

Ceremonies cancelled

Veterinary satellite preconstruction begins

By GARY RICHIE

Corporate Construction of Oregon, Wis., contractor for UW-River Falls' \$1,117,999 satellite veterinary clinic, has moved equipment to the campus and is engaged in preconstruction operations.

Preconstruction operations include dewatering (draining) the site, fencing the area and building central accesses.

Roger Swanson, acting dean of the College of Agriculture, said construction will begin three to four weeks after the site which is east of the Maintenance Building is drained.

The clinic is part of a \$28 million school of veterinary medicine on the UW-Madison campus.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were scheduled for later this

month in Madison and River Falls, but were cancelled because of the large number of requests to attend, Swanson said. Over 5,000 persons, including Gov. Dreyfus, wanted to attend.

Swanson said the clinic at UW-RF will not be directly tied to the College of Agriculture and its budget will be administered by the dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at UW-Madison.

The River Falls clinic, with 20,000 square feet including a parking area, will specialize in ambulatory service and practical training of veterinary students working with large feed animals, Swanson said.

The clinic will be staffed with veterinarians specializing in reproduction physiology which is the science of improving reproduction.

Three mobile ambulance units will transport students and faculty to livestock in a six-county area to deal with animal problems, Swanson said.

"The majority of work will take place in the field, but the

clinic will have eight livestock holding pens.

"Veterinarians will provide expertise to farmers in various animal health problems. In the long run, the clinic and veterinary school should improve the total agriculture offerings in Wisconsin."

Swanson said UW-RF was chosen for the clinic's site because of the large number of farms in the area, the strong emphasis on agriculture at the university and the closeness to the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Paul.

Swanson pointed out that the clinic will enhance research and educational opportunities at UW-RF.

"It is our hope in the College of Agriculture, that our faculty and students will have access to the facility."

Swanson said pre-veterinary students at UW-RF should be able to get "hands on experience" before entering veterinary school.

"How many students we actually place in veterinary school in Madison depends on the students themselves and the criteria used by the school."

By having the clinic in River Falls, Swanson said UW-RF and the University of Minnesota will be able to develop exchange programs.

"It is assumed we would still work and cooperate with the Minnesota veterinary school. At times we at UW-RF could utilize their expertise and experience. Each school specializes in different areas and student exchange programs can enhance both schools' progress."



ROGER SWANSON

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KIM HUGHES sets up **Sandy Berg** (sweat pants) as they practice for the volleyball season. Photo by **Pat Hildebrant**.



A RIVER FALLS postman sorts through the mail. Postage went up to 18 cents on Monday, up from the previous 15 cents.



AN UNKNOWN bicyclist pedals his way past the Student Center.

No rape

By WALTER TRANT

No reports of sexual assault have been received by campus police since early Fall Quarter, according to Don Chapin, director of campus security.

Chapin could not say whether the incident referred to in a letter to the Editor last week did in fact occur, only that as of March 25, he had not received a report of such an incident, nor had the River Falls police.

If you have been the victim of sexual assault, or if you know someone who has, you are urged to contact Washington County Sexual Assault Services at 612-777-1117. Trained counselors at the center can advise you concerning medical and legal services available.

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The World



SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — More than a dozen men operating in three groups attacked the U.S. Embassy with a rocket grenade and small-arms fire Wednesday, U.S. diplomats said. They reported no injuries, but substantial damage. This is the third strike at the embassy this month.

Salvadoran army guards who patrol the embassy grounds fired at the diplomats as they fled in two cars. One of the attackers hurled a grenade into a car parked outside the embassy, destroying the vehicle.

WARSAW, Poland — The communist regime's top labor negotiator said Wednesday he believes a threatened nation-wide strike can be averted, but told Solidarity chief Lech Walesa that his independent union wants a "holy war" against Polish government.

The strike call, a result of the beating last Thursday in Bydgoszcz, 170 miles northwest of Warsaw, has raised fears of Soviet intervention.

Union-government conflicts have mounted since the Soviet Union urged Poland to take a tougher stand earlier this month.

There was no immediate reaction from Walesa or other leaders of the independent trade union.

The Nation



WASHINGTON — The Senate handed President Reagan his first congressional victory on a proposed spending cut Wednesday, approving a bill to scrap an April 1 boost in dairy price supports. The Senate passed the measure 88-5.

The administration said eliminating the April 1 increase in dairy product subsidies would save the government an estimated \$147 million and also would spare consumers from paying an extra 7 1/2 cents for a gallon of milk, a dime more per pound of butter and 9 cents more for a pound of cheese.

Sen. John Melcher, D-Mont., tried unsuccessfully to attach a rider to the price support measure which would have cut yearly casein imports in half.

WALTHAM, Mass. — Winston Edmond disagreed with his tax bill, but not in the usual way. He wants to pay more than the city asked.

Edmond, 30, recently received an automobile excise tax bill of \$86.25 from the city of Waltham, but he increased the amount to \$135 and told the city to keep the change.

"I'm impressed with the protection I've received since moving here," Edmond said of city fire and police service.

"As an apartment dweller, I felt I was receiving more services than I'm being asked to pay directly for," he said. "With all the talk of cutting down services, I just decided to do what I could to help keep them going."

The Region



MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Lee Dreyfus recently said Wisconsin would gain a new weapon against crime in the streets if the bail amendment on the April 7 election ballot becomes part of the State Constitution.

District attorneys and judges disagree; they say their hands would be tied by the amendment's cumbersome language, and criminals would thrive as never before if the amendment becomes law.

The amendment would allow detention without bail of persons accused of serious felonies, or with a history of violent crime. It would also make it difficult for judges to set cash bail for other criminal defendants.

The proposal originated in a special crime session of the Legislature last year.

TIGERTON, Wis. — James Wickstrom, the Posse Comitatus leader who has announced his candidacy for governor next year, says he'll pattern his campaign on the principles of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Wickstrom, who ran for the U.S. Senate in 1980, announced last week that he would enter the race for governor.

Wickstrom said Wisconsin's Attorney General La Follette is very critical of him and the Posse party. La Follette compared Wickstrom's party to Hitler's group and said its literature contains derogatory references to Jews.

Wickstrom said the same thing happened last year while he was running for the Senate. During a speech at Racine, Wickstrom said, La Follette "went on a rampage and started calling me a fascist and an anti-Semite."

Petition no help for concert

By JULIE BUSCHO

A petition of 616 student signatures protesting the Student Senate's rejection of a spring concert allocation, set up a committee, through article XIII, initiative and referendum, to consider reversal of the Senate's decision. The committee decided against the reversal and concluded at the Senate meeting Tuesday, that preparation time for the concert was too short.

The committee met March 19, because according to the amendment of the Student Senate Constitution called initiative and referendum, if 500 student signatures are collected which oppose a senate decision, a committee must be formed to consider the reversal of that decision.

The committee consisted of two HUB representatives, Bonnie Mahre and Kelly Helget, two IRHC members, Jill Trapp and Scott Schuler and Chairman Edward Brown, associate dean of students.

At the March 19 meeting, the committee listened to discussion between senators, the petition's authors, Maynard Laswell and David Hackert, and other supporters of the petition.

During discussion, Hackert said the senate should represent the 97 percent of the people



polled, who wanted the concert. Laswell said people who signed the petition were "disgruntled." "Sure, the senate lost money on the last concert (Musicquake) but they didn't have Pure Prairie League."

Sen. Rick Odegard said he felt the money would be better spent on educational materials. "If money is needed because of budget cuts maybe it can come from the reserve fund."

Brown also expressed concern about the money's use. "These are only predictions, but as we look down the road five or six years, there may be a need for the reserve to help campus organizations."

Sen. Franklin King said the senate is not a profit-making organization and that the Twin Cities provides an opportunity to attend concerts.

Discussion continued for a set time of 40 minutes.

Brown stated the committee's decision Tuesday and the reasons they did not reverse the Senate's action. The committee suggested planning for next year, because

the lack of time was the major factor in their decision.

Brown said he talked to people in HUB and they said a minimum of three month's preparation is needed for a concert of this size. The Student Senate would also not have as much expertise in planning concerts as would an organization such as HUB.

"I think we need to be better listeners on all sides of these things."

A motion to create a concert committee consisting of three at-large members, two IRHC representatives, one HUB sound stage committee member, and two senators was passed.

OTHER SENATE NEWS:

Petitions for Student Senate candidates are due Friday at 4 p.m.

A "Meet the Candidates" forum will be 7 p.m., March 30 in the basement of the Student Center.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The White Elephant sale is scheduled for May 13.

Senate constitutional amendment

The following amendment to Article 5, Section 1 of the Student Senate Constitution was passed by the Student Senate February 17, 1981 and now comes before the student body for final approval. This amendment will change certain committee structures of the Student Senate. Please read over the constitution changes and if you have any questions contact a Senator or the Senate Office, 204 Hagestad, phone 3205.

Moved that the River Falls Student Senate amend Article 5, Section 1 of the constitution to read the

following:

"The Standing committee of the Student Senate shall be:

- 1) Budget Committee to be chaired by the Treasurer and consist of the President and 3 other Senators and one must be a freshman senator elected in the fall,
- 2) Legislative Affairs, chair to be elected by Senate and members consisting of UC Director and 2 other Senators
- 3) Public Relations, chair to be elected by Senate and consisting of 5 other Senators
- 4) Student Affairs and Services, chair to be elected

by Senate consisting of 5 other Senators

5) Internal Operations, to be chaired by the Vice President and members will consist of the 4 other chairs. No Senator shall serve on more than 1 committee except the Vice President and the 4 other chairs who will also serve on Internal Operations. The President may be on any or all committees. Students at large may choose to serve on any committees except Budget and Internal Operations. This policy will take effect Fall Quarter 1981 with Spring Quarter of 1981 being a transitional period."

Finals week favored in survey

By BOB WOLF

A survey on finals week conducted by the Student Senate shows that 61 percent of those surveyed did not feel a change in finals week was needed.

This survey, distributed in front of the Student Center Ballroom during spring registration, got 1,983 responses. Student Senator, Tim Micke said that Rich Kathan, assistant to the registrar, did not have an exact number of students enrolled in spring quarter but estimated it at 4,700.

Micke said that with the correct number of students enrolled, the survey would differ by two or three points. Considering the estimated enrollment, UW-River Falls students who answered the survey are 42 percent of the student body.

There were 778 students who did want a change in finals week.

Of this group, 447 wanted finals week eliminated and to have final tests scheduled by professors. A split finals week with finals falling on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday; was recommended by 149 students and 112 wanted a shortened finals week.

