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WEATHER

FRIDAY

Partly sunny with a high of 70 degrees and a low of 51 degrees.

WEEKEND

Saturday: Afternoon showers with a high of 76 degrees and a low of 50 degrees.

Sunday: Partly sunny, windy with a high of 64 degrees and a low of 43 degrees.

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Staszak says Senate needs change

Jason Egerstrom
Staff Writer

Student Senate President Grant Staszak made final comments about his one-year term of leadership at the Student Senate's final meeting Tuesday.

A few weeks ago, Staszak announced that he would not seek re-election; however, he failed to answer any questions as to why he made the decision. Tuesday he tried to answer some during the meeting's open forum.

"I'm sad to leave, but (as for) my ability to work with Senate...I wasn't capable," Staszak said.

He criticized the Senate for a

lack of professionalism outside of United Council meetings.

"An example of the lack of professionalism is that many senators think this is a high school council that organizes prom and homecoming...It's not that way," Staszak said.

Staszak went on to include himself in some of this lack of professionalism.

"There has to be work before

pleasure," Staszak said. "At times there was pleasure before work."

comments. They believed many of his remarks were unfair.

"He was the one that moved out after the by-laws meeting," Sen. Brad Holmberg said, referring to the lengthy meeting in which the Senate discussed its constitution by-laws.

Staszak also

criticized the Senate's poor communication.

"Me moving out of the office (is

an example)," Staszak said. "I did not do a good job, but neither did Senate."

Sen. Francine Doolan was anxious to discuss the difficult task of talking to Staszak.

"Ask most people on campus who they'd rather talk to - Grant or other senators," Doolan said. "Three times this week he looked at me straight in the eye and then looked away."

Sen. Jennifer Mundt agreed that Staszak does not have great social skills.

"He is awesome in terms of his knowledge, standing up for stu-

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"Many senators think this is a high school council which organizes prom and homecoming...It's not that way."

-Grant Staszak, Senate president

A slew of senators willingly gathered after the meeting to discuss their reactions to Staszak's

Small triumphs give hope

After a brain injury that should have killed him, Scott Danielson is trying to recover with the help of his family.

Sarah Colburn
News Editor

As other students pack up their books to return to Textbook Services, Mary

Danielson packs up her son's literature, math and teaching books knowing full well he may not need them for awhile.

"The hardest thing I've had to do so far is stack up his books to return," Mary said. "He had his goals. He really stuck it out, and we're so proud of him. He kept his grades up when many of his friends were dropping out of school."

It is that persistence that gives the family hope that 19-year-old UW-River Falls student Scott Danielson will recover from a brain injury that could have killed him.

Danielson, a sophomore math major and coaching minor, now struggles just to pick up a pencil, hold a ball and move his legs.

On March 13, Danielson went to the Karges Center gym for his daily game of basketball with

some friends and faculty and staff members. Dan Walrack, one of Danielson's basketball buddies, said when Danielson developed a headache behind his eye during the game, the other players had him sit out for awhile.

"He was stumbling around; he didn't look good," Walrack said. "I saw him get up and stumble out to the drinking fountain, so I left the game to see how he was doing."

Brent Greene, assistant director of Facilities and Operations, had also been playing basketball that day and took action as soon as he saw Danielson.

"When I got to the hallway Dan was with him; I took one look at his face and called the ambulance," said Greene, who stayed by Danielson's side until help arrived. "I didn't think he was even going to make it to the hospital."

By the time the ambulance arrived Danielson had passed out. He was rushed to the River Falls Area Hospital but could not be airlifted to a Twin Cities hospital because of bad weather.

Mary Danielson said St. Paul Ramsey hospital sent an ambulance to River Falls equipped to deal with her son's condition; he was then transported to the Twin Cities for treatment. Upon arrival,

he underwent four-and-a-half hours of brain surgery.



Scott Danielson

Test-taking tricks Superstitions abound among students

Todd Schierenbeck
Staff Writer

When it comes to taking tests, 21-year-old Jessica Buri doesn't worry. Whether it's a final in physics or a pop quiz in English, she doesn't sweat taking a test at all. As long as she has her lucky pencil.

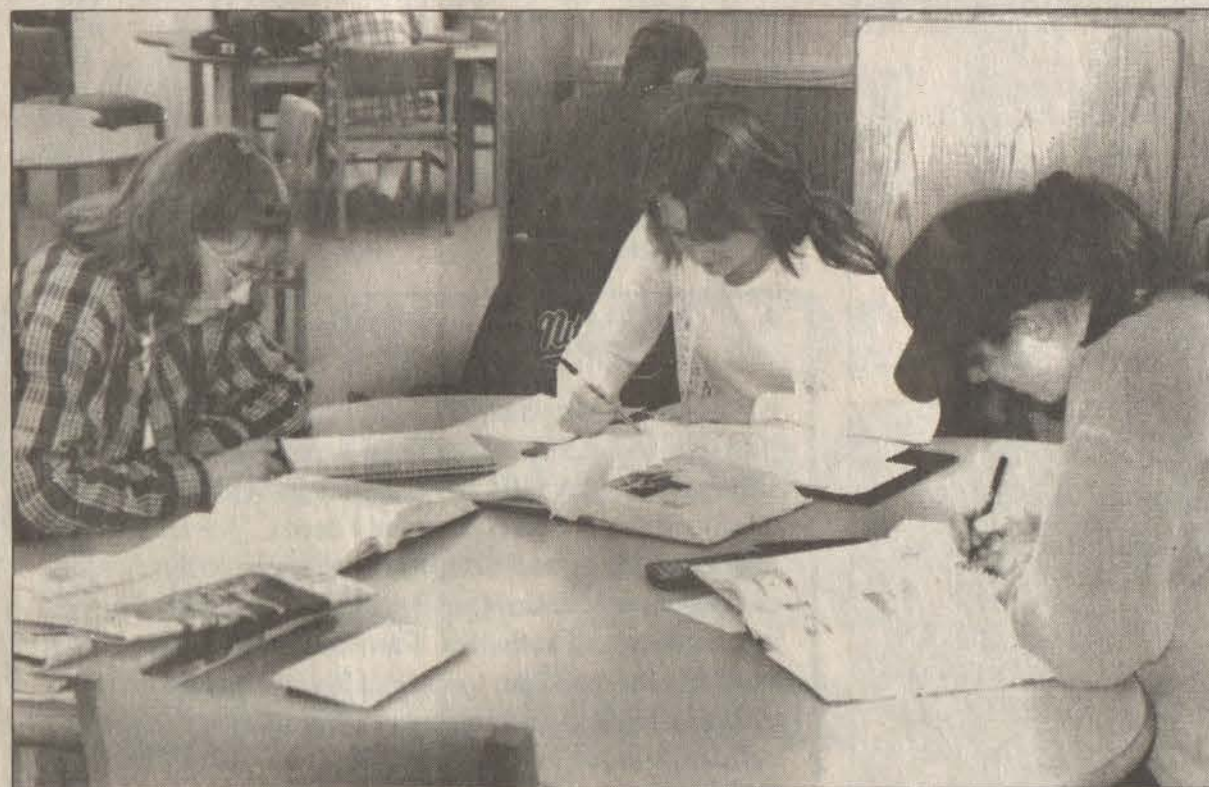
"I've had the same pencil all semester - I did my first assignment this semester with it and I take every test with it," she said. "I always have it in my backpack. Even when I'm not using it, I either have it pointed at me or my books. And it works."

Sophomore Paul Diederich, a 19-year-old art major, also has a trick for luck. Whenever he receives a chain e-mail (of the "forward 10 copies to your friends and watch the good luck roll in" variety), he always tries to send out the copies before a test.

"I think I need all the luck I can get from forwarding these things," he said.

Junior Sarah Millfelt said that

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Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

These three students got an early jump on studying for finals Wednesday at the library. From left to right, they are sophomore biology major Jill Stiever, sophomore broad field science major Tammy Nelson, and sophomore animal science major Carla Reid.

New president will take office despite flawed process

Jason Egerstrom
Staff Writer

Kris Koch was voted 1997-98 Student Senate President Wednesday following a special Student Senate meeting and lengthy discussion of broken election rules.

Koch has never been a student senator but worked closely with Senate as the Leadership Development and Programming Board chair.

Koch nearly had to run in an additional election to become president. The voting process by which Koch was elected was run very poorly by the Senate, President Grant Staszak said.

Presidential candidate Theresa Zirbel, who lost in Monday's primary voting, sent a letter to Staszak Wednesday afternoon requesting action be taken against some broken election rules.

Zirbel notified the Senate that some students didn't receive their sample ballots one week ahead of time, as required in the UW-River Falls Student Association Election Rules.

"(Students) off-campus received their sample ballots between May 13 and 14," Zirbel wrote. "This is clearly not a week in advance."

Staszak immediately called an emergency executive committee meeting to discuss Zirbel's concerns.

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Tips for better tests

The weeks leading up to finals are always a busy time at the UW-River Falls Career and Counseling Center, and not just because of seniors terrified at the thought of graduating.

Finals week and the crunch time leading up to it are among the most stressful times of the year for college students, who are often overwhelmed by the requirements of their classes and jobs.

"Students come in here to talk about their procrastination, and they talk about being depressed because they don't think they'll make their goals," said John Hamann, director of the Career and Counseling Center. "Many times, they have relationship problems too because the stress is so high. There's a lot of crankiness and a lot of arguments, blaming and acting out."

One thing students can do to reduce stress (actually tension, which causes stress) is to set their priorities and act on them.

"The first thing they should do

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOOD CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS WANTED Round trip transportation provided to help clean up flood damage. Fri., May 23 to Sun., May 25 in the Minnesota and North Dakota flood areas. To sign up for information contact Charlie Corcoran at 426-5100.

NEW INVESTMENT CLUB a proposal for the establishment of the new club welcomes faculty, staff and students at UW-RF. The objective of this club will be to educate members about investment principles, goals and strategies to achieve those goals. Interested individuals should contact Reza Rahgozar at 425-3335 in the Business Administration Office, 315 North Hall.

ROCK CLIMBING WALL OPEN in Knowles. Not open Sundays any longer. Open Mondays and Thursdays 7-9 p.m. or 10 p.m. Closing time depends on the number of people on the wall at closing time. No experience necessary and equipment is provided. Cost \$3.50 UW-RF students and kids under 12. \$5 for others.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND PROGRAM applications for Spring semester 1998 are available in the Office of International Programs, 225 Hathorn Hall. Contact Yolanda Dewar at 425-4891.

EVENTS

BADGER AUDITIONS will be held May 17, all day, in the Abbott Concert Hall 129 and 134.

RIVER FALLS H.S. SPRING CHORAL CONCERT will be held May 20 in the Abbott Concert Hall under the direction of Roger Tweiten. Time to be announced.

