Meals on Wheels program. Feingold has not sponsored the Social Security Preservation Act.

"Feingold does not support the Social Security Preservation Act," said Lousbury. "The Social Security National Committee is organized to protect social security. He also believes that Neumann's plan will not work because the current IOU's will be replaced with another IOU."

Education

Neumann supports school choice for equal educational opportunities for poor and moderate-income families as well as wealthy families. He is against Goals 2000 and other federal mandates. He would like to see parents and communities have more control over education.

Neumann supports changes in the Pell Grant System, which would reduce awards to low-income college students. According to Internet campaign notes, Neumann believes that students work for their education and Pell Grants should come with a stipulation for minimum number of hours the student must work to receive the grant.

Feingold opposes school choice but supports more federal control of education, and Goals 2000.

Feingold opposes any change in

the student loans. According to the Feingold Senate Committee '98, Feingold stated that the government has not kept pace with the skyrocketing costs of higher education and the result has been that the door to higher education is slowly closing for thousands of Wisconsin students.

Crime

Feingold voted to pass the Cops on the Beat program, which puts 100,000 new police officers on America's - including hundreds in Wisconsin. Feingold opposed minimum sentences for crimes committed with machine guns. He supported gun control for everyone including law-abiding citizens.

Neumann opposed the Cops on the Beat program.

"Neumann didn't support this cop program," Blank said. "He felt that the local and state police should have the final decision how to spend the money without any strings attached."

Neumann supported the second amendment allowing law-abiding citizens to own guns, mandatory minimum sentencing for crimes committed with guns.

Abortion

Neumann supported a ban on partial birth abortion on 7th, 8th, and 9th month's pregnancy stages. He opposes the use of tax dollars in foreign aid for abortions.

Feingold is in favor of the partial birth abortion and giving U.S. tax dollars to organizations that perform abortions in foreign countries.

Governor race heats up

■ Candidates turn student issues into campaign issues

Saramha Quaidoo
Staff Writer

Ed Garvey, a former national executive director for the National Football League Players' Association who wants to unseat Wisconsin Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson in next week's election, would revamp the way University Regents are selected.

All seven regents are currently appointed by the governor. Garvey would put three of the spots up for public election.

Garvey spokeswoman Sarah Kissel says that regents that are appointed by Thompson are not serving the students' interests.

"(Thompson) doesn't select the best people, he selects people for Thompson," Kissel said.

Bob Wood, Thompson's campaign manager, said that after the governor appoints a regent the Senate must confirm it by a majority vote.

For his part, Thompson says his budget has helped students.

"The provisions included in the budget help working families and students better afford the cost of higher education, both at the university and technical college level," says Governor Thompson's education

web page.

Wood said that Thompson has increased loans and grants to higher education students by 100 percent, given students a \$3,000 tax deduction and has started the Edvest program so students and parents can invest into savings for college at a locked-in tuition rate.

"Thompson is committed to build up Wisconsin and the University system has to be the centerpiece," Wood said.

Grant Staszak, a UW-River Falls student for Republican Thompson, said that Thompson has helped make a college education feasible.

"(Thompson) has made it so the job market is good for when students graduate and go into the workforce," he said.

Staszak said he would like to see more state funding in the budget for higher education.

Thompson has been in office since 1986.

Garvey would like to see tuition low enough so everyone in the state could afford a college education.

Kissel said that tuition has gone up twice the rate of inflation. Garvey would like to see it freeze.

"He would like to see legislature play a greater role instead of the Board of Regents," Kissel said.

Garvey who has long advocated public financing of campaigns, has sought to make campaign-finance

reform the subject of his bid to oust Thompson.

According to Garvey's web site, he has voluntarily limited individual contributions to \$100 for his campaign.

"It's amazing how much corporate money is thrown into elections,"

Kissel said. "In essence they are putting elections on the auction block."

Kissel said large energy corporations such as Exxon and Rio Algom stand to benefit from relaxed environmental rules in their bid to mine controversial sites in Wisconsin.

"Garvey wants to tighten controls that allow this to happen," Kissel said. "Thompson has loosened these."

Wood did not claim that Thompson is adhering to limiting his campaign contributions as Garvey has said he has done, but rather he accuses Garvey of trying to mislead the public.

"It's time the Garvey camp come clean with the voters and stop this shell game," Wood said. "Voters are smarter than that."

Voting will be located in Rodli for the west-end campus residents (Hathorn Hall over to Johnson Hall), and at the River Falls High School for the east-end campus residents (McMillan over to Crabtree). The high school is located at 230 North 9th Street, a few blocks from Grimm Hall.

A map of other locations is posted in the Student Center and at Rodli for students living off campus.



Garvey



Thompson

Shelter / Adopt an animal

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giving them attention, walking and playing with them.

The society is always looking for volunteers. Volunteers are appreciated especially during the spring cleanup time, held in March or April.

"We are hoping for 50 or more volunteers to help out with yard work, repairs, and wall painting," Kastern said.

In addition to students, UW-RF faculty and staff volunteer time to help at the shelter.

Magdalena Pala, professor of chemistry, has worked at the shelter for the past few years. She's been working there on a regular basis since last spring.

"Being helpful is what I like about volunteering," Pala said. "I volunteer because the shelter needs help and I feel strong about the animal's well being. Many people are indifferent, inconsiderate, irresponsible, or cruel to animals."

Another volunteer, Karen Klyczek,

a biology professor, has worked at the shelter for more than a year. She decided to volunteer when her 15-year-old dog passed away. She said she wanted to help the Humane Society as a way to deal with the loss.

"I like working with the animals, especially dogs," Klyczek said. "It's hard to see the dogs in the shelter, but you can see the need for volunteers. You can tell that it makes a difference, even if you can only put in a small amount of time."

Klyczek works a few hours a month with the animals but she also volunteers for special events and fundraisers.

"The number of animals that come to the shelter due to neglect, abuse, and irresponsibility is appalling," Klyczek said. "I spend time on events in the community to increase public awareness about pet responsibility to reduce the problem."

A training session is offered every third Saturday of each month. For more information about the Humane Society or volunteering, call 426-5535.

Tuition

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because of a proposed bill in the United States Congress. The 1998 Higher Education Act would increase funding for Pell Grants while lowering interest rates on student loans. The bill has already passed through the House of Representatives and will make its way to Senate.

This still leaves middle-class students out.

"Not everyone has money, and everyone should have the chance to go to school," Dickson said. "I don't think it's fair that they exclude people because their parents make so much money."

Berg says the government doesn't take into account that students have to pay for their own education.

"They expect that parents will help pay," added Berg.

The word from the administration is an education at UW-RF is still a good value. Even with tuitions rising, students only pay about 36 percent of the total cost of education, according to Nylander.

"Nobody likes to raise tuition," Nylander said, "but students have to understand they are getting a quality education. It's a good investment for the state and students."