The number of students who favored the quarter system was 1,569. Those favoring a semester system numbered 253.

Tim Micke said the survey was an accurate sampling of students because if 2,000 more students were surveyed, there would be no change in general answers.

"The percentages would change but the basic student idea would not," he said.

Micke said there are no changes foreseen in finals week, or the quarter system.

FINALS SURVEY

TOTAL STUDENTS REGISTERING SPRING QUARTER	about 4,700
TOTAL SURVEYED	1,983 42%
TOTAL STUDENT THAT WANTED TO LEAVE FINALS AS IS	1,205 61%
TOTAL THAT WANTED A CHANGE	778 39%
TOTAL NUMBER STUDENTS SURVEYED FAVORING QUARTER SYSTEM	1,569 79%
TOTAL NUMBER FAVORING SEMESTERS	253 13%
NO RESPONSE	161 8%

Fall increase of 21% for clinic allocation

By DEBBIE WEHRMEYER

There will be a 21 percent increase in the amount of student tuition going to support the River Falls Medical Clinic, effective fall quarter.

The Student Health Service fee comes out of the activity fees students pay each year which is \$197.48. The health service portion of the fee is now \$7.25 a quarter, or \$21.75 for the academic year. In the fall, it will go up to \$8.75, or \$26.25 for the year.

The Student Health Committee made up of students and faculty, discussed the student health service contract for 1981-82 February 26. William Munns, dean of students and chairman of the Student Health Committee, said the increase is necessary because "a minimum health service must be maintained."

The money allocated to the health service pays physician's fees, a nurse's salary and office expenses. Fees for X-rays, lab work, physical therapy and prescription drugs are charged to students on the regular basis. If hospital facilities are used, the student is responsible for the charges.

The student health service provides care for students including emergency care. It coordinates physicians' services as specified by contract between

UW-River Falls and the clinic. The university health nurse, Helen Ensign, coordinates the use of clinic facilities.

Services provided include: allergy injections, immunizations, provision of stock medications, first-aid supplies and health information.

Despite the 21% increase, UW-RF still has the lowest fee in the UW system, Munns said. He said living in a small community may be the reason.

Rates have stayed the same for a long time despite rising medical costs. The cost remained at \$6.00 from 1974 to 1978, and since 1978 it has remained at \$7.25.

"The university has a good relationship with the clinic," Munns said. The clinic provides the entire lower level of the building for the student health service. "It's cheaper to do it this way."

According to Mary Halada, assistant director of Auxiliary Services and a member of Student Health Committee, student visits to the clinic increased 7.4 percent over the projected student use.

West CAP, the family planning agency which provides family planning services through the Women's Resource Center, is in danger of having its program terminated due to lack of funds, said Bonnie Soderberg, director of family planning for West CAP.

Soderberg said the agency faces cuts from its two funding



NANCY HALLARAN

sources: Planned Parenthood Association of Wisconsin, Inc. and Wisconsin Division of Health.

The agency still operates on a regular basis with funds coming from Title X granted to Planned Parenthood as approved by the Western Wisconsin Health Systems Agency. West CAP will be able to continue its services until things are settled, Soderberg said.

The scarcity of funds is the result of proposed budget cuts on federal and state levels. The cuts would affect 156 students at UW-RF who are enrolled in Planned Parenthood, according to Soderberg.

West CAP has an arrangement with the River Falls clinic that helps pay for services not covered by a student's insurance, such as extra lab work.

West CAP is trying to gain support to stop the proposed cuts. Soderberg suggests writing to legislators, or calling West CAP at 1-715-265-4271 or 1-800-472-6614. The agency's main office is in Glenwood City, WI and serves six counties in the area.

RF nurses to strike

Two dozen registered nurses at River Falls Area Hospital Inc. plan to strike Saturday morning unless a contract agreement is reached, a spokesman said.

The nurses are asking that salaries be increased over a two-year period from \$6.50 an hour to \$7.85 an hour for starting nurses and from \$7.20 to \$10.10 for nurses with 10 years or more of experience. The nurses also want to begin a pension program and to increase compensation for night and weekend duty.

The hospital has countered with salary offers slightly below the nurses' requests, but is unwilling to commit to pension language without studying the issue further, according to administrator Nancy Rehkamp.

Rehkamp said the hospital plans to continue "business as usual" Saturday regardless of the strike situation. "At least at this point, we will," she said. "Then we'll have to evaluate the services we have available and the quality of health care."

Rehkamp said she is somewhat surprised that a strike situation has developed because she said there has been only 30 hours of negotiation since last fall.

"That's not an inordinate time to spend," she said. "Neither side has given a final offer yet."

"What we're looking for is something comparable with nurses working in similar-sized hospitals in somewhat similar communities," said Maureen Labenski, field representative for the MNA.

Asked what it would take to avoid a strike Saturday at 7 a.m., she said, "An agreement."

Starting salaries for registered nurses are \$7.21 at Regina Memorial Hospital in Hastings, \$7.50 at Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Stillwater, and \$7.29 at St. John's Hospital in Red Wing, she said.

The top scale in Hastings is \$9.40 and is \$9.17 in Red Wing, according to Labenski.

Of the 54 full-time and part-time nurses employed at the hospital, 24 are included in the contract negotiations.

The MNA has represented the nurses since last year when the Wisconsin Nurses Association ended its collective bargaining activities.

West CAP back in business

By WALTER TRANT

West Central Action Program, a family planning service of Pierce County's back in business following a brief shutdown after the Health Systems Agency refused to renew its Title X funding.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin gave the service temporary funding to continue operation, pending an appeal of the Health Systems Agency decision, but warned it may be shutdown on 24 hours notice. The service has office space in the Women's Resource Center at UW-River Falls.

"I really don't know where the money is coming from," said Bonnie Soderberg, director of the West CAP Family Planning, "probably from private donations to Planned Parenthood."

Only the Pierce County family planning service was affected by the Health Systems Agency decision. Other West CAP programs and family planning in the six other counties it serves are funded through sources other than Title X.

The Health Systems Agency has authority over medically-related organizations in the region which receive federal funding. It attempts to control health costs by preventing duplication of services.

Nancy Halloran, director of the UW-RF Women's Resource Center, attributes the agency's decision to the efforts of anti-

abortion activists who, she said, conducted a letter-writing campaign in opposition to the program.

Family planning does not mean providing for abortions, but "some 'Pro-Life' groups are opposed to all birth control," she said.

West CAP provides education and counseling on birth control matters to 4,500 low income individuals, and last year reportedly helped to reduce the number of un-planned pregnancies on campus. It also provides low cost contraceptives.

Soderberg emphasized that current funding is temporary and asked those who support the program to write their legislators.

Students with questions about the program, or who wish to volunteer on its behalf are urged to contact the Women's Resource Center in Davee Library, or West CAP at 425-8692.

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Critic highlights RF Journalism Day

Nora Ephron, nationally-known media critic, author and contributing editor to Esquire Magazine, will keynote the annual Journalism Day at UW-River Falls Wednesday, April 1.

The topic of this year's presentation is "Target: Mass Media." Ms. Ephron's speech, "Scribble, Scribble: Notes on the Mass Media," will be presented in the Ballroom of the Student Center at 2 p.m.

The question, "Does Wisconsin Need a News Council?" will be debated during another session on Journalism Day. Two members of the Minnesota News Council--the only state

news council in the country--will debate the need for such a body in Wisconsin with two opponents from the state's news media. That session is at 10 a.m. in Room 201 of the Student Center.

Ms. Ephron has worked for Newsweek, the New York Post and New York magazine in addition to her current position with Esquire. She has written several popular books of media criticism taken from her columns for Esquire. Her most recent, "Scribble, Scribble," provides the name for her speech. "Crazy Salad," an earlier book, sold 350,000 copies in paperback.

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Red, white and blue ignorance

Editorial

Is the United States balancing on the lip of an economic "Dust Bowl?" Does Ronald Reagan's three-to-four year recovery plan include revving up the engines of wartime economics? Will the young men, and maybe women, of this country be forced into carrying the guns and doing the killing of another "police action?" Will President Reagan lead us in a "bully" charge up the hills of El Salvador? We'll find out right after this commercial message.

Last week John Chancellor stares intently into the NBC news camera and tells us, right before a commercial break, that the situation in Poland is "driving a wedge between the United States and its Western European allies." That was it. Then two minutes of commercials and we find out that Johnny Carson called the National Enquirer "a liar".

In El Salvador, four Catholic nuns from the United States are murdered and shoved into a ditch to rot. Who did it? The bayonets of guilt point at the guys Reagan wants to slip another \$25 billion.

It appears that "our traditional American values" are starting to bloom with all the subtlety of graveyard shrubbery. To quench our undying thirst for world peace, the Reagan administration wants to invest in a war.

Mr. Reagan is strolling down that star spangled beach into the smog-ridden sunset of infamy. His back is turned on us and we feel like the helpless viewers of a made-for-T.V. movie. We're paralyzed with ignorance until the commercials.

Think about it fellow baby boomers, and distinguished members of the first generation to be totally weaned on the oozing opium of television--we might get the chance to go to El

Salvador. We'll get to shoot bullets and throw grenades at innocent men, women and children. It will be even more exciting than playing Frisbee over at Glen Park. The gears of war are being engaged and it looks like the Reagan boys might let their foot slip off the clutch.

Remember the days when students from this university march through the streets of River Falls wearing black armbands? Did any big boys from your neighborhood march off to Vietnam and limp back or come home in a box? Or have you noticed that, for the most part, the returning Vietnam veterans have been treated like manure squashed into the waffled sole of a work boot?