GERMAN HONORARY SOCIETY the Kappa Rho Chapter at UW-RF held its third local initiation ceremony on May 8. The Society promotes those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal redeeming value and which contribute to man's eternal search for peace and truth. The Honor Society is open to students who maintain an overall B average in all subjects and B+ in German.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

HELMUTH F. AND ELSEN. ARPSS SCHOLARSHIPS deadline June 4, 1997. Applicants must be residing in Calumet County, Wis. who have graduated from a Calumet County High School and will be an undergraduate student during the 1997-98 academic year. For further information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

SPRINT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP deadline June 30, 1997. Applicants must have maintained a GPA of 3.5 in undergraduate study. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

E.H. MARTH FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES scholarship deadline July 1, 1997. Applicants must display an interest in dairy, food or environmental science and be a Wisconsin resident. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP deadline June 30, 1997. Applicants must currently be enrolled in a nursing, medical doctor or EMS program and a full-time student. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP deadline May 23, 1997. Applicants must be a Clark County resident and completing their first year of college and have at least 24 credits by June 1, 1997. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY:
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CLUB meets first and third Tuesday of each month in 337 Ag Science Building.
GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE meets at 3:30 in the St. Croix room of the Student Center.

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

Anyone who would like to submit a brief, meeting or event to be published in the Student Voice for next fall, should submit it in writing to 213 South Hall. Deadline for submissions is noon on Mondays. Submissions will run under the discretion of the Student Voice editorial board.

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Grades, topic of senate discussion

Penny Huntington
News Editor

After much debate and a split motion, the Faculty Senate voted Wednesday to continue the current process in distributing incomplete grades.

Currently, incomplete grades are given to a student under special circumstances. Faculty members have the choice to change the incomplete grade to a letter grade whenever they feel necessary.

The motion, which failed 12-7, would have called for incomplete grades, which have been given by faculty, to automatically be changed to a grade of "F" on the last day of classes of the following semester, not counting summer, unless the faculty member had submitted a

letter grade by then or requested an extension. The faculty member would then be provided a list each semester of incompletes that they had given and not yet changed to a letter grade.

Faculty Sen. Rik Seefeldt, chair of the psychology department, expressed his view toward a change in the current system.

"I hate to think that I have been around long enough to be able to give a little history to this," Seefeldt said. "But this system has been used before, and it worked. I don't see why it wouldn't work again."

However, other senators disagreed and expressed their disapproval of the new system.

Faculty Sen. Philip George of the animal and food science department expressed his opposition to the change.

"I oppose this new system," George said. "I feel comfortable

with the current system. As part of the faculty, I am responsible for my grades, and no one else has the responsibility to change those grades."

The Faculty Senate was also addressed by Student Senate President Grant Staszak as to the issue of change.

"Several students have addressed me with concern of the change and what it would do to faculty/student relationships and what it would do to grade point averages once the grades are changed to F's," Staszak said.

Faculty Sen. Faye Perkins, of the health and human performance department, felt that a change would complicate processes.

"I think that an incomplete grade shows some sort of flexibility between faculty and students," Perkins said.

In other Faculty Senate news:

Welfare plan raises community concerns

Penny Huntington
News Editor

Laura Wittmann, a single mother who lived in poverty as her daughter grew up, is now an advocate for Women in Poverty and Public Education. Her speech filled the Regents Room of the Student Center Monday with faculty, students, and residents from Minnesota and Wisconsin. She was the keynote speaker for the Policy Forum on Poverty and the Impact of the Wisconsin Works plan.

"Wisconsin Works" is Wisconsin's new welfare plan that was enacted into state law, May 1996. Its implementation eliminated the federal program "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" and set precedent for a new system to help needy families: "Temporary Assistance to Needy Persons."

Wittmann said a single parent with two children (one in daycare and one in school) can't sustain a family on minimum wage. She said a single parent would have to earn at least \$9.00 per hour.

"Temporary Assistance to Needy Persons" gives states the ability to craft their own welfare plans with some requirements. "Wisconsin Works," also known as W-2, is scheduled to be imple-

mented in September 1997, but parts of the bill have already been put into action and it is often described as a work in progress.

A number of changes have been made since the bill was signed, and policies and rules are still being written.

According to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, the most common perception of Wisconsin's poorest families is that they are likely to be families on welfare. However, the Center estimates that among Wisconsin's 94,000 families living in poverty with children, nearly 70 percent of the families have a family member who is working.

"There just isn't enough being done to help the families with children," Wittmann said.

With 51.1 percent of the state's African-American children living in poverty, Wisconsin has the second highest poverty rate of all the states. Wisconsin also has the highest percentage of Asian-American children living in poverty in any state with 48.1 percent. Wittmann said these numbers are real and several factors contribute to them.

Currently, the state of Wisconsin lacks the amount of quality, affordable daycare needed to help single mothers who want to work.

"Those women who can find jobs are often faced with the grim

fact that the daycare for their children isn't sufficient," Wittmann said.

She added that other factors contribute to the need for welfare reform. More than 700 women from the Milwaukee area were asked why they continued to stay on "Aid to Families with Dependent Children," and more than half of them responded that wages were too low for them to sustain a family. Others listed lack of education, safe/affordable daycare availability, medical insurance and insufficient or no child support, Wittmann said.

"Not only is a high school degree necessary, but some sort of college education is needed - preferably a four-year education," Wittmann said. "Unfortunately this isn't realistic for many of the families in need."

According to the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, in order to provide economic security for low-income families, Wisconsin should retain eligibility and expand coverage to all uninsured, low-income children through the age of 18. The state should also add education and training opportunities for "Wisconsin Works" participants.

Karen Fox Folk, assistant professor in the School of Human Ecology and University of Wisconsin Extension, UW-Madison, spoke out on the W-2 program.

A process for developing an enrollment management plan was discussed.

According to the plan, the objective of the enrollment management is to recruit an entering freshman class by fall semester 2000 of which 76 percent rank in the top 40 percent of their high school classes. The plan also calls for 36 percent of the incoming freshman rank in the top 20 percent of their high school classes. In addition, the entering classes should have mean ACT scores which exceed the Wisconsin average in English, math, reading and scientific reasoning.

The Faculty Senate will meet one last time, next Wednesday, to elect new officers, discuss communicative disorders becoming a minor and to wrap up the academic year.

Folk said the aim of the program is to integrate welfare recipients into the work force by conditioning the receipt of benefits.

"The ultimate goal is to provide self-sufficiency through unsubsidized employment," Folk said.

Under the W-2 program, there will be certain eligibility requirements that participants will need to meet. For parents with children who have incomes at or below the poverty line (\$14,927 per year), a 60-day Wisconsin residency requirement and job search and training will be considered in the eligibility selection process, Folk said.

Other provisions, such as education and supplementary benefits (i.e. food stamps, health care), will be implemented into the W-2 program, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.

Although the ultimate goal of the "Wisconsin Works" program is to help needy families with children, Wittmann said that she doesn't agree with the program in the stage that it is in.

"There are many things that need to be examined in this program," Wittmann said. "Too many people will be affected by this and what we need to do is make sure that all of the kinks are ironed out."

Technology crimes are on the rise

Sarah Colburn
News Editor

A thief got away with almost \$10,000 worth of electronics equipment from the Educational Technology Center in Ames. One of the items stolen was a data/video projector valued at \$5,000. According to reports, the last time the projector was seen was Nov. 23, 1996. All the stolen equipment was available for student checkout but at the time no one had borrowed any of it.

In addition, two lap top computers were also stolen from the room. The computers are valued at \$4,568. The incident is still under investigation.

In other campus technology

crimes, a video camera valued at \$1,300 was stolen from room 124 of Karges Center. A professor used the camera for class on May 25 and put it on a shelf in the office. The professor left the room unlocked so a student could use the room to change, according to reports. When the professor returned to the room two days later the video camera was gone.

IN OTHER NEWS:
A chemistry department professor got an expensive surprise when he returned to his River Falls home this week.

The professor, who commutes, owns a home in River Falls and stays there after working late. According to reports, when the professor picked up his mail, he had a \$604 phone bill from

AT&T. Calls were made between April 19 and 28 to Jamaica, California and Illinois.

Police believe that either the perpetrator was inside the professor's house or the phone line was tapped into. According to reports, officers checked the doors and found that the locks could be picked with a credit card or knife.

The professor was urged to take the phone home with him in order to put a halt to the calls.

A hand-crafted wooden sign outside the Alpha Gamma Rho house was damaged on May 7. According to reports, the top half of the sign was broken off and repairs are estimated at \$900.

More cars in the K-lot were damaged this week. A 1988

Dodge Shadow was damaged in the lot on May 4. The owner left the vehicle in the lot and returned to find the driver's side rear view mirror hanging off the car. Damages are estimated at \$100.

In addition to the Dodge Shadow, damage was also done to a 1986 Plymouth Horizon.

The owner left the vehicle on May 5 and returned the next day to find the mirror hanging by cables from the car. Repairs are estimated at \$108.

Rebecca M. Hill, 433 Parker Hall, was cited for speeding on May 8.

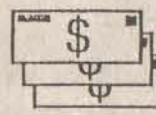
Becky L. Bauer, 331 Parker Hall, was cited for speeding on May 8.

Anthony J. Swason, 277 Hathorn Hall, was cited for possession of marijuana on May 11.

RESIDENT ASSISTANT

Alternative Living Services/WovenHearts of River Falls, provides assisted living residences that offer a warm, caring environment for those elderly individuals who require assistance with their daily needs. WovenHearts is in need of caring and compassionate individuals to assist our residents with their personal cares, light housekeeping, cooking and activities. Part-time positions are now available for the 11pm to 7am shift with the possibility of filling in day and evening hours. We offer on-the-job training, competitive wage, benefits and shift differential for 11-7am.

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Student handles more than the average workload

■ Samec has been accepted to a prestigious European University to study criminal profiling.

Anna Boisjoli
Staff Writer

Imagine going to work where the possibility of seeing a dead body, witnessing an autopsy or being on call for crime scenes is part of the job description.

Tony Samec has experiences like these weekly at his internship with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), in the Cold Case Homicide Unit. The cold case unit works on unsolved murders which are anywhere from 6 to 30-years-old.

Samec got his internship by attending the career fair on cam-

pus last fall. There was a representative from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety there. He finally heard from the bureau in January, and when he went in for an interview he was hired.

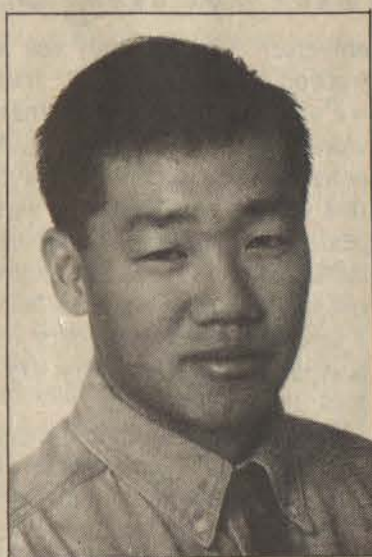
Samec encourages other students to get an internship.

"Go out and do things on your own, get applied experience," Samec said. "It has been invaluable for me. It gets you connections. Although the internship is unpaid, I could never pay for the experience and connections I'm getting from this."

Samec has received "hands on" experience through this internship. "Help go through old cases. I document all the times and places people met. It's a lot of paperwork."

There are task force meetings with the agencies that previously worked on the case, such as the Washington County Sheriff's De-

partment. Samec may go to the



Tony Samec

meetings and organizes case files. Since junior high school, Samec has wanted to work for the Fed-

eral Bureau of Investigation, and has always been interested in law enforcement. He says working with the cold case unit has given him experience in the field. He met the former president of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, now the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, someone he now talks to on a regular basis. He also works with one of only 24 criminal profilers in the nation. They look into the mind of a criminal and analyze characteristics.