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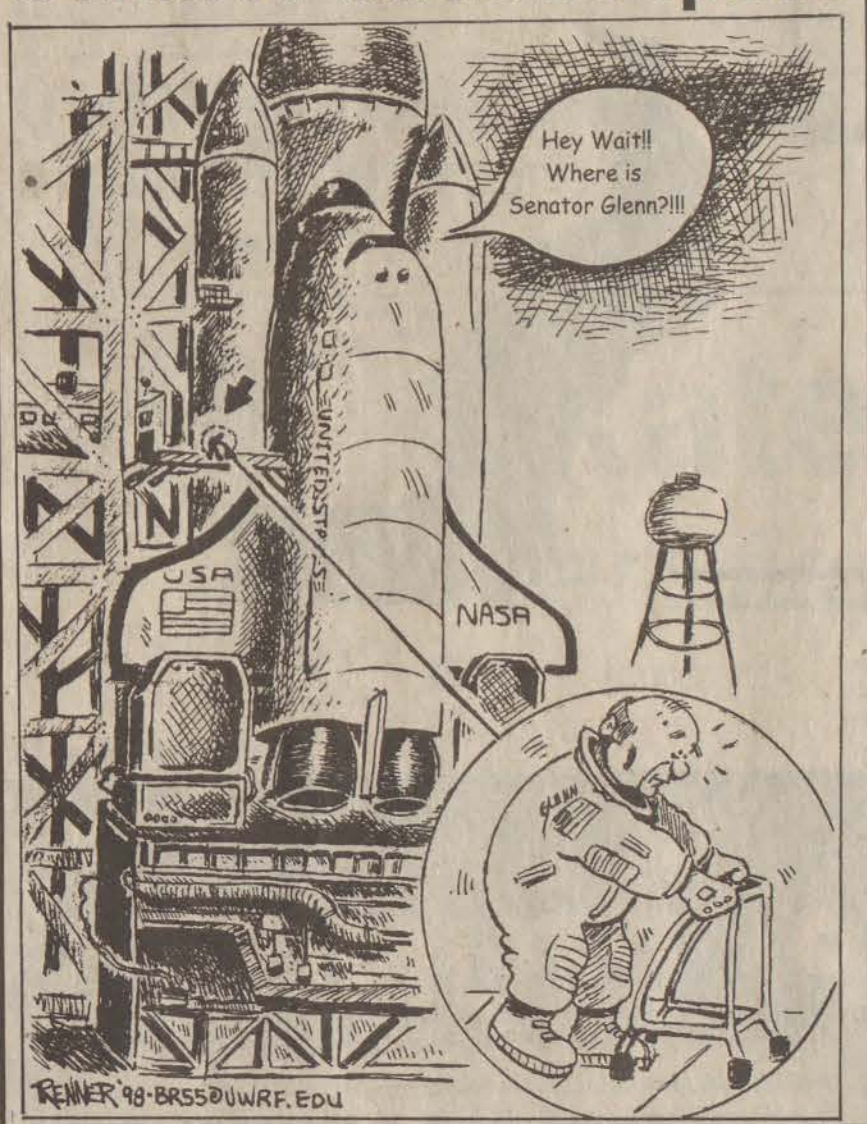


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EDITORIAL

Residential life votes all dorms smoke free

On Oct. 20th the Residential Living Committee voted in favor of enacting a no-smoking policy for all UW-River Falls residence halls for the upcoming school year. Even though the smoke-free policy still has to go through other committees before it is set in stone, it is a step in the right direction.

Smoking has been statistically proven to be bad for your health. It can be downright dangerous if the habit becomes a routine part of anyone's lifestyle. If a person smokes daily for a decade or longer they put themselves at a higher risk of developing many different types of cancer than a person who decides not to light up.

To smoke or not to smoke is a personal decision. It is neither moral nor immoral to have a daily dose of nicotine.

The issue at hand here is the negative effects of second hand smoke for those students living on smoking wings that choose not to. This was the major reasoning for the decision.

Yes, it may seem unfair and downright cruel to send smokers outside in the Wisconsin cold to light up. But, when it's a decision between health and convenience health should take priority.

Another possibility for the committee could have been increasing the number of no-smoking halls on campus. This may have helped the situation by allowing more non-smoking students to live smoke free, but it would be like putting a Band-Aid on a wound that badly needs stitches. Some non-smoking students would still be put in smokes way if this possibility became university policy.

Another idea is to have one smoking hall on campus and have the remaining halls be smoke free. The problem with this is there may not be enough smokers on campus to fill a whole hall each school year and some unlucky non-smokers may get stuck in a smoke filled hall. This would be unfair to those students.

Insufficient ventilation and the negative effects of second-hand smoke may have been the driving forces behind the decision to go smoke free but there is at least one more reason that should be taken into account. That reason is fire prevention.

University policy stipulates residents can not have an open flame in their rooms. Thus, candles and incense can not be burned in the residence halls. Yet, on smoking wings, residents can light up as often as they want. The point here is if candles and incense are fire hazards, then the use of cigarettes and cigars should also be banned from use in the halls.

The bottom line is health should be a higher priority than convenience.

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Domestic violence victims are unprotected

Police Departments answer to calls of domestic abuse more than any other crime each year. Police officers tend to act as mediators and social service persons when dealing with the issue of domestic abuse. Statistics show that one out of four women are victims of domestic abuse each year, which does not include the number of unreported cases.

For four years, I suffered from domestic abuse. I cannot count the number of black eyes and bruised body parts or the times I was thrown down the stairs. Nor can I count the emotional scars suffered, the friends I lost or the family members no longer on my side.

And what about the restraining and no-contact orders? Or the endless calls to police? Within the last four years, I lost my identity. Once independent and outspoken, I withdrew from the world and focused my life around independent and outspoken, I withdrew from the world and focused my life around one insecure man.

The abuse began with control. I was told what to do and when to do it. He would pull my hair, push me or take my car keys when I did not agree with him. Within a few months, the pushing turned to punching. Almost every week, I had a new bruise to hide. And no matter what he did, he was always sorry for it.

Through the years the abuse got so bad he broke down my apartment door and waited inside for me to return, he slept in his car at school and tried to find me in class. And because I wouldn't go back with him he slashed my tires and harassed me.

Some outsiders and police do not quite

grasp why domestic abuse victims stay with an abuser. To stay would be ridiculous, right?

No matter how hard it is to look in and see someone you know being abused, you have to understand their perspective. Domestic abuse victims are not happy and they don't like being abused. Persons suffering from domestic abuse carry a great fear of their offender finding them.

Amy Carrell

"The abuse started with control. I was told what to do and when to do it. He would pull my hair, push me or take my car keys when I did not agree with him."



Others have children without the financial means of supporting them on their own. And some victims justify or defend the abuse within themselves.

For me, I left the relationship many times. I ran to my parents' house or a friend's house and moved from several apartments. The fear was so great, I found myself constantly looking over my shoulder. Arriving home from work, I nearly shook for 10 minutes in my apartment with the idea that he was lurking around the corner. He would call and tell me he was going to have some other girls find me and beat me when no one was around to help. I will never put anything past him. He is as evil as evil can be.

During the relationship I called the police several times. When he broke down my door and sat in my house waiting, the police brought him to jail for three days and wrote me a letter stating there was not enough evidence to prosecute him. According to the District Attorney, one must commit a crime inside the home. Whatever happened to breaking and entering?

One evening, when he drug me down the stairs of his sister's apartment and beat me so bad I couldn't breathe, two of my friends escaped from

the apartment and called the police. Even a neighbor lady called the police to tell them what happened. The police searched the apartment, but he had me restrained and hidden next door. My friends begged the police to find me and they told them where I was. The police turned and said there was nothing they could do. Even though I have always had a restraining order, it has done absolutely nothing to help me.

Leaving an abusive relationship is difficult. Victims need the financial ability to move and hide themselves from their abuser, but programs are financially dry and welfare is being cut. Sometimes family members refuse to let victims stay with them because they are fearful for themselves and their families. In addition to everything else, victims endure harassment from their abusers when they attempt to leave. Victims become fearful and feel that if they don't go back, things will be worse. But most of all, some police departments, especially in a large city, are reluctant to help victims. This is true partly because many women do not press charges. Sometimes police become desensitized to the issues of domestic abuse. But most of all, laws protecting women of domestic abuse are very weak. It appears that we must get killed by their abuser before action is taken.

Victims need counseling and support from others. Often, victims who leave abusive relationships have a difficult time trusting others and regaining their self-worth.

For years, domestic abuse has been seen as a private issue. We are now breaking the chain of silence in domestic abuse. When I began writing this column, I almost felt embarrassed to share my experience. But by sharing, I am raising consciousness on the issue of domestic abuse.

As a community, we should not ignore this topic. I encourage anyone who encounters domestic abuse in their life to step forward and let people know it is not okay. Don't ignore it. And for victims of abuse who go unheard by neighbors never yell 'help me', just scream 'fire'.