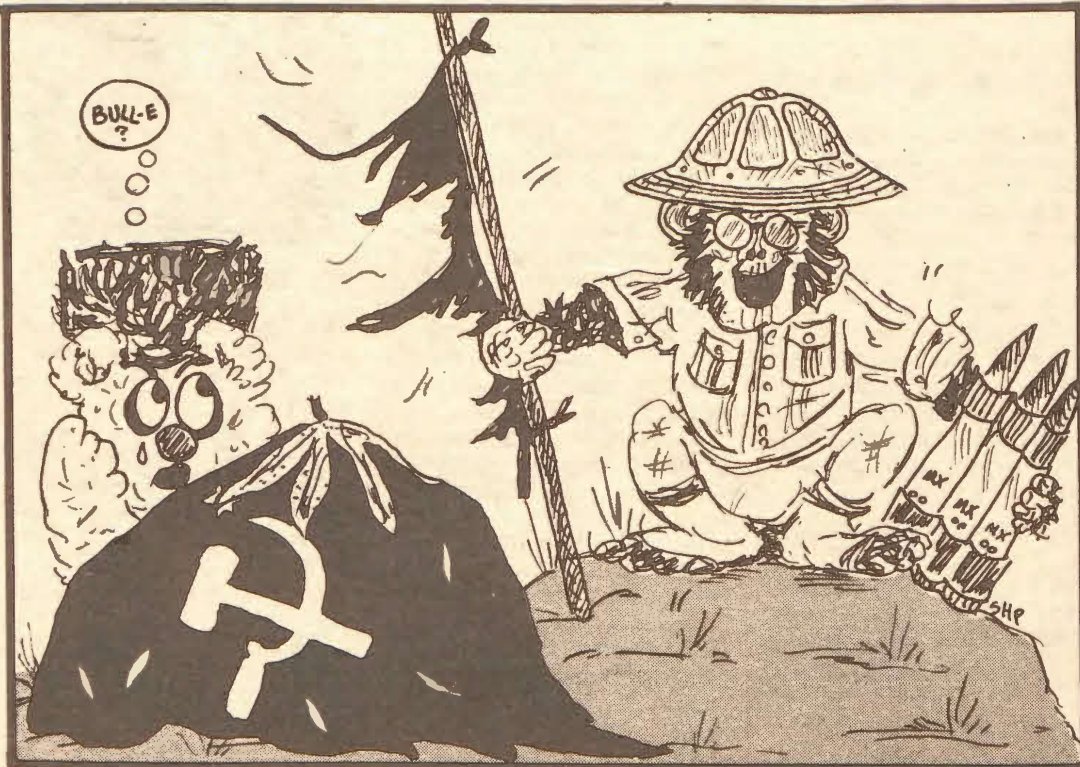
From sea to polluted sea, a rainbow banners the sky of the United States flashing the All American Cliche ... "TRADITIONAL AMERICAN VALUES!"

The 18-year-old boys of this nation are now required to sign that dotted line of draft registration cards. If the time comes, will the young men of America allow themselves to be sucked into the incestuous orgy of political perversion and corporate rape that is being thrust on the permissive back of this ignorant and infantile decade? Probably.

Bonzo is now in Washington and the people of this nation are just bit players in a monkey trial gone bananas. At stake is the heartbeat and fading pulse of civilization as we now know it.

We are expected to believe that the world will be a better place if the United States supplies the weapons of death and "a few good men" to the corrupt junta ruling El Salvador.

A junta that is determined to silence the leftist guerrillas made up of people who have been oppressed and exploited by the El Salvadorian ruling class for centuries.



By giving aid to El Salvador, the United States is helping to finance the murdering of teachers, farmers and peasants who are trying to organize unions and get at least a taste of the pie. In the United States, teachers, farmers and workers are allowed to have unions. Our government has been out of business of murdering American strikers for nearly a half a century.

In El Salvador, thousands of fatherless and motherless children stand in refugee camps starving and dying with bellies bloated by malnutrition. In America, we feed leftover apple pie to the dogs. In Washington, Reagan and his Dukes of Hazard are working on an equation of peace where they will be able to transform our tax dollars into bigger El Salvadorian refugee camps with more orphans with even bigger bellies.

What "traditional American value" is Reagan trying to uphold here? "Bigger is better?"

A national ignorance is fogging the eyes and blinding the minds of the American people. The United States is supporting the tyrannical "Red Coats" in El Salvador. Red

Coats refers to our British suppressors who forced us into the Revolutionary War. A war that ended with the beginning of the Great Experiment and produced such supercilious slogans as "all men are created equal" and "liberty and justice for all."

Some two hundred years later, the Great Experiment is backing the strikers in Poland and backing the strike breakers in El Salvador! This is not a democracy, it's a goddamn hypocrisy!

In an attempt to regain U.S. respectability abroad, our President starts out by giving the finger to the world. He's playing a childish, but potentially fatal, game of "My political ideology is better than yours!" Reagan is bullying the Russians with his gradeschool cockiness. The people stand on the unmonitored playground of the world and helplessly watch this juvenile display of immaturity.

Americans have been made to believe that the Russians are an evil, hell-bent hoard of heathens who are determined to wipe out the benevolent capitalists and destroy the American way of life. That Russian bear won't rest until it dominates the entire world.

The fact is that the United States was based on the ideal of "greed." He who has more is better. He who has more buys a new belt, while those that don't tighten their belts.

The ideal that lead to the Russian experiment was that of sharing. He who has the same as everyone else is better off. If everybody wears a belt, everybody wears the same belt.

Maybe the Russians have failed. Maybe their society of drab uniformity doesn't have the incentive of capitalism and the freedom of democracy. Maybe we should nuke the bastards and get this game of I-dare-you-to-cross-this-line over. If we nuke the Russians and anybody complains about it we'll nuke them. We'll just keep that up until everybody quits complaining or is dead.

If things work out right, the United States will be at peace with the rest of the bombed-out and radioactive world. In addition, we will solve our trade deficits, eliminate the cry of "Yankee imperialism" and reach the pinnacle of that utopian society we've been stumblingly toward through out the history of mankind.

When this is done, the US of A will be free to clean up its own front yard. We'll finally be able to eliminate the crime, governmental corruption, violence, bigotry, ignorance and pollution that stain the mainstreets of our nation like a drunkard's puke.

Think about it. When the fighting starts, you'll be doing the killing and/or the dying. Are you really prepared to go out and fight and die for that new American tradition of ignorance?

JAMES P. NELSON

"Their seducers have wished war ... for the loaves and fishes which arise out of war expenses."

Thomas Jefferson

"I am tired and sick of war. It's glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell."

Gen. William T. Sherman

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Letters

Concerned too late

It's nice to see that students are finally concerned about something--financial aids. Certainly, we can now perceive clearly that things we take for granted can be taken away easily. The question is, however, where were the students during the last election?

Student voting across the nation was abysmal--a very low percentage of the total vote. So, why should politicians continue programs oriented toward students when they don't make their wishes known through the normal political process of voting. Obviously, for those who said there was no choice in the last election, there was an incorrect analysis of just what can be cut. The answer seems to be everything except defense.

Unfortunately, while you suggest writing protests to a variety of people, I am afraid they can do absolutely nothing. Until students are perceived as a political bloc that can influence elections, politicians will pay little attention.

Stephen Feinstein
History

Senate praised

Recently the Textbook Service suffered a depletion of funds which caused some problems for some students who could not get a book for a course.

This is the first time this has happened in the past eighteen years and though I may be a bit biased, I think this is a pretty fair record.

This letter is not written in defense of the rental program but to point out that the Student Senate, rather than join others in castigating the so called "persons responsible for the shortage" came forth and offered valuable assistance in the form of funds to tide us over if necessary.

If memory serves me right, this is the first time that anyone has ever offered anything constructive to our system and even if the funds may not be needed I for one am deeply grateful to the Student Senate for their offer.

Bud Merriman
Textbook Service

Education not music

I want a concert. Despite some very questionable sampling methods used to collect opinions, it seems that most of the students of UW-River Falls also want to have a concert.

Assuming that an optimum date can be selected and enough workers can be found, it seems plausible to ask for a concert. Or does it?

I have stated that I don't believe it is the Student Senate's responsibility to provide entertainment for the student populace, be it in the form of a

concert or anything else. Nonetheless, it is certainly within the realm of Senate's capability to set up such a concert.

Since neither HUB, IRHC, nor the Concerts & Lectures Committee possess enough resources to sponsor a concert, it seems that some other procedure is needed for considering a major concert. That is why I am in favor of creating a separate committee to investigate the possibility of a concert.

This committee can make a recommendation to Senate for granting a special additional allocation from the University Reserve to the Concerts & Lectures Committee for the concert.

This recommendation, though, must be evaluated with respect to education budget cuts--which will lessen both facilities and programs in both number and quality; with respect to the increasing difficulties in funding clubs and organizations; and with consideration of a probable drain of the University Reserve in a future period of economic difficulty.

Contrary to what it may seem, I really do want a concert. I must, however, give higher priority to safeguarding educational quality and to funding campus organizations which continuously enrich students in a variety of ways.

Likewise, I cannot condone drawing money from the University Reserve at this time, even despite the possible profitability of such a venture.

For entertainment, I can go to Minneapolis or St. Paul. It is for education that I go to UW-River Falls.

Should these purposes become indistinguishable here, I would suggest that those of us seeking an education go somewhere else.

Bradley J. Bittorf

Concert notes

I was in attendance at the Student Senate meeting when the final proposal for an outdoor concert was put to vote before the Senate.

Chris Meagher has been working on his pet project for about three months. He even found time to poll 1,250 students--a quarter of the student population at UW-River Falls. That was quite an achievement. Maybe we should call him Mighty Meagher? The results of his poll showed that 1,197 students of the 1,250 polled, an amazing 97 percent, indeed wanted an outdoor concert. At this point, things certainly looked good for having an outdoor Pure Prairie League concert this spring.

Then on St. Patrick's Day, the Mighty Meagher stepped to the plate with his motion.

His original motion, including the survey said "an outdoor concert". But, in the final version of the motion, the concert was to be in Hunt Arena, which holds about 3,000 people--not my idea of an outdoor concert. This meant that all Meagher's hard work, and survey, went down the drain.

Well, the luck of the Irish wasn't with Meagher, as his motion fell to defeat, 4-11-2, to

the hands of the Student Senate.

In Meagher's letter appearing in the Student Voice on March 19th, he said Senate defeated the motion because "Their major complaint seemed to be that Senate did not want to put in the time."

However, Senator Mary Shong said she wasn't in favor of the motion because of the miserable failure of Musicquake '79. She thought that Senate would again lose money.

Senator Rick Odegard said that he thought the money should be used for something more permanent.

Finally, in a meager attempt at any type of concert in the future, Meagher proposed a motion to set up a Concerts Commission--similar to the one at UW-Stout.

Todd E. Beckmann

THANKS

I would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who attended HUB's movies in North Hall, the Rathskellar, and the Ballroom. I realize this is a bit early, but HUB is in the process of selecting new directors for committees and I wanted to thank you all now in case I'm not on Films/Video next year.

This year several ideas were tried that had never been done here on this campus before and they went over with a smash! The free movies in the Rathskellar once a month and the all-nighter in the Student Center are just a few examples of the new ideas. Through your excellent attendance for most of the movies, it will be possible to provide better and better programs in the future. UWRF has given HUB and Films/Video the best year we've ever had! Hopefully this trend will continue and we will reciprocate by expanding and improving our programs wherever possible. HUB is here to serve you and we take pleasure in providing activities for you. Feel free to stop by and inquire or visit us above the Ballroom anytime! Thank you once again and remember, THIS YEAR ISN'T OVER FOR HUB YET!!