Samec was only one of two students from the United States selected to attend the criminal profiling graduate program at the University of Liverpool in England. The University is the only graduate school in the world with this program.

"Getting accepted is like applying for med. school at Johns Hopkins," Samec said.

Samec explains the role of an

investigator.

Investigators cannot just begin working on a case, they must be asked by another city or county agency to assist in an investigation.

"We have to turn away more cases than we accept," he said. The unit solves one or two murders per year.

The cold case unit consists of a small group of experts. There are only three people working on a case, Samec said. An agent, an analyst and Samec. One member of the group, the special agent, is a sworn peace officer who is allowed to carry a gun and make arrests. That agent does much of the interviewing for a case.

Currently, the unit is working on preparing a case that goes to trial this summer about unsolved murders in the Stillwater, Minn. area. The man on trial is serving a sentence for other crimes he has committed.

Some may wonder how a crime can be solved after so many years.

"It's a double-edged sword," Samec said. "Memories, after 15-20 years tend to fade, people forget. On the other hand, some people may come forward. The bonds they had with people have broken, and there is not as much devotion to old friends."

Minnesota's Cold Case Homicide Unit and crime lab is one of the best in the nation, according to Samec.

Last fall *48-Hours* news magazine did a story on the unit, and just last week KARE 11 did a story about the upcoming Stillwater murder trial.

"We use the media extensively, he said. "It gets us new leads."

Samec will continue to work with the Cold Case Homicide Unit through the summer until he heads off to England in September for a one year masters program in criminal profiling.

Election / Unattended ballots

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Zirbel, an executive committee member, was not in attendance. She was out of town for her brother's graduation, Staszak said.

The committee discussed all of the concerns in Zirbel's letter.

For instance, Zirbel said in the letter that the polling stations in the Student Center and in Rodli "clearly limited student access to the polls for the primary election."

Zirbel said that polling sites opened up late for Monday's primary election and for Wednesday's election.

On Monday, polls didn't open until 11 a.m. when it was posted that they would open an hour earlier. On Wednesday, the polling station in Rodli opened 40 minutes late, at 4:20 p.m., Zirbel said.

Zirbel closed her letter to Senate notifying them that the Ballot Box was left unattended on Monday, May 12.

"The ballot box sat unattended in an unlocked Shared Governance Complex from noon to 12:35 p.m., as well as from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.," Zirbel wrote. "The box also sat out in the open in the Shared Governance Complex on numerous other occasions."

The executive committee met before the final ballots were counted to decide what to do.

They decided that Zirbel had legitimate concerns and something needed to be done to acknowledge the Senate's mistakes.

"Rules to govern elections were not followed," Staszak said. "There should be no blame on one individual...Blame the entire Senate."

Staszak talked about the

committee's options to deal with Zirbel's concerns.

"We have a couple of choices...we can go on and acknowledge the letter...or we can have a new election," Staszak said.

The committee decided to continue with this past week's election despite the major mistakes.

Mundt noted that senators who are running for positions will not be eligible to help work the polling places and said there would be little support from students.

A summer election was not recommended because of the importance of the new president to have that time to be trained, Sen. Natalie Parmentier said. A new election before summer was ruled out due to time constraints during finals week.

The executive committee made a final decision to write a letter of apology to Zirbel and to publicly apologize to students again in the *Student Voice* next fall. Also, postings of Senate's apology will be posted in all residence halls and at 10 various places around campus by Friday, May 16.

Meanwhile, Kris Koch is the newly-elected Student Senate president for 1997-98.

"We need to work as a team...with students...and with each other (on Senate)," Koch said.

Some of the topics Koch is ready to tackle include parking issues, advising and class availability, she said.

"I wanted to become president so I could be in the position to help solve problems," Koch said.

Koch won with 216 votes to MacGupit's 133. Theresa Zirbel received 51 write-in votes.

Heidi Hulloper will serve as the Senate's vice president.

Tests / Tricks range from lucky pencils to prayers

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her test-taking ritual originated from her mother.

"I always dress nice on test days because it makes you feel more competent," she said. "I also have a lucky pen, if that counts."

It does indeed. When it comes to taking tests, many students chuck logic and reasoning out the window. During finals week, stress escalates to the point that many students place faith in special tools or rituals to get them through.

It's not as if studying has been replaced by these rituals, but when you have a discrete mathematics final whose theories have eluded you all semester, you may find yourself looking for any edge you can find. And John Hamann, Director of the Career and Coun-

seling Center, said that superstitions and rituals may actually give students an edge, but not because of any magical powers.

"Some students do have superstitions that actually help them only because they believe in them," Hamann said. "If they had a superstition (or ritual) for taking tests and they didn't use it, they would do worse because they'd be anxious."

But when a superstition begins to run their life, that's when it becomes a problem.

Hamann said that superstitions are more often a crutch for students who are not confident in their own abilities.

"A superstition or a (ritual) could be considered as a minor aspect of obsessive-compulsive disorder, in that the person believes they have to do this in order for their environments to

be organized," he said. "When we don't have faith in ourselves, we look for something else to prop ourselves up with. I would contend that (superstitious students) have less faith in themselves than they should."

Many of us have probably said a quick prayer before a test we didn't feel knowledgeable on; petitioning a higher power for grace is perhaps one of the oldest rituals in the book.

"I pray sometimes," said Steve Grosskreutz, a 36-year-old graduate student.

"If I have a really hard test, sometimes I'll say the 'Glory Be' before I start answering questions," said senior Sarah Boyer. "It's basically a bargaining tactic with God."

Some students truly have no rituals, preferring to prepare for their tests whenever they can,

no matter what the circumstances. One girl who asked to remain anonymous told about her study habits.

"Whenever my study group gets together to study, we end up drinking beer and playing cards," she said. "I do test problems for Rainville's Chem 111 class between hands."

Even good study habits can be looked upon as a ritual, although students who practice them don't look upon them as such. This, it seems, is one superstition that seems to work for everyone.

"I study the night before and I'm good," said 21-year-old Amy Then, a senior majoring in business administration. "I don't worry too much about finals because there's no use getting worked up about it. They're just tests, after all."

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EDITORIAL

Democracy in action

Hopefully you are all paying attention to the Shared Governance on this campus because in the past few weeks it's become very exciting. In fact, it took a new twist Wednesday night, when five members of the Student Senate executive committee "shared" in the decision that your votes aren't as important as you thought.

We've all heard the complaints about elections before: our campus is apathetic; no one even votes.

Well, congratulations to those of you who did vote. You should know that your votes are so important to our Shared Governance system that they sat out in the open in an unlocked Shared Governance Complex (Student Senate Office, in layman's terms) for over an hour-and-a-half during elections week.

But don't think this or other election-rule violations didn't concern senators. Well, at least one senator.

President candidate Theresa Zirbel brought up a number of concerns: polling stations opening up late (up to an hour late), sample ballots mailed out over a week late, unattended ballot boxes...

It sounds like the Senate is falling behind on a few things.

But rest assured, the Happy Committee is on task. They had the time to make awards to hand out to senators. Surely President Grant Staszak will treasure his "Don't Do Something Funny or I Might Have to Crack a Smile" award for years to come.

Speaking of Staszak, maybe this week's election fiasco more than proves his assertion that "many senators think this is a high school council which organizes prom and homecoming."

If the Senate did plan prom, any guesses on when the invitations would arrive?

Zirbel deserves a lot of credit for bringing these problems to light, but the executive committee deserves some credit, too, for taking these problems so seriously. A heartfelt apology is just what this campus needs. We're sorry we didn't take the election seriously. We're sorry that we just don't have time to run a new election next week because we're just too damn busy with finals. We're sorry we can't have a new election next fall, but we need to train the new president over the summer.

Just one question: Who's going to brief her on proper election procedure?

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Deep Blue win brings questions of humanity

I don't know what Gary Kasparov was thinking. Sooner or later, the world chess champion's loss to IBM's supercomputer Deep Blue simply had to happen.

Still, he was definitely ticked off afterwards.

"I think it is time for Deep Blue to prove this was not a single event," said a visibly disturbed Kasparov during a televised news conference after the last match. He was the first world chess champion to be defeated by a computer. "If it starts to play competitive chess, put it in a fair contest and I personally guarantee you I will tear it to pieces."

Kasparov is a great man, but he should give it a rest. Even if he does triumph in a rematch, repetitive losses will eventually become inevitable. Besides, it's not like he's defending all of humanity here, right?

Well, considering how people are reacting to his loss, maybe he is.

There seems to be a lot of paranoia these days about what it means to be human. Whether it be in response to supercomputers or the cloning of sheep, defenders of traditional views of what life is are on the run.

There are no other creatures like us? Ninety-six percent of our genetic code can be found in a rose bush. We're unique in the

universe? We can only see a fraction of it, and within that we've recently found other worlds, some of which could potentially sustain life. We have free will? Gary Kasparov was beat by a ton and a half of silicon, metal and glass. ("But the computer was programmed to beat Kasparov!" the defenders of Kasparov and humanity cry. Exactly).

Maybe it's time to rethink where we fit in the grand scheme of things. Maybe it's time that we all admit that we're not quite as important as we've always thought ourselves to be. After all, it has been quite a few years since the Earth was discovered not to be the center of the universe.

The evidence points toward us being natural beings, just like all other life, yet through our actions we continue to deny our condition. This is frequently done to absurd lengths, as evidenced by the presentation put on by the Maranatha Christian Fellowship last week.

One by one, well-researched theories and ideas were brought up, twisted, misrepresented and then "disproved." For example, at one point it was said that insects becoming resistant to pesticides was not evolution because the changes in the bugs were not great enough. Of course, ex-

tremely small changes, just like an insect becoming resistant to a pesticide, are the very basis for evolution. (You know, it's real easy to rip on something when it

ing over whose god is right, we could actually get something done. Instead of constantly emphasizing trivial things like skin color and sex, we could study

MARK DANIELSON

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has been misrepresented in such a way as to make it an easy target.)

At another point in the presentation it was stated that there was no evidence in the fossil record that supported evolution, since there were no fossils that showed great changes in animals. This was a stupid argument due to the fact that it relied on the above argument, which was wrong. Beyond that, even if creatures did drastically change from one generation to another, there still wouldn't be any "evidence" of change because the fossils would be too different to directly relate to each other.

Just think of all the things that could be accomplished if people just quit preaching such garbage and started to think rationally. Heck (not hell), instead of argu-

things like how to prolong the existence of the human race. (As things stand right now, I'm not very optimistic.) Instead of whining about immigrants coming to the States and taking our jobs, we could open up our borders, get off our lazy butts and start working for a living.

And maybe, just maybe, we could learn something about ourselves in the process.

Will it happen? For some reason, I doubt it. Many people need to feel secure and often don't care if they have to fill their lives with lies to attain that feeling. However, that doesn't mean the rest of us should give up at trying to wake them up.

Whatever the case, it's something to think about. Have a good, safe summer. See you in the fall.

College friends will be remembered always

It's hard to believe we are finishing the last week of the semester, but for myself and many other graduating seniors, it's even harder to believe this is the end to one of the best experiences of our lives.

I can remember the first day I arrived here in River Falls like it was yesterday, and wow, have I changed. That first week had to be the hardest. I swore I would never make any friends and would never be happy away from home.

