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# UW-RF gets \$500,000 makeover

## Floors and ceilings replaced in dorms and Dining Services gets 'brighter look'

Jeff Starck  
Co-News Editor

As students and staff recovered from fall semester during winter break, UW-River Falls underwent minor facelifts.

Over \$521,000 in University and student funds, corporate money and donations was spent on updating and remodeling UW-RF. Among the major projects that were completed during winter break or are in progress are the new floor in McMillan Hall, new ceilings in May Hall and the new dish return system in Rodli Commons.



Submitted photo

UW-RF freshmen Laurie Gerbers (left) and Rachel Delforge drop off their food trays Wednesday on Rodli's new \$175,000 dish return system. Rodli Commons was one of several buildings on campus that experienced upgrades over winter break.

"The lobby is the first thing a person sees when they enter the building," director of residential services Larry Testa said. "You want them to see quality."

The floor in the McMillan Hall lobby was replaced because of unrepairable cracks and a drab look it presented. The original vinyl was torn out and replaced with ceramic tile.

"The old vinyl contained asbestos as a glue, which seemed to work well but had to be replaced," Testa explained. "We have not had good experiences with the current vinyl and looked for something that will last. The ceramic tile is more expensive but will last as long as the building stands."

The basement in May Hall is currently being worked on in an attempt to rid the "dungeon" atmosphere it currently has. The basement lacks outside windows, making lighting very poor for residents and visitors. Drop ceilings and new lighting are being installed to brighten the area for students who use the pool and foosball tables. Besides adding light to the area, the new ceiling hides the many pipes that run across it.

"We want to make it aesthetically pleasing, a place you want to be," Testa said.

The work on May Hall began in the fall and should be completed soon. Total cost for the project is \$20,000. If the project turns out and appeals to students, other resident hall basements may receive similar changes.

Davey Library has seen most of its change in the computer labs. IT Services has recently installed new servers that require more electricity and better ventilation. Contractors and University workers were able to upgrade air conditioning and electricity supplied to the computer labs to better suit computer needs. The Brown computer lab was reconfigured to combat overcrowding in the ITS area. "The Brown Lab previously contained a lot of unused or under-utilized space, which made it possible to remodel part of it into offices," associate director of ITS Administration John Nierengarten said.

Maintenance workers are currently putting up new walls and running electricity for lights and computers for the ITS staff. ITS has two permanent workers and several student workers sharing a single office. These conditions drove the ITS department to approach the University with their request in October.

"The ITS Network Team Unix administration group of three people and approximately seven student workers will use new offices," said Nierengarten.

The Brown Lab is still in service and contains

the same number of machines as it did previously. Access to the lab is through room 166 in the ITS commons area. Total cost for the project is \$70,000, and it should be completed this semester.

Rodli Commons features the newest dish return system available to better service the large number of students who dine there. The installment and completion of the new system cost \$175,000.

"Our old system was as old as the building, 35-40 years old," director of Dining Services Rafael Conde said. "This is a state-of-the-art system and is typical of other colleges. Our previous system was outdated and you could not get parts for it anymore."

A new change in the appearance of Freddy's tries to give it a brighter look.

"We removed all of the old sneezeguards and replaced them with new breathguards," said Conde. "It gives a little curvature to the counters and is less of a linear look; it is more appealing. We also installed track lighting to highlight the food because it is very dark in here."

The new neon green signs in Blimpie's show off new menu items including their four new grilled sandwiches, ultimate club sandwich and hot grilled reuben. Blimpie's International determined the changes.

The academic side of campus also received much-needed repairs. The plant laboratory in the greenhouse received new lighting, better ventilation and plumbing and new floors and tables. The total cost of the project was \$95,000.

"Our greenhouse serves a dual role," said biology professor John Wheeler. "That is where we house our permanent teaching specimens, but it also provides space for student projects and experiments that involve living plants. The greenhouse is now safer and more energy efficient."

Other changes around campus include new lighting for the Abbot Concert Hall in KFA. The controlled lighting cost \$150,000 to replace and install and will provide better lighting control for performances.

A link between the newly constructed horse barn to the livestock education building at Lab Farm 1 will connect the two buildings. Cost of the construction will be \$28,000, most of which was donated by an anonymous source. It should be completed by maintenance workers within a month.

These changes will not be paid for by an increase in tuition, according to Waldo Hagen, director of facilities management.

"Some of these projects have been on a list waiting for funds to be freed up to complete them," Hagen said. "Residential services has a pot of money and money just now came available from the (2001-2003) biennium. We just got approval to begin these projects."

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# Falls Theatre lives on after owner's death

## Daughter of the late Stan McCulloch to continue theatre's popular tradition



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

The late George "Stan" McCulloch was remembered last week on the marquee of his Falls Theatre. McCulloch died Jan. 13 of lung cancer.

Jenny Cullen  
Co-News Editor

The theatre marquee will still display the latest movie title. The smell of popcorn will still drift out the theatre door and down Main Street. Patrons will still experience the all too familiar sticky shoes when walking down the theatre aisles. And although George "Stan" McCulloch, the man who brought the legendary Falls Theatre to Main Street, died Jan. 13 of lung cancer, the theatre will remain unchanged for now.

The Falls Theatre is famous for its uncommonly low prices since McCulloch purchased the theatre in 1972 from Herb Stolzman. McCulloch then lowered the price from \$1.75 to \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under the age of 12. Eventually McCulloch raised ticket prices to the current rate of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Since McCulloch had quadruple bypass surgery in August, his daughter Michelle Maher has been running the theater and plans on keeping the prices the same for now.

"There may be a time when \$2.50 feels right, but not now," Maher said. "It's fun to see a college kid come into the theatre and count out \$2 in change."

Maher does have some plans for future changes to the theatre, such as updating the picture quality and sound to "provide the best service without changing prices."

In the 15 years that former employee David Lorenzen worked at the theatre he said that changes were next to non-existent, but felt that raising the prices would be beneficial to the theatre's existence.

"Stan ran it (the theatre) on a shoestring," Lorenzen said. "If they don't raise the prices the theatre might be in trouble. I hope and think the people of River Falls would understand that."

Some UW-River Falls students would also like to see some changes made at the theatre.

"I like the fact that it is \$2," said freshman A.J. Crotty, who has attended the theatre two times. "Although, I do think that they need to have a better selection."

With prices at local theatres between \$7 and \$8, keeping prices low was a challenge that McCulloch conquered with his dedication and his passion for movies.

"It was stubbornness, a resistance to change," Maher said. "It was an innate knowingness that it was something charitable."

As the cheapest form of entertainment in town, the Falls Theatre has become an important form of leisure activity for students at UW-River Falls.

"The movie theatre is important because it is the only form of entertainment for students on this campus under the age of 21," said junior Amanda Hirsch, who attends at least every other movie at the theatre.

McCulloch's compassion for people and life not only extended to the River Falls community, but the college campus as well. Maher said that her father would often book films around the vacation times of college students.

"My dad had a great sense of appreciation for the college and how it shaped the theatre," said Pat Lucas, McCulloch's other daughter. "The college really caused him to think deeply about things."

Although McCulloch never attended college, Lucas said her father educated himself through current events and people, and he was always in tune with the college's needs.

"My dad had a good understanding of what a college town would be inter-

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# South Hall renovation delayed

Chris Anderson  
Staff writer

After being delayed for months, renovation to the oldest building on campus is expected to begin toward the end of the spring semester.

Construction that would make South Hall a safer building was supposed to start in September, but various factors have put the project on hold, so bidding on documents didn't open until January 15.

"The bureaucratic process in Madison went slower than we had anticipated, so we didn't get the bidding for the project done in September as we had hoped," said campus planner Dale Braun.

Besides a slow legislative process, renovation to South Hall was put on hold due to changes in personnel working on the project and changes to the renovation plans themselves.

"This was more a matter of trying to decide what we wanted to do, than a delay," said Jim Murphy, of facilities management.

However, some say these delays may have helped UW-River Falls.

"The delay in the bidding might have worked to the advantage of the campus because the bids seem to go lower than we anticipated, causing us to get more money than we expect," said Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander.

The additional money received by the University will go to renovating more areas in South Hall and buying equipment for the College of



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

South Hall will undergo construction later this spring, according to University administrators.

Business and Economics.

Many of the former South Hall occupants could find themselves in the Ames building again next year.

"We're not going to take any chances at the start of next year, so many of the departments and classes that are in Ames now are likely to remain there until construction on South Hall appears finalized," Nylander said.

Some students express disappointment at their continued separation from South Hall.

"It (South Hall) has nice classrooms, so I wish they would be able

to hold more classes in there," said A Lee, a freshman pre-engineering major.

Other students think having South Hall reopen will provide more convenience for them.

"It will be nice when it reopens because then we won't have to walk so far," said Mary Vang, a freshman majoring in elementary education.

Some students expressed indifference towards South Hall's upcoming renovation.

"I've never had any classes in South Hall and probably won't ever so I don't care that much about it,

seeing as all my classes are in KFA," said Ben Neeser, a junior double-majoring in English and German.

The University Advancement Office and the College of Business and Economics, located on the third floor where no construction is taking place, will remain in South Hall. The only problems for those staying in South Hall will be noise, dust, and a reduction in parking spots as a dumpster will take up most of South Hall's parking lot.

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**U.S.A. hostel directory now available**  
Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels (HI-AYH) new 2002 hostel directory is now available. For the more than 100,000 members of HI-AYH, the 240 page directory serves as a free guide to more than 125 hostels in 34 states and the District of Columbia.  
People who are not members of HI-AYH can also order the 2002 U.S.A. hostel directory for just \$3 plus the cost of shipping and handling by simply contacting HI-AYH membership services at (202) 783-6161 or by ordering online at [www.hiayh.org/shop](http://www.hiayh.org/shop).

**Theta Chi Fraternity spring recruitment**  
The men of Theta Chi Fraternity would like to announce their upcoming spring recruitment week.  
The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, Feb. 4: Bowling night  
Tuesday, Feb. 5: Community service night  
Wednesday, Feb. 6: Game night  
Thursday, Feb. 7: Spaghetti dinner and info night  
Friday, Feb. 8: Falcon hockey night  
For more information, please contact Adam Frederick or Kyle Weaver at 425-8116

**Attention spring graduates!**  
The deadline to apply for spring commencement is Feb. 15, 2002. Applications are available at the Registrar's Office, 105 North Hall. There is a \$35.00 application fee for all graduating seniors. For more information, contact Judy George at 425-3581

**UW-RF athletics to sponsor food and hygiene drive**  
Along with the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Student Athlete Advisory Council of UW-RF is sponsoring a food and hygiene drive Feb. 1-Feb. 23 to benefit the River Falls food shelf. Fans are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and hygiene products, such as shampoo, toilet paper, or toothbrushes, to all athletic events throughout the month of February. There will also be drop off sites throughout the day at local grocery stores and the Hagestad Student Center and Rodli Commons on campus.