Sincerely,

Bryan Belson
HUB Film/Video Chairman

"See it
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Andrew Johnson



There's a new strain of social disease on this campus that's spreading in epidemic proportions. It's a disease that cripples young male caucasians between the ages of 16 and 30. This horrible new strain has the scientific name of hairstupidious, but is more commonly known as hair shankers or disco bumps. (see diagram)

movements in order to keep every hair in place. Victims subscribe to "Hair Digest."

Modern science is baffled as to the cause of disco bumps, but it is suspected that it may be caused either by poor toilet training or else fecal material of Dance Fever contestants which comes in



Disco bumps are peculiar formations of the hair follicles, forming on the top or crown portion of the head. It's that little geyser of hair, that fluffy tuft, divided in the middle which serves only to make the person underneath look silly. It's those hairy, bouncy little bumps found on the head of the diseased male caucasian.

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Government vs. education; a Dreyfus conflict

BY MARK WURL

(Mark Wurl is a communications major at UW-Stevens Point.)

Lee Sherman Dreyfus became governor of Wisconsin after serving as chancellor at UW-Stevens Point from 1967 to 1978.

He came to UW-Stevens Point from the UW-Madison where he was a professor of speech and radio and television education. Gov. Dreyfus has three degrees from the University of Wisconsin: B.A. in speech in 1949, M.A. in Radio/Television in 1952, and a Ph.D. in Rhetoric, Propaganda and Persuasion in 1957.

He defeated Robert Kasten, the party-endorsed candidate, Sept. 1978 in the Republican gubernatorial primary. He unseated Acting Governor Martin Schreiber in November, carrying 53 of the state's 72 counties.

This interview took place in the Governor's office at 3:30 p.m. March 13. The transcript is unedited except where insertions and deletions would aid continuity. Brackets and ellipses mark any changes in the text.

Question: Governor, my first question is about the transition that took place from being an educator and then going on to be governor. What a major change.

Dreyfus: Well, in my case it was something that wasn't unique. I was the second person to leave the university presidency to run for governor.

Woodrow Wilson had done it in 1910 at Princeton, except his was a private school, and this was a public institution.

So I had the initial problem of trying to get where I was with regents. Some wanted me to, and some wanted to not allow me to.

So the first problem was the initial transition of simply going unemployed for nine months and borrowing the money out of my insurances to live.

Then the movement to the campaign I don't see as all that different from the manner and style from which I operate on that campus. You said (the time we met) was in Knutzen Hall. I was constantly out wandering that campus. So in that sense, it was...

Q: You enjoy getting out and meeting people.

D: Yeah, sure. And the campaign then was a very nifty thing. Coming down here, there have been some changes, but not all that much.

In effect, I was not willing to accept business as usual down here and that there were some things that could, in fact, change.

Q: In your campaign you stressed "open government without special interest influence."

D: Yeah. I think we've maintained that and paid off on it. It's open, first of all, with those two doors right now. I just came out of a closed meeting which is probably the first closed meeting I've been in.

I am honestly trying to think of the last one. So that, one, you can open this up, two, the press can wander in and out.

The two people who just walked out of here are press people. They're allowed to do that.

Q: As far as special interests go, do you consider the UW System, is that a special interest?

D: Sure. Of course. Sure. Why not?

They have a single factor agenda. They don't have any responsibility for the whole state; they have a responsibility for the University of Wisconsin.

Q: I'd like to focus on the university a little bit. It's becoming less a priority in the state's budget.

D: It has been continuously since, I suppose one could say, the '60's.

Q: You're sympathetic as far as being an educator for 28 years.

Where does this deprioritization stop? What is the appropriate level of funding?

D: Well, I'm not sure. First of all, I guess I won't really say that it was a matter of deprioritization, if that term is applicable.

What has happened is since the mid-60's, other priorities have begun to gain in ascendance in human services other than higher education.

One of them is clearly in the area of the elderly, and they are increasing in number. And medical care.

One is the care of children, and particularly children where they are dependant.

And just start down the line and say "where is the money going?" But the key one, the key shift was that the state take on the responsibility of raising taxes and sending it back to local governments.

And now that priority was absolutely mushroomed, and all those have grown at such a rate that they have come around and by-passed the university.

Q: It's difficult to fund anything in the state. Budget cuts are happening nation wide.

The director of financial aids at Stevens Point says that decentralizing the state grant program could save \$800,000 in administrative costs. Have you given any thought to taking this program away from HEAB?

D: Well, I've given a lot of thought to that ever since I left Stevens Point.

Phil George up there (UW-Stevens Point financial aids director) has always claimed that the program should never have been centralized. But before, ah, his numbers will be subject to analysis.

Q: He was saying that (the books have to be kept in) the state board and in Stevens Point. The costs are doubled.

D: There are some accuracies in what Phil is talking about. However, the centralization of that funding was in fact done, I believe, because it was felt that the only way to be assured that money - tax money - federally, essentially, as well as state, was being targeted to create proper access, was that it had to come through a central board whose responsibility it was to do that. The legislature then created the Higher Educational Aids Board.

We're talking about a change of legislative intent.

The legislature in its wisdom in a prior mode said every campus doing what it wants to do in whatever form is no way to assure us that the proper people who truly need it are getting the money. And therefore, we need a centralized system.

Q: The board (HEAB) has other responsibilities. Let's talk about the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Everyone, well, many people recognize the need for this school, but as (UW-SP) Chancellor Marshall said (to me) Wednesday, this is a hell of a time to put it in. Can the decision to fund this school be rescinded, or delayed?

D: Sure, it could, but I think not. We'd be in lawsuit over contracts and everything from the people who have been putting it in.

The time to put it in was obviously forty years ago. To make a decision about research for the next fifty years relative to the agricultural industry, and that's the way I see it; essentially large animals, and make it on a basis of what is the current economy of these two years, making fifty year decisions over two years.

One could also argue this is a hell of a time to build a giant prison at Portage. But the point is that the need for the prison appears clear to some people, than the need to bolster up the large animal segment of the agricultural community.

I happen to feel that right now, if it weren't for agriculture and it weren't for tourism, we'd be in giant trouble. Because our industrial segment, on the third leg, is in fact in trouble right now.

Q: Recent articles that faculty in the UW system have lost substantial buying power. We stand in danger of

losing good faculty to the private sector.

D: I'm not sure that is true. I hear that all the time. This last go around, the last biennium, I was able to give the faculty what amounts to the biggest slug they've had in some time, in terms of dollars going in.

I can't make up a whole decade, obviously, and while the state had it, I tried to share it. Right now the state doesn't have it.

The movement of faculty into the private sector; that may be true except maybe they haven't taken a good look at the private sector. Some very capable, experienced, skilled people right now are in jeopardy in their jobs.

We've gotten over a hundred thousand more people unemployed than we had here a year and a half ago. So any notion that there is a place for faculty to go in the private sector, and start at the level they're at, simply is not

realistic. I think that is not the case, and as faculty begin to look genuinely at the private sector, I think they're going to find that it just isn't there either. This thing is hitting everybody.

Q: The image of the University System has obviously declined. What can you do to improve this image?

D: Tell me what you mean by that, because I don't think the image of the University System has obviously declined. In fact, I think it has increased.

Q: There has been some bad press, well, the article explaining the 300 faculty members that were making over \$45,000; that's not really good.

D: That's at odds with the faculty that claim they're all going to jump into the private sector, when the biggest number of people who make more than \$40,000 are all housed in the university.

Q: This is as far as the taxpayers perspective.

D: Oh, oh. I see.

Q: And they will look at the Chancellor at Milwaukee, and the problems over there.

D: Oh. I see. Alright. I thought you meant it's academic quality image.

I hear all of that, but I do not really see that around the country. What you're talking about is that while the University sees itself as being shorted in funds, and not getting enough money from the government, there are

aspects of public stories that suggest to the average worker and taxpayer that the University has plenty of money because of the salaries paid to the highest paid faculty and administrators.

Q: There have been some accusations that, not knowing what your background was before you became governor, they'd never know it was education. They think that you might be feared to say more for education for fear of favoritism, or (maintaining) impartiality.

D: I've tried not to do that. In fact, I get a mixed bag. I've had some people say that you favor education. Well, as a matter of fact, when I first put the cuts through, 4.4, I tried to do it across the board. I tried to tag education just as hard as the schools and every other program.

That was first denied; that the authority given to me by the legislature was not upheld in the courts.



...Dreyfus

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Gary LeBouton

Then I went to the legislature and said here again, do it equally, keep the priorities the same.

The legislature said no, that we're going to cut the University 4.4, but we won't cut the schools, 3.0, in that case, and we won't cut the cities as much.

Now I wind up having to make that up. Therefore where do I cut? State government, what's left.

Half of state op's is the University, and since I don't have the option of a balanced budget. So in one sense, for a while there they were saying "AH ha", look what's happened.

I had Senator Risser saying here's the worse administration for the University in the history of the University.

Then a week later, when it turns out that the Secretary of Administration had, in fact, pointed out that the one, the University didn't take 4.4, they charged the students a \$30 surcharge, which meant they really took about a 3.3. Then when the next cut came through, (Department of Administration Secretary Kenneth) Lindner found, said look, here's federal money, or here's money in an account for fringe benefits where you had over budgeted.

Instead of taking that money away from you, we'll let you keep that, and that will help mitigate this.

Then I got charged with favoritism, and by the same senators in the same parties, and that I tended to look on as political rhetoric, once I hear two different points of view and charges coming out of the same political party.

Q: Hindsight is 20/20 and not always good. Giving back the surplus was a decision you made.

D: Yes.

Q: In retrospect, was that a wise move?

D: Absolutely. In fact I'm amazed now at legislators who say he gave it back.

As I remember, the vote to give back the surplus was four votes short of unanimity in both houses.

It was unanimous in the Senate, and it was minus four in the Assembly. There's no question in my mind that if that surplus had been there, we'd have thrown that money around in a pile of favorite programs.

We would have created programs, had greater expectations than we have now, that we would now be faced with cutting back.

We would now be faced with cutting the very expectations we set in motion.

They question my mind about it. There is no way in which you could have a cookie jar with a lid on it that's strong enough that it would have saved it.

Secondly, I think that with the ravages of inflation, the people themselves needed that money to offset inflation.