I never dreamed I'd make so many good friends in four years and share so many good memories with those friends. I guess that's what college is all about. It's not just a place you come to go to class and get a degree (although that's probably the important part). I can honestly say I've learned a lot here in River Falls, but at least 90 percent of what I learned did not come from classes. My knowledge has been gained through endless experiences with my roommates and friends.

Starting your college career living in the dorms has to be one of the most important experiences of college life. While living in the dorm, I met some of the best friends I will ever have in my whole life. I am confident in

saying this because one thing you definitely learn in college is who is and is not a true friend. Who is a friend? Someone who stays up with you until 2 a.m. trying to teach you the Periodical Table of Elements (which is probably something you should have learned a long time ago).

A true friend is the person who isn't afraid to tell you the guy you like is a total loser or that you maybe had some major beer goggles on last night when you thought that guy at the bar was even remotely cute.

A true friend is someone who you can move into an apartment with as friends and when you move out, still be friends. Someone you are able to spend seven days of the week with and not once ask yourself if there could be something better to do.

After living with seven people, I feel I have mastered the art of avoiding a roommate when you know he or she isn't in the best of moods and trying to help a roommate when you know that's what he or she wants.

Living with mostly girls throughout my four years here has also been a learning experience in the art of keeping my business my own. After the first few years, I found it was impos-

sible to keep people out of my business, and now, it's more entertaining than ever to listen to one of my roommates tell her story of that one guy she just happened to end up with last

We've shared the good and the bad times with each other. My roommates and I have made it through relationship problems and stormy nights, as well as engagements and finding that

JENNIFER DALE

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night. It's even therapeutic to put my own dirty laundry out on the line for all of my roommates to analyze. The best part is that my roommates aren't just roommates. They are friends, and friends are there to help you with your problems, not just laugh about them. (Not that we don't do enough laughing about our problems).

It didn't matter if we were laughing, crying or screaming, my roommates and I were always doing it together. From our tear-filled discussions of life's worst moments to our hilariously funny inside jokes. We've spent hours laughing about things that didn't seem that funny when they first occurred.

first "real" job.

I've waited for graduation for four years, and now that it's right around the corner, I'm scared to death. I never imagined just how much I'd miss River Falls and all the people I've met here.

If there could only be one lesson I could take from my four years in college, it would not be something I learned in class here at UW-RF. It would be that friends should never be taken for granted because they are true assets in our lives.

Thanks to everyone who has made my years here at UW-RF so enjoyable and memorable, and a special thanks to my roommates (and friends for life).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faculty Senate decisions must be decentralized, professor says

A colleague and I recently drove down the Mississippi River Road to a conference at Platteville. A four-hour drive and lots of good scenery seems to be the formula for creative thinking, and I think we may have come up with an idea that is worth sharing.

My colleague, Reza Rogazar, is presently trying to have a diversity course approved. He has not yet been turned down by the Faculty Senate (as Jackie Brux recently was), but there was some dissension in the senate, so discussion on his course was tabled until the Fall. It seemed to me that the diversity course issue is only a symptom of the much larger problem: that decision-making at UW-RF (and universities in general) is too centralized.

I teach several courses in management and one emerging trend

in business is empowerment or decentralization of decision making as a necessary adaptation to the fact that businesses these days need flexibility to react faster. Panasonic, the Japanese electronics manufacturer, designs, builds, sells and retires a product in 90 days! If Panasonic's lower-level engineers had to wait just a couple of months for decisions to filter down to them, they would entirely miss a window of opportunity. Other examples include Motorola, a darling of the investment community, which can build two-way radios to order in two hours, and CNN, where decisions which commit that news agency to millions of dollars of spending are made in a minute or two.

In the recent article on Jackie Brux's problems getting her diversity course approved, some-

one was quoted as saying, "It is a good idea to have another group (the faculty senate) look at it (the diversity course proposal)." I have two objections to that point of view. First, many "heads" are not necessarily needed to make solid decisions; Asea Brown Boveri, one of the world's most successful megacorporations (with sales in the \$50 billion range), has only 200 people at its corporate headquarters (obviously a great deal of decisions are not reviewed by the corporate headquarters). Second, another layer of oversight does not necessarily add value; for example, what value is there to having a business professor, like myself, approve a course that will be taught by the art department?

I realize that we may never be able to decentralize decisions related to the diversity course. The

politics of diversity are such that (according to Ian Maitland) "on campus diversity doesn't mean hiring conservatives or pro-lifers; the diversity that counts is biological or lifestyle diversity. The result is what has been called a 'great diversity of like minds.'" I am not surprised Jackie Brux misunderstood the intentions of the diversity course policy since such policies are usually obscure by design.

The point, however, is that we need to decentralize decision-making because our excessive centralization has and will continue to hurt us. It has eliminated our flexibility (it takes a year to rewrite a catalog that could have been rewritten in a week).

Advising students becomes as

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diversity policy misunderstood

The confusion which some faculty appear to have regarding the cultural diversity goal may be due to their misunderstanding of the Regents' policy. The cultural diversity policy in 1988 focused its attention on three broad goals: 1) increasing the ethnic/racial diversity of the student body; 2) increasing the ethnic/racial diversity of the faculty; and 3) enriching the undergraduate curriculum by requiring course work about the history and culture of racial/ethnic minorities in the U.S. While interest in international education is commendable, it is not a substitute for learning about the historical experiences of ethnic minority groups in this country. It is clear that the Regents' proposal regarding diversity was defined in terms of ethnic minorities only. Several years ago faculty expanded the definition of diversity to include women's issues. However, no other social categories have been accepted to meet this curriculum objective. It is clear to many faculty that to broaden the circle of inclusion regarding ethnic diversity in the curriculum is to confuse or dilute the primary goal of this curricula

mandate, i.e. to inform a largely white student body about the historical experiences of ethnic/racial minority groups in the making of U.S. society.

Some faculty have attempted to make connections between certain ethnic minority groups in the U.S., e.g. Mexican Americans and Mexicans. However, the problem with these attempts is that the course content tends to focus primarily on the "nation" outside the U.S. borders, and not on the experiences of the ethnic group in U.S. society. I believe that internationalizing the undergraduate curriculum is very worthy. However, this change should not come at the expense of the primary goals of the Regents' policy of 1988.

José E. Vega
Assistant Dean for Cultural Diversity
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Recovery

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gery to stabilize his condition and was not expected to live through the operation.

Danielson suffers from an arteriovenous malformation. His mom explained the condition in layman's terms: "The way I understand it, in the brain, there is an artery connected to a vein and there is a capillary that links them together. Scott's brain is missing that capillary, which moves blood from one side of his brain to the other."

"In order to save his life, Danielson was placed in a drug-induced coma that stopped all brain activity so his brain would have time to heal. He still remains in the coma.

His parents keep a vigil by his bed every day. His mom, Mary, watches over him from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and his dad, Joe, comes to his ninth-floor room straight from work.

When they head home at 10 p.m. Mary writes about her son's progress in her daily journal. She's keeping a log so as he's recovering he can look back to see how far he's come.

At this point, no one knows if Danielson will fully recover. His doctor was not available for comment, but his mother said he has good days and bad.

"They didn't expect him to make it through the surgery, so that alone is a miracle," Mary said. "He's got the drive and he can do it if he really wants to, it will just take some time."

Danielson is now relearning basic life functions; his eyes are open but he is not really awake. His mom said he was learning how to swallow on Tuesday.

Small triumphs keep the family going.

"Every night before I leave I have Scott touch my head," Mary said. "It usually takes a minute and a half for the message to get to his brain and have his hand respond, but tonight (Tuesday) he did it in 10 seconds."

Although the family expects a slow recovery, they are looking forward to bringing Danielson home May 22. His mother said when he has been stable for five consecutive days, he can return to his North St. Paul home.

His temperature and blood pressure need to be controlled because they often skyrocket for no reason; doctors are trying to regulate them with medication.

Before the incident, the only thing Danielson had to do was learn to balance his busy life, according to friends and family. In addition to his full class load, Danielson also coached an eighth-grade basketball team in North St. Paul.

"His one true love was basket-

ball," said friend Terri McPartlin. "He went into the hospital on Thursday, and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday his eighth-grade team played in the state tournament and dedicated the weekend to Scotty." The team placed fifth.

In addition to the team, Danielson has a group of UW-RF students waiting to take him on in a game of basketball.

"The first thing I'd like to do is play basketball with him, but if a 100 percent recovery isn't possible I'd just like to go over and hang out with him and let him know I'm still his friend and I'll be there for him," said Jim Kenesie.

Friends Jeff Mauder and Issac Manke said Scott is an all-around good guy who never had any bad feelings towards anyone.

Although friends can't visit Danielson in this stage of his recovery, his parents hope that they keep in touch and visit him when he's feeling better.

When he's stable, Danielson's parents have opted to take him home rather than place him in a nursing home. His mother says they look forward to having family dinners again and returning to a more normal life.

The Lions Club in St. Paul will put a wheel chair ramp on the front of the house and his room, currently on the fourth floor, will be moved to the living room.

"When he is well enough, the first thing we'd like to do is take a vacation to a cabin and go fishing and relax," Mary said. "It would be nice for all five of us to do things together like we used to. That would be a blessing."

To contribute to Scott's benefit fund, send checks to Dick Kath, 8565 Jewel Ave., Stillwater, MN., 55082. Checks should be made out to the Scott Danielson Benefit Fund.

Faculty

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complicated as filling out an income tax form; I'm certain that if more students knew exactly what they needed to graduate we wouldn't have them hanging around for five and six years. Finally, centralization kills enthusiasm experimentation; people slow down once they get used to the idea that programs can only be improved at glacial speeds or by end-runs. I actually laughed out loud when someone at an international business conference told me the tricks he had pulled to get a badly needed course taught on his campus.

I would challenge the Faculty Senate and all other centers of authority on this campus to give up some of their power. Contrary to what you may think, empowering those below you in the hierarchy actually increases what you will be capable of accomplishing, but even if that were not true we need to adjust quickly in order to be able to compete. In the end we may be talking about the survival of this University.

Brian J. Huffman
UW-RF business professor

Tips / They really help

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is sit back and set a hierarchy – what do they have to do first?" said Hamann. "Hard subjects and classes you have problems with should be studied first because you have the most energy and will power when you first start out. Easy subjects can be done later."

Hamann also says that exercise can help students who are feeling tense. Exercise and a good diet can both work wonders.

"Taking a quick walk around the block can help," Hamann said. "Physical exercise opens up the bloodstream, which means more blood and more oxygen flowing in your body and to your brain. It makes you less tired as well as improving thought processes. Eating well is an energizer, but don't eat any heavy meals right before a test because it will overtax the digestive system and divert blood away from the brain."

Finally, it is essential that people not only remember their priorities but stick with them, even in the face of friends inviting you downtown for a beer.