Drug users imitate attitudes of the sixties 'Bad Craziiness' gives feeling of power to youth

Last summer I had the opportunity to read Hunter S. Thompson's *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* and was intrigued with the concept of a kind of "bad craziness" he acknowledges in his own search for the American Dream. It was very apropos as his context was to lend insight to, or diagnose if you will, the social implications and philosophies of the drug culture at that time in America. He offers the realization that things then were, as they are now, profoundly wrong.

In a scant few paragraphs, Thompson considered the historical interpretation of the drug movement he participated in and by all intentions implied it would be romanticized as something more than it actually was. This seems to be the case in regards to the Hippie Movement in the early and mid-60s where the intentions were to get at a better way of living through peace and understanding and calling it America. Due to its alleged enlightening effects, substance use became the most characteristic means for that generation to develop the way to shape the country, generating a mentality that purported passive liberal practice and tendency in human interaction to ensure and promote survival. But by the end of the decade it went sour, as the blood spilt at Altamont-the last free concert of the Summer Of Love-and Thompson's own mad-cap account aptly demonstrate and what was once an effort (albeit with dependence upon artificial means) at loving one another took a darker tone that became the legacy for this modern generation to fulfill.

And therein lies my contention with individuals today who try to romanticize the behavior of that era and their own, bragging

about how they smoke pot, drop acid, or get drunk as if emulating the 60s incorporates them with character they couldn't otherwise have generated for themselves with even the slightest integrity. Believing they are like their toking superheroes, though in truth being more homogenized in their "hippiness" than endowed, they posture with all the regurgitated rhetoric they can muster about enlightenment and understanding,

Anthony Padilla

"Being stoned or drunk out of your mind is too similar to insanity."



all the while dropping catch-phrases like "liberal", "choice", and "celebrate diversity" to revere themselves and exemplify their own behavior. They never consider that behavior isn't due to some noble liberal effort, if indeed it ever was long ago. It's something else that seems to be of the sort of "ugly twisted thing" I've written of before, the "bad craziness" Thompson alludes to, being some need to be wild and crazy and high just because you can and there's POWER in that. Nothing passive or peace-loving about that, just something sinister, ultimately insane in its maniacal context and contradiction. Whereas the character of these substances are portrayed as a balm to the brutal, dull, and senseless tendencies of a suppressed, boring, and cruel society, the very state they elicit of wild, uncontrolled, uninhibited conduct is the same realm antithetical to reason and responsible action where violence is to be had.

Being stoned or drunk out of your mind is too similar to insanity. What's more frightening than the state itself is the realization people actively seek it out; a state in which they are in less control, if ever at all, of themselves, failing to responsibly consider what meanings are inherent

in the intentional relinquishing of control and how historically it contributed to a belief system that was applied to human lives. Though such beliefs stressed "love and peace" they still came from a practice inherently violent in its pursuit for wild gratification, bearing with it a hidden mantra full of idealism stolen from a less-cautious time that went "We are relevant and we are powerful because this is so." Thompson described such people in a beautiful and blunt language as "permanently crippled failed seekers" whose "pathetically eager" belief in the "mystic fallacy" of consciousness expansion was impractical. It was no intellectual effort-just blind romantic insistence fascist in its own way and intolerant of anything that didn't mesh with it. It wasn't a real search for truth because the intellect was forsaken for a fix and its resultant high, implying loving one another was probably more the result of toking ourselves out of our skulls. Thus the mentality from this belief is not one that is passive but aggressive and ultimately belligerent as it justifies the pursuit and practice of manic behavior to alter perception in order to instill peace.

And I wonder if that's what the American Dream is all about, participating in what constitutes an effort at madness. That frightens me because it's dangerous, sad, and unsound. Everyone should be afraid at how prevalent all this may be, for consider if such individuals exist on our campus in areas of influence like the senate or gender commissions or even running for homecoming king or queen. Personally, I'm horrified by the notion of losing control of my faculties-my reason-because in all honesty that's what's keeping me from killing someone outright. Far be it from me to ever seek out a means in which I'd lose that control and compromise my belief that liberty is a responsibility. If I can admit to not trusting myself in such a state how am I or any of you expected to trust others who yearn for it?

Craziiness. Bad Craziiness at that. As if there was a good kind.

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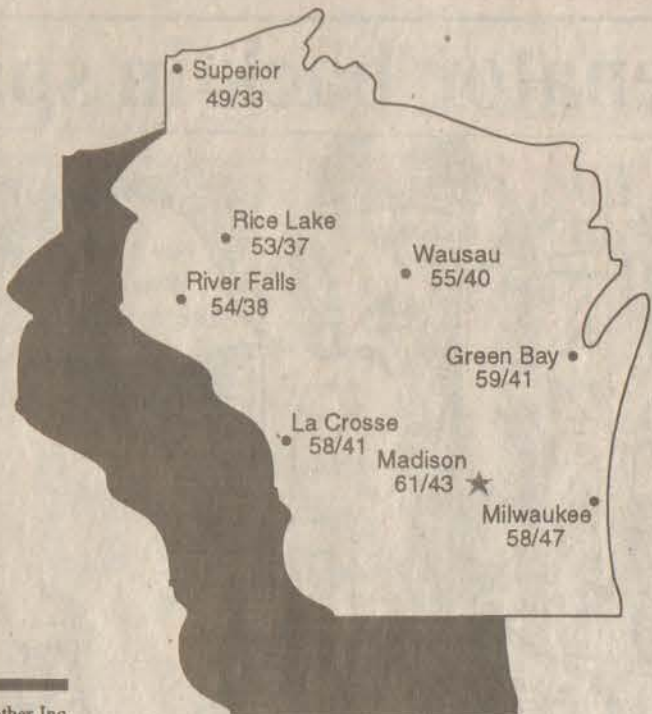


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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
						
Clouds and Rain High 54/Low 38	Clouds and Rain High 50/Low 34	Morning Rain High 51/Low 33	Partly Cloudy High 50/Low 32	Cloudy High 49/Low 32	Partly Sunny High 49/Low 31	Sunny High 54/Low 40

WISCONSIN WEATHER
Friday, October 30, 1998



Monthly Forecast

Temperatures

Precipitation

Sky Data

Temperatures have dropped about 25 degrees since last week and clouds will dominate the skies this week-end, dumping rain on River Falls.

	High	Low
Average	53	34
Record	79	27
	(1950)	(1991)
Yesterday	60	47

	Actual	Normal
Yesterday	0.30"	—
This Month	2.30"	1.95"

Length of day:	10 hours, 19 min.
Sunrise	6:44 a.m.
Sunset	5:03 p.m.
Moonrise	2:48 p.m.
Moonset	12:43 a.m.

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Whitewater 3, River Falls 1
River Falls 3, Ill. Wesleyan 1
River Falls 3, Augustana (Ill.) 0

SOCCER

Stevens Point 4, River Falls 0

HOCKEY

River Falls 2, Stout 1

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March Madness comes to the WIAC

Nobody cares how long the Never-ending Boredom Association (NBA) is on strike, there is still an exciting college basketball season right around the corner.

And the Falcon men's and women's basketball season's have the potential of becoming the most exciting basketball seasons in River Falls yet. That's because the 1998-99 season welcomes the first-ever WIAC Tournament.

The post-season tournament is a great idea. It will provide for many competitive contests when teams are playing its best basketball at the end of the season. Suddenly, teams who struggled throughout the season will have an opportunity to redeem themselves by winning the tournament and earn themselves an automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs.

A conference tournament simply makes sense. Nearly every other varsity sport offered at UW-RF concludes their seasons with a tournament or meet, why not basketball?

That's what Falcon men's head basketball coach and UW-River Falls Associate Athletic Director Rick Bowen was thinking when he originally suggested the tournament format about five years ago.

The idea of a conference tournament didn't go over well with Bowen's colleagues then and many coaches throughout the WIAC are still wary of the tournament format.

To the pessimists, it doesn't make much sense to play a grueling tournament schedule after playing an entire season. While teams like the men from UW-Platteville, the defending Div. III National Champions, will fear playing WIAC opponents for a third time in one season.

Falcon women's head basketball coach Dave Schuchter is an advocate of the new post-season tournament.