SCHOLARSHIPS

**New journalism scholarship**  
Former Chancellor Gary Thibodeau and his wife, Emogene, established last summer a \$1,000 scholarship for journalism students. The Gary A. and Emogene J. Thibodeau Scholarship is to be awarded annually to a "student pursuing a major in journalism who has attained junior status. The student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and have demonstrated financial need."  
The Journalism Department is very honored by the generous gift.  
The department's application form is available online under "Scholarships" at <http://www.uwrf.edu/journalism/> or as a hard copy in the wall file next to 330 KFA. The application deadline is Feb. 15, 2002

EVENTS

**Riversides live music calendar**  
500 First St. Hudson, WI (715) 386-5504  
  
**NEW:** Open mic every Tuesday 9 p.m.-Midnight hosted by Doctor Smoke.  
Karaoke every Friday  
Live music and DJ on Saturdays  
All music 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sat. Feb. 2: East of Eagan. Come celebrate Hot Air Affair with Riversides favorite good time band. Filled with guitars, banjos, violas, drums and plenty of characters.

Sat. Feb. 9: DJ Steve and Karaoke in Motion. Steve will be taking requests, singing a few, as well as providing some karaoke opportunities.

Sat. Feb. 16: Le Nor Barry. Le Nor is a singer/songwriter from Minneapolis who plays a 12-string guitar and performs amazing "torch folk." Don't miss this show.

Sat. Feb. 23: DJ Steve. Steve returns for what we hope will be a regular gig.

For booking information, call Lori Karis at (715) 381-2652

**The Bean Bag Coffee House live music calendar**  
245 Knowles Ave. New Richmond, WI (715) 246-5800  
All music is from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Sat. Feb.2: Jon Sunde. Original folkrock.

Sat. Feb. 9: LoonFeather. Original contemporary folk duo.

Sat. Feb. 16: East of Eagan. Good time band performing with guitars, drums, banjo, mandolin and viola.

Sat. Feb. 23: JMR. Original progressive guitar folk.

**The Student Reading Series**  
The first student reading of the semester is Friday, Feb. 1 at 3:30 p.m. in the library breezeway. For more information, contact Jenny Brantley at [jennifer.s.brantley@uwrf.edu](mailto:jennifer.s.brantley@uwrf.edu) or Karissa Swenson at [karissajo@hotmail.com](mailto:karissajo@hotmail.com)

MEETINGS

**Gay/Straight Alliance**  
The UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance will be meeting every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the student center. Meetings are confidential and all are welcome.

**Business Association**  
Nothing to do on Mondays and are wondering what you could do with your time? Come be a "business shark" and join Business Association. We meet every other Monday night at 4:30 p.m. in the International Room in the Student Center. Contact Claire at [claire.m.knaeble@uwrf.edu](mailto:claire.m.knaeble@uwrf.edu) with any questions you might have.

**African American Alliance**  
The African American Alliance meets Mondays at 4:00 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. All are welcome.

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.

Students given opportunity to borrow knowledge from other UW campuses

Teresa Schmitt  
Assistant Photo Editor

Universal Borrowing is a new service available at the Chalmer Davee Library allowing students, faculty and staff to borrow books and other resources from other libraries in the UW System of campus libraries.  
Students can search not only the UW-RF library catalog but now simultaneously search through several or all catalogs to borrow almost any possible item needed.  
Through Universal Borrowing, anything from books, videos, government documents and even cds can be borrowed. One exception to the service is the ability to borrow articles.  
After finding an item, students might want to borrow; they then must send a request to the library that owns the item. Delivery is handled through a five-day week courier service.  
Currently the libraries at Stout, Oshkosh, Eau Claire, Stevens Point and Whitewater are participating with River Falls in the Universal Borrowing program. Madison and Milwaukee, along with the remainder of the UW libraries, will join the program during the next year.  
This program is taking place with different phases and groups. UW-RF was in the second group, along with a few other colleges. According to Assistant Library Director Valerie Malzacher, more Wisconsin universities are to be brought into the system.  
Student Assistant Sarah Martin has been working with the program, showing students how to use it and sorting books brought to the circulation desk.  
"There is no real long waiting time, you go look it up yourself and request it yourself," Martin said. "You are the one that's in control."

According to Malzacher, material can be requested through the computer with no handling time arriving most times within about three days.  
The quickness of the system relies heavily on the person requesting the material, Malzacher said. Students are responsible for tracking the request. If an item can't be sent, a notification will be returned and the person will have to check the next library for the item they want.  
The item requested is brought to the circulation desk of the library. From there an e-mail will be sent to the person notifying them that the item is in. The person has within five days to pick up their requested item before it is returned.  
"Here at the library, we really encourage all students to check their school e-mail regularly," Malzacher said. "It's the only way, and the quickest way the library can correspond with the students."  
Universal Borrowing is just one method that can be used to get materials from UW libraries. To order materials not available through Universal Borrowing, including articles from magazines and journals, an interlibrary loan request form can be filled out at the Reference Desk in the library or online at <http://www.uwrf.edu/library/ill/>.  
Interlibrary loans can take longer than Universal Borrowing because of the staff time involved.



Teresa Schmitt/The Student Voice  
A student checks out reading materials from the new service.

According to Malzacher, many of the librarians have worked hard to get Universal Borrowing going. Malzacher said Automation Librarian Todd Digby has been configuring the software, Interlibrary Loan Librarian Ann Welniak processes all the books and works out the policies, and Julie Ann Johnson at the Reference desk, has spent many hours training students on how to use the system.  
"One system, one library" is the Wisconsin philosophy meaning that universities are always striving to share information and make it as helpful as we can, Malzacher said.  
"Now students can't really tell their professors they can't find any information," Malzacher said. "It's out there, the trick is knowing where to look."  
To find out more about Universal Borrowing go to: <http://www.uwrf.edu/library/ill/ub.html>.

Student Senate

United Council to choose new student for UW Board of Regents, if bill passes

Jamie Nielsen  
Staff Writer

During a 45-minute Jan. 29 meeting, members of the Student Senate learned that Senate Bill 175, which adds an additional student to the state Board of Regents, had passed on the state level earlier that day.  
There has been a push for this change for a few years, but the bill was not officially proposed until this fall. The new bill, which has only to pass in the assembly, will call for the United Council, which UW-RF is a member of, not the governor, to appoint the new student regent.  
This will bring the state board of regents to a total of 18 members, two of which will be students. The second student, according to UW-RF Senate President Cora Opsahl, will probably be a non-traditional student in order to more fully represent the UW system student population.

There was not a lot of business to conduct at the meeting, so Opsahl took the opportunity to remind senators of the importance of their positions at the University.  
"Now is the time to really get started," Opsahl said. "I think we've all had a week to adjust to our classes and now it's time to focus back on Student Senate. I know how much of a sacrifice this is. I have a feeling that a lot of people take it for granted what position we're in. We are the representatives of 5,844 students. Don't forget that you are a student before you are student leader."  
Her position was echoed by other senators.  
"I don't care how many hours you put in a week," said Vice President Sean Froelich. "We need to emphasize quality over quantity. Just make sure you're doing something productive involving Senate."  
University Committee reports were also given from senators who had attended hall council meetings

in some of the residence halls.  
Crabtree Hall Council said in a meeting last week they want more premium nights at Rodli, more weekend programming and made suggestions for the yet-to-be constructed new student center. Suggestions included mini golf, bowling and a wave pool, reported Senator Jessica Wermuth.  
The Hathorn Hall Council will be sponsoring a snowman building contest this weekend Senator Nicole Nohl reported.  
Senate also discussed the upcoming United States Student Association Conference in Washington D.C., also known as LEGCON, on March 8-12. Opsahl and Senator Eric Dodge attended the conference last year. The Senate would like to send between six and eight representatives from the school. President Opsahl cautioned against sending too many representatives.  
"The more students we bring, the more money it costs. It's a lot of student money for something only eight students are getting the benefit from," Opsahl said. "We should almost cut it off at six."  
Senator Wermuth will be putting a packet of information together regarding the conference soon for those students who may be interested in attending.  
Senate also discussed the upcoming statewide Womens Initiative Conference, which UW-RF will be hosting this year on March 1-3. There are tentative plans to involve national eating disorders week in the conference theme.  
"We haven't come to any definite conclusions as to what we'd like to do; but if anyone is interested, come see me," said Senator Jessi Andrews.  
The deadline to sign up for the womens conference is February 15. The next meeting of the student senate will be on February 5 in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

Caroline Joyce  
Staff Writer

The Dance Marathon Executive Committee is holding a week-long event called "Blitz Week" in order to promote the upcoming Dance Marathon which will be held on April 27th-28th.  
The Mardi Gras themed Blitz Week begins on Monday, February 4th and ends on Friday, the 8th.  
Members of the committee will be in different places on campus all week to recruit people for the Marathon.  
Donations made during Blitz Week as well as the money raised at the Marathon will go to the Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare facility in St. Paul. This facility helps children from both Minnesota and Wisconsin who have been born with birth defects or have suffered from injuries and diseases.  
The registration fee for the Marathon is \$15, but if a prospective Marathon dancer signs up at any of the committee's sites or at the Leadership Center during Blitz Week they will pay the discounted fee of \$10.  
Those who sign up will receive registration packets as well as donation letters that they may hand out themselves or have the committee send out for them. Participants may also pick up some fundraising ideas for their teams and sign up to take a tour of the Gillette facility.  
This is the second year UW-RF has held a dance marathon to raise money for the Gillette facility. Last year the committee raised \$12,000 and has raised the goal to \$20,000 for this year's event.  
Jessica Buchta, Chair of the Dance Marathon Executive Committee, said the dance in April would have "live bands, recreation facilities including the climbing wall, Comedy Sports, karaoke, and games."  
"Most importantly," Buchta said, "participants will have the chance to meet the children from the hospital and play with them. This is an incredibly rewarding experience that will change your life!"  
Mindy Haas, Communications Chair of the Dance Marathon Executive Committee, said she hopes that this Blitz Week will "help get the word out about just how huge and nationwide of an event Dance Marathon is, but that it won't be successful without the students' participation."

Blitz Week Events:

**Monday:** Sign up in Rodli or at Crabtree, Parker, Grimm and McMillan halls during dinner and make your own Mardi Gras mask.

**Tuesday:** Come to the student center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to register for the dance marathon. Sign up at the Falcon's Nest or at Prucha, Johnson, Stratton, May and Hathorn halls during dinner.

**Wednesday:** Sign up at the student center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Thursday:** Come to the student center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to sign up for the dance or get your Mardi Gras beads when you sign up during the comedy show featuring comedian Michael Jr. at Brandy's at 8 p.m.

**Friday:** Sign up for the dance at the Men's Hockey Game at Hunt Arena.

**Note:** Participants may sign up all week in the Leadership Center as well as at any of the sites mentioned above.

"The main focus of course is the kids," Haas said. "You don't know how wonderful it feels after being on your feet for 24 hours straight, in a little pain at the end, but feeling inside the satisfaction of knowing for just a little while what these kids go through every day."

# New dorm to become reality

*Suite-style hall to ease overcrowding, offer alternative on-campus living*



An artist's rendition of the suite style apartments which will allow students to remain on campus and have the freedom of off campus life. Construction of the dorm will be complete in 2004.