"(Students) should learn the ability to say no," Hamann said. "A lot of students complain that their parents want them to come

home and they do, even if they have studying they should be doing. What are your priorities? What do you really need to do?" If all else fails when studying for tests, just read through this prayer and hope that someone up there is paying attention:

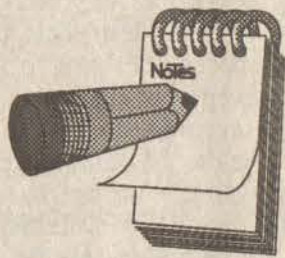
*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not flunk;
He keepeth me from lying down when I should be studying.
He leadeth me beside the water cooler for a study break.
He restoreth my faith in study guides.
He leads me to better study habits for my grade's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of borderline grades,
I will not have a nervous breakdown;
For thou art with me.
My prayers and my friends, they comfort me.
Thou givest me answers in moments of blankness;
Thou anointest my head with understanding.
My test paper runneth over with questions I recognize.
Surely passing grades and flying colors shall follow me all the days of my examinations,
And I shall not have to dwell in this university forever, AMEN!*

-Todd Schierenbeck

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Old staff members and new look forward to covering the campus and keeping you up to speed.

See you next fall.



Senate / Change rules

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dents and working with administration," Mundt said. "But he is poor in his social skills."

Staszak also commented on the importance of rules in the Senate. "Rules should be abided by the way things are written," Staszak said.

Dennis Paquette, who was named Student Senator of the Year Tuesday, said Staszak's comments on rules were made in reference to the recent primary elections.

"Fifty-one votes were not counted because (they were filled out wrong)," Paquette said.

Paquette said the ballots on which candidate names were circled were not accepted. Voters needed to place an "X" next to the candidate they wanted.

"This happens year after year...I anticipated it happening again," Paquette said. "I suggested we count circled votes this year, but my motion wasn't seconded."

Paquette was unsure how much the uncounted votes affected each candidate in the primary election.

Despite the chaotic ending to the year, Staszak also addressed the Senate's accomplishments.

"We used teamwork on some things," he said, referring to Senate's work on registering and helping students to vote during the November elections. Senate also sent out flyers informing students about the dangers of the date rape drug.

"Remember, this was the first

year of Shared Governance; it will only get stronger," Staszak said.

Staszak said there is some room for tune-ups in the Shared Governance structure.

"We need to get students on committees," Staszak said.

He also said the Senate set a University record for student senator turnover; 16 senators came and went this year alone.

Staszak thanked the administration, students and senators for working with him during the year.

Not only was it the last meeting for Staszak, but it was likely the last meeting for Vice President Karen Kubes.

Kubes, who has been a senator for three years and vice president for two years, is taking on another opportunity.

"I have an internship all year," Kubes said. "I will have classes only two days a week. If I get written in I will accept a position as a senator, though."

The Senate held an awards ceremony following the meeting. Certificates were given to committee members and chairs while plaques were awarded to the executive committee members. The Senate Happy Committee also handed out individual awards showing the unique personalities of senators.

Staszak received the "Don't Do Something Funny, I Might Have To Crack A Smile" award.

Happy Committee Members Theresa Zirbel and Kubes said the awards were all in good fun.

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St. Paul man dies after fall at Interstate Park

ST. CROIX FALLS (AP) — A St. Paul man has died after falling about 80 feet down a 120-foot cliff on the Wisconsin side of Interstate State Park.

The Hennepin County medical examiner's office in Minneapolis identified him Sunday as Thomas Briggs Hunter, 32.

Hunter had been rock climbing with friends but had unhooked a safety harness and was not climbing when he fell Saturday afternoon, said Jeff Krueger, manager of the park in Wisconsin.

Hunter died about three hours later at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, Minn.

Terry Koran was reading a book with his girlfriend across the St. Croix River, on the Minnesota side of the park, when he saw Hunter fall backward.

"He bounced off four different ledges and landed by the edge of the river, with his head in the water," said Koran, who was the first to contact a park ranger. "When I got back, other people had climbed down the cliffs and were holding the man's head out of the water," he said.

Drunk driving laws, competition hurt taverns

MADISON (AP) — A study committee says more competition and tougher laws against drunken driving are key factors in a decline in the tavern business in Wisconsin.

The Legislature's Special Committee on Economics and Health of the Tavern Industry held meetings over six months and came up with proposals designed to aid the tavern industry.

A University of Wisconsin-Extension study has shown the number of tavern licenses in the state dropped from about 14,700 in 1985, before the drinking age increased to 21, to 12,700 in 1995. Wisconsin still leads all states but Nevada in taverns per capita.

Bill Ryan, a UW-Extension hospitality expert, said the drop in "ma and pa country taverns" is probably greater than the numbers indicate, because some licenses were snapped up by a new kind of competitor, the chain pub/restaurant bar such as a T.G.I. Friday's or Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill.

MINNESOTA

Design flaw temporarily closes nuclear plant

MONTICELLO (AP) — Northern States Power Co. has shut down its Monticello nuclear power plant for two to three months because of a design problem.

Strainers connected to backup water pumps need to be replaced because the screens were not designed to allow enough cooling water to flow through the system in an emergency, said Mike Wadley, NSP vice president of nuclear generation.

"The conditions we've evaluated are a very remote possibility. But in our industry, remote possibilities have to be acted upon as if it were a certainty," Wadley said Friday.

Capital costs of replacing the strainers will be about \$1 million, Wadley said. It has not been determined how much NSP will have to spend to buy replacement power while the plant is out of service or whether customers' electric bills will be affected, he said.

NATION

Court downs appeal in Wisconsin housing case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Wisconsin woman penalized because she refused to let a lesbian be her housemate and share the rent on a Madison home lost a Supreme Court appeal today.

The justices, without comment, left intact state court rulings that said Ann Hacklander-Ready violated Madison's fair-housing ordinance. The state courts ordered her to pay Caryl Sprague damages of \$300 and lawyer fees that reportedly total more than \$10,000.

Hacklander-Ready's appeal challenged the government's power "to dictate how one may choose with whom to associate as living companions in the anticipated privacy of their own homes."

Hacklander-Ready was single when she and three friends began renting a four-bedroom, two-bath home in Madison in 1987. When two of the friends got jobs out of town, Hacklander-Ready and her housemate, Maureen Rowe, advertised to find two suitable housemates.

Sprague was initially invited to live with Hacklander-Ready and Rowe, but that invitation was withdrawn after both housemates determined they would not be comfortable living with a lesbian.

Pilots accidentally land 737 at wrong airport

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The two pilots of a Continental Airlines jet that landed in the right city but the wrong airport were grounded while investigators looked into the mixup.

The airline blamed pilot error for the Boeing 737's bumpy landing Sunday at a World War II-era Navy airfield 4 1/2 miles from Corpus Christi International Airport. None of the 54 passengers and five crew members on the flight from Houston were hurt. "The runway was all cracked, not as smooth as the airport runway we usually land on. It looked funny, and it was bumpy," said 9-year-old Stephen Godfrey.

Continental spokesman Dave Messing and Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Roland Herwig said they did not know whether air traffic controllers at the right airport had noted a problem or what type of contact they had had with the pilots.

WORLD

US helps Red Cross aid Iranian quake victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — While trying to isolate the rulers of Iran, the United States contributed \$100,000 to the Red Cross on Monday to assist victims of the strongest earthquake to strike the country in nearly seven years.

Announcing the decision by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright after a brief meeting with her Near East staff, spokesman Nicholas Burns said: "We've had our disputes with the government of Iran for many, many years, but we don't have any arguments with the people of Iran. The people of Iran obviously are in need of support."

The earthquake shattered northeastern Iran on Saturday, killing at least 2,400 people, according to Iranian officials. About 50,000 people were made homeless and 6,000 were injured.

Man sought in Minnesota slayings

Mother says he was a homosexual prostitute

■ The San Diego resident is wanted for questioning in Illinois and New Jersey deaths, also.

Matthew Fordahl
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The man being sought for questioning in the slayings of four people in the Midwest and New Jersey supported himself by having sex with other men, his mother said.

Mary Ann Cunanan of Eureka, Ill., said in Monday's edition of the Chicago *Sun-Times* that she believes her son Andrew was a "high-class homosexual prostitute."

The statement comes amid

growing confusion over whether Cunanan was a friend of aspiring actor Duke Miglin, whose wealthy father was slain this month in what authorities say could be a cross-country killing spree.

Bruce Kerschner, the owner of a gay bookstore in San Diego and an acquaintance of Cunanan, was quoted in the Minneapolis *Star Tribune* as saying Cunanan and Duke Miglin were friends. Kerschner then called a Sunday night news conference to deny that he knew of any such relationship.

Cunanan, 27, is charged with murder in the shooting of Minneapolis architect David Madson, 33, whose body was found May 3. He also is wanted for questioning in the beating death of Jeffrey Trail, 28, a gas company manager whose body was found in Madson's apartment April 29.

Stadium proposals strike out for Twins

■ Some in the Minnesota legislature consider the issue to be dead for the session.

Rochelle Olson
Associated Press

ST. PAUL (AP) — The big hitters struck out Monday as two key committees rejected all proposals to help the Minnesota Twins build a new ballpark, handing the team its biggest defeat of the legislative season.

Despite the setback, Gov. Arne Carlson plans to push the issue right up until next Monday's adjournment. It's certainly not over," said Bernie Omann, Carlson's chief of staff-designate.

Carlson wants votes by the entire House and Senate on a stadium funding plan, preferably one that would increase taxes on cigarettes by a dime a pack, using 9 cents for the stadium.

The climb is steep, but Carlson is trying to meet a deadline imposed by Twins owner Carl Pohlad, who said a deal must be in place by adjournment or he will try to sell or move the team.

But consider the plethora of stadium proposals rejected by the House and Senate tax committees Monday: slot machines at Canterbury Park, a state-run casino, a ticket buyout and taxes on player salaries, sports memorabilia, cigarettes and game tickets.

Pohlad has said the Twins need a new stadium to be profitable.

He did not attend the committee meetings, but his three sons and President Jerry Bell did. All four refused to comment after the committee rejections.

Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission Chairman Henry Savelkoul said the issue is "sensitive" to the family.

"I'm sure they're disappointed," he said.

Savelkoul was unable to say whether the family could accommodate legislative leaders, who want to work on keeping the team, but are thinking longer term.

House Speaker Phil Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center, wants a committee to study the issue and report back by September, in time for a bill to be considered in a special flood session.

"We're not ready to deal with this issue," Carruthers said.

House Tax Chairwoman Dee Long, DFL-Minneapolis, called the stadium "dead" for the session. "Most of us have been convinced for some time that trying to jam something through at the end won't work," she said.

Senate Tax Chairman Doug Johnson, DFL-Tower, said he wanted to fish this summer, not work on the stadium. He also doesn't believe House members, who are up for election next year, would be willing to vote on a stadium in 1998.

Sen. Jerry Janezich, DFL-Chisholm, responded, "I really believe that we have a responsibility. Twenty years from now, I don't want to be mentioned in the same breath as being part of a group that let this fish get away."

Authorities said the three men knew one another and that Cunanan, who had a reputation as a "party boy" in San Diego's gay community, had an intimate relationship with Madson.

The body of Chicago developer Lee Miglin, 72, was found May 4 in his garage and Madson's stolen Jeep Cherokee was parked across the street. On Friday, five days later, Miglin's 1994 Lexus was found at a military cemetery in New Jersey, along with the body of cemetery caretaker William Reese, 45. Reese's red Chevrolet pickup was missing.