So at least for a year, Wisconsin citizens didn't feel inflation like anybody else. And it created 6,700 jobs in this state, which was pretty handy. You put that whole run together, that becomes absolutely critical.

The last point is this: every time I hear some bleeding legislator saying its gone forever, and we shouldn't have given it back.

They can have it back. I don't know why they think its gone forever. Absolutely not!

It can be taken back from the people, but this time if they want to put that tax back to get it, this time they must vote for it.

They don't get the free ride they got from inflation with nobody voting for it.

I've got the Senate majority leader (William) Bahlitch who, in the tenure he's been in this senate, has never had to vote for a tax increase on the people. That's very handy.

This time I've got it back to where we're talking about taxation by representation, not inflation.

If he wants that money back, all he's got to do (is) put in a bill, raise the tax rates, and re-raise the taxes of the people, and you can get the money back.

Q: Reagan's recent budget cuts take 25% from aid programs. Will a tight budget philosophy fail to meet the human needs?

D: Well, the problem is that sooner or later you are going to have to define the human need. How far?

I've never seen anyone adequately define what is

a principle an acceptable level. But there's no question that with tight money, federal, state, and local, that we are going to finally have to get to a point of setting priorities. And the time has come in this country where we are going to have to define what are our most essential needs and who are the most needy.

Q: There have been accusations made that the Central Administration will cut other areas before they will cut their own staff. Will it take a Governor's directive before they'll cut themselves?

D: First of all, there would never be such a Governor's directive; flat out. A Governor should not be running the University. I felt that way as a chancellor. I feel the same as Governor.

Whether or not the Central Administration will cut its own staff is a matter within the University system. We have a board established to look at that.

I believe that appointees, and particularly mine, are going to be very sensitive to anything that is going to put



a stress on administration over what happens in the classroom.

Q: Just one more question. As an educator, or rather, as chancellor, you should know where some of the fat might lie within the system. Where...can the budget be trimmed?

D: Well, I haven't been that close to the budgets, and as I remember my own budgets at Stevens Point, I really question the word "fat".

In some cases, I think it is now at a point because of the so called savings, it isn't "fat" we're looking for really, its a matter of saying "find out what is quite not as important and make the priority decision".

Every time, for example, when the University came in with a program, let's say minority access money, and I denied that. What I'm saying to them is don't tell me that we must add money for minority access, because to tell me that is to tell me that every single program in the University is of a higher priority than serving minority students.

If they're going to say that, I want them to say it up front and publicly, and they'll hear what the public reaction is.

So when I deny that, I'm saying I assume you'll do that, because that's very high priority.

Now you decide what is it you've been doing that's been nice, but it is not that essential, and what are we going to back off of.

The only place, I suspect, that you get fat in any kind of a system of civil service and tenure is that you do get some people that once they're in a permanently protected status become non-productive. Not a lot. Not as much as I think the general public believes, but you do get some, and they really aren't working all that hard, and they aren't doing all that much work.

They're not as easily followed as our garbage trucks in Milwaukee, but if they were, I'm sure there would be similar kinds of articles.

Q: From Governor, do you go back into education?

D: That's my goal. I miss my teaching. I miss the campus. I will teach some things differently. I've done some teaching out here on the hill.

Every so often I get a shot at it, and I really, absolutely, still enjoy it. And my goal, ultimately, is to return to Stevens Point.

I have my home there, I still vote there, and technically, ah, I still have tenure there. If I run for another term, well, that's another matter.

Q: Is that your decision then, that you're going to run?

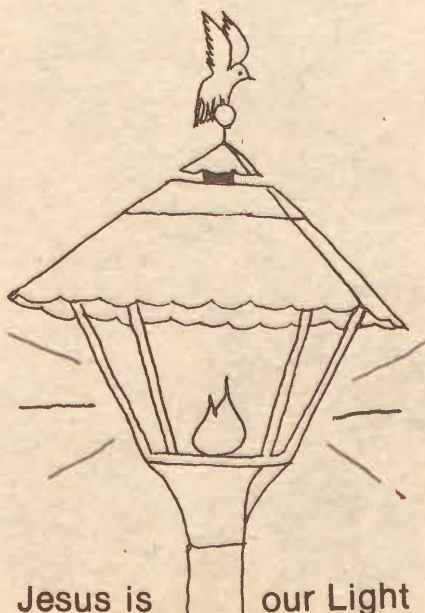
D: No, that is a decision I wouldn't make probably until close to a year from now.

Q: Or, if you really beat Kasten, and Kasten beat Nelson. Are you going to go after Proxmire?

D: Ha, ha, ha. You know, I finally got to a point where I said so often that I wasn't going to find a good answer. My intention is to come back to Stevens Point after doing what I came down here to do, and its an intention that's mutually held by the Democrats who would like to send me back just as soon as they possibly can.



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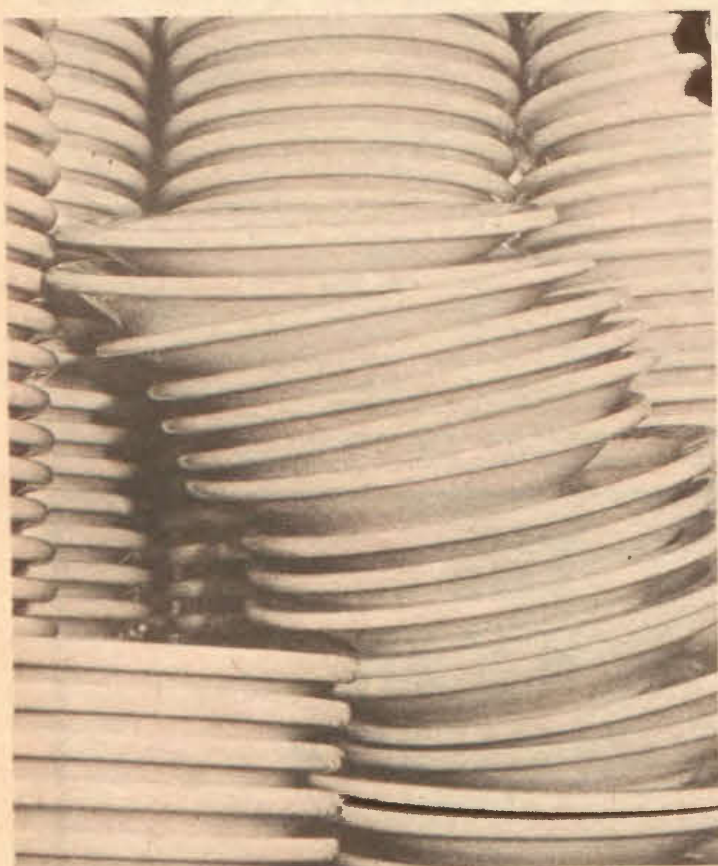
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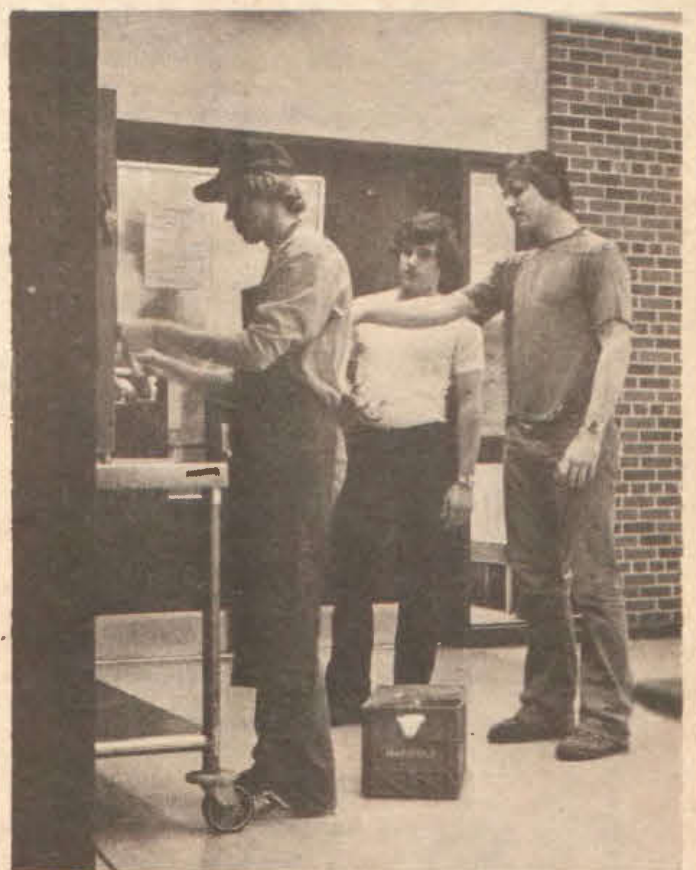
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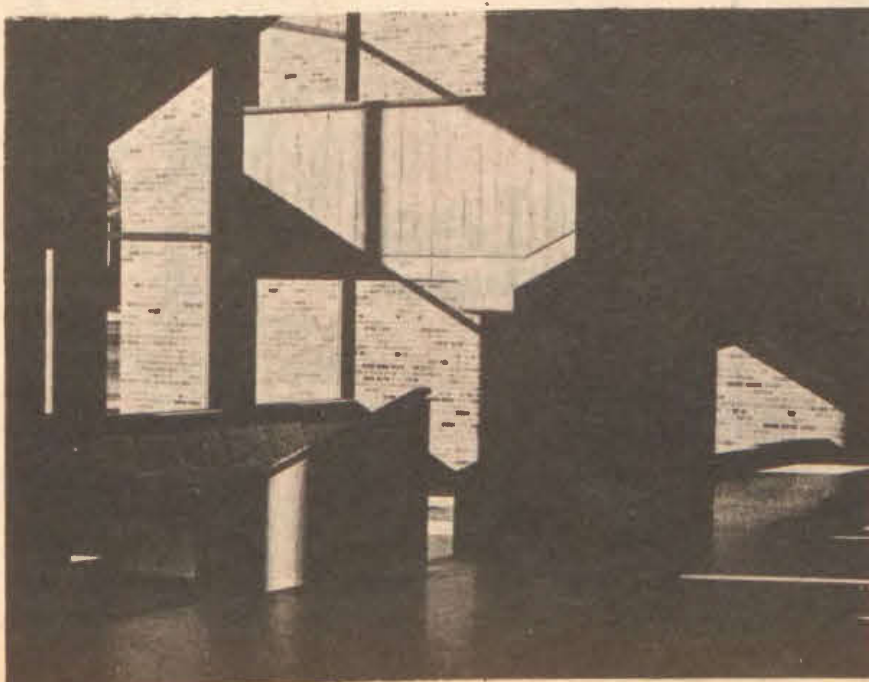


JUDY SOCHA readies herself to serve the students their dinner.