**Nicole Smith**  
*Offbeat Editor*

UW-River Falls is jumping on a band wagon that has made a contagious journey throughout college campuses nation-wide over the last ten years. Apartment style-on campus living has become a popular trend that UW-RF campus planner, Dale Braun, attributes to a strong resurgence of students moving back on-campus.

Construction of UW-RF's new residence hall will begin in the fall of 2002 and is projected to be finished by the summer of 2004.

The Residential Hall Planning Committee visited many four-year schools in the area who already utilize suite-style residence halls, including UW-Eau Claire, St. Thomas, Macalester and St. Bens. Plans to implement a project similar to these have been in the works for almost three years and, according to committee members, all of this planning is now becoming reality.

Dec. 7, the UW System Board of Regents approved the University's plan, and on Dec. 19 the State Building Commission permitted funding for the \$9.85 million residence hall.

The 240-bed residence hall will be built on the far east end of campus near Crabtree Hall, and will be the first new UW-RF building since 1966. It will house 60 suites, each with four individual bedrooms, as well as a living room, kitchen and bathroom.

Recently, UW-RF has found that a significant number of students are showing interest in living on-campus. It wasn't long ago that

universities had difficulties filling their dorms, according to Braun. In fact, Braun said that a number of UW schools began to transform dorm rooms into office space. Now, however, "temp-housing" is a common term used around campus, and UW-RF is looking to eliminate the need for its existence through the new residence hall.

Besides the additional space the new hall will provide, it's unique structure and arrangement will offer the students who live in it the freedom and independence they may otherwise search for in an off-campus apartment. In addition, it presents more advantages and

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-Dale Braun, campus planner

options than one can experience in living off-campus, while eliminating common stresses like parking, landlords and old run-down buildings, said Braun.

Freshman Angeline Jo Stodola agrees.

"I plan on living in the dorms all four of my years here at UW-RF," Stodola said. "Dorm life makes everything so much easier because so many everyday things like bills, cleaning and food are taken care of for you."

A meal plan, parking and high-speed Internet access are some of the many on-campus attractions that are bringing students back. The new hall will only add to these comforts with private bedrooms, more independence, proximity to campus and two washers and dryers located on each floor. "We have found that living in an academic community enhances the experience," Braun said. "It offers countless chances to be a part of Leadership Center programs and to meet new people; there is a difference in taking a course and going to college," Braun said.

There are students, however, that feel the off-campus experience provides essential, adult experience.

"I think I will benefit a lot from living off-campus," freshman Laurie Gerbers said. "The extra responsibilities will make me more accountable and mature, and those are two characteristics that are invaluable in the real world."

Many UW-RF students have been involved in the planning process and have served as a voice of the student body regarding hall structure, rules and other concerns.

One issue that tends to motivate students to

move off-campus is the discipline and rules enforced by resident advisors in the halls. However, according to committee planner Terry Willson, this should not be an issue involved with the new hall.

"This will be a different type of community than the other halls with different expectations," Willson says. "We will still enforce policies and laws, but we don't feel it will be as necessary as it is in the other halls."

The new hall will only house half as many RA's as the other nine halls on campus, and they will be less involved in encouraging community and campus life.

"The RA's will play a much more administrative role with less intrusive staffing," Willson said.

Hall residents will most likely be decided by an application process, and will not be open to freshmen. As of now, it is predicted that there will be many more applicants than rooms to fill.

UW-EC's independent living hall currently has a waiting list of nearly 700 students. Willson said there is potential for this to happen here as well, and the planning committee is prepared if this happens.

"The building was designed with the possibility of expansion if necessary," Willson said. "If we have comparable demand to that of Eau Claire's, budget allowing, we can accommodate by making another 240 bed addition"

The new hall will be paid for by tuition fees of students living on-campus. As a result of the many extra comforts it furnishes, the cost of living in the new hall will be higher than in the other halls on campus.

## Campus Security

## Repeat offenders

**Jenny Cullen**  
*Co-News Editor*

Between Dec. 21 and Jan. 11 a Gateway computer valued at \$1,800.00 was reported stolen from Grimm Hall.

Jan. 22, Mohamed O. Osman, 18, was cited for his third underage consumption offense at McMillan Hall. He was fined \$461.00.

Jan. 23, Chad M. Luebker, 21, received a citation of \$100.00 for a noise violation at 515 Cascade Ave.

Jan. 23, Noah J. Bigjohn, 19, was cited for his third underage consumption offense at Grimm Hall. He was fined \$461.00.

Also on Jan. 23, Christopher L. Lackore, 19, was cited for his second underage consumption offense at 700 E. Cascade Ave. He was fined \$337.00.

Jan. 24, Diana V. Ward, 19, received a citation of \$75.20 for failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian on E. Cascade.

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## Stevens elected region's top cop

**Khrysten Darm**  
*Staff Writer*

UW-River Falls Director of Public Safety Priscilla Stevens has been named mid-American director for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

As the regional director of the IACLEA, Stevens works with the campus law enforcement departments of 296 institutions in 13 states.

The position is a three year position and Stevens won an election against two other people who were running for this office. Members in the 13 states for this region vote on who they want as the regional director.

Stevens new position will not take away anything from her daily duties at UW-RF.

"One of the requirements is that I can still maintain normal functions at the university," Stevens said. "Along with the duties that I will have to perform as the director for mid-America."

One of her jobs is to reach out to members of campus communities and to look at legislative matters and figure out how to handle certain matters.

She is responsible for listening to others and the concerns and the issues that they have and voicing those to the board members of the IACLEA.

Stevens decided to take on this new job because she "wanted to be more involved".

"I get plenty of challenges at the university," she said. "I get new challenges everyday and I am very happy with what I do here."

Stevens applied for becoming the mid-American director because she "believes in what the association tries to do, which is to protect people."

"I wanted to be a spokesperson for the region," she said. "The challenge for me is to unite the two regions and get them to speak to me."

The election took place last summer and Stevens took office last fall, but actively in November. The date had to be pushed back because of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Stevens, now in her fifth year at UW-RF is the second employee from the university to be appointed to the board of the IACLEA. Oliver (O.J.) Clark, who served as UW-RF director of campus security from 1988 to mid-1992, is now serving as president of the organization.

"Having two people from this university on the board of the IACLEA speaks well for UW-RF," Stevens said. "Two directors from here are directors in an international organization."

IACLEA was established in 1958 and has 1,636 members. Its mission is to advance public safety for educational institutions by providing educational resources, advocacy and professional development.

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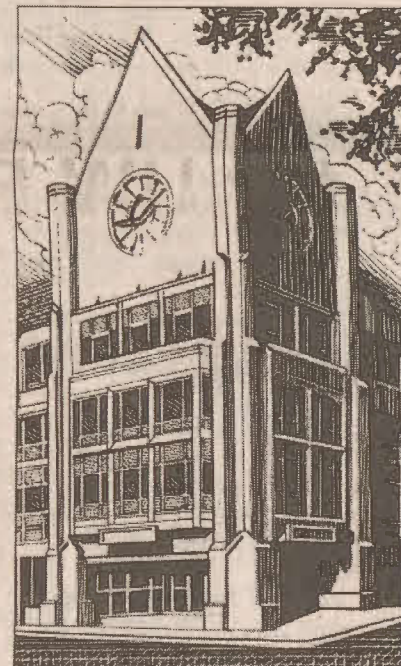
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## EDITORIAL

### Say what you mean, before it's too late

How does the saying go? "You never realize how much you care about a person until they're gone." This statement has been confirmed time and time again and has become, arguably, one of life's greatest tragedies. If you think about it, it takes only a moment to sit a person down, look into their eyes and say, "I love you," or "you mean so much to me." So why then, if it takes just a moment, does the average person repeatedly pass up opportunities to do so?

Society and everyday life is simply a routine. At UW-RF, the majority of students' schedules consist of classes, work, meetings, sleeping, eating and other extra-curricular activities. Time and "to-do" lists consume thoughts and duties, and soon just like the one before the day ends, and another begins with a striking resemblance to the last.

This continues until a day comes, and these days have or will be experienced by everyone eventually, that tragedy occurs. And one is left with two eyes full of tears and one heart full of regrets.

One day that person who makes your world go 'round is there. The next they're not. Or maybe it's just one person who recently came into your life, and before you find the time to tell them what a blessing they are to you, they're taken just as quickly as they came, and the phrase too late becomes too real.

Now, morbid or pessimistic may adequately describe the content of this editorial. However, reality and potential regrets explain the purpose. Regardless of who it is or the expectancy of their departure, it is undeniable that the very thought of losing someone without telling them how you feel makes the loss even harder.

Over the last two years, UW-RF's campus has lost four students to death. How close to home does it have to hit for people to take notice and take action? Life's uncertainties are far too unexpected and unpredictable to take a chance on a lost moment. Is this a chance you are willing to take?

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## You've got questions, Tree's got answers

ASK TREE: answers to life's tough question "Outwitting Evilness"

Dear Tree: There's this guy Bill, who is constantly following me around campus. I turn to talk to a friend and I see him following me to class or I constantly receive e-mails. Everywhere I turn he is there. It is not that I am scared of him, just really annoyed. How can I get him off my back?

-Anita Bath  
Dear Anita,

I see you have experienced what many college students have come to realize that not everyone can be your friend. There are those spooky people who lurk within the shadows of this campus, but you needn't fret. I have two simple ways of solving this problem that you are confronted with. Trust me there is hope.

Number One: The next time you see Bill lurking within your territory, run. Yes, that is what I said, run. Take off in a sprint; almost like your ass is on fire and quickly race to the nearest bathroom, he can't go in there right?

You could even go as far as to hide in the gazebo by Ramer Field if you are really ambitious. Most importantly when you are running make sure to hit the safety lights and get some back-up from campus security.

If you decide to follow through with this tactic, it is likely that you will have to make about four attempts in order for Bill to actually get the hint. However, it is possible that this will not work at all and he will just end up sprinting right after you. Wait for you around the corner and once again you will be in the same predicament you were in before. And that leads me to the other

possibility.

Number Two: Become his stalker. You may ask why on earth would you want to stalk someone who is stalking you. Exactly my point, it does not make any sense at all and you will just

THERESA "TREE" DORAN



*"Become his stalker. You may ask why on earth would you want to stalk someone who is stalking you. Exactly my point, it makes no sense."*

end up confusing him. I'm baffling you now aren't I?

It all makes logical sense if you really think about it. How is he supposed to follow you when you're already following him? Now you see my point?

Good luck in your future attempts of ridding yourself from evilness and if these suggestions don't work there are always voodoo dolls.

"What goes on behind closed doors"

Dear Tree: I've always been wondering this question. Why do females always use the buddy system when they go to the bathroom? Don't they ever want to be alone?

Hugh Jass

Dear Hugh:

Well it's about time that I spill the secret why many females go with the buddy system on the way to the bathroom. However, after you read

this you have to realize that you'll now be one step closer to perfection. I know it may come as a huge surprise, but we do have to urinate just like males and it just so happens that much of the time another person has to go at the same time. Weird isn't it?

We don't have to worry about urinals and it's like you're in totally separate rooms, so it's really not that weird to go to the same bathroom at the same time. If we had to urinate in the open, then it would be a different story. But seeing as that isn't the case, we say bring a friend.