While the FBI and other authorities continued a nationwide manhunt, the *Star Tribune* on Sunday quoted Kerschner as saying Cunanan was a "close friend" of Duke Miglin, who has a small role in the soon-to-be-released movie "Air Force One" starring Harrison Ford.

But Kerschner, owner of the Obelisk Bookstore, said late Sunday that he was only repeating rumors when he talked to the newspaper.

"The reporter from Minneapolis asked if I had heard that Andrew may have known the son of the Chicago developer," Kerschner said. "I told him I had heard over the past few days that they may have known each other somehow, but that I didn't know personally if they actually did."

Pam Fine, the paper's managing editor, said the reporter "accurately quoted what Mr. Kerschner said during the interview."

Mark Jarasek, a spokesman for the Miglins, said the family did not know Cunanan. The Chicago *Tribune* quoted anonymous police sources who said no link had been established between Cunanan and the Miglin family.

Red River drops below flood stage

WAHPETON, N.D. (AP) — The flood officially is over for Wahpeton and neighboring Breckenridge, Minn., the cities where the Red River first spilled over its banks nearly a month ago.

The Red fell below its 10-foot flood stage early Sunday morning, and had dropped to 9.6 feet by 2 p.m.

The flood that devastated Grand Forks and moved into Canada started last month. Both Wahpeton and Breckenridge evacuated some residents when the river rushed into the towns, cresting at almost 20 feet April 16.

Up and down the river, water continues to recede. But the Red was still more than 6 feet above flood stage Sunday in Fargo, and about 9 feet above the flood level in Grand Forks. Farther north, the Red remained 9 feet above flood stage in Drayton and 8 feet above flood stage in Pembina.

The National Weather Service said it will take an additional two to three weeks for the river to dip below flood stage everywhere.

Falling Waters
THE FLOOD OF 1997

U.S. probes Mexican program's drug ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating allegations that some of Mexico's leading political and business figures used their government's food subsidy program for drug money-laundering and other criminal activity through U.S. banks, The Washington *Post* reported Sunday.

The probe is seeking to determine whether the brother of former Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari used the food program to shield cocaine shipments into the United States and to launder drug money through the program's U.S. bank accounts and purchasing contracts, the

Post said.

The newspaper quoted one source familiar with the investigation as saying the food program, known as Conasupo, became "the Salinas administration's slush fund," and was the place where money from corrupt political, business, governmental and business dealings would go.

The investigation began about 18 months ago. The main targets are Mexican nationals, according to the report, but the alleged crimes under investigation — drug trafficking, money laundering and others — occurred in the United States.

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J A S O N
EGERSTROM**Don't waste your
summer fishing**

I used to spend many of my childhood play hours watching professional wrestling.

However, something came to me this week that I never really thought about before: I watched wrestling because I had little else to do while my parents were out fishing. My parents

"Scaring the fish was like violating an eleventh commandment."

kept telling me that wrestling was fake and I should do something better with my time. They wanted me to do something with them, they wanted me to go fishing.

Since I was seven my family has consistently spent our summer weekends camping near Ann Lake in Mora, Minn. Every Saturday and Sunday morning they would wake up early to go fishing, dragging me along with them.

They would fish for hours just sitting quiet waiting for that damn bobber to go down. I say "they" because even though I was forced into the boat I would refuse to put my line in the water.

I hated fishing then and I still do today. I don't understand the point. Waiting hours for a fish to bite isn't my idea of fun.

Many who like fishing say they don't need to catch something to have fun. They say despite being "skunked" they still can enjoy the lake and relax.

This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. Going fishing and not catching anything is about as fun as having diarrhea.

I don't like fishing because it takes patience. There are other things to do besides kill a day out in a boat. I enjoy life on the lake most when I can water-ski and go tubing. At least then I don't feel like a dried up grape.

Even when the fish are biting fishing sucks. There is no place to go. You just sit in a boat.

Making noise and talking a lot was also looked down upon in my hellacious fishing days with the family. Scaring the fish was like violating an eleventh commandment.

Maybe my parents' intense attitude toward the "sport" was my motivation for despising it.

My fishing days could have easily been made worse-I thank the man upstairs everyday that my parents didn't ice-fish. Sitting in 80-below windchills waiting for fish to bite...yeah, that makes a lot more sense doesn't it.

I always thought I may grow out of my hatred for fishing, considering the rest of my family wouldn't rather do anything else than fish. It won't happen.

I'll be happy spending my weekend summer days water-skiing, playing Wiffle Ball and watching reruns of Wrestlemania III.

Jason Egerstrom is a sophomore majoring in journalism

**Johnson to take
teaching, b'ball
skills to Japan**Chad Urdahl
Sports Editor

Sophomore Falcon basketball player Missy Johnson is going east. Far East.

Johnson, who centers the Falcons, will spend a month in Nagasaki, Japan, at a language camp. She will be putting her major to use by helping Japanese students with English skills. And she will play some ball on the side.

"It's an excellent opportunity for her to go over and work with Japanese students on improving in English and working out with a basketball team," Falcon head women's basketball coach Dave Schuchter said. "She's an elementary education major and she'll get to train with a high school basketball team and experience a new culture and work ethic."

Although Johnson says she doesn't know exactly what to expect from her visit, she is excited about it.

"The language camp is really highly known and the team and the coach is respected very much," she said. "It's kind of weird because I don't know anybody I'm going with."

Schuchter said Guy Healy, who runs the USA Summer Camp in Nagasaki, brings in 15 high school and college-age men and women each summer to serve as counsellors at the English camp.

"I helped out when they (a Japanese high school team) came here and started I talking to Guy (Healy)," Johnson said. "I didn't think it would ever happen, but he told me if I wanted to go he had a spot for me."

Healy says he likes what Johnson will bring to the camp.

"The camp was established basically for English learning and to promote good relations between the U.S. and Japan," said Healy, a Seattle native. "I was so impressed with Missy when I met her and thought she would be a great addition."

According to Schuchter, a Japanese high school team will be working out in River Falls in August, as it has done in the past and he likes what he sees in some of the players.

"They are very disciplined,"



Missy Johnson

Schuchter said. "They have to choose one sport at an early age and stick with it. They only take two days off in a row, at the most. They compete really hard and are very fundamentally skilled. The ultimate goal is to get a player to come here to get an education at River Falls and play basketball here."

Johnson will be in Japan from July 18 until Aug. 20.

**RF goes "Yard"
English coach named**

Derek Appleyard has been named women's soccer coach at UW-River Falls, according to Falcons athletic director Connie Foster.

Appleyard brings years of playing and coaching experience to the Falcons soccer program which will start its fourth year of play in 1997. Last year's team finished with an 8-9-4 overall record and the Falcons were 6-1-1 and in second place in the WWIAC.

Appleyard has coached the Minnesota Lightning, a premier amateur women's team made up of college-aged players, which plays against other top amateur teams in the midwest. He has also coached the DC United team which was also made up of college-aged players. His teams have won four MWSL titles. He coached a Minnesota State Select team that won the Midwest Region II tourney and advanced to and won the national tourney in Florida. He also was the head coach of Hamline, Minn., University and Northfield, Minn., High School teams.

He has been an instructor with the Minnesota Olympic Development Program and a guest instructor with the United States Soccer Federation.

A native of Yorkshire, England, he played several years of school-boy soccer in his home country and advanced to the professional level with English Club teams. He played semi-professional soccer for six years in the English Northern Premier League and for six years as a semi-professional in Perth and Melbourne, Australia.

Since 1991 he has worked for the Rosemount School District as the Coordinator of Programs for Adults with Disabilities. He will stay in that position. He earned his undergraduate degree from Lady Mabel, England, College and his graduate degree from Phillip Institute of Technology, Australia.

"We had a number of excellent candidates," Foster said. "Derek's level of expertise is outstanding. It's great to have him as our coach."

"I'm looking forward to being involved with this college program. UW-River Falls is committed to its soccer program and I'm looking forward to working with everyone involved," said Appleyard.

Appleyard replaces co-coaches Larry Testa and Nikki Meyer who resigned.

**Once bitten, twice Schley
Sisters will form Falcon tag-team**

Vanessa Schley, who was named first team all-state by The Associated Press, will attend UW-River Falls this fall and compete with the Falcons basketball team.

Schley, a 5-11 forward at Gilman High School, averaged 23.6 points a game this year in helping the Pirates to a second-place finish in the state Division 4 tourney. Schley was named to the all-Cloverbelt Conference team, the all-Northwest first team and named the Northwest Player of the Year. She helped Gilman to a second-place finish in the state in 1995 also.

Schley, whose sister Becky plays at UW-River Falls, scored 1,962 career points and grabbed

987 career rebounds. She scored a school-record 43 points this year against Cornell. This summer she will compete in the WBCA All-Star game.

"It's certainly exciting to have a player of Vanessa's caliber make a commitment to our program," coach Dave Schuchter said. "We are excited; I think she will be a person who can step in and be an immediate contributor. She will give us an added dimension to our program with her athleticism and scoring ability. She will help make our program more competitive with the top teams in the WWIAC. We are looking forward to see the two sisters play together."

Schuchter also said that a third

Gilman player, Jodi Pawlick, will play at UW-RF next fall. Pawlick was also named to the first all-conference team and was the team's second leading scorer. She averaged around 14 points per game and led team in assists. "Jodi's a real spark plug, a good defender, and has worked hard to achieve the level of ability where she's at," Schuchter said. The point guard was a three-year starter at Gilman.

"We now have three great players with a Gilman connection. We hope to develop a chemistry and really give the 1997-98 season a strong go," Schuchter said.

The Falcons finished 13-12 overall and 7-9 in the WWIAC in 1997.

Mets pitcher newest racism target

NEW YORK (AP)—So the rabbi and priest are teeing off for a round of golf and the priest says ... Stop right there.

Humor is one thing. Ethnic humor is quite another.

Injured pitcher Jason Isringhausen used a clubhouse slur when he called New York Mets public relations director Jay Horwitz "Jew boy," Horwitz, accustomed to playing foil for the players, shrugged it off. Others might not be so charitable.

"Ethnic humor is a well-developed genre in this country," said Jim Fisher, an anthropology professor at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., who has taught a course called Anthropology of Humor. "Slurs aren't jokes. They're derogatory."

"What counts as a joke depends who is telling it and who the audience is. The same joke might be funny in one context and a slur in another."

The Isringhausen episode followed the Fuzzy Zoeller-Tiger Woods affair in which Zoeller made a remark about fried chicken and collard greens after Woods became the first black to win the Masters. That attempt at humor in a public setting created an outcry and wound up costing Zoeller a lucrative sponsorship by Kmart stores.

That incident followed New Jersey Nets coach John Calipari lashing out at a reporter by calling him a "Mexican idiot," an

outburst that resulted in a \$25,000 fine by the NBA.

"And that followed Marge Schott, and that followed Jimmy the Greek, and that followed Al Campanis," said Ken Jacobson, assistant national director of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, listing some of the more embarrassing attacks of loose lips in sports.

"We believe there is no place for prejudice, whether it's on the playing field, the locker room or the corporate board room. We see it at all of those levels. Words have impact. We think these are serious matters that should not be taken lightly."

"I know it was said in terms of affection. Stuff is said in the locker room; people kid each other. That's the way I take it."

-Mets public relations director Jay Horowitz

Isringhausen used the slur following a conference call with reporters to discuss his recovery from a broken wrist and a suspected case of tuberculosis. He was stunned that his interplay with Horwitz might be interpreted negatively.