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Allen Peterson*



DENNIS KAYE prepares the milk dispenser so that the students can partake in this luscious liquid.



THE HALLOWED halls of Rodli are silent before the dining rooms open in the morning.

RF English professor to retire

By MARY McCONNELL

Marion Hawkins, professor of English, will retire from teaching at the end of this school year. She will retain an office on campus, and remain active in the Honors Committee, the Alumni Committee, and the Faculty Women's Club.

Hawkins is a Charter Member of Pi Kappa Delta, a national speech fraternity established in 1936. She is also an original member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English and the Irish Cultural Institute. She is an honorary member of Delta Kappa Pi and a member of the AAUP and TAUF.

Among the honors Hawkins has received are recognition in Who's Who Among American Women, the Dictionary of American Scholars, the Dictionary of International Biography.

"The highest honor was being named Campus and District Teacher and Distinguished Alumnus, 1972," Hawkins said.

Hawkins graduated from UW-River Falls in 1938, with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and history. As a student, she was active in speech, oratory, debate and drama, participated in sports, and was a

sports reporter for the Student Voice. She was a member of the group that founded the Student Senate, helping draft the constitution, and serving as the first treasurer.

From 1938 to 1941, Hawkins taught English and speech in her first position, at New Richmond. She was chairman of the English Department at Monroe Senior High School in Monroe, Wis. from 1941 to 1944, and from 1944 to 1946 she taught English and journalism at Pulaski High School in Milwaukee.

In 1945, Hawkins returned to UW-RF as a substitute summer teacher in the speech department.

"That summer told me that teaching college students was what I wanted to do." She has been a full-time staff member since 1946.

The foreign student program has been one of Hawkins' interests, beginning with her teaching English to foreign students, and continuing for many years to serve as academic and social adviser. In addition, she was an adviser for the African Students' Union, and on the National Committee of the Council for Foreign Students' Travel and Study. In recent years, she has limited her work in this area to teaching Freshman English to foreign students.

"Working with foreign students has been a reciprocal thing, and has opened horizons, and confirmed for me the universal qualities of people," Hawkins said.

"In the latter part of my life, incorporating travel into my work has enabled me to vitalize literature," she said, having traveled widely since 1955 when she spent three months in Europe.

In 1969, Hawkins spent seven weeks in England, and in 1971 attended the Salzburg Music Festival. She taught for six months at the Copenhagen Cultural Center in Denmark as part of the UW International Study program. Other journeys have been to Norway, Sweden, Greece, England and Ireland, where in 1977, Hawkins experienced the atmosphere with which she now enlivens the Irish literature course she is teaching. "Drawing on the geography and history, I can visualize the timelessness of this culture to the students."

"It is important that I share these things in class, and in conversation."

In February, Hawkins traveled to the Orient, where she taught for four-and-one-half months at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei. She went as research professor, on a project

studying relationships between the landscape and the creative imagination of writers. She taught "Modern British Literature of 1890 to 1930," held a seminar in selected figures, and gave six public lectures. During her stay in the Orient she also visited Japan and Hong Kong.

Six travel journals written by Hawkins are in the campus library, and in addition she has written book reviews and abstracts. Several of her works are in other university libraries, such as Mankato State University, the University of Minnesota, and a university in Taiwan.

Her plans include compiling a history of the foreign student program at UW. She said she is looking forward to reading freely, attending concerts and plays, and pursuing her joy in nature and in walking, as well as seeing more of her family and friends.

A letter from the president of St. Cloud State University, who worked with Hawkins in debate, mentions the "dedication of Dr. Hawkins to the welfare of students as her top priority".

Hawkins said, "I enjoy the enthusiasm of students, and the marvelous exchange with them".



MARION HAWKINS

Educational T.V. to R.F. on ch. 55

By BOB WOLF

The Wisconsin Educational Television Network has completed the construction of a television translator 4.2 miles northwest of River Falls that will simulcast the television signal of WHWC-TV Channel 28 from Menomonie, Wisconsin to the River Falls-Hudson area.

Rebroadcast as Channel 55, the signal will cover a 12 to 20 mile radius from its location at Town Vally Road and Pine Lane, depending on the terrain.

James Kissinger, a regional representative for the WETN, said the translator "can serve 41,000 new residents assuming that these residents check with television servicemen about how to work UHF signals."

Kissinger said that the channels coming out of Minneapolis and St. Paul are VHF signals while Channel 55 is a UHF signal. UHF channels are 2 through 13 and UHF channels are 14 and up.

He said that to receive a UHF signal on a television, there must be a UHF antenna on the television.

The programming for Channel 55 is outlined by the Educational Communications Board.

Kissinger said there are basically three types of programming: instructional programming, children's programming and informational and cultural programming.

Instructional programming is geared for kindergarten through twelfth grade. It is broadcast from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the school year.

Children's programming includes shows such as "Sesame Street" and "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood."

Informational and cultural programming includes a variety ranging from opera and sports to comedy. It is broadcast starting at 6 p.m.

Kissinger said that Channel 55 is "definitely different from Channel 2 coming out of the cities. We provide a lot of Wisconsin programs that Channel 2 does not."

He said that the translator has been working at full power since February 11.

"Prior to February 11, we did some testing. As far as we know, we have had no problems. We still do not have the money to effectively monitor the translator so at this point, if we are off the air, we won't know unless someone calls."

He said the engineering and equipment costs for the translator is \$38,830.

"Basically, this is paid for by state and federal funds. Several years ago this project went through the state legislature. The building commission said that

they would provide 50 percent of the cost if a federal fund of 50 percent could be achieved."

The project costs mentioned are just for equipment and the corresponding engineering, Kissinger said. At this point, there is no projection for operating costs.

He said there has been a reduction of funds from public broadcasting funds.

"We have also had a 5.8 percent cut in state funds," He said that there is also a personnel problem with only part-time having been hired.

The station programming has

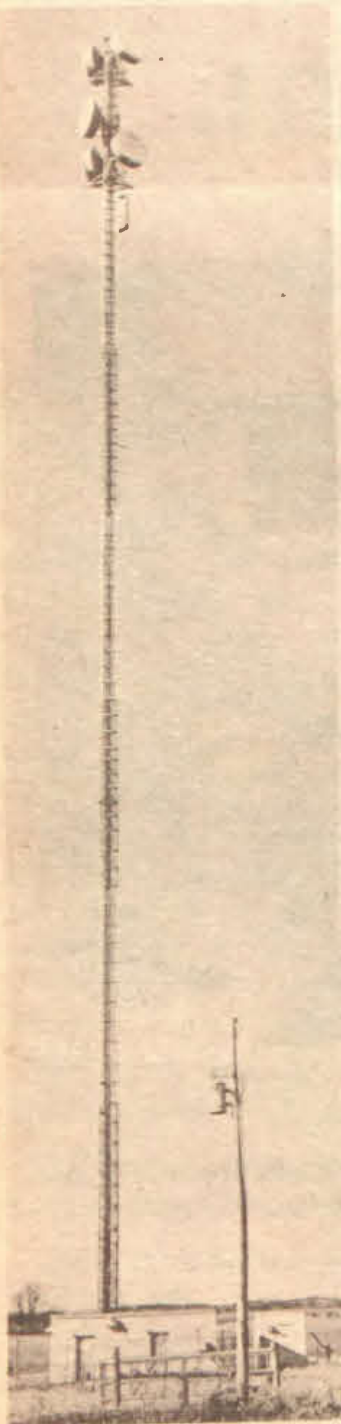
just completed programming called "Festival Nights."

"We have been going to the public in between programs and asking for financial help," he said.

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The UW-River Falls Concert Choir will travel throughout the midwest during their annual spring tour, Sunday through Friday.

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Metropolitan United Church has what is thought to be the United States' largest church organ, said Elliot Wold, Concert Choir director.

Dale Kramer, the church organist, will be assisting the choir with some of the pieces in their 16-song repertoire during their stay in Detroit.

The choir will perform in two other Wisconsin communities during the bustrip back to River Falls, Friday evening.

Two mini-concerts, and six full concerts are on the tour schedule, to be performed for both community and high school audiences.

'Home from tour' concerts will be given Sunday, April 5 at 3 p.m., and Thursday, April 9 at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

Department plans April Fool's concert

by Laura Bacon

Satire, funny take-offs and humorous music will be part of an April Fool's concert April 7 in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

"It is a tradition we revived," said Donald Nitz, Chairman of the department of music. The last such concert was in 1972.

What is an April Fool's concert?

"We don't know what it is

yet," Nitz said, "I'm getting a student group together to do something. Robert Samaratto usually does an Italian clarinet number, and the Beldenville Symphony Orchestra will perform 2001: A Space Odyssey."

"It's kind of unplanned," he said. "We hope to have an emcee who can tell jokes."

To get acts for the show, Nitz said the show was advertised within the music department.

"It's a mix of faculty and

students," he said, "This time, mostly faculty."

Auditions for the show are informal; those interested should contact Nitz for more information.

Tickets for the show will cost \$2, and will be available at the door. Some advance sales, however, will be made through the music department. Profits from the concert will go to the music department's scholarship fund, Nitz said.

Musicians tour Great Britain

By KIT KIEFER

When the UW-River Falls Concert Band travels to Great Britain this summer, it will bring with it "Pure Americana" in its composition and its repertoire, said concert and tour band director W. Larry Brentzel.

The tour band is composed of 50 Concert Band members from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. Many have never been abroad.

Drummer Miles Andrews said, "I'm looking forward to exploring a new culture, trying to understand their dialect, and trying to survive their diet."

Lisa Klumb, another drummer, said she was extremely excited about the trip. She said she expects Britain to be much like the United States "only they'll do a lot of things differently."

Brentzel said the ensemble is "remarkably well-balanced" and "without doubt, the most musically proficient" of the three tour bands he has led.

The configuration of 23 woodwinds, 23 brass, and four percussion instruments represents almost perfect orchestration and extreme coincidence, Brentzel said.

"On each occasion when we've had a tour," he said, "some of the concert band membership is unable to travel. As a result, putting together one of these groups is like trout fishing: You lay your line in the water and you hope for the best. In this case, it couldn't have turned out better."

In addition to the "Star-Spangled Banner," the band will

play John Phillip Sousa's "Manhattan Beach" and "The Free Lance March," George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," Rogers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" and Leroy Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday."

"The program is admittedly entertainment-oriented," Brentzel said. "The mixed-bag audiences we get respond much more to this type of program than to the band's on-campus repertoire of contemporary American concert band literature."