Another reason why we may go to the bathroom is to talk about you and not use the facilities at all. We have to give each other the 411

on what the outlook of the night is. Many guys aren't even phased by "female group bathroom visits", but really you should be sweating bullets.

Beware. We have to plan ahead, that's why we always seem so collected when we return to the table, everything is out in the open and other people are helping you with your plan of attack. Words are shared that never leave those bathroom walls.

Truthfully it's all a conspiracy against those who didn't come in the bathroom. There are many other reasons why we females decide to make bathroom going a group effort, but if I tell you I'd have to kill you.

Have any tough questions that you want to be answered? E-mail me: why a tree@hotmail.com.

## The rise of the nut hoarder

It has come to my attention during the past two years of attending the University of Wisconsin, River Falls that there is a substantial squirrel population on campus.

I also have seen the rules and policies protecting these furry mammals from harm and molestation. In no way am I discrediting these rules and policies. No, I applaud the concern and regard the people of the university hold for these animals. Yet, a hidden danger lies in wait. What possible danger could these innocent mammals hold? How could these feeble and meek tree dwellers bring danger and harm to the student population? Let me state my fears.

If we are to continue this policy of protecting the squirrels, they will only gain more and more of a stronghold on our own social infrastructure. They already have a foot in the door. In their present state, they are walking amongst us with many of the same protections we have.

As small and simple minded as we perceive these squirrels to be, perhaps they are not as simple as we are led to believe. Perhaps, they are simply biding their time until our own generosity and concern can be taken advantage of. How long until the squirrels take seats of power

in the university? Changing codes and laws, adapting new facilities, so forth and so on? To be blunt, I fear these simple and innocent squirrels may be planning a complete and utter takeover of the university.

Even now I realize the danger I place myself in by making these claims, because there is no doubt there are intelligence gathering cells within the squirrel organization. But I will do my

TONY AARTS



*"Please consider this scene: a normal and casual campus day when suddenly there is a cry 'The squirrels have begun their attack!'"*

part to protect the people of this university.

Please consider this scene: a normal and casual campus day, everyone is strolling to and from class when suddenly there is a cry from the

lawn of the student center, "The squirrels have begun their attack!" Nuts and twigs rain down on student and faculty alike. Even the kindly Chartwells staff are chased from Rodli Commons as the furry nut hoarders overrun our academic home away from home.

This image chills me to the core and I sincerely hope someone out there takes my words earnestly and we begin a counter movement to protect ourselves from the squirrel faction.

Even now those slippery tree dwellers may be huddling together in some hollow cackling to one another about their own vicious plans to overtake the "furless monkey people." They seem so innocent and kindly, but isn't this the most effective method in gaining the trust of ones for? To get so close to them, so that they never realize the threat that is right in front of them? Yes, the squirrels are lulling us into submission with their pudgy cheeks, their bushy tails, and the cute manner in which they scamper to and fro.

These squirrels are masters of deceit and we must recognize this charade if we are to protect ourselves from them. Many may scoff at the claims I have made here, but who will be laughing when the "evil furries" leap from trees and from out of shadowy corners to bite ankles and hurl acorns?

Think on this for just a little while, and please, consider the possibility that our furry compatriots of the university are not quite as innocent as they appear.

## Letters to the Editor

### Some words of thanks to Voice editors

To the editor:

Thank you for the wonderful tribute you have given our son and brother, Dave.

Thank you to all the faculty, students, and friends who made the trip to his services in the poor road conditions that week.

Thank you for the many cards with the wonderful expressions of feelings, comfort, and memories. We would like to send each one of you a personal thank you, but there were just so many cards from all of you.

Dave loved his college life at UWRF and his short time there he has touched more lives than we ever imagined, and now in turn all of you have touched our lives in our time of need.

Thank you to all of you who came into our home and filled it with laughter and stories of

our Dave.

Thank you to the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma for all your love and support. Dave always chose his friends and activities wisely and that followed through in his decision to join Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. We will always remember Dave's brothers.

Keep Dave's memories alive and always remember his smile.

Thank you mike, Ryan, Ryan, Sarah, Adam, and Jessica. We love you.

Bob, Jodie, Jamie, and Jessica Pawelk

To the editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to Jess Perry and Kevin O'Brien for their well written and sensitive article concerning the death of Michael Johnson.

As Mike's academic advisor, I came to know him quite well and feel they captured his positive and warm personality in their story.

Mike touched many lives in his short time here and taught us all a great lesson in faith. If I ever am inclined to feel sorry for myself I think of Mike and the grace and courage with which he bore his illness and my problems become less important.

Thanks for the great remembrance.

Dennis Cosgrove  
Professor of Agronomy

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# Media correct to pursue possible Enron political scandal

Just when we thought we'd heard the worse of the Enron collapse, the plot thickened when it was recently reported a former high-ranking Enron executive committed suicide.

Even the most creative writer could not have dreamed up a fictional equivalent to the Enron debacle. This story appears to have all the elements of a classic scandalous novel, and then some.

It started with the sudden announcement that Houston-based Enron apparently grossly overestimated their financial situation and admitted publicly they were folding. Wall Street was caught with its pants down, as it supposedly knew nothing of Enron's dire financial situation. While the rapid downhill slide of such a prestigious company, in as potentially lucrative a business as energy, is shocking, the story got juicier when Enron's workforce was told just weeks before the collapse that its employer had the company's financial concerns under control.

It was the big boss himself, CEO Kenneth Lay, who told the Enron employees the company would be back on its feet in no time. Sure, for him and his close executive cronies everything was just fine; not long after that message of reassurance did Lay and his fellow executive scum allegedly cash in much of their private Enron shareholdings, fleeing the sinking ship with a combined total of over \$14 million. Meanwhile, the company's working stiffs got, well, stiffed when they learned their once-valuable 401(K) plans were now worth pennies.

If that wasn't enough, add the chapter dealing with Enron's independent

auditing company, Arthur Anderson, and the thousands of pieces of confetti they allegedly made of Enron-related documents. Don't forget the

## SCOTT WENTE



*"When you're pressed for information on meetings with one of the country's largest companies right before it goes belly-up, and you refuse to share that information, the public starts to wonder what you're hiding."*

along with their parties, have together accepted more than \$6 million from the energy mogul since 1989, \$2 million of which was given during the 1999-2000 campaign cycle, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Politicians accept money left and right, so the fact that Enron threw their financial weight around on Capitol Hill is no surprise. What's startling, though, is that a majority of the money went to the Republican Party, whose leaders, namely President Bush and Vice-President Cheney, are refusing to answer questions from the media about their close ties and contact with Enron in the months before its collapse.

Therein lies a fitting last chapter to this story: a political scandal.

Since the Enron story went public, just about every major media outlet has pressed the current administration's leaders for details on their dealings with Enron. Earlier this week Bush, while fielding questions from the press, said the public doesn't need to know the information exchanged at every meeting between the President and prominent business leaders.

He may be right in some respects, but when you're pressed for information on meetings with one of the country's largest companies right before it goes belly-up, and you refuse to share that information, red flags go up, questions abound and the public starts to wonder what you're hiding.

Cheney, who met last summer with Enron representatives as well as executives from other leading energy companies to supposedly gather their input on his national energy policy, has also refused to disclose information on such encounters.

The Democrats are, for the most part, keeping mum on this issue. Perhaps they're waiting for the right time to jump on the accusation bandwagon, or maybe they're keeping a tight lip for fear something they too are hiding will be leaked to the public.

So with justification and good reasoning, the press continues its barrage of questioning about a possible Enron political scandal. While the chapters are still being written, one thing is for certain: there's no happy ending to this story.

# What to write?

Ok, here goes. I'm going to write an article for the *Student Voice* and I've never done this before. What should I write about? What type of things would I like to read about if I was my audience? A writer should always think about her audience. But am I really a writer or do I just feel like blabbing on about my daily expeditions?

My dad has a Ford Expedition by the way. For such a large vehicle, there really is not much room inside. Definitely not a "traveling-cross-country-with-five-family-members" type of truck.

See, my mind wanders off like this all day. I'll be sitting in class listening to some beautiful Spanish poetry, by Bécquer and suddenly I'm thinking of a poor, dead puppy lying stiff on the side of the road. And now I'm sitting here wondering what to write about, and my mind is blank.

Should I write about the things that happen to me during the day? I was almost hit by a semi-truck on the way to school. Since I live so close to school it is pointless to drive because parking sucks around here anyway. So while I was crossing Main Street this semi pulled up and even though I had the right of way and was already in the crosswalk, he proceeded to pull out in front of me. I was inches from being right in front of him. Thankfully I saw him coming and could tell he wasn't going to stop.

Now I'm here for another day and had better do something productive with my time. I might not be so lucky next time. Who knows how life will end.

My unfortunate neighbor was walking down a road in southern Minnesota visiting family and showing off her foreign exchange student boyfriend. A tractor drove by, lost one of its hay bales, and it landed on her, killing her instantly. What a terrible way to die.

But jeez, how did I come to this topic? I should write about something else. Did you know that the male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body? The female will ini-

tiate sex by ripping the male's head off. Hmmm, he's only able to think with one head at a time. Not unlike some people I know!

Now I think back to the times I read other articles written by UW-RF students. One name comes to mind. I read my friend Andy Lenartz articles a year ago and I remember a few things he said. He started his year off with his thoughts on women. I could use my space and time to write about my own relationship ventures, travels, problems, or whatever. I'll probably tell a few things from time to time but who knows if I'll admit anything. I don't usually share that kind

of stuff with my friends, but if the public realm is the place to do it, well... What else should I write? Maybe I should let you know about those thoughts running through my head all hours of the day. "Running? Did I say running? No running."

## SARAH DAMLO



*"Did you know the male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body?"*

jumping, talking or singing in the hallway. We are all adults here." Some times I feel like I'm living in the dorms. Except here there are ashtrays on each floor. That's different. And now I'm being boring.

I should just go to bed. I always have the best ideas when I'm trying to fall asleep. I'll figure out how to make my graphics project work. I think about where Leah can apply for a job. Usually I think about what I'll say to my ex the next time I see him. I should get up and write all of it down but I'm too lazy. So when I wake up in the morning I can't remember any of it. Or it just doesn't sound as good.

Anyway, I can feel myself trailing off so I'll close for tonight. I'm looking forward to sharing my thoughts with the UW-RF campus and hopefully getting some feedback. I'll end this with my favorite lyrics right now, "Just because things around you seem heavy doesn't mean you can't get off this ground," The Dave Matthews Band.

# The 2nd Amendment: Alive and well in US?

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Meaningful words written over two hundred years ago by a group of traitors to protect the people of a new nation.

Protect the people from whom? To protect the people from the very entity which produced the document known as the U.S. Constitution; the U.S. government.

The founding fathers knew very well that an unarmed populace was a vulnerable one. They also knew governments left to their own devices ultimately did more harm than good.

History has shown us they were right. One of the first things any tyrannical government does is disarm the populace. Nazi Germany, Communist Russia, China, Cuba, and a host of other authoritarian governments around the world have followed the same formula. Take their guns away and their other basic rights will follow.