But Schuchter, if anyone, has good reason to not favor the tournament. His team, which returns a core of experienced players, has to be considered one of the preseason favorites to take the WIAC title and dropping a tournament contest could spoil a spectacular regular season.

However, Schuchter believes that coaches tend to get caught up at times in what a tournament means to themselves while ignoring what it means to those who matter the most, the players. I couldn't agree more.

While a tournament means extending the players' seasons, it also could provide for a great basketball environment inside Karges Center.

Not to mention the extra revenue waiting to be earned with the added tournament contests. Although creating a more exciting basketball season, not hauling in the dough, was the intention behind adding the

"...the 1998-99 season welcomes the first-ever WIAC Tournament."

Skaters squeak by Stout

Team fires 42 shots on goal in 2-1 victory

■ The Falcons killed three Stout power play opportunities in the third period on its way to a win in the season opener

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

MENOMONIE — Freshman forward Dave Almquist scored his first collegiate goal at the 10:38 mark of the second period to boost the Falcons to a 2-1 triumph over UW-Stout in the Falcon hockey team's season opener on Tuesday night.

Almquist's even strength goal gave the Falcons a 2-0 cushion midway through the contest and later stood as the game winner as Stout defenseman Greg Foster later cut the Falcons' lead to 2-1 on a wrist shot from the slot with 48 seconds remaining in the second period.

"He's a blue collar type of hockey player," Falcons head coach Steve Freeman said of Almquist, Tuesday's hero. "It's exciting that he got his first goal in his first game."

The goal was set up by Falcon forward Bryan Benedict who put an initial wrist shot onto Stout goaltender Ben Plester, who failed to cover the rebound before an aggressive Almquist lifted his memorable wrist shot from just outside the crease. Meantime, forward Shane Bengtson recorded the second assist on the play.

But Almquist's goal may not have

led the Falcons to victory without fellow forward Corey Martinson's goal 14 seconds into the second frame which broke a scoreless tie. Benedict and defenseman Peter Cullen recorded assists on the goal.

Martinson, a junior who scored one goal in 30 games all of last season, energized the Falcons play all night long.

"Corey worked extremely hard this past off-season," Freeman said of the Falcons' starting center on Tuesday. "He's accepted his role and is building confidence. He played with a great deal of energy."

Holding onto a one-goal lead in the third period the Falcons had the Blue Devils right where they wanted them. The Falcons, who are consistently one of Div. III hockey's top defensive teams, then dominated the third period behind the physical play of two of its newest stars.

Ryan Saverine, a 6-5, 240-pound freshman defenseman and freshman forward Carl Boben punished Blue Devil forwards throughout the final period. And even caught the eye of Freeman with their performance in their first collegiate contests.

"They made some thunderous checks," Freeman noted of Saverine and Boben.

However, the aggressive hard-hitting style almost cost the Falcons the contest in the third period. The team was whistled for three penalties in the third period alone, and committed five on the evening.

But the Falcons' penalty kill rose to the occasion by killing all five power play opportunities.

"We have to play smarter hockey," Freeman said of the number of Falcons' third period penalties. "We've already addressed it. It was the first



Jason Egerstrom / The Student Voice

Falcon forward Corey Martinson (22) scores a goal to break a scoreless tie 14 seconds into the second period in the Falcons' 2-1 win at UW-Stout on Tuesday night. The Falcons have this weekend off before traveling to UW-Eau Claire Nov. 6, 7.

game so you don't know what you can get away with. I was pleased with our penalty kill."

Meanwhile, Falcon goaltender Brady Alstead recorded 30 saves on Tuesday.

The Falcons' defensive performance was that much more impressive considering the team did it without sophomore standout defenseman Eliot Komar, who sat out the contest

with a slight concussion.

Overall, the Falcons struggled at some points in the contest when they were caught out of position. But a little rust is expected in its first contest.

"A win is a win," Freeman said. "It was a typical, tight game. We did well with our fore check and maintained control of the puck low in the offensive zone."

Tuesday's contest counted as part of the Falcons' 16-game 1998-99 NCHA schedule. Due to NCHA rival Bemidji State going Div. I, the Falcons will play only two contests against the Blue Devils that will count towards the NCHA standings this season. The remaining two scheduled contests with the Blue Devils will be recorded as non-conference games.

V'ball wins 3, drops 1

■ For the second time this season, the Falcon volleyball team fell to the WIAC-leading Whitewater Warhawks

Dan Hilsen
Off-Beat Editor

Back-to-back games and a short night's sleep couldn't hold back the UW-River Falls volleyball team from posting a 3-1 record in the Whitewater Tourney held last weekend while extending the teams season record to 25-4.

The Falcons started the tournament off with a five-game match win over Elmhurst 15-7, 15-5, 13-15, 11-15, 15-10 behind a strong performance by senior Caroline Schwane. Schwane did her part in helping her team to victory by scoring 14 kills and defensively scrounging up 22 digs.

"We jumped out really strong," Falcon head coach Patti Ford said. "Then we stuttered a little bit."

After stuttering in games three and four the Falcons regained their composure and were able to close the door on Elmhurst in the fifth game to end the match.

Leading the way for the Falcons in kills was sophomore Melissa Mattson with 17. Sophomore teammate Holly Olson once again led the team in assists with 57. Leading the Falcons defensively was senior Sara Tibesar who came up with 23 digs.

In the team's second match on Friday night the Falcons faced a team that earlier in the season had handed them one of their three season losses by defeating the Falcons in a three game match, 10-15, 5-15, 14-16. The Falcons' opponent that fateful night was the UW-Whitewater



Caroline Schwane

Warhawks. On Friday night the Warhawks returned to the sky to take on the Falcons and won the battle of the birds once again by driving the Falcons from the sky with a 13-15, 13-15, 15-5, 13-15 four game match win.

"We had a balanced attack and a great defense," Ford said. "We just came out on the short end of it."

Ford said the difference between Friday nights four game loss to the Warhawks and the earlier three-game season loss was not caring who the team was playing.

"I think we played strong," Ford said. "We didn't care that we were playing Whitewater."

When the Falcons first went to Whitewater earlier in the season the team was thinking they had to play Whitewater and not just play a match of volleyball, according to Ford.

Ford said that on Friday night the team went out to play with the mentality of "who cares who we are playing, let's just go out and play."

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Football falters with fumbles

■ The Falcons dropped its first WIAC contest of the season Saturday with a 41-16 loss in Eau Claire

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

EAU CLAIRE — The UW-River Falls football team fumbled three times Saturday as the team suffered its first WIAC defeat in a 41-16 thumping at the hands of the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds.

The Blugolds' defense shut down the high-powered rushing attack of the Falcons allowing only 256 rushing yards on the afternoon to a UW-RF offense which had averaged 384.7 yards per game entering the contest.

"(Eau Claire) came out and played like an angry team," Falcon head coach John O'Grady said. "They wanted to prove that they deserve to be in the running for the conference championship. And now they're back in it."

Despite the loss, the Falcons (5-2, 4-1) remain in first place in the WIAC (tied with UW-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater) because the other undefeated team in the conference, UW-L, dropped its contest to UW-Stevens Point on Saturday. Meanwhile, O'Grady knows the Falcons missed a great opportunity to extend its lead in the WIAC standings with the loss to the Blugolds (5-2, 2-2).

"If we win, we are at least one

game ahead of everyone with two remaining," O'Grady noted. "But we got on the bus in first place and when we got off the bus we were still in first place. We just lost the game. And losing hurts no matter what the situation is."

And Saturday's loss hurt badly as the Falcons repeatedly made mistakes by fumbling a total of six times, losing three to the Eau Claire defense.

The Falcons' problems with holding onto the ball on Saturday is a mystery considering the team had only fumbled four times in the team's previous six contests.

"It's unexplainable," O'Grady said of the fumbling troubles in the near-perfect weather conditions (67 degrees and sunny). "The turnovers were the biggest factor in the game." Nevertheless, the Falcons held onto an early 6-0 lead after the first quarter of play when

effort O'Grady attributed to the athleticism of Hoolihan.