"We all talk to Jay like that," he said. "Jay's almost like my brother. He is to everybody. That's stupid to think anybody would think anything bad about Jay."

Horwitz was in a forgiving mood.

"I know it was said in terms of

affection," he said. "Stuff is said in the locker room; people kid each other. That's the way I take it."

That was good enough for Fisher, but not for Jacobson.

"If the guy to whom it was addressed didn't take objection, why get so upset about it?" the professor wondered.

"Because they are public figures and anyone involved in the public arena has to be sensitive," Jacobson said. "There is a public impact. They are not private people. Like it or not, they must take responsibility for what they say."

Later, Isringhausen seemed embarrassed.

"I need to apologize for my comment, if it offended anyone," he said. "It was insensitive. Anyone who knows me knows I'm not

like that. I didn't intend to hurt anyone, especially a close friend like Jay. I won't say anything like that again."

That part is encouraging to Jacobson.

"We've made some progress," he said. "At least now there is an immediate outcry and a need to apologize. We have certain standards we didn't have years ago. We still have a way to go."

"As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson, it is a milestone for sports and society. We ought to be celebrating it with positive action."

Rod-building duo has reel fun

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—For George Olzenak and other outdoors enthusiasts, the transition from winter to spring is difficult.

Hunting and fishing opportunities are limited. So how to whittle away the time between seasons?

Olzenak, 63, of Brooklyn Center, and his son, Mark, 37, of Maple Grove, decided it was the perfect time to build new fishing rods.

"We hunt and fish together, so we figured, why not build rods together?" Mark said as they worked on their rods at The Fly Angler in Fridley, which specializes in custom rod-building and fly-fishing supplies.

The Olzenaks are among hun-

dreds of Twin Cities anglers who like the idea of building and using a handmade rod.

"I needed a new walleye rod," said Mark, who has built a few rods for himself over the years. "I like the feel of a custom rod." He wound light-blue thread to secure the guides on his 6 1/2-foot graphite rod, while his father worked on a two-piece, 9-foot fly rod, his first handmade rod.

"It's fun," George said. "That's a nice rod, if I do say so myself," he said, admiring his efforts.

Anglers typically put at least 10 to 20 hours of sweat into their rods, depending on the type of rod and how fancy it is. It's definitely a labor of love.

"You'll end up with a rod made of quality components. And you can get one just the way you want it," Hansen said. For example, handles and rod flexibility can be selected to match an angler's specifications. And fancy designs can be produced, making a rod truly one-of-a-kind.

"The biggest motivation is that it is fun to do, and you can tell your buddy, 'Hey, look what I can do,'" Hansen said.

Mark Olzenak figured that his rod would cost about \$85 when it was done. His dad guessed he'd spend about \$150 for his fly rod.

"I try not to worry about how much it costs," George Olzenak said with a grin.



CHRISTY NELSON

New trend in movies try to answer big question of homosexuality

They say "you always want what you know you cannot have." Now, I don't know who "they" are, probably the same "theys" that say don't swim right after eating, but apparently the movie industry is sitting up and taking notice this time with three recent movies examining the phenomenon of wanting the unattainable.

"I guess what all three movies boil down to is the question 'is it nature or nurture?'"

"Chasing Amy," "All Over Me" and the upcoming "The Object of My Affection," all have a common theme: Young, heterosexual Gen-Xers falling for young homosexual friends. Where it seemed as if Hollywood was previously wary of getting its hands dirtied in gender politics, it is now excited by the notion of exploring (and perhaps exploiting) gay/straight love tensions.

In "Chasing Amy," the third and final film in Kevin Smith's (a.k.a. Silent Bob) slacker trilogy, including the hilarious convenience store comedy "Clerks" and equally as entertaining "Mallrats," a young comic book artist named Holden, played by Ben Affleck, falls for beautiful and quirky comic book artist Alyssa, played by Smith's real-life girlfriend Joey Lauren Adams. Alas, the relationship seems doomed from the get-go. This storyline is not in and of itself a breakthrough; we've seen the boy meets girl/boy loses girl plot a million times before. But this time, boy loses girl to another girl. To paraphrase the now infamous *Time* magazine headline "Yep, she's gay."

Alyssa admits to Holden, when she senses his affection growing, that she is a lesbian. And of course, being very woman-like, she tells Holden she would still like to be "friends." Guys love that one. In turn, being very man-like, Holden thinks "I can change her, I know I can." Eventually Alyssa even begins to question herself and yadda, yadda, yadda...see the movie.

While "Chasing Amy" has gotten both glowing reviews, for being so fresh and for bringing this untouched scenario to the big screen, and thumbs down for its crude jokes and innuendo that might only prove to perpetuate gay and lesbian stereotypes, it seems to have opened the closet door for more straight/gay crush movies.

Also out in theaters right now is "All Over Me," which examines the relationship between two young women: Ellen, who is dating a brutish-rebel of a guy, and Claude, who is secretly pining away for her best friend Ellen. Claude makes half-hearted attempts at passes towards Ellen, but her best friend seems oblivious to the developing obsession.

In "The Object of My Affection," a contemporary romantic comedy/drama due to start filming in June, a heterosexual woman, played by Jennifer Aniston, wants to be more than "Friends" with the gay man, played by "Clueless" stepbrother Paul Rudd, she is leasing a room in her apartment to. She must be thinking "I'm Jennifer

Pioneer Press movie critic Chris Hewitt enlightens journalism students

■ Hewitt receives plethora of questions from journalism Professor Michael Norman's opinion writing class.

Brandon Eytcheson
A&E Editor

Ever read the movie reviews in The St. Paul *Pioneer Press* and disagreed or agreed totally with what the critic said? Ever wonder who the lucky guy is who gets paid to watch movies and tell people what he thinks of them?

St. Paul *Pioneer Press* film critic Chris Hewitt was invited last Monday, as a guest speaker for journalism Professor Michael Norman's Opinion Writing class, to share with a group of about 20 students how he reviews movies. Visitors were welcome to attend.

"There was a lot of good discussion," Norman said. "People love movies, so people are always excited to talk to someone who watches movies for a living."

"I invited him here to share his philosophies on reviewing movies," Norman said. "I think it's always beneficial for journalism students to (have discussions) with working professionals."

Hewitt answered questions for the whole 50-minute class period. There was never a lack of questions and Hewitt was well received.

"He was very down-to-Earth," sophomore journalism major Jennifer Eberspacher said. "I ex-

pected a movie critic to be more pretentious and extravagant."

Hewitt brought a few items with him that were sent to him to promote movies; he only brought a few items from recent movies because most of the items he received were donated to flood victims. Besides, he said, if he keeps anything that is worth more than \$15 it is considered unethical.

Hewitt brought a toaster that had the moniker for the movie "Volcano" on this side. "I wasn't sure if it was real," Hewitt said. But, he tried toasting some bread and after it worked he stated "the coast was toast."

He also brought his "Fargo" ice scraper and an "Anastasia" (soon to be released animated movie) music box that played the movie's theme tune.

The St. Paul *Pioneer Press* has had Hewitt on staff as a movie critic since the Christmas season 3 1/2 years ago. "My first official act for the St. Paul *Pioneer Press* was interviewing Walter Mathau at a hotel," Hewitt said. "It was quite a way to start."

Hewitt started out at a small Liberal Arts college in Illinois, where he received a degree in history, and he did his master's work at the UW-Madison. Hewitt moved to the *Pioneer Press* soon after receiving his master's. He

worked at a small weekly and magazine and did public relations for a couple of theaters in the Twin Cities before going to the *Pioneer Press*. Soon after the previous film critic at the *Pioneer Press* left, "I lucked into this job," Hewitt said.

There is more to reviewing movies for the *Pioneer Press* than just watching and writing about them.

"I think of my job as three-fold," Hewitt said. "I try to evaluate the movie and make my reviews entertaining. And then there is a consumer element to

Hewitt writes mostly short reviews about the movies he watches.

"When I got the job I asked myself how I could help the *Pioneer Press*," Hewitt said. "I tried to write my reviews tight so I could put a lot in," Hewitt said.

He usually tries to write his reviews nine inches long. That means that the surface area of the type in his reviews will cover about nine square inches.

Hewitt, on average, writes five to six movie reviews a week. "I've done as many as 16 movies a week," Hewitt said.

Sometimes it seems as though Hewitt's reviews don't exactly go along with the popular opinion of people from the Twin Cities. Yes, Hewitt does have predispositions towards certain genres of movies just like everyone else. But he does try to remain objective.

"I am probably a little easier on a thriller than I would be on a comedy because there are so many bad (comedies) out there," Hewitt said. "I will probably like it (a comedy) if it is darker."

"I hate movies that act as though we aren't smart," Hewitt said in response to what can make or break a movie for him. The example that Hewitt gave was a scene in "Dante's Peak" in which the audience is expected to believe that when water and molten lava combine they form acid. He

also cited the scene in the same movie in which a truck drives over lava and the rubber tires don't melt.

One of the aspects that Hewitt likes about his job is that he can plan his week out ahead of time. He isn't restricted like a news reporter is by the urgency of late-breaking news.

"I realized that I have a ritual when I go to review a movie," Hewitt said in response to a question about how he takes notes for a review. "I always sit by the aisle in the sixth or seventh row and reflect the light off of the screen."

This is the method he likes best. Hewitt has tried other methods but hasn't found one that makes him as comfortable.

"My friends gave me a pen with a light on it, but I felt like a dip using it," Hewitt said.

Hewitt believes that he isn't different than anyone else when he watches movies. He has different tastes just as the average person does.

"I don't have an agenda when I go to see a movie," Hewitt said. "I try and watch a movie like anyone else would."

Hewitt doesn't have any plans to leave or seek other employment.

"I really like where I'm at and I like my job," Hewitt said. "I like the Twin Cities area a lot."

Hewitt should be around for some time providing the St. Paul *Pioneer Press* readers with movie critiques and feature stories. Whether that is good is up to the readers to decide.



Chris Hewitt

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Films to see and not to see this summer
Movie critic shares his thoughts on summer releases

■ "Mimic" and "Contact" among the movies *Pioneer Press* film critic Chris Hewitt wants to see.

Brandon Eytcheson
A&E Editor

It seemed as though it would never come, but the semester nears completion. Unless 80 hours of work a week is neces-

Aniston, everyone loves me—I can change him, I know I can." I guess what all three movies boil down to is the question "is it nature or nurture?" Maybe she's born with it; maybe it's Maybeline. Sometimes you feel like a... anyway, you get the picture.

All three films go about answering the question a different way, but all three seem to be trying to enlighten and entertain. With all the hub-bub about Ellen DeGeneres finally dying down (did you hear that she's gay?), I think it's a good thing that there are some reality-based, genuine homosexual characters coming to the big screen that people might be able to relate to. I believe that the person who said that we always want what we know we can't have made a good call. And I think the Rolling Stones make a good point as well: "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes you just might find you get what you need. Sometimes, people think they need a lover when a friend can be ten times better"—gay or straight.

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sary to pay for next semester's tuition, most students should have some extra time to exploit the endeavors of summer. So, if you are one of these lucky individuals that have a few free evenings this summer, go to a movie.