"A well regulated Militia" this phrase, it has been said, is no longer meaningful in modern society. Today we have a professional full time military, not to mention the National Guard and Reserve units. We no longer have a need for the "citizen soldier" of the 18th century; hence we no longer have a need for the Second Amendment.

This could not be further from the truth. The fact is the militia referred to in the Constitution is made up of everyday citizens who would be called upon to defend our rights from our own government. The military, whether it be active duty or weekend warrior, is an agent of the government.

In an October 16, 2001 ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals the individual's right to keep and

bear arms was upheld. In this case, U.S. v. Emerson the court sided with the Constitution and reaffirmed owning a gun is an individual, not a collective right. The people, not the government have the right to own firearms.

This is not the first ruling of its kind and I hope it won't be the last. However, the relentless onslaught of the left and anti-gun organizations such as Handgun

acceptance of altered history in order to further a political agenda is pathetic.

What is it about guns that frighten so many liberals? A gun in and of itself is harmless, a mere piece of metal, plastic or wood. It is not until the weapon is loaded and fired that it becomes harmful. Yet we are constantly bombarded with the notion of the gun itself as the "devil's toy". The obvious

response is "Guns kill people." The fact is if all of the people who are said to be killed by guns actually were, none of us would be left to tell about it. Firearm related deaths have continued to decline in this country. According to the National Center for Health Statistics,

## DAVE MISSELT



*"What is it about guns that frighten so many liberals? Guns represent freedom, that's what liberals are afraid of."*

Control, Inc., will not stop until their objective is met. The disarming of the entire population is their ultimate goal, and with the aid of the obliging "elite" media they will continue to distort history, and the truth to achieve their end.

Books such as *Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture* by Michael A. Bellesiles have received rave reviews by the media even though scholars on both sides of the political spectrum agree many of Bellesiles' assertions are at best dubious.

Bellesiles asserts among other things Americans of the 18th and 19th centuries "didn't own guns, didn't know how to use them, and didn't hunt." This statement alone should let anyone with half a brain realize the half-baked attempt by the author to rewrite history. Common sense and a lot of empirical evidence shows the simple truth for the vast majority of the country at that time was; if you didn't hunt, you didn't eat. The

firearms were involved in only 1.2 percent of all deaths in 1999. Firearm related deaths among children have decreased 84 percent since 1975.

Now is that to say it wouldn't be nice to completely eliminate gun deaths, well in a perfect world, yes. However, we don't live in a perfect world and unfortunately people die. They die from many causes, most of which we choose to do nothing about.

Guns represent freedom, that's what liberals are afraid of. To them the government, not the individual, is the all encompassing force which will care for them from cradle to grave. They have no fear of government, they embrace it. That philosophy is just wrong!

Thankfully, the gun continues to be the symbol of a failed leftist agenda.

# Columnist responds to award show season with his own script

It seems to be that time of year again, when there is an awards show practically every week. There's the American Music Awards, the Grammys, Billboard Music Awards, and Country Music something or another. And that's just music. There has to be your awards for the actors and actresses, who otherwise would start singing careers just to be on an awards show. So we have to have the Peoples Choice Awards, (winners are selected by people, as opposed to film critics) The Oscars, The Golden-something, the Emmy Awards, and several dozen others to satisfy their egos.

Doesn't this seem a little excessive? How many awards do these people need? I am just amazed celebrities even have time to film the movies or write the songs they are getting awards for, what with having an awardshow every week. Maybe they do that during the commercials. Sometimes I think some of this stuff HAS been done during the commercials.

For example, "Freddy Got Fingered". In fact, this could be Hollywood's main problem. They have so many awards shows that they have to keep cranking out films so they don't run out of stuff to give awards to. I think these awards shows should be consolidated into one half-hour show, so that Hollywood doesn't feel obligated to produce so many movies that they end up having to hire Tom Green just to meet their quota. This show could be aired on the UPN, so that it won't interfere with anyone's TV viewing schedule.

**Here's my proposed script:**

(A deep and handsome sounding voice comes from the heavens, perhaps God, and introduces the hosts.) Welcome to the "1st Ever and Hopefully the Last Music and Movie Award Show"! And here are your hosts Magic Johnson and that midget that plays Mini Me but whose real name I can't remember!

**MAGIC:** Hev Mini Me way down there, ha, ha! You're just a tiny white

dude with no hair, ha, ha!

**MINI:** Hey way up there Magic, ha ha! You're just a humongous black-dude with AIDS! Don't spit on me, ha, ha!

**GOD:** Hurry up and get the show started, there's only 23 minutes left.

**MINI:** Here to present the first of the three total awards categories tonight is a Beautiful Female Celebrity and a Hunky Male Celebrity!

**HUNKY MALE:** You're a beautiful female!

## ERIC HENNING



*"I am just amazed celebrities even have time to film the movies or write the songs they are getting awards for, what with having an awardshow every week."*

**BEAUTIFUL FEMALE:** I know I am! You're a hunky male!

**HUNKY MALE:** I'd like to make love to you but first we have to present this statuette made from aluminum foil to the Best Female Actress in a sappy and/or dull and boring movie or sitcom/ drama TV show! And the nominees are....

**GOD:** Forget the nominees, just announce the winner already.

**BEAUTIFUL FEMALE:** And the winner is... Julia Roberts! Congratulations, you're the greatest actress of all time even though this was a random selection made by a mentally handicapped chimpanzee! (Julia walks to the stage and trips when her 11-inch high heels become tangled up in her dress train. Eventually two stagehands roll her up in her dress train and drag her to the microphone.)

**JULIA:** Thank You! I am so awesome! And beautiful! And talented! Thank you to the chimp! (Stage crew and camera operators start gesturing for her to rap the speech up.) Blah, blah, blah, my lover who recently had a sex change operation blah blah, blah. (Loud music starts playing, trying to drown her out.) Blah, blah, and my agent who thought I should play a busty hussy in this movie, blah, blah, blah. (A sharp shooter in the balcony shoots her with a tranquilizer dart. At least we think it was a tranquilizer dart.)

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Theatre / Owner's daughter to take over

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ested in," Lucas said.

While the price is a major factor in the theatre's popularity, Maher said her father believed there was a lot more to it than that.

"Humans gain a lot by going to a movie outside of their own home and sitting with 200 other strangers," Maher said. "You can escape for an hour or two and be like the actor. There's a little bit of magic there that I can't describe."

For many it is hard to imagine Falls Theatre without the wonderful man who created it, but Main Street wouldn't look the same without the legendary theatre.

"Falls is a sure thing," Maher said. "It will be the best place we can make it for the money."

**Remembering Stan**

McCulloch's generosity and love for people touched the hearts of many. More than 600 people attended a memorial service held at the theatre recently to share their memories of

McCulloch.

"Everybody that spoke that day spoke with such emotion and eloquence," Maher said. "We were in God's grace that night."

The legend of the Falls Theatre and the man who owned it reached beyond River Falls.

"I have been across the country and it never ceases to amaze me that people will come up to me and say 'Hey, isn't your dad the guy who owns the Falls Theatre?'" Lucas said. "It happened to me at least a dozen times."

Although McCulloch hardly turned a profit at the theatre, it wasn't uncommon for the man with a big heart to let a family with four children in for the price of one.

"Stan always rooted for the underdog and the little guy," Lorenzen said. "He would see a college kid counting out \$2 in change and would shove 60 cents at them and tell them to go buy a pop and a popcorn."

A foundation will be set up in McCulloch's name to keep theatres around that will provide affordable entertainment for families.

"We want people to be able to give back by more than just coming to a movie," Maher said. "We want to give people that option."

One of Maher's memories of her father is that he genuinely wanted people to "feel." Maher recalled a gift she was given that explains the parent/child relationship, and reminded her of her father.

The gift was a Leann Womack CD with the song "I hope you dance" and a book to accompany the song.

"My dad wouldn't want us (his daughters) to sit life out," Maher said. "He would want to see us dance. My dad didn't want people to go through life numb."

Perhaps the most precious memory of McCulloch for the River Falls community will be the theatre that he dedicated so much of his life to.

"Hopefully we won't be saying goodbye to the theatre the same time we are saying goodbye to Dad," Lucas said. "We all would love to see it continue so people can remember my dad."

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As for specific changes to food services' setup and menu changes, the University has little say in those matters.

"Chartwells pays for changes at Blimpee's, Freddy's and Rodli," Conde said. "The University has paid for recent and upcoming renovations of Rodli from a pool of money collected from student meal plan fees over several years."

While the changes to campus over break may not be as drastic as the impending construction of the residence hall, their subtle differences will improve the University's appearance, according to administrators.

"You want to get a good return on an investment; you give it a facelift and put out a good product-that

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"Smoke alarms, elevators, exits, and all those things will still be operating in South Hall in case people need to be evacuated, so there is no danger to the people who are still using the building," Murphy said.

Those involved with the renovation are pleased with the patience of others throughout the numerous delays.

"I appreciate people's patience with the project and putting up with so many of its holds," Braun said.

If there are no further delays, construction at South Hall is expected to start in May, although April is not out of the question as a starting point.

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## To tie or not to tie

When you take a look at most of the major college sports around the country, there's a common theme that simply evades the game of hockey: there has to be a winner. When's the last time you saw a game of football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball or tennis end in a tie?

It almost seems contradictory to the nature of competition to have a hockey (or soccer) game end in

### RYAN BRINKS

a tie. And not only do ties leave the conflict unresolved, but they complicate standings and rankings.

So why not add a shoot-out, for instance, to the end of a single sudden death period?

A shoot-out appears to be a quick solution, not to mention an entertaining one for hockey fans.

But there's a problem there — a major problem. A shoot-out isn't hockey.

By implementing a shoot-out, you are reducing a very dynamic, intricate strategy to one shoot-out, one goalie, one shot, one save; hockey is not an individual sport.

A break-away is a form of shoot-out, you could say, but break-aways are a fairly rare opportunity, and frequently the result of hard work. Besides, most of the time there are pressures from trailing defenders and little time for anything but split-second decisions.

Overtime sets the stage for a deciding moment within the environment that the game was meant to be played. Individuals shouldn't be punished for an aspect of the contest unnatural to a team mindset.

In addition, the tie is a very integral part of the history of hockey. Essentially, if you strip the sport of that rule, you dismantle the game as a whole. There was something magical, for example, about the grueling NHL battle between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in May 2000 where the Flyers and Penguins went to five overtimes, 152 minutes, to determine a winner.

The objection comes from a society that has become so competitive that it can't stand to leave a game so-called "unresolved," when actually the tie as a result says a lot about the two teams playing, and a winner should not be forced for an aesthetic feeling.

Ryan Brinks is a junior majoring in journalism

## Gymnasts crack school record

### Sports Information

The Falcon gymnastics team recorded a season-high and school record 179.175 points and finished fifth in the Cardinal Classic Friday night in Muncie, Ind. Bowling Green won the team title with 192.7 points, followed by Illinois-Chicago 192.225, Ball State 191.625, North Carolina 190.55, River Falls 197.175 and Eau Claire 173.875. Four of the six teams competing were NCAA Div. I squads.