"There were two or three times we broke down and didn't contain the pocket," O'Grady said. "Then, we tried blitzing but he would see it coming out of the corner of his eye, then he would find a place to take off scrambling."

When Hoolihan wasn't able to make a first down, the Falcons gave it to him. UW-RF committed nine penalties, three of which resulted in Blugold first downs. This following last week's performance when the team committed 10 penalties against Stout.

"We have to stop whatever we are doing to commit penalties," O'Grady said. "Everything caught up to us. Even our bad punts and kickoffs."

Due to the Falcons' offensive struggles and a poor performance by Falcon punter Richard Timm,

Eau Claire took advantage of great field position all afternoon. The longest Blugolds' drive for a score was 66 yards. While the other four touchdowns came on drives of only 53, 55, 41 and 46 yards.

Nothing went right for the Falcons on Saturday. Well, almost nothing.

The team had the ball bounce its way on one occasion following the Blugolds' first touchdown which gave them a 9-6 lead in the second quarter. A poor snap on the ensuing extra point attempt forced Hoolihan, the Blugold kicker Jeremy Braun to pick up the ball to try to make a play. However, Braun was quickly hit hard by Falcons linebacker Matt Norstad and Braun fumbled the ball into the hands of Falcons cornerback

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SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

WIAC FOOTBALL (As of Oct. 25)				
	W	L	T	Pct
River Falls (5-2)	4	1	0	.800
Whitewater (5-1)	3	1	0	.750
La Crosse (3-3)	3	1	0	.750
Stevens Point (4-3)	3	2	0	.600
Eau Claire (5-2)	2	2	0	.500
Stout (3-2)	2	2	0	.500
Oshkosh (3-4)	0	4	0	.000
Platteville (1-6)	0	4	0	.000

WIAC VOLLEYBALL (As of Oct. 27)				
	W	L		
Whitewater (25-4)	8	0		
River Falls (25-4)	6	2		
Stevens Point (18-9)	5	3		
Stout (18-10)	5	3		
La Crosse (17-12)	5	3		
Platteville (19-11)	3	5		
Eau Claire (11-15)	3	5		
Oshkosh (5-26)	1	7		
Superior (9-19)	0	8		

WIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER (As of Oct. 26)				
	W	L	T	
Stevens Point (13-3-2)	8	0	0	
Eau Claire (14-4-1)	6	1	1	
La Crosse (7-6-2)	5	2	1	
Whitewater (7-8-4)	4	2	2	
Stout (7-9-1)	3	4	1	
River Falls (6-9-1)	2	3	3	
Oshkosh (3-13-0)	2	6	0	
Platteville (5-12-3)	1	5	2	
Superior (7-12-1)	0	8	0	

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
Oct. 30- Nov. 5 1998	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football		at La Crosse 1 p.m.					
Volleyball	River Falls Tourney	River Falls Tourney			WIAC Play-In Game		
Hockey							Idle until Nov. 6
Swimming							Idle until Nov. 6
Cross Country		WIAC Meet at Oshkosh 11 a.m.					
Soccer	WIAC Champion- ships at River Falls	WIAC Champion- ships at River Falls	WIAC Champion- ships at River Falls				

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL— **Offense:** Guard **Justin Lorfald**, a 6-3, 275-pound junior from Kenyon, Minn., "had a great day blocking against a strong Eau Claire defense," coach John O'Grady said. **Defense:** Sophomore safety **Brian Katlack** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) had 15 tackles, two forced fumbles and broke up two passes against Eau Claire. **Special Teams:** Junior **Tim Sukalski** (Blue Earth, Minn.) played a key role in helping the Falcons get two points off an Eau Claire extra point try. Sukalski, a 5-9, 160-pounder, picked up the fumble and ran 30 yards before laterally to Brian Katlack who went the rest of the way for the score.

SOCCER— **Offense:** Junior forward **Kate Pelinka** (Minneapolis, Minn.) had a goal and an assist in the Falcons' 4-0 win over Augsburg. **Defense:** Defender **Molly Kryer**, a freshmen from Vadnais Heights, Minn., played two strong games against Augsburg and Stevens Point. She helped the Falcons shutout Augsburg and kept shots to a minimum against a strong Stevens Point team.

VOLLEYBALL— Falcon **Caroline Schwane**, a senior from Kasson, Minn., tallied 57 kills, 3.16 per game; 64 digs, 3.5 pg; eight blocks and seven aces this past week. She did this in a week where the Falcons faced four regionally ranked schools. "Her desire is unbelievable and contagious," Falcon head coach Patti Ford.

MEN'S SWIMMING— Junior **Tim Beach** (Plymouth, Minn.) finished first in the 500-free (5:22.03) and the 1,000-meter freestyle (11:16.46) in the Oshkosh meet. "Tim's times at the Eau Claire meet were very good," coach Doug Naylor said. "His times are ahead of last year."

WOMEN'S SWIMMING— Falcon **Chrissy Martin**, a senior from St. Paul, Minn., placed first in the 200-IM (2:20.67) and in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:11.39) in the dual meet with Oshkosh. "Chrissy also swam well at the Eau Claire," coach Doug Naylor said. "Her times are ahead of last year."

HOCKEY— Junior **Corey Martinson**, a 6-2, 195-pound forward from Eden Prairie, Minn., equalled his goal-scoring totals from a year ago by scoring the first goal of the 1998-99 season during the Falcons season-opening win against UW-Stout on Tuesday.

SPORTS SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL
Saturday's results
Eau Claire 41, River Falls 16

Score by Quarters
River Falls 6 2 0 8—16
Eau Claire 0 19 3 19—41

Scoring Summary:
1st quarter
4:31 RF-Hall 11-yd run (Hall rush failed), RF 6-0
2nd quarter
13:23 EC-Braun 30-yd field goal, RF 6-3
8:02 EC-Jones 1-yd run (Braun rush fum.), EC 9-6
8:02 RF-Katlack PAT return, EC 9-8
6:04 EC-Braun 42-yd field goal, EC 12-8
00:10 EC-Souhrada 1-yd run (Braun kick), EC 19-8
3rd quarter
6:24 EC-Braun 28-yd field goal, EC 22-8
4th quarter
13:37 EC-Cornell 7-yd pass from Hoolihan

(kick failed), EC 28-8
6:59 EC-Souhrada 48-yd run (kick failed), EC 34-8
4:44 RF-Grant 47-yd run (Mueller rush), EC 34-16
1:05 EC-Souhrada 1-yd run (Braun kick), EC 41-16

VOLLEYBALL
Friday's results (Whitewater Tourn.)

River Falls	15	15	13	11	15
Elmhurst	7	5	15	15	10

River Falls kill leaders: Mattson 17, Nicholson 15.
River Falls assist leader: Olson 57.

River Falls	13	13	15	13
Whitewater	15	15	5	15

River Falls kill leaders: Mattson, Schwane 18.
River Falls assist leader: Olson 68.

Saturday's results

River Falls	15	15	15
Ill-Wesleyan	3	10	4

River Falls kill leaders: Klassen 11, Tibesar 9.
River Falls assist leader: Olson 35

River Falls	15	15	15
Augustana (Ill.)	4	8	11

River Falls kill leaders: Mattson 12, Klassen 9
River Falls assist leader: Olson 41.

SOCCER
Saturday's results
Stevens Point 4, River Falls 0

Score by halves
River Falls 0 0 —0
Stevens Point 2 2 —4

Scoring Summary:
1st half
SP-Mauel (Wadel)
SP-Muhvic (Davis)
2nd half
SP-Gissibl (Lushine)
SP-Maas

HOCKEY
Tuesday's results

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

Second period: Scoring—River Falls, Martinson (Benedict, Bengston) :14. **River Falls,** Almquist (Benedict, Cullen) 10:38. **Stout,** Foster (Corbett, Schaffner) 19:12.

Shots on goal: River Falls 12-13-17—42; Stout 5-13-13—31; **Saves—** River Falls, Alstead 30; Stout, Plester 40.