Jane Poethke, Chris Oebser, Lance Paulson, Shawn Page, Rick Oebser, and Vic DePaulis will be featured soloists in certain pieces of the band's two programs.

Brentzel said the musical highlight of the tour will be June 2, when Major James Howe, a retired British bandmaster, will be guest conductor for the band's Middlesex concert.

Howe taught at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and wrote the "Pentland Hills March," a band standard.

The tour band will also perform at Brightside Community College, Brighton; Chesterfield High School, Crosby, Merseyside; Castle Douglas High School, Castle Douglas, Scotland; Gwent County Hall, Cwmbran, Wales; Tiverton School, Devon; and Brownhills

Comprehensive School, Staffordshire.

Instead of staying in hotels, band members will have seven two-day stays in homes, an arrangement Brentzel specifically requested.

"On our past tours, we had two or three home stays and they were always memorable," Brentzel said. "The people absolutely treated us warmly and affectionately."

Eighteen band members will continue to tour Europe on their own for up to a month and a half after the tour ends June 15.

Band members pay their own way. Promotion, posters, and a tour director are paid for out of the Student Senate's music tour fund.

Brentzel said that twice-weekly rehearsals are going extremely well.

"When we had one rehearsal per week last quarter, I was afraid we may have taken on too much repertoire," Brentzel said.

"Now I think by the first performance, we will be well-prepared."

The tour band will play on campus three times before leaving for England. On May 7 and 14, they will play their tour programs. Both concerts will be at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. The tour band will also perform at the Concert Band concert May 22.

calendar

Thursday, March 26

Recital, Deborah Reichman, Flute. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Fine Arts.
Concert, Gambler's Rose. 8 p.m. Student Center Ballroom, cost \$1.50.

Exhibit, "Stonehenge," a photographic portfolio by Paul Caponigro. On display in the Gallery 101 Showcases, Fine Arts, until April 1.

Exhibit, The Ronnie and Nancy Theme Show, in Gallery 101, Fine Arts Building.

Saturday, March 28

Bus trip, sponsored by HUB, Minneapolis IDS Building exhibit.

Sunday, March 29

Movie, "The Electric Horseman," 8 p.m. North Hall Auditorium. Cost \$1.

Tuesday, March 31

Backgammon Tourney, 6:30 Student Center.

Wednesday, April 1

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Movie, "2,000 Leagues Under The Sea," 8 p.m., Ratskellar, free admission.

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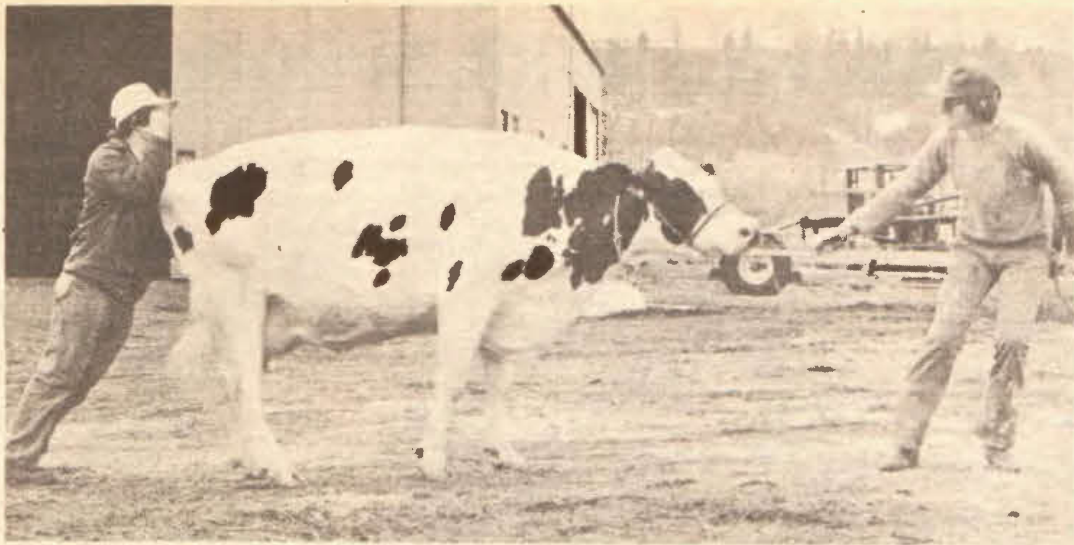
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TWIN RIVER FALCON CLASSIC - Dairy Club members, (above), help out with a stubborn cow at yesterday's sale. Auctioneers, (left), were Tommy Morris and Norman Peterson. Photos by Mary Meysembourg.

Agriculture



Thursday, March 26

Quarter Horse Show Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Before Horseman's Meeting.

Wednesday, April 1

Crops and Soils Club, 7 p.m., Room 228, Ag Science Building, Speaker Dr. Richard Jensen on International Ag.

Block & Bridle Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 137 Rodli Commons, Officer elections.

Thursday, April 2

Falson 4-H Club meeting.

Summer horse clinic planned

A Horse Science Institute will be offered this summer at UW-River Falls.

The department of animal and food science will offer courses in horse management, training and showing, farrier science, first and second year equitation and riding school management. The courses, five and ten days in length, will be from June 15-26.

"Training and Showing the Reining Horse" will be conducted June 15-19 and "Farrier Training" will be conducted June 15-26. "Horse Management and Training", "First and Second Year Equitation" and "First and Second Year Riding School Instructor's Courses" will be conducted June 22-26.

The courses are designed for beginning and advanced horsemen of all ages. Topics to be covered will include first aid, diseases, lamenesses, nutrition and feeding, genetics and breeding, livestock agreements, insurance, taxation, and horses for equitation, pleasure, eventing, jumping, dressage, reining and cutting.

The institute teachers will be seven horse science professionals. Robert Anthony, experienced reinsman, will instruct the training and showing course. Anthony has trained eight American Quarter Horse Association Honor Roll Horses and is a leading winner in the National Reining Horse Association.

Jack Brainard, training and showing, will direct the western horse activities of the institute. Brainard has judged major horse shows in the United States and is the co-author of "Training the Reined Horse."

Larry Kasten, assistant professor of animal science at UW-RF will teach courses in training and management. Kasten is a director of the National Reining Horse Association and an A.Q.H.A. judge.

Sheilia Joosten, English horsemanship and show jumping, will instruct English equitation, jumping, dressage and riding school management.

The institute veterinarian will be Dr. Vic Meyers, formerly an associate professor in the department of veterinary surgery and radiology at the University of Minnesota. He is an equine practitioner in Stillwater, Minn.

The institute farrier will be Helmer Undeberg, who has been shoeing horses for 25 years and is a specialist in corrective and pathological shoeing.

Jack Walsh, attorney at law, will present a series of lectures on related business aspects of horse enterprises. Walsh has experience in agricultural, banking, tax, real estate and livestock practice.

Group rates are offered to clubs and special enrollment rates are offered to high school and college students and 4-H horse project members and leaders. Some courses may be taken for college credit.

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Falcon's finish second.

By BRIAN BEEBE

The UW-River Falls men's and women's track team combined to set a Mitchell Hall Fieldhouse record in the sprint medley Friday at the UW-La Crosse coed relays.

Peg Kothlow, Dave Anderson, Kim Robey and Jim Leffler teamed up in the sprint medley to place first with a 3:53.9 clocking.

"We had some good running," said Warren Kinzel, head coach for the men's and women's squads. "The team did a good job. I won't point out any one individual."

Kinzel noted that the Falcons placed second as a team (men and women), although no team scores were kept.

The Falcon shot put relay team of Brenda Johnson, Julie Rice, Rick Fuhrman and Tim Welch placed second with a combined toss of 161-10 1/2.

Sandy Cryer placed first with a time of 11:30.8 in the open two-mile run. Cryer was the regional champion and an 18th-place finisher in AIAW Division II last fall for the UW-RF women's cross country squad.

The Falcon 880-yard relay team of Robey, Anderson, Kothlow and Mike DeBuhr placed third with a 1:43.0 clocking.

Mary Tronnier, Rick Bednarek, Jeri Goodspeed and Mike Ales combined in the 60-yard shuttle hurdles, placing fourth with a time of :36.7.

The 220-yard intermediate hurdles relay team of Ales, Bednarek, Goodspeed and Tronnier placed third with a 2:02.1 clocking.

The Falcon long jump relay of Robey, Tronnier, DeBuhr and Bednarek placed third with a combined leap of 71' 11'.

DeBuhr placed fourth with a leap of 39' 6" in the open triple jump and fourth with a time of 6.6 seconds in the 60-yard dash. Anderson was fifth and was also clocked at 6.6 in the 60.

Robey placed fourth with a time of 7.7 seconds in the 60.

Phil Rohner placed third with a 17:37.0 clocking in the two-mile walk.

Kothlow, Anderson, Robey and Dan Ueland placed second with a time of 3:54.5 in the mile relay.

Kinzel said it was a good time for the Falcons to do well, with the women's conference meet Friday and Saturday at La Crosse and the men's conference meet the following weekend. That meet is also at La Crosse.

"We got a chance to run on La Crosse's track," Kinzel said.



SEVERAL MEMBERS OF the women's track team prepared for their dual meet last week with UW-La Crosse.

Sports

Saxton chosen MVP

By DAVE NEWMAN

The UW-River Falls women's basketball team has chosen Pat Saxton as Most Valuable Player for the second consecutive season.

Saxton, a junior, has also been named to the WWIAC all-conference first team for the second straight season by the conference coaches.

During the season, Saxton set team season scoring and rebounding records. She scored 324 points, breaking the record Lori McCracken set last season of 253 points.

Saxton broke her own season rebounding record, pulling down 226 compared to 182 last season. She also set a single game rebounding record with 19 on two different occasions this season.

Falcon coach Judy Strachan said that Saxton is one of the three best players in the conference.

"There is no player in the conference who has done more for her team than what Patty has done for us. Whenever we needed a big play all season we went to Patty and she always did the job for us."

Saxton was also named co-captain for next season along with Marilyn Walsten. Walsten and Saxton are the Falcon's only returning starters for next season's team.



PAT SAXTON

Walsten set season records in both assists and steals this season. Her 82 assists broke the record set by Sandy Scott last season. Mindy Sandstrom also broke last season's record.

Walsten narrowly beat Saxton in the steals leadership with 52 to Saxton's 51. The old record was set last season by Sandstrom.

Freshman Lori Norton was voted the Falcons Most Improved Player. Norton scored 90 points and had 56 rebounds. She played both center and forward in a reserve role.