Katie Mitchell led the team on the beam with a 9.0 and in the floor exercise with a 9.425. She also led the Falcons in the all-around with a 36.2 and placed sixth overall. "Katie did a great job in the all-around and came home with a medal for her sixth place finish," Coach Jeanne DeLisle said.

In vaulting, Tiffany Reber led the Falcons with a 9.475. She was second for the Falcons in the all-around with a 35.8. Ashley Nelson led the team on the bars with an 8.75. Angie

Garin was third for the Falcons in the all-around with a 35.675.

"All of our all-arounders did a nice job, but there were still some mistakes," DeLisle said. "The team was pretty inspired after the meet. I think we are more driven and excited to improve even more."

The Falcons will next compete at the Gershon Invitational on Friday with action starting at 6 p.m. "Gustavus and Hamline will be at the meet and they are good teams," DeLisle said.

## Keeping the Jackets winless in the WIAC

### Paul J. Cruz Sports Writer

UW-River Falls coach Cindy Hovet felt so relieved Wednesday evening following her team's 74-61 victory over WIAC foe UW-Superior at the Karges Center that she responded, initially, with only one word: "Finally."

Hovet's sigh of relief resulted from her team's ability to garner its first victory in 25 days and snap a five-game losing skid.

The Falcons (9-11, 3-8), who defeated the Yellowjackets (2-17, 0-12) 69-54 Dec. 12 in Superior, allowed UW-S to pull within six points in the final eight minutes of the contest, but responded with fire to pull away for the win.

"We got a win," Hovet said, whose troops had suffered seven losses in their last eight outings heading into Wednesday's game, "and hopefully we'll go from here."

Freshman Erin Effle paced UW-RF with a game-high 23 points. Senior Melissa McKernon added 17 points. Junior Nicole Harberts snagged 12 rebounds, senior Tara Wakefield dished out five assists and sophomore Lisa Bartsch collected three steals.



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice  
Freshman guard Darcy Olsen dribbles by a Yellowjacket defender in Wednesday's win.

Senior Lacey Catanzarite and freshman Lindsey Anderson led the Yellowjackets with 17 points each.

The Falcons hit 25-of-66 field goals, 7-of-21 triples and 17-of-31 freebies.

In other league action, UW-Stout (16-4, 11-1) defeated UW-Eau Claire (17-3, 9-3) 71-65; UW-Stevens Point (18-2, 9-2) ousted UW-La Crosse (6-13, 2-9) 93-63; and UW-Platteville (11-9, 6-6) downed UW-Whitewater (7-13, 3-9) 70-50.

UW-RF returns to action Saturday, when it travels to UW-LX to battle the Eagles in a WIAC contest slated to commence at 5 p.m.

### UW-RF vs. UW-Whitewater

At halftime, the Falcons owned a 44-32 lead over WIAC foe UW-Whitewater, which defeated UW-RF 81-65 Dec. 1 at the Karges Center, but the Warhawks rebounded in the second stanza to extend UW-RF's winless spell to at least 25 days.

With both squads gunning for their third conference victory of the campaign, UW-W (7-12, 3-8) recorded 51 second-frame points to the Falcons' 30 to notch an 83-74 victory Saturday in Whitewater.

"We had a six- to eight-minute stretch (in the second half) where we didn't get the stops we needed," UW-RF coach Cindy Hovet said.

"The other 32 minutes we outplayed them. Our kids played hard and we finally found our offense."

Four Falcons reached double figures in the scoring department, while the team canned 27-of-56 (.482) shots from the floor, buried 7-of-18 (.389) triples and netted 13-of-18 (.722) freebies.

Senior Melissa McKernon, who hit 3-of-6 treys, led the Falcons' attack with 18 points in a team-high 38 minutes played. Junior Nicole Harberts added 15 points, freshman Erin Effle added 14 and freshman Darcy Olsen contributed 13 points.

"We've been working a lot on creating shots for others rather than just looking for our own shots," Hovet said. "We're a team that shoots better when we do that."

Despite UW-RF's successful shooting performance, the Warhawks one-upped them in every category. UW-W hit 26-of-52 (.500) field goals, 8-of-13 (.615) 3-pointers and 23-of-28 (.821) freebies.

Wendy Gagnon, who scored 21 points in the teams' first meeting this season, spurred the Warhawks with a 23-point, seven-rebound, four-assist performance. She bottomed 7-of-12 field goals and 7-of-7 free throws.

"We have to maintain our defensive intensity and the performance on the boards we've been giving," said Hovet of what her troops need to do in order to break out of their current slump. "The feistiness of these kids needs to come out in these last few weeks."



Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services

Rich Melzer scored 39 points in Wednesday's 84-77 triumph over UW-Superior. The effort topped his 38-point performance Saturday against UW-Whitewater.

## Melzer, men soar above Warhawks

### Bob Burrows Sports Writer

### ■ Wednesday Rich Melzer boosted the Falcons over UW-Superior with a near repeat of Saturday: 39 points

Former Wildcat Rich Melzer scored 26 of his temporary career-high 38 points in the second half and overtime, and senior Kent Becker moved into sixth place on the UW-RF all-time assist list as the Falcons battled back from a nine-point deficit with three minutes left in regulation to post an 82-75 win over league-leading UW-Whitewater Saturday night at Karges Center.

The win evened the Falcons' WIAC record at 5-5 (12-6 overall), and pulled them to within one loss

of Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh, who are tied for the top spot in the conference at 7-4. Adding to the logjam in the standings are UW-Stevens Point and UW-La Crosse, each at 6-4, and UW-Platteville and UW-Stout, each at 6-5.

The Falcons hit the road Wednesday night to take on UW-Superior (3-8, 10-9) before returning home to host La Crosse Saturday at 7 p.m. at Karges Center. Last Saturday, Melzer pulled down a career-high 19 rebounds to go with his 38 points, and blocked three shots while playing all but one minute in the 82-75 overtime win over the Warhawks.

"If those aren't player of the week numbers I don't know what is," Falcon coach Rick Bowen said about Melzer's line after the game.

The 38 points by Melzer are the most by a Falcon player since Jon Williams scored 38 in a 98-95 overtime win against Superior Jan. 25, 1984. The 19 rebounds are the most

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## On thin ice: Skaters slip from title chase

### Ryan Brinks Sports Editor

Last week the Falcons learned a frustrating lesson: that you can dominate everything except the scoreboard. In three games, the Falcons fell from a likely contender for the runner-up spot in the NCHA to a struggling fifth.

"It's kind of strange," head coach Steve Freeman said. "We played good hockey. We were in a position to win both (Friday and Saturday) games."

But in each contest, the third period has been the decider. Against St. Olaf a week ago Tuesday, the Falcons came back from a 4-1 deficit, but it wasn't enough, and the Oles escaped with the upset, 4-3, at Hunt Arena. Friday the Falcons tied UW-Stevens Point in the third before losing 4-2, and Saturday the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds scored three in the third period to top the Falcons 5-3.

"It's disappointing and frustrating for us," Freeman said. "We just had some unfortunate things happen. But the bottom line is we didn't get the job done."

### Falcons release Carl Boben

Monday the Falcon hockey team released senior and alternate captain Carl Boben. From a private meeting between Boben and head coach Steve Freeman and an announcement to the team, Boben believed the reason was that he was a selfish player and not in

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Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services

Captain Mandy Stokes leads a Falcon charge down the ice last weekend against Eau Claire.

### Women charge over UST, UW-EC

### Anna Permann Sports Writer

It seems as if things may be looking up for the Falcon women's hockey team. This past weekend,

the Falcons swept UW-Eau Claire only days after a big win against St. Thomas. Now with a 8-7-3 record overall, River Falls is hopefully at a turning point in their season.

Both Jodi Hensch and Lisa McGuire scored in the St. Thomas game, giving them a 2-1 win. Falcon Coach Joe Cranston felt it was their most offensive game of the year. "We put a lot of pressure on them and took a lot of chances. I knew that we would give them some odd man rushes, but when you have a goalie like (Marlene) Yeager, it gives you the ability to do some different things." Yeager had an exceptional night in the nets recording 32 saves.

Cranston feels that the biggest factor in the turn around is the team's focus. The women are thinking more about what they are doing on the ice. "We are trying to create more offense, and I think we have accomplished that. I also think that our defensemen are reading and reacting better, and making better decisions with the puck."

In the Eau Claire series, every line produced a goal. Meghan Whalstrom-Ramler and

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| St. Norbert (17-3-1)                     | 9 | 0 | 1 | 19  | UW-Superior (16-2-0)                            | 11  | 1  | 0   | 22  |
| Superior (14-4-2)                        | 6 | 2 | 2 | 14  | UW-Stevens Point (18-1-0)                       | 9   | 1  | 0   | 18  |
| Stevens Point (13-8-0)                   | 6 | 4 | 0 | 12  | UW-River Falls (8-7-3)                          | 4   | 4  | 2   | 10  |
| Eau Claire (10-9-2)                      | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11  | UW-Eau Claire (5-12-2)                          | 1   | 9  | 2   | 4   |
| River Falls (13-6-2)                     | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10  | Lake Forest (5-12-1)                            | 1   | 11 | 0   | 2   |
| Lake Forest (9-10-1)                     | 4 | 6 | 0 | 8   |                                                 |     |    |     |     |
| Stout (4-8-0)                            | 2 | 8 | 0 | 4   |                                                 |     |    |     |     |
| St. Scholastica (2-11-0)                 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 2   |                                                 |     |    |     |     |
| Jan. 26 results                          |   |   |   |     | Jan. 26 results                                 |     |    |     |     |
| River Falls                              | 1 | 2 | 0 | -3  | Eau Claire                                      | 0   | 2  | 0   | -2  |
| Eau Claire                               | 1 | 1 | 3 | -5  | River Falls                                     | 2   | 1  | 4   | -7  |
| 1st Period                               |   |   |   |     | 1st Period                                      |     |    |     |     |
| 09:33 RF - Carlson (Boben, Dustin)       |   |   |   |     | 04:12 RF - Conzemius                            |     |    |     |     |
| 13:08 EC - Gehr (Sgambelluri, Manny)(pp) |   |   |   |     | 05:37 RF - Deschene (Hylle, Stokes)             |     |    |     |     |
| 2nd Period                               |   |   |   |     | 2nd Period                                      |     |    |     |     |
| 06:19 RF - Boben (Kotewa, Carlson)       |   |   |   |     | 05:18 EC - Zollars (Koenck, Hewitt)             |     |    |     |     |
| 07:35 EC - Cherneski (Gehr, Han)         |   |   |   |     | 06:27 EC - Peplinski                            |     |    |     |     |
| 14:58 RF - Schlipp (Conboy, Salmela)(pp) |   |   |   |     | 12:21 RF - Hylle (Deschene)                     |     |    |     |     |
| 3rd Period                               |   |   |   |     | 12:21 RF - Hylle (Deschene)                     |     |    |     |     |
| 01:58 EC - Quimette (Lucenti, Minor)     |   |   |   |     | 03:58 RF - Shanahan (McGuire, Wahlstrom-Ramler) |     |    |     |     |
| 7:28 EC - Minor (Lucenti)(pp)            |   |   |   |     | 05:03 RF - Shanahan (Hylle)                     |     |    |     |     |
| 08:46 EC - Cherneski (Han)               |   |   |   |     |                                                 |     |    |     |     |
| Jan. 25 results                          |   |   |   |     | Jan. 25 results                                 |     |    |     |     |
| River Falls                              | 1 | 0 | 1 | -2  | Eau Claire                                      | 0   | 0  | 0   | -0  |
| Stevens Point                            | 1 | 1 | 2 | -4  | River Falls                                     | 1   | 2  | 0   | -3  |
| 1st Period                               |   |   |   |     | 1st Period                                      |     |    |     |     |
| 14:18 SP - Zenon Kochan (sh).            |   |   |   |     | 06:08 RF - Wahlstrom-Ramler (Shanahan)          |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | 2nd Period                                      |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | 16:24 RF - Berg                                 |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | 19:59 RF - Conzemius (Best)                     |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | 3rd Period                                      |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | No Scoring                                      |     |    |     |     |
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|                                          |   |   |   |     | WIAC Standings                                  |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Oshkosh (15-4)                                  | 7-4 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Whitewater (14-5)                               | 7-4 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Stevens Point (15-4)                            | 6-4 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | LaCrosse (13-6)                                 | 6-4 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Platteville (13-7)                              | 6-5 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Stout (11-8)                                    | 6-5 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | River Falls (12-6)                              | 5-5 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Superior (10-9)                                 | 3-8 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Eau Claire (10-10)                              | 2-9 |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Jan. 26 Results                                 |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | River Falls                                     | 44  | 30 | -74 |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Whitewater                                      | 32  | 51 | -83 |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | River Falls (fg-ft-pts-reb-assts)               |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Olsen 4-2-13-3-6; Wakefield 1-0-2-2-1;          |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Harberts 6-2-15-3-3; McKernon 6-3-18-5-4;       |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Eflie 6-2-14-6-2; Sickels 2-2-6-2-1; Pollock 1- |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | 2-4-2-1; Bartsch 1-0-2-0-0; Smith 0-0-0-0       |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Field goal percent: RF .482 UWV .500            |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | 3-point percent: RF .389 UWV .615               |     |    |     |     |
|                                          |   |   |   |     | Free throw percent: RF .722 UWV .821            |     |    |     |     |