TENNIS
WIAC Meet results (Oct. 23-25)

Team results

Eau Claire	68
La Crosse	47
Oshkosh	42
Whitewater	39
Stevens Point	28
River Falls	22
Stout	15

Notable finishes
2nd-Willkom, No. 4 Singles
5th-Mulligan, No. 3 Singles
5th-Mulligan/Oberg, No. 1 Doubles

SWIMMING
Friday's results

Men's	
River Falls	31
Oshkosh	64

Notable finishes
1st- Tim Beach, 500 free, 1000 free
1st-J.T. Moon, 100 back
1st-Lance Loverink, 200 free

Women's

River Falls	31
Oshkosh	64

Notable finishes
1st-Chrissy Martin, 100 breast, 200 IM

Midwest Co-ed Relays results (Oct. 24)

1. Eau Claire	60
2. Oshkosh	30
3. Mankato St.	24
4. River Falls	12

Football / Tough loss

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Tim Sukalski. Sukalski, who earlier set up the Falcons first score by intercepting a Hoolihan pass in the Falcons' end zone, sprinted down the sideline to about the Blugold's 30-yard line where he was forced to lateral the ball back to teammate Brian Katlack who ran the remaining distance to record two points for the Falcons.

However, it would be the Falcons final points until a meaningless 47-yard touchdown run by Falcon half-back Michael Grant made the score 34-16 in the fourth quarter.

In contrast to the Falcons' thrilling homecoming win over UW-Stout on the previous weekend, the team was unable to string together any touchdown drives in the second half. O'Grady attributed the lack of offense to the way he coached the game from the sidelines.

"That loss is as much on my shoulders as anyone," O'Grady said. "I

didn't do the job I had been doing in recent weeks."

"We had a bad game, but we're still in first place," he added. "We must bounce back from adversity. We want to avoid a four-game tail-spin we experienced last season."

And that's going to be tough. The Falcons travel to its nemesis UW-La Crosse (3-3, 3-1) on Saturday to battle the Eagles for the right to remain atop the WIAC. The game has high stakes, with the loser going home and the winner remaining in the hunt for the WIAC crown.

And if the Falcons happen to sneak by the Eagles on Saturday, the team would tackle UW-Whitewater (5-1, 3-1), who is also currently tied for first place, on Nov. 7 at Ramer Field.

"All three of us have a chance at it," O'Grady said of the Falcons' chances at winning the WIAC Championship following Saturday's loss. "The true champion has to earn it."

V'ball / Stout rematch

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The stronger outing by the Falcons against the Warhawks the second time around is promising because it is a possibility that the Falcons could take on the Warhawks in the conference and regional finals if both teams get there.

Leading the Falcons in kills against the Warhawks on Friday night were Melissa Mattson and Schwane with 18 a piece. Three other Falcons also posted double figures in the kills department. Freshman Joy Nicholson contributed 15, junior Meggan Klassen drove home 12 and Tibesar came up with 11. Olson dominated in the assists department by racking up 68. Defensively, the Falcons were led by Nicholson and Tibesar who both tallied 16 digs.

After a short night's sleep and the loss to Whitewater the night before, the Falcons dominated play last Saturday by winning both matches in three games.

The first Falcons opponent to fall was Illinois Wesleyan. The Falcons decisively won 15-3, 15-10, 15-4.

"They came out and just jumped on Illinois Wesleyan," Ford said.

Ford went on to say the team did not appear fatigued and this tourna-

ment prepares the team for the upcoming conference tournament.

The Falcons were led by Klassen offensively with 11 kills. Olson tallied 35 assists, and Schwane dug up 10 digs.

The second opponent to become Falcons' prey on Saturday was Augustana who were ripped apart 15-4, 15-8, 15-11.

"It was one of our easier matches of the weekend," Ford said.

She went on to say that Augustana was not as high a caliber team in relation to the rest of the tournament competition.

Falcon Melissa Mattson posted yet another strong performance by leading the team in kills with 12 and blocked shots with 2. Olson was able to come up with 41 assists and Tibesar led the team again defensively by scraping up 11 digs off the floor.

The Falcons return to the team's home nest, Karges Center, this upcoming weekend to host the River Falls Tourney. The teams scheduled to participate in the Oct. 30-31 tourney are Concordia-Moorhead, UW-Eau Claire, UM-Crookston, Marian and UW-Stout. The Falcons will look to settle the score against the Stout Blue Devils who recently handed the Falcons one of the team's four losses on the season.

Titans sink swimmers

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's and women's swim teams finished a rough weekend by dropping both dual meets with UW-Oshkosh and taking fourth place in the Midwest Co-ed Relays at Eau Claire.

Both teams lost to UW-O by the identical score of 64-31.

On the men's side, junior Tim Beach led the Falcons with 10 points, placing first in both the 500- and 1000-meter freestyle.

Junior Lance Loverink was first in the 200-meter freestyle.

Team captain J.T. Moon took first in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 56.61 seconds.

Moon, who was an Honorable Mention All-America selection last year, has a chance to do great things this year, according to head swimming coach Doug Naylor.

Senior Chrissy Martin tallied 10 points for the women's team for her two first place finishes in the 100-meter breaststroke and 200-meter IM respectively.

In the Midwest Co-ed Relays, no UW-River Falls teams placed higher than third.

Naylor still sees improvement even if the team is struggling.

"All our returning people are ahead of where they were last year," Naylor said. "That's a good measure of where we're at."

The swim teams are idle this week, but will host St. Cloud St. Nov. 6 and travel to Mankato St. Nov. 7.

Tennis nets 6th

■ The Falcons concluded its season on Sunday

Sports Information

The Falcons finished in sixth place in the WIAC final standings after placing sixth in the WIAC Tournament Championship played Saturday and Sunday in Madison.

UW-Eau Claire won their sixth consecutive overall team title.

Tourney

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tournament, according to Bowen.

Nevertheless, the higher seeded teams after the regular season will host first round games beginning on Feb. 22 for the men and Feb. 23 for the women.

Then, the highest seeded teams remaining after round one will continue to host.

Fans, players and coaches will have the chance take in some quality college basketball this winter, regardless of how their team's perform during the regular season. And that's a good thing for all involved.

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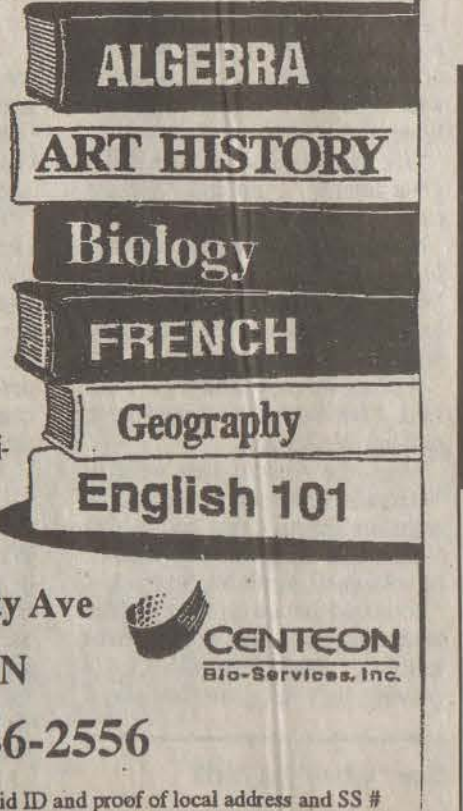
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MONICA MANSKE

Society needs a good read

I feel like climbing high upon my soapbox this week; consider yourselves warned. Oh, I can feel your anticipation; it is such great fuel for the flame. Will Monica ramble about saving the planet via Broadway musicals? Or perhaps warnings of the Apocalypse present on Must See TV? (Only if you know what to look for, kids.) Halloween does approach, perhaps a charming review of "Halloween on Ice"? Actually, I now sort of wish I hadn't thrown all those teaser ideas at you so recklessly, they may prove to be more entertaining. Today dear friends I wish to log a general complaint and worry of mine. I think our society doesn't read enough.