St. Paul *Pioneer Press* movie critic Chris Hewitt was on campus last Monday and offered some ideas for movies to see and not to see this summer. An article, written by Chris Hewitt, on what movies to see this summer is in the May 4, 1997, Entertainment section of the St. Paul *Pioneer Press*.

One of the movies that Hewitt is looking forward to seeing this summer is "Mimic." This movie is about a creature that learns to mimic the human form. The director of the film is Guillermo Del Toro, who directed a Mexican

vampire movie called "Cronos." "Mimic" is number three on Hewitt's list of movies to see this summer.

"All horror movie fans should see 'Cronos'," Hewitt said. "It is one of the only actually scary movies I've seen in a long time."

"I'm looking forward to 'Contact,'" Hewitt said. "Contact" is based on a book written by Carl Sagan and is about a team of scientists who make contact with life on another planet. The movie stars Jodie Foster, Mathew McConaughey and is directed by Robert Zemeckis. The movie is slated to come out July 11.

"A lot of good people are involved, and it has a good cast," Hewitt said. "It doesn't look like any other movies that are coming out (this summer)." "Contact" is number one on Hewitt's list of

movies to see this summer.

Another movie Hewitt is looking forward to is the animated Disney movie "Hercules." "Hercules is eighth on Hewitt's list of movies to see this summer. Hewitt wasn't too pleased with "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and thinks that "Hercules" will be an improvement. "Hercules" is set to debut June 27.

"It looks pretty good," Hewitt said. "I'm predisposed to like the animated movies."

"The Fifth Element" is the movie that Hewitt listed as number two on his list of movies to see this summer. But, after seeing it, Hewitt was disappointed. It was number one in theater attendance last weekend, but he is "sure it is going to fade out fast."

"I'm skeptical about 'Batman and Robin,'" Hewitt said. "I didn't like the last one that much, and it looks like one of those cases where there is too much going on and too many people involved."

Hewitt isn't sure about the "Speed" sequel, either. "Speed

2: Cruise Control" starring Sandra Bullock will come out June 13.

"I'm kind of concerned about the 'Speed' sequel," Hewitt said. "They keep talking about this one special effect that cost \$25 million dollars, and I wonder if there will be anything for the first 90 minutes."

A movie Hewitt is looking forward to is "L.A. Confidential," which is slated to open Aug. 22. It stars Kim Basinger, Kevin Spacey and Danny DeVito. It is an adaptation of James Elroy's novel.

"I'm definitely looking forward to 'The Lost World,'" Hewitt said. "The cast is terrific." Hewitt cited that he specifically didn't like Laura Dern. The Steven Spielberg movie will open in theaters May 23. "The Lost World" is number four on Hewitt's list of movies to watch this summer.

There you have it, an abbreviated list of movies that an experienced movie critic recommends to watch and warns you to be aware of.

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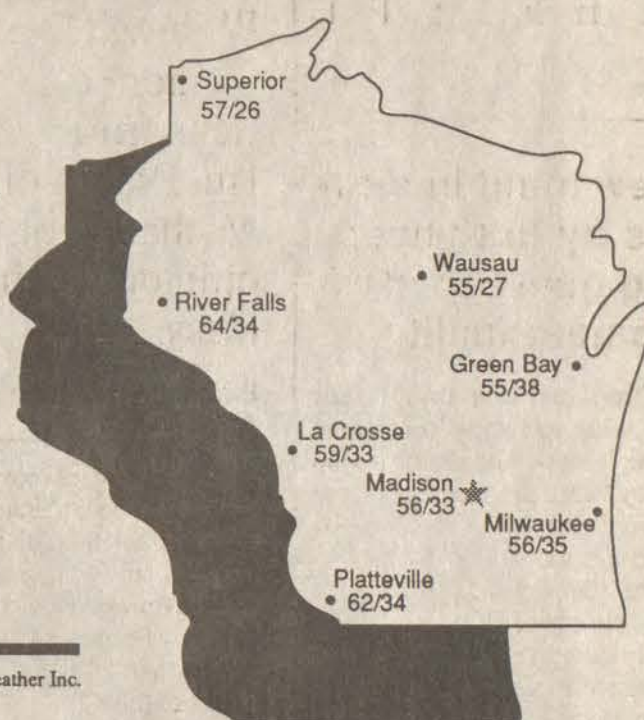
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TEMPERATURES

Temperatures in May will continue to be relatively cold. The latter half of May will warm up quite a bit, with heavy rain towards the end the month. May 13-18 sunny, warmer. May 19-23 Showers, cool.

	High	Low
Average	69	46
Record	87	29
	(1991)	(1959)
Yesterday	49	37

PRECIPITATION

	Actual	Normal
Yesterday	.25"	6"
This Month	1.1"	—

SKY DATA

Length of day:	14hr. 55 min.
Sunrise	5:41 a.m.
Sunset	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise	12:53 p.m.
Moonset	1:33 a.m.

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Dairy Jubilee a success despite rain

Ron Francis
Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls community still lingers over the controversy of which dean is the best cow-milker: Dean of Students Roger Ballou, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences Stephen Ridley or Assistant Dean of the College of Ag Terry Ferriss.

The UW-RF Dairy Club's Jubilee was tormented by occasional spasms of rain last Thursday, resulting in the dropping of the dean's milking contest from that day's agenda.

Ridley was disappointed that his chance to compete was rained out.

"The Jubilee is a good idea," said Ridley, whose only previous experience milking cows was "fun" milkings as a child on his uncle's farm. "It's good for the community and University public relations to get important people underneath cows. After the rain, though, I don't think any of us were looking forward to getting under a wet cow."

The rain, however, didn't sour the spirits of the cavalcade of students from three area elementary schools who made the voyage to the events on the Student Center lawn.

The children gave Disneyland-like squeals as they participated in a calf-dressing contest, feature a calf dressed in a grass skirt and jumbo green-rimmed sunglasses; another in a straw hat with empty pint-sized milk and yogurt cartons stapled to its brim and a flower-embroidered purple-and-blue smock

draped over its back; and a third made up like Al Borland of "Home Improvement," complete with a red flannel shirt and blue jeans.

In between events, the kids helped themselves to vanilla ice cream cones and popcorn, some letting their pastel pink and yellow balloons stray from their hands and drift into the gray afternoon sky.

Despite the rain, the Dairy Club seemed to get its message across, at least to youngsters.

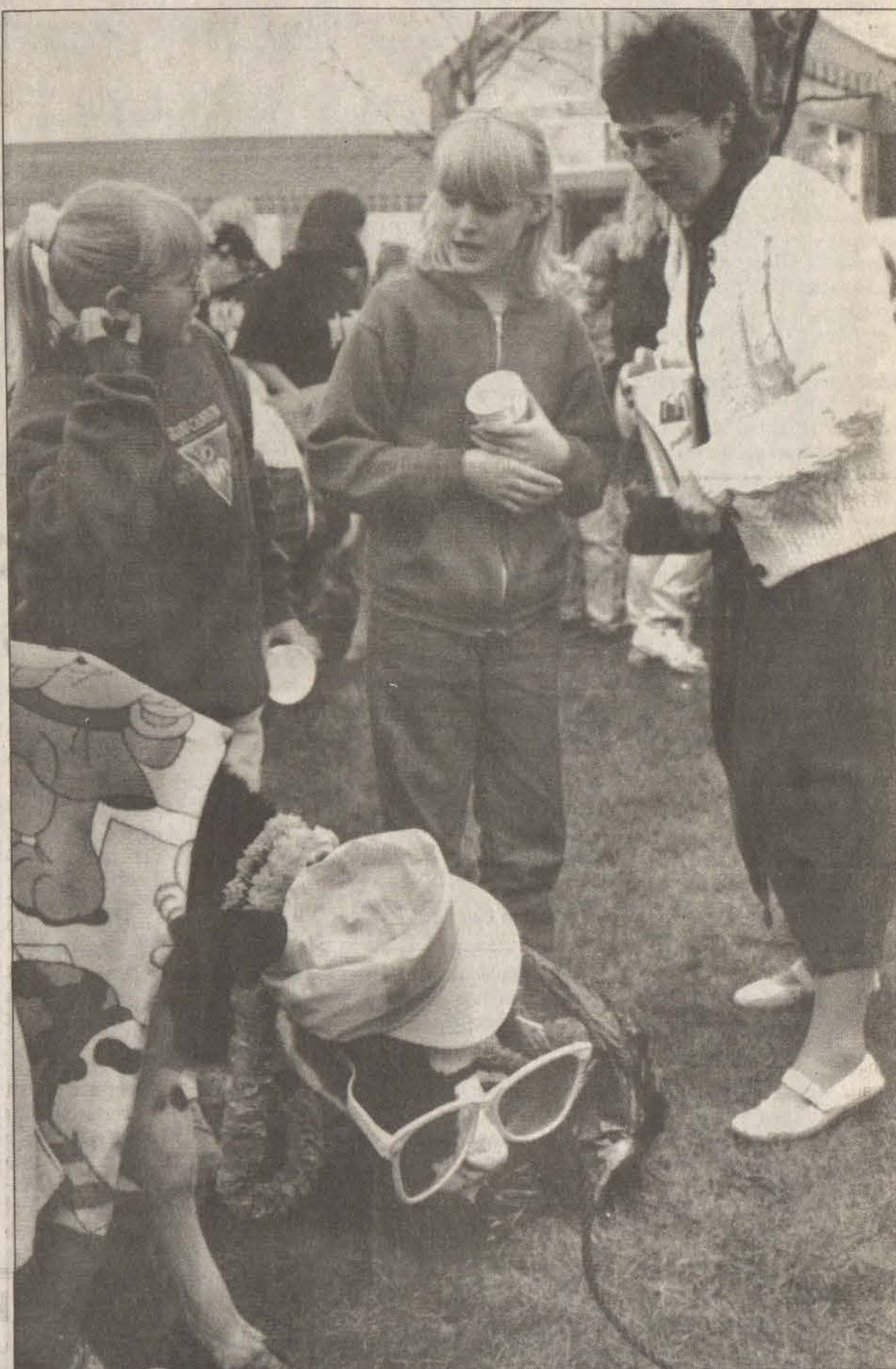
"What we wanted to do was to get the public, the University community and the young kids a little taste of what the dairy industry is like," said Neifer DeKeyser, a member of the Dairy Club. "A lot of college students who live in the city have never touched a calf before."

Ridley agreed with the importance of exposing children to agriculture.

"More and more in our society, people are separating themselves from agriculture," Ridley said. "It's important for kids to know that milk comes from cows and that cows need feed, that food doesn't just come from a trip to the supermarket."

UW-RF students weren't absent from the activities altogether. The Jubilee's milk-drinking contest brought together members of three campus organizations who attempted to drink each other under the table by chugging gallons of milk, literally until the cows came home, in search of the coveted taxi-yellow T-shirts that were awarded to the winners. After five minutes of groaning, the agony was over for the participants.

Many of them may have jokingly disputed afterwards that milk does in fact do a body good.



Naomi Runge/The Student Voice

Visitors at last Thursday's Dairy Jubilee admire the Hawaiian calf dressed in a grass skirt and giant sunglasses as part of the Jubilee's calf-dressing contest. Unlike the dean's milking contest, this event wasn't plagued by the rain showers that hindered some of the day's other events.

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