The Falcons Team Spirit Award went to senior Julie Graber. Strachan said that beside her role as a player, Graber sets the mood for the team.

"Julie is the one who gets everyone mentally ready to play. She's our motivator."

Benson to coach All-Star game

UW-River Falls head basketball coach Newman Benson will coach the Wisconsin State University Conference All-Stars in the second annual NAIA District 14 Senior All-Star game which will be played in University Arena at UW-Eau Claire Tuesday.

The WSUC All-Stars will face a team of All-Stars from the Wisconsin Independent Colleges Association at 8 p.m. The game will be preceded by a Junior College All-Star game matching the All-Star teams of the UW-Center System and the Wisconsin Technical Colleges Conference. That game will start at 6:30 p.m.

The District 14 Senior All-Star game will be governed by some NBA rules such as the 30-second clock, 12-minute quarters and a three-point shot.

Last year the WSUC All-Stars beat the WICA squad 102-96 with a strong third quarter of play.

One UW-River Falls player, Doug Fish, will play on the team. Other players include Eau Claire's Mike Morgan, Joe Merten and Jim Behnke, La Crosse's John Mickle and Pete Zaher, Stevens Point's Phil Rodriguez, and Bill Zuiker, Stout's Mike Devney and Herman Lewis, Oshkosh's Lionel Perkins and Platteville's Mike Gardner.

The WICA team will include Parkside's Reggie Anderson, Walter Green and Arthur Bright, Carroll's Kurt Albright and Tony Bland, Lakeland's Tracy Haig and Tom Hall, Milton's Lee Moosbrucker and Marlon Goulbourne, Northland's Ken Ferdinand and John Guidinger and St. Norbert's Marty Albers and Scott Krause.

Assisting Benson will be La Crosse's head coach Burt McDonald. The head coach of the WICA team will be Northland's Mark Bial. His assistants will be George Karling of Northland and Ken Rohde of Lakeland College.

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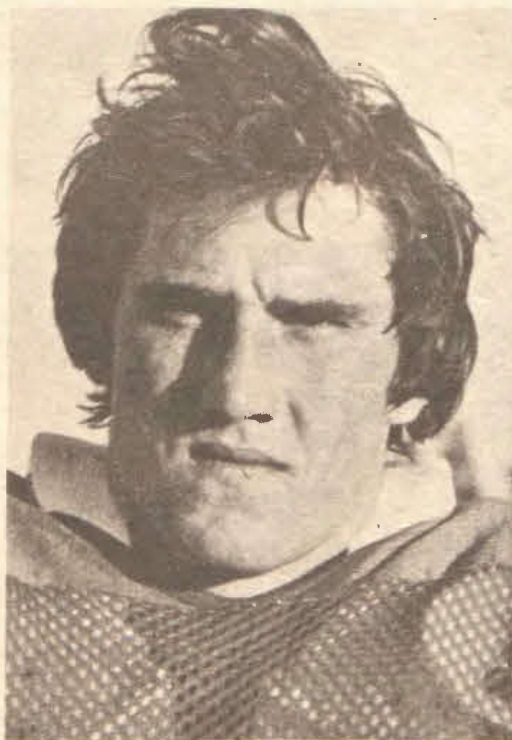
Meyer brothers alike; yet different

By DAN SWENSEN

"We each go our own ways here at school," said senior Gene Meyer about his sophomore brother Jim and himself. "Back home we are together, but we have our own friends."

Though Gene and Jim pursue different paths at UW-River Falls, they are similar in many respects. They both played linebacker on the same high school football team. Jim was catcher and Gene played third base on the baseball team. They attend UW-RF and plan to teach and coach in high school after graduation.

Both were participants in national tournaments; Jim in wrestling and Gene in football. And, of course, both enjoy hunting and fishing.



GENE MEYER

The two brothers are from Fall Creek, Wis. with a population of a little over 1000. In a family of four children, Gene, 22, is the oldest, followed by Jim, 20, and a younger brother and sister at home.

Through the years, they say the family has "been very supportive" of the boys' athletic achievements. The family traveled to the Falcon's national football playoff game in Texas and the national wrestling championships in Oklahoma. "I don't think they have missed more than one or two of my football games since high school," Gene said.

The small town of Fall Creek also seems to appreciate the two

athletes when ever they return home. When asked if the community considers them heros, Gene replied, "We get a warm welcome. I don't know if they think we're heroes. They (townspeople) seem proud to say they think we're heroes. They (the kids look up to you--if that's what you call a hero."

Jim, who recently was crowned the 1981 national 190 lb. wrestling champion, sometimes finds all the attention hard to handle.

"People I've never seen will come up and congratulate me. I don't know them and I'll probably never see them again. It leaves me wondering. It's all right, but it's hard to accept."

The Meyers' perspectives of athletics are also similar. Jim looks to sports as "something to conquer--something to be the best at," and Gene takes "sports as a challenge."

Gene explained his idea of a challenge, "Often you think of heroes, Gene replied, "We get a quitting, but it's very hard for me to accept that. So I force myself to stick with it. A quitter never wins."

Both looked to past high-school coaches as providing major inspiration to them in their sports.

Although sports are an extremely important part of their

lives, both are planning a career in high school teaching. Jim hopes to teach history while Gene is leaning toward agriculture.

"I like working with kids. I like it, but I'm not destined to it," Gene said, and then added that he would also enjoy coaching.

"I'd like to see them (the athletes) put their potential abilities to use." Jim would also like to coach.

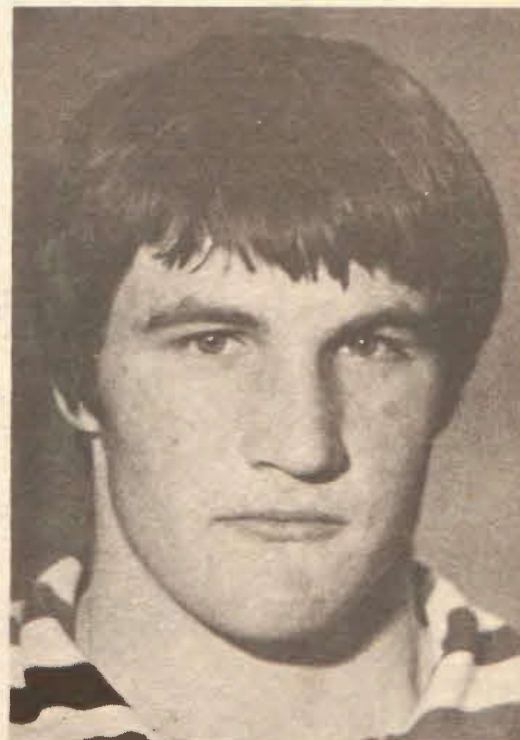
Jim hopes to "accomplish things as they come." Gene would merely "like to be represented by other people--for the person I am."

"People I've never seen will come up and congratulate me."

JIM

"Back home we are together, but we have our own friends."

GENE



JIM MEYER

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GARY LASZEWSKI PREPARES to return a ball in practice at the Crabtree courts. The Falcon's have their first match on Friday, March 27. Photo by Allen Pederson.

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Baseball team young and confident

Young, aggressive and enthusiastic is how a smiling Joe Ross, UWRF's head baseball coach, is describing his 1981 squad.

Ross is smiling these days because since the first day of workouts on March 5, he has seen constant improvement in his young, but enthusiastic group of players.

"We look better right now after just 18 days of practice than we did in mid-season last year. The players we have this year have really come to play baseball and seem to be enjoying the game much more," Ross said.

Co-Captain Jim Stapleton, a senior pitcher, added one more word to the description, "confident."

"This is my fourth season playing baseball here, and this is the first year I can realistically tell people we can win the conference. In previous years we have always said we could, but it had little probability of happening. This year however, I am confident that we really do have the potential to win the conference," Stapleton said.

Young is a key word in Ross's description of his team. Only eight of the 24 Falcons are veterans. Gone are last year's main offensive threats Joe Taney and Paul Gregor, plus the nucleus of last year's pitching corp. Yet, Ross feels he can fill the gaps.

"Gregor is tough to replace, but our two catchers, Jeff Linehan and Dan Berg, although inexperienced, are working hard and constantly improving. Taney's bat will be missed but all three of our first basemen, Steve Rogalinski, Tom Mauer and Brent Mason have the potential to equal Taney's output of last year.

Although last year's pitching staff was experienced, it was not healthy. Four of our lettermen last year struggled with sore arms. We will be young this



COACH JOE ROSS, (right background), looks on as Dan Korum, (batter), and Jeff Linehan (catcher) prepare for their season opener at Ramer Field. Also pictured are

Rusty Hellan, (left background), and Rick Ulber, (center background). Photo by Allen Pederson.

year, but so far we are completely free from injury," Ross said.

Rob Norris, one of four returning pitchers, agreed.

"This year, we have a much more detailed workout schedule for the pitchers, and

we are doing a lot more to insure that we stay healthy. I think we will be much improved over last year," Norris said.

"Overall, the teams throughout the conference are reporting that their pitchers are weak. I think that aspect of the game will be one of our strengths. I think Tom Hannaman is throwing like a pro prospect right now. The remainder of the staff is all healthy and all have talent. I feel I can pitch any one of my pitchers and get a good performance from them," Ross said.

Offensively, Ross expects to be quicker on the basepaths and have more balanced power at the plate.

"I expect Bob Wittman to hit six homeruns or better, and expect good power from Bob Kurtz, Doug Berfeldt, Linehan, Rogalinski and Mauer. Each of these hitters has the potential to lead the conference in homeruns."

Repeatedly, Ross acknowledged the confident and enthusiastic attitude that prevails throughout the team, and credited his captains, Stapleton and Kurtz, and Jose Ace'bal for it.

"Ace'bal has emerged as a team leader this year," Ross

said of his peppy shortstop. He has developed into the glue of our infield."

Ross himself may be one of the reasons the team is so positive about its outlook. Now, in his second year at the helm, he knows exactly what he is up against.

"I feel more comfortable with this year's group of players, and a lot more confident in them. I know the

conference better having been through a season, and I know the mistakes we made last year. However, once the games

begin, it's the players that will win, not the coach," Ross said.

The Falcons have a 37 game schedule planned, opening April 4 against St. Olaf. On April 12, they leave on their southern trip, and will return home to open conference play on April 21, against LaCrosse.

"I expect us to finish first in our conference if we continue to improve as we have and remain healthy," Ross said. Right now, we are underdogs; almost afterthoughts. By the end of the year, other teams should be thinking of us more prominently."

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