"I truly believe that if a person reads enough, that person will have an arsenal of defense against all lines of wool."

There, I said it and I feel great! For the sake of interesting those of you who made it through the first paragraph (Kudos!), I'll offer a little background on the origins of my voracious (look it up, it won't kill you) reading habit. I grew up in a log cabin in Illinois, and sometimes I would borrow books from the neighbors and read by candlelight. Wait, that is Lincoln's story. . . sorry. Anyway (adapting to the audience, points for me!), I grew up surrounded by books. Literally, my parents used to make a wall (constructed with all the books we had in the house) around me in a game we called "fort." I had to be really quiet and hide in the book fort or the evil witch and her guards would get me. Oh, I loved that game! My parents loved me so much they would keep this game going for days at a time. Of course, I prevailed and learned to ignore hunger pangs by keeping my eye on the prize. My parents were sure to return soon, and heap mountains of praise upon their beloved child for her skill in avoiding the witch's notice. Due to this association with books and the firm, imprisoning wall of love between my parents and I, I've always read everything I could get my little hands on.

Don't think I can't hear what some of you are thinking. "But Monica, why should I read?" "Is there a god? Is he testing us with those John Grisham formula books?" "I don't have time to read. I'll just rent the movie, it is all the same." "Is that fort story really true? And if so, shouldn't your parents have been charged with neglect?" Okay, I'll admit I don't have all the answers you may seek. However, I can sure as hell conjure up some answers that you can greedily ingest like mind candy. In fact, that leads me to question number one.

"BUT MONICA, WHY SHOULD I READ?"

The art of answering inane questions with a credible tone is a skill that takes research to master. We all want to be better liars, don't we? Sure, the skill of B.S. takes a bit of natural talent. But it takes reading to hone this talent to a razor sharp edge. I'm not saying reading will give you omniscient superpowers. I am saying if you want to take people for a little mind trip; read up first. Also, book possession makes people assume you're smart. Once they assume this, you no longer have to prove yourself. You could be



MEDDLING MELINDA

Dear Meddling Melinda,

Since my best friend has been at college she has been making up for lost time. I'm really worried about her. She drinks all the time and "fools around" with anyone who stands up to pee. She's lost any and all of her morals, and her actions don't bother her at all. I've tried to tell her to slow down and be more careful, but she doesn't listen. What can I do? I'm worried she's going to end up getting a disease, pregnant, or dead. Please help!

-Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned Friend,

It sounds like your friend woke up one morning and decided to become a professional nymphomaniac. Her uncontrollable desire to have intercourse with any and everything that walks is probably driven by her own personal insecurities.

Women and men around the world, I have some advice for you so listen closely. No matter how much sex you have you're not going to find love in between the sheets. Here's a news flash, "Sex has nothing to do with love." It does not make you a better person and it gives you the worst known kind of popularity. And I've got news for the male population, girls are not the ones who get reputations. Believe me, I have

heard other woman calling men sluts.

If you're looking for someone to love, why don't you try loving yourself for a change? Fulfilling your physical desires and not fulfilling your emotional needs leaves a person feeling incomplete and lonely.

Concerned Friend, there is really not much you can do. You have already done the best you can by being a good friend and warning her about the futuristic problems associated with sex. One way you could get the message across is by giving her a box of condoms and a pamphlet on AIDS.

-Meddling Melinda

P.S. Women can pee standing up too and they have better aim!

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Off-Beat is taking on a new tempo

Last week was the final "Brandon" issue of the Off-Beat section. The pressures of life and homework built up to the point where I couldn't handle four jobs and 12 credits. The "homework-buzzard" has been circling my worn-out body for sometime now.

I apologize for ditching in the middle of a semester. On the other hand, this was my fourth semester working on the page.

It is finally time for a changing of the guard. I'm sure that Dan Hilsen will be able to fill the shoes and plunge forward. It's been a long trip and I hope that everyone will continue to read the Off-Beat section. I will remain on staff as the Photography Editor.

I also apologize to my columnists. I know that part of the attraction to writing for my section that brought them there was my lax style of editing for content. But I hope they will continue to write their columns like they did before. Sorry Adam, Matt and Monica.

Last, but not least, sorry Melinda, I was looking forward to working more with you on this. Life goes on.

Brandon Eytcheson, former Arts & Entertainment, Accent and Off-Beat Editor.

This week's issue begins the new "Dan Era" of the Off-Beat section. I'm looking forward to making the page fully evolve into what I envision off-beat meaning, and that is having the section be on a totally different tempo than the rest of the Student Voice.

Brandon did a great job creating this page and over the course of the past two plus semesters of its existence, it has begun to separate itself content-wise from the remainder of the paper. I hope the additions to the section will provide an escape from the average story.

One thing Melinda and I have decided to add is a horoscopes section. It was briefly a part of the section in past issues and now it's back with a vengeance! Also keep your eyes open for a poetry section in future issues.

I encourage the Off-Beat columnists to continue to write their columns as they have in the past. I, somewhat like Brandon, also believe a writer should have the freedom to say what they really feel inside. Lastly, I'm looking forward to working with Melinda. A new era has begun.

Dan Hilsen, former Assistant Sports Editor and current Off-Beat Editor.

Horoscope Forecasts

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19) : It's time for you to stop being such a hermit and start having

fun. Go to a party, meet new people and make new friends. It's the time of the year where you need to turn things around and makes changes. Focus more on your personal goals rather than material goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) : Boy are you having a hard time lately. You need to go out and get the attention you deserve. Open your eyes and see the greater truth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) : You can finally stop worrying about your financial problems because luck is coming your way! By the way, you need to start appreciating the people around you, or you are going to lose a lot of friends.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) : Warning! Your ship is sinking! In other words, do not take on another project or be prepared to sink to the bottom of the ocean. You need a vacation! Start taking better care of yourself.

LEO (July 23-August 22) : You need to reevaluate some of the relationships you are in right now. Is someone trying to help or control you? Watch out! You're about to run into some bad luck. Good

news will arrive in a couple of weeks.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) : A new love interest wants to impress you, so let them. You need a little pampering. Be careful of what you say this week. That attitude of yours is bound to get you in trouble.

LIBRA (September 23-October 23) : Has something or someone been on your mind lately? It's time to let it all loose. Stop beating around the bush and say what's in your heart.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 21) : Stop holding so many grudges. Don't let the past control the future. It's time to let go and start a new past.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) : An old lover will want to reunite. Take a chance! Be careful this week, you will be making some long-term decisions.

CAPRICORN (December 22-February 18) : Put worries aside and take some time to relax. Don't let yourself become a slave to the schedule. By the way, your love life is about to get hot. Be safe and take advantage of it!

PISCES (February 19-March 20) : Financial matters are about to take a turn for the better, but your personal life is about to take a turn for the worse. Don't let family members tell you what to do. It's your life, so live it.

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PURE RADIO FOR THE MASSES

'What Dreams May Come' is a nightmare

Molly Montag
Staff Writer

Some movies surprise you. Some movies scare you. Some movies touch you. Then there are the disappointments. Unfortunately, "What Dreams May Come" is in the disappointment category.

It was publicized for its talented cast. However, even the likes of

Cuba Gooding Jr. and Robin Williams couldn't pull this one off the ground.

Don't expect to get a comedic performance from Williams or Gooding. They do have their humorous moments, but for the most part they play dramatic roles. You are not seeing Mrs. Doubtfire or Rod Tidwell in this one.

The movie is more like an outer space adventure movie, complete

with the guy saving the girl. Hell is definitely an unexplored place, and Williams is on a mission to save his soul mate from an eternity of denial in Hell. To me, it was just another happy ending love story, only with more pizzazz than most.

The characters are not always who they appear to be. For example, Gooding's character assumes three identities through

out the course of the film. This had me confused for part of the movie and I wish the characters weren't so meshed together. It would have made the movie much easier to follow.