Kleven leads track team with second win in a row

Sports Information

Kady Kleven won the high jump event for the second week in a row, this time at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational held Friday in Eau Claire. Kleven jumped 5-4 1/2 to win the title. Nicole Pronschinske placed second in the long jump with a leap of 15-9. Nina Peterson placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 33-3. Sarah Thull was third in the shot with a toss of 37-7 3/4. Jen Leis placed third in the weight throw with a toss of 46-6 3/4. It was a personal best throw for Leis and she also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Div. III indoor championships. Dana Martin also had a strong meet, according to Falcon

Skaters / Women sweep UW-EC

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Jenny Conzemius both scored in Friday's 3-0 win, and freshman Laura Berg added her first collegiate goal in the second period. Yeager made 13 saves in recording her first collegiate shutout. Seven goals snuck past Eau Claire's defense on Saturday afternoon. Karyl Hylle, Annie Shannahan and Keri Deschene each scored twice. Conzemius scored the other. After UW-RF created a 2-0 lead in the first, Eau Claire tied the game up in the second period, giving River Falls a run for their money. However, Hylle

Thin ice

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After Carl Boben's short-handed first goal against St. Olaf, the Falcons fell ineffective and scoreless until midway through the final period. In that time, the Oles had capitalized on the situation with four consecutive goals. Nate Kotewa and Jamie Steinert sparked a comeback effort with goals at 11:26 and 14:29 in that final period, but it was too late. UW-RF lost despite a 49-20 advantage in shots on goal. Embarking to the first stop on an extended road trip, the Falcons visited Stevens Point and kept the game tight early on. After the Pointers took the first lead five minutes into the contest, Jess Johnson evened the mark for the Falcons with a goal at 11:17. The Pointers regained the lead right away in the second, but the Falcons couldn't respond until halfway through the third period. Evan Stensrud cleaned the slate at 12:27, but the Pointers kept their distance by scoring their third goal of the night at 14:00. The Falcons battled for a tie, but when they were forced to pull Jacque Vezina from the ice for a man advantage, the Pointers sealed the game with an empty-netter and the 4-2 win. "We probably had possession 70 to 80 percent of the time," Freeman said. "We worked really hard, but had some bad bounces where the puck jumped over our sticks and ended up in the net." Then in Eau Claire, taking on a well-rested Blugold squad, the Falcons pioneered their way to a 3-2 lead after two periods. Rheese Carlson, Boben and Josh Schlipp each kept the Falcons one goal

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— Steve Freeman

are anxiously awaiting Friday night for their shot at the Falcons. The 7:05 p.m. game in Superior will set the stage for another addition to the heated rivalry between the two schools, and Freeman hopes his Falcons will be ready. "The problem is that obviously nobody feels sorry for River Falls," Freeman said. "We're in this thing together. We've gone through tremendous success, we'll get through these bumps together. We'll make ourselves the best hockey team we can be come playoff time." "(Superior) is always a huge game. It's a good playing environment and we'll look forward to it," he said. Saturday the Falcons finish their four-game road trip at St. Scholastica in a 7:30 p.m. game.

Coach Kristi Wagner. "Dana had personal best times in the 800 and 1,500 races." She finished in 2:48.78 in the shorter race and in 5:37.8 in the longer event. Eau Claire won the team title with 144 points followed by St. Thomas 107.5, St. Olaf 59, River Falls 56, Lawrence 54, St. Benedict 51, UM-Duluth 44.5 and Hamline 10. "We're pretty banged up right now," Wagner said. "We'll try to get things together for Friday's meet." The Falcons will next compete on Friday at the Carleton Quadrangular. Action starts at 6 p.m. St. Benedict and St. Thomas will also compete.

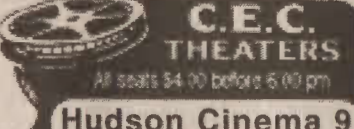
scored the game-winning goal at 12:21 of the second, and in the third the Falcons went on a four goal scoring spree guaranteeing the victory. The Falcons now sit with a 4-4-2 record in the NCHA. With gained momentum from recent wins, Cranston is fairly confident concerning the rest of the season. "If we can get everyone to step up and play their best hockey, I think that we will have a shot at doing some great things in the next few weeks." This weekend the Falcons play two NCHA games at UW-Stevens Point, the second-place team in the NCHA standings.



## Boben

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it for the team. Freeman said that was not the reason, but he declined to comment further. "I'm not real upset that I'm not playing anymore or that I've been eliminated from the team," Boben said, "but about what was said." "He was a leader, a captain, a senior," teammate Tim Beres said. "I don't understand the reasoning behind it." Boben was injury-free. The other alternate captain and senior, David Almquist, left the Falcons at the semester break.



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FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

| Feb 1-7            | Fri.                     | Sat.                    | Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed.             | Thurs. |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|------------------|--------|
| Women's Track      | at Carleton 6 p.m.       | at MN Open 11 a.m.      |      |      |       |                  |        |
| Men's Hockey       | at Superior 7 p.m.       | at Scholastica 7 p.m.   |      |      |       |                  |        |
| Women's Hockey     | at Stevens Pt. 7:35 p.m. | at Stevens Pt 7:35 p.m. |      |      |       |                  |        |
| Swimming           |                          | vs. St. Mary's 1 p.m.   |      |      |       |                  |        |
| Men's Basketball   |                          | vs La Crosse 7 p.m.     |      |      |       | at Stout 7 p.m.  |        |
| Women's Basketball |                          | at La Crosse 5 p.m.     |      |      |       | vs. Stout 7 p.m. |        |
| Wrestling          |                          | at Eau Claire 9 a.m.    |      |      |       |                  |        |

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Karyl Hylle Hockey (So., Plymouth, Minn.)



Karyl Hylle

Rich Melzer Basketball (So., Minneapolis, Minn. River Falls HS)



Rich Melzer

The sophomore forward helped the Falcons to two NCHA wins last weekend, and a non-conference win over St. Thomas earlier in the week. In Saturday's game she had five points on two goals and three assists. She scored the game-winning goal with the score tied, 2-2.

Melzer helped lead the Falcons to an 82-75 overtime win over UW-Whitewater Saturday night at the Karges Center. Melzer finished with a game-high 38 points and 19 rebounds. He was 13-24 from the field and 12-16 from the line. He had three blocked shots and one steal in 44 minutes of action.

with 23 seconds left, but after a Falcon timeout, Becker slashed down the lane and hit a running floater with seven seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. "It's just one of those situations where you don't want to coach too much," Bowen said about what he told his team during the timeout. "Get the ball in the hands of your best player and let him create something." The Falcons' momentum continued into overtime where Melzer scored nine of the Falcons 13 points, including four free throws in the final 30 seconds, to seal the win. "The energy and enthusiasm we had in the overtime is something that's been missing," Bowen noted. "I was glad to see that." Senior captain Edmund Johnson, who finished with eight points and eight rebounds in the win, said the

Falcons were fired up for the game from the start, but that the fans helped keep the team energized down the stretch. "The crowd helped a lot," he said about the announced attendance of 998. "We created our own energy going into the game but once the game started they really got into it. That gave us a big lift." Both teams pulled down 39 rebounds and the Warhawks shot 49 percent from the field, compared to the Falcons' 41 percent. But River Falls held a huge advantage at the free throw line, making 26-of-33 in the game compared to 5-of-9 for Whitewater. Melzer alone made 12-of-16 free throws in the game. Lewis Byers led UW-W with 25 points while Londen Donlow came off the bench to score 14, including four three's to help the Warhawks build their nine point lead.

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# I fought the law

a column by Kevin O'Brien, public enemy # 1,003

People often complain that newspapers are boring. Most of the time I agree with them. We try to blame the decline in readership on people's shortening attention spans and the brain-rotting influence of MTV and reality television. But I think the creators of Survivor have the right idea: the most interesting material comes from real people. Since newspapers are obligated to focus on politicians and celebrities, neither of which qualify as genuine human beings, they are inherently boring. I hope the *Student Voice* is an exception in this area, and to prove this point I will focus all of my columns on my own life.

Now, anyone who knows me can attest to the fact that I have led an interesting 22 years. I've never eaten elephant poop or wiped my ass with a desert fern, but I can still give those Survivor chumps a run for their million dollars. So, in the proud tradition of those who came before me, such as the witty Troy Mallat, the worldly Bryan Mulrooney, and the provocative Max Date, I will attempt to continue the light-hearted humor of the Offbeat columnist.

For the first of my "reality columns," I have decided to discuss my recent run-in with the River Falls Police Department. My dad was a police officer for Hennepin County in Minneapolis for 30 years, so I have a lot of respect and admiration for law enforcement. However, being the son of a cop has also given me a rebellious streak, similar to the preacher's daughter in the small town who screws every boy in a five mile radius.