The special effects are the movie. In fact, they are the main focus of the entire movie, to the point where the special effects overshadow a really good performance by Williams. I wish that less

attention had been directed toward creating the setting and more toward letting Williams shine. When you let Williams do his job, the setting doesn't have to be spectacular.

If you are a die hard Williams or Gooding fan, or plan on going into computer animation, spend the money and go ahead and see it. If not, go see something else.

"POINTS OF VIEW"

"BOO! What are you doing and what are you dressing up as for Halloween?"



Chris Polen, freshman

"If I were drunk right now, what would I be? A lampshade."



Kristin Wilson, senior

"I'm going to be a super-bad roller-derry chick. I'm going to a Halloween party (where) my roommate is going to bite the head off an animal — or he says."



Brian Netto, junior

"I'm going to Madison. I was thinking about getting that mask from those 'Scream' movies."



September Baazard, senior

"It depends what I wear that day to work at Toys-R-Us — a jester or a farmer."



Brad Secraw, sophomore

"I have to go to a dance for a fraternity. I'll probably be a cowboy with my boots, cowboy hat, Wranglers and a western shirt."



Jenny Swanson, sophomore

"I'm going to Minneapolis to party up and be crazy. I'm going to be a hippy."

Brandon Eytcheson & Jonathan Tatting/The Student Voice

Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English



Last week, Joe, my roommate, and I went to the dog track to adopt a worn out greyhound. Of course we decided to have a few drinks and place a few bets. Before we knew it, we were staggering out of the parking lot flat broke. We couldn't even adopt the dog because of the "processing fee." Personally, I think they didn't want to give a couple of skinny guys a dog. When they told us we couldn't have it, Joe started to cry— he likes pets.

A man in a trench coat and black shades walked over to us and put his arm around Joe and proceeded to let us know a little well kept secret. He said if we really wanted a new pet, the best place to get one was at the local highschool. This is how we were introduced to the seedy underworld of GAMBLING ON HIGHSCHOOL TRACK.

The man took us to the home of the River Falls Wildcats and we placed bets on the #3 kid. He was sickly looking, and starkly pale, but he had spunk. He had the winner look. The starting pistol rang into the air and they were off! I screamed, "COME ON LUCKY #3! DADDY NEEDS A NEW PAIR OF SHOES." Everything was going well. On the fourth lap of the half-mile, he was in the lead. Then, catastrophe! Out of no where, he fell to the ground holding his hamstring. I lost 15 bucks on the race and was so pissed off I ran out onto the track and hit him with my

beer bottle.

After the medics checked out his head and hamstring, the doctor took a big red stamp out of his bag and pressed the word "UNRACEABLE" on the kid's forehead. An announcement was made over the loudspeaker that if no one adopted Lucky #3 they'd have to shoot him. Joe started jumping up and down saying "Can we take him home?!! Adam! Can we take him home?!!" I couldn't let Joe down, so we adopted him and our new pet has worked out wonderfully.

He came with all of his shots, he's house trained and he does dishes to boot! So for all of you who are looking for that perfect pet to beat the hell out of when you're frustrated and drunk, I recommend a skinny ex-track star. I'm fairly certain you can find the breed of your choice on the Internet at "www.Adopt'em.or.Shoot'em.com." Just about anything, even gambling, can be found on the Internet. It's a wonderful resource that too many people don't know how to use. Well here's how! Say you want to place a bet on cock fighting simply type in the keyword, "COCK" and you'll find a wide variety of topics from Chicken Fighting, to kinky jewelry,

to a few homo-erotic XXX sights, to "Find Books About: Cock at BarnsandNoble.com", to cock geeking (See Points of View B3)! Incidentally, I have been asked by a computer geek to remind readers that computer geeking is not the same kind of geeking that has to do with chickens— point made. But I digress!

What fascinates me about the Internet is that in an age where information is categorized into strict departments, it draws no distinctions between fields of knowledge. As a cross-section of global culture, it is an enlightening tool. The best scholars throughout history are people who are able to assimilate information and unify diversified ideas. The scholar understands how all things are "linked" to each other. Hopefully the Internet will remind

Being a columnist in this paper, his comments have been mentioned to me repeatedly. Perhaps, it's guilt by association. In any case I'd like to berate him for his choice of words. And also, point out that his racist comments did nothing to further his arguments.... It only convoluted the points he was trying to make.

I've often said that this campus should have an anthropology major. The above problem is exactly why. I stand by the belief that proper education will reduce racism and idiotic statements. Therefore, an anthro. major would definitely help lead this campus out of our segregated past and into the diversified '90s. It takes more than the Internet to open our minds to the unity of all peoples. Anthropology is the foundation to all of the humanities: English, art, philosophy, and history. It gives us the necessary thought structures we need to understand culture.... ours and others, in the present and the past, no matter how strange they may be.

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a happy Halloween and remind you of a May Day Ritual where young couples would go to someone's door and ask them for a gift. If the person didn't give them something they would copulate on the person's doorstep. I think this is the ancient form of "Trick or Treat" that isn't practiced enough today. So Saturday night when you've had a few too many—go out and bring this old practical joke back to life by saying "give us something or we're doing it on your stoop!" It's a sure way to add some excitement to the night.

"The best scholars throughout history are people who are able to assimilate information and unify diversified ideas."

us that we are not separate from any of the ideas on it. Perhaps, it will even become a metaphor for the interconnected web of life we are all a part of - physically, psychologically and spiritually.

And as long as I'm on the subject of the interconnectedness of all things, I feel it is my responsibility to apologize for Jason Childress' perpetuation of racist stereotypes in his column last week where he said, "..... instead of some Mercedes driving OPEC raghead having us by the balls....." And where he later says, "Why should it [govt.] care where the drunken Indian neighbor who talks to himself is...."

Books

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dumb as a brick, but the good citizens of your dorm (or wherever) will hail you as an intellectual god/goddess. Perhaps this will save you someday. God knows no one wanted to kill the professor on "Gilligan's Island". Or perhaps I'm giving an example of my first point. Either way, reading is good for you.

"IS THERE A GOD? IS HE TESTING US WITH THOSE JOHN GRISHAM FORMULA BOOKS?"

Now that is a deep question. I don't know if there is a God, to be quite honest. Assuming that God does exist, I would like to think that those irksome Grisham novels are not a product from his camp. They are more of a greeting, a proof of existence if you will, of the power and evil of the hot spot team. However, just because I say these books are schlock doesn't mean you can't read them. In fact, my whole point in this is read anything and everything you can. If you like "Fox in Sox," read it! Never let someone's opinion on an author or genre keep you from exploring it for yourself.

"I DON'T HAVE THE TIME, I'LL RENT THE MOVIE INSTEAD. IT IS THE SAME, RIGHT?"

This line of reasoning especially saddens me. Very few books have been glorified with an equally great movie. I'm told "Lolita" came close, and I know "Silence of the Lambs" was also a rare gem of accuracy. Keep in mind that these

are exceptions to an iron clad rule: The movie is never as good as the book. Don't get me wrong, I love movies. The only problem is movies aren't as adaptable as books are. The beauty of the written word is often lost in the cinematic (key word: visual) interpretation. Every person digests a book differently because every person has a unique mind. Still with me? As far as lack of time goes, make time. So what if it takes you a month to read a book? The beauty of reading is that it is a selfish activity. A private tryst with your brain and the author's projection of his/her brain. Such grace of intimacy shouldn't be missed, run to the library now!

"MONICA, SHOULDN'T YOUR PARENTS BE INCARCERATED FOR NEGLECT?"

Oh, who can tell these days whether a story is true or not? Maybe I am bitterly scarred for life, a mere shell of my potential self. Or maybe this is a line of crap, and I am in truth a happy, well-adjusted individual with supportive parents. I ask again, who can tell these days if a story is true? A person who reads between the lines, that is who! I truly believe that if a person reads enough, that person will have an arsenal of defense against all lines of wool. As in over the eyes, folks. Defend yourselves against those who would mislead you! Don't let the man get you down! Okay, I'm going to go towel off now. Justify my little column, go read a book. Oh and of course, do it for you, darlings, do it for you.

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