A few weeks ago, I was out with a few friends enjoying the town's wonderful selection of watering holes (bars). The night started with Bo's and Mine, zigzagged to Ground Zero and Kaos, and ended at where else, Boomers. Having had my fill of Long Island iced teas and Miller Lites, I caught a ride home with my friends Kathy and Timothy. On the way home, I noticed the glorious glow of the Holiday station and realized I couldn't go any further without some sodium and saturated fat. I convinced Timothy to pull into the parking lot so I could get some Doritos and Snack-Ems.

I bolted into the store like a kid who had been given 5 dollars to buy candy. Darting around wildly, I collected my snacks and approached the counter with cash in hand. Just then, I heard the cashier complaining about having to clean out the newspaper bin and was waiting for "some drunk" to tip them over.

Seeing as how I fit her qualification, I volunteered right away and asked her if I should. She laughed, and said yes, so after a couple of awkward attempts, I took the thing out like it was a Viking's third string quarter-back.

My duty done, I paid for my chips and was about to exit the store when I observed the most stunning pair of sunglasses I had ever seen. Actually, they were oversized old lady glasses with square lenses and visors on the side so that absolutely no light can enter (see picture). This is when common sense was overpowered by alcohol. Thinking that the glasses would make a hilarious prop for drunken antics and temporarily forgetting about the system of exchanging money for goods, I snatched the shades and exited the store. On the way home, I entertained my friends with Stevie Wonder impressions, not realizing that my crime had been videotaped.



Two days later, Kathy called me up said "You're a dead man." Apparently, the RFPD had called her parents, the owners of the get-away vehicle, and inquired about the heist. Not wanting to get involved, Kathy gave the cops my name and number, and after a brief phone conversation with an

officer, I headed to the station to resolve the matter. I brought the shades, thinking it might boost my plea bargaining position.

Well, bringing the glasses didn't improve my situation, but it did give the cop a chance to display his dry sense of humor. After glancing at the said glasses, he blandly commented: "You have bad taste. These are ugly." After filling out some paper work and getting my mug shot taken, I walked out of the station carrying a citation for shoplifting and the most expensive birthday gift I have ever bought for my grandma. I felt like Al Capone must have felt when the cops finally busted him for tax evasion after years of racketeering and robbing.

There is a moral to this story, and to express it, I will borrow a popular advertising gimmick. Pair of sunglasses from Holiday: \$9.99. Citation for shoplifting: \$162. Lesson on responsible alcohol consumption: priceless. If you have any suggestions for community service, or would like to make a donation to the Pay Kevin's Ticket Foundation, e-mail me at kevin.e.obrien@uwrf.edu.

# Dale K. brings comedic thrill to North Hall

Teresa Schmitt  
Co-Photo Editor

Dale K. a comedian hypnotist grabbed everyone's attention Tuesday night in the North Hall Auditorium where about 150 people watched Dale hypnotize 15 students.

Dale, dressed in a bright orange plastic suit, with black glasses and hair standing up straight, talked smoothly to hypnotize the volunteers. In various instances students acted as though they were tied to a balloon, milking a cow, were being milked themselves, used their shoes as oxygen tanks, and drove a speeding car down a highway.

According to Anna Meres, Events Committee Coordinator, Dale is a nationally known hypnotist who has performed in front of over 50,000 people. Dale, originally from Canada, owns his own agency and is stationed out of Chicago.

The Entertainment Committee booked Dale after watching him perform at two different seminars.

Other tricks that hypnotized students performed were answering a shoe as a phone, screaming at a toy Barney, performing as a seal, and even after saying the word x-ray thinking they could see Dale naked.

Sophomore Anna Hess said, "I almost started to cry, I was laughing so hard."

Sophomore Ross Retzlaff volunteered to be hypno-

tized for his fourth time is his life. "It is like you're day-dreaming," Retzlaff said. "I just felt great after the show with so much energy."

Retzlaff said the energy he felt last night seemed to continue to today. He said he couldn't remember much of what happened.

Although the hypnotizing seemed to work on most of the volunteers there were a few that just couldn't be hypnotized and Dale slowly told those people to leave the stage.

Sophomore Amy Justmann volunteered immediately, but after the hypnotized people were waving their arms around she still had total control of herself and felt as though it wasn't working.

"My head did start to feel heavy right away, but it just didn't seem to do anything to me after that," said Justmann. "Soon I started looking up so he could tell me to get off stage. It just wasn't working."

As the show was coming to an end Dale told the volunteers that when they left the stage and shook anyone's hand they would become a cowboy riding the craziest horse. The show ended, and as students were leaving North Hall traveling back to their dorms, screams of "ride 'em cowboy" and "yeehahs" were heard from the recently hypnotized volunteers.

"There is nothing to be afraid of when being hypnotized," Retzlaff said. "It's the most wonderful feeling of being refreshed and relaxed."



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UW-RF students "milk cows" in front of a crowd of 150 thanks to comedic hypnotist, Dale K., who performed at North Hall on Tuesday night.



Charlie Muellner, Freshman  
"Rams."

## Who do you think will win the Superbowl?



Nate Forester, Sophomore  
"Rams, but Packers should have gone."



Amy Justman, Sophomore  
"Who is even in the Superbowl?"



Joe Konop, Sophomore  
"Rams, just like Ryan's sisters."



Andrea Schlatterer, Sophomore  
"Who's in it?"

# Latest Coffehouse edition features Annika Bentley on new stage setup



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice  
Annika Bentley performs at the first edition of the Coffehouse Series for this semester.

Teresa Schmitt  
Co-Photo Editor

About 12 people gathered last Friday night in Brandy's to drink coffee and enjoy the music of Annika Bentley. Bentley is the fourth act to appear in the Coffehouse Series of the 2001-2002 year. Under new supervision and management, the Entertainment Committee has been working diligently to draw more people to the events than years before. Event Coordinator Anna Meres said the committee has made changes throughout the year. Changes that affected the Bentley performance included setting the band up in the center of Brandy's instead of on the usual stage, bringing the food and coffee closer to people, couches set up in front of the stage for people to use, as well as the bar tables and chairs. Tables covered with paper and crayons to draw with were still provided along with cookies and coffee. "We are really trying to create a comfortable, laid-back atmosphere and thought the couches and bar tables would help to do that," Meres said. The Coffehouse performances are once a month and are free to all UW-River Falls students. The average Coffehouse performer is usually very laid back and mellow, according to Meres. Freshman Ellen Moore thought Annika Bentley was very similar to Nellie Furtado. "I thought the songs were very unique, relaxing and interesting," Moore said. "It was defiantly a fun and relaxing thing to do for a Friday night." According to Meres attendance has decreased since last year. "It has been a little slower this year but hopefully word gets out that it's a fun place to be," Meres said. "It was a little different last year with more people from outside the campus coming to listen to the bands." Although attendance was small, the food and entertainment received great reviews from those at the performance. "The coffee was seriously the best I have ever had, and the cookies and bars were great," Moore said. "It's too bad more people don't come and check it out, it's really a great experience."

## Coffehouse Series Spring 2002

Thursday, February 14  
Peter Mulvey  
7:00 pm

Friday, March 15  
Michael Scott Band  
7:00 pm

Friday, April 19  
Peter Mayer  
7:00 pm

# Therapeutic Beauty

Student's artwork reaches new depth

Jennifer Bentley  
Staff Writer

Fluffy white clouds fill the background of the canvas as flocks of doves fly above a man happily hula-hooping. It can be assumed that this piece, "My life, my world," is a self-portrait. On display in the Harriet Barry Gallery of the Chalmer Davee library is a collection of Charles Robert Paige's work titled "Why my eyes have seen." Paige's creations are an assortment of Biblical, political, scenic, personal and still-life pieces. "I feel an artist is someone who can paint a picture of a person's heart, soul and mind," Paige said. "And if one achieves that, they become a good artist." Studying at UW-River Falls, Paige is completing his degree in art therapy. By allowing people to communicate through art and, in turn, helping them open up, art therapy assists people in becoming rehabilitated back into society, said Paige. After living in Los Angeles for 21 years, Paige moved to River Falls. Because of its similarities to Paige's native home in Louisiana. He was in search of a college environment that was close to the Twin Cities, but not too far away, so he chose UW-River Falls. Prior to his educational career at UW-RF, Paige attended the Otis Art Institute of Los Angeles during his high school years. Upon graduation he went on to study at Stanford University, University of Long Beach, University of Fullerton State College and Metro State College. Along with attending classes at UW-RF, Paige also teaches at Globe College in the Twin Cities. A UW-RF professor knew Paige as a student recognized his artistic talent and recommended Paige to the Exhibits and Presentations Committee of the Chalmer Davee Library. "When I called and asked Charles if he would like to exhibit his work

he was just thrilled," said Kay Montgomery, chair of the committee. The committee provides a setting for artistic displays as well as presentations. The Harriet Barry Gallery shows at least one display per month and throughout the year shows between 12 to 15 different exhibits. Campus organizations, staff, fac-



Kevin O'Brien/ The Student Voice

Charles Paige's art on display in Harriet Barry Gallery.

ulty, students and community members are invited to share their hobbies, projects, collections and art work in the many display areas in the library gallery. The gallery is located near the entrance to the library, to the right side of the reference desk. Paige's work may be viewed until March 1 during regular library hours. One student who took a break from her studying to view the exhibit commented on Paige's style. "I really like Charles Paige's message he sends to his audience," freshman Sarah Smith said. "I felt like I could relate with a few of his paintings. My favorite piece was the painting titled 'Cry for America' because I felt it gave me a sense of hope. The doves flying above the woman's head and the bold colors reminded me of the patriotism that is running strongly through our country." Showing next in the Harriet Barry Gallery is an exhibit by Charlie Rader, a River Falls geography professor. The exhibit will display photographs from Scotland.

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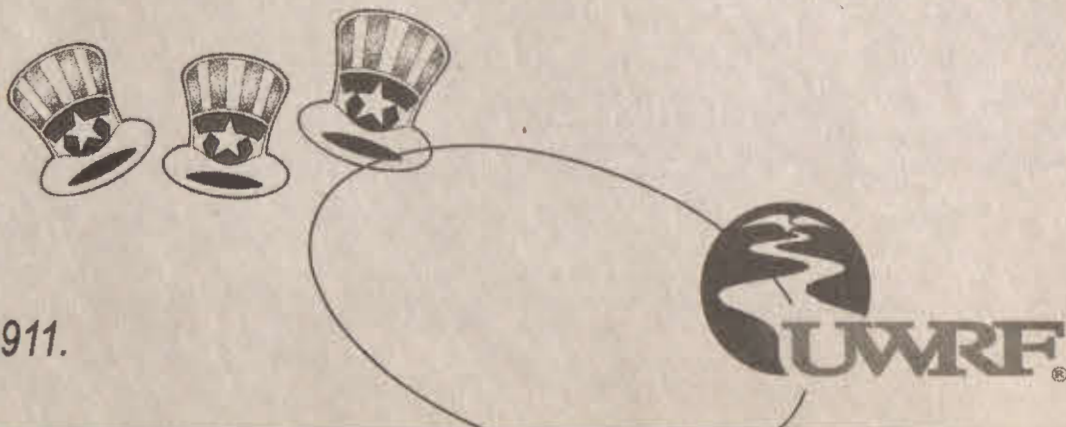
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