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Sunny and breezy with highs in the 41s and lows in the 20s

WEEKEND

Saturday: Sunny and mild with highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s

Sunday: Sunny and breezy with highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s

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KFA renovations wrapping up

UW-RF students can now breathe with ease with new ventilation system and remodeled art department rooms

Saramha Quaidoo
Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls art department can breathe a sigh of relief. The six-month-long ventilation project in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building is nearing the end.

"It's really exciting," said Julie DeVetter, a senior fine arts student. The project was necessary for health reasons. It began as a ventilation project. The art department and the University Safety Department had a national consultant conduct a safety audit. Last year, the consultant, an artist with training in chemistry and industrial hygiene, analyzed the environment and gave a detailed report affirming the safety concerns.

According to the report, the KFA ventilation system was not adequately taking care of the dangerous fumes and air particles that resulted from working with metal, paints and ceramics.

According to Mark Kimball of the Safety Department, the report made recommendations for an increase of air exchange to keep the fumes away from the artists. He also recommended additional safety equipment such as eye washes in studios that use chemicals.

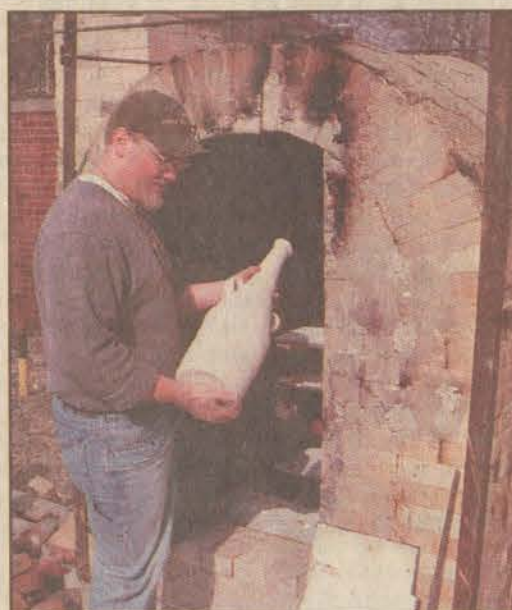
The need for a better ventilation system prompted a request for funding from a state building commission. UW-RF Campus Planner Dale Braun said UW-RF was granted \$1.7 million for the project.

The funding was approved and design for the new layout began.

Art department instructors met with engineer design teams and things began to quickly take shape.

Complications and the high cost of ventilating KFA base-

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Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

Senior fine arts major Adam Smrcka, pictured above, inspects a soda-fired piece. A soda-firing utilizes a combination of soda and salt. This firing process takes 2 1/2 days and reaches 2,000 degrees. Glass student Daniel Moe, right, shapes a glass piece soon to become a larger one called a *Rondelle*. This piece has received four gatherings and has been reheated in the oven three times.



Man injured in fight

Ben Schmitt
Assistant Front Page Editor

A fight that took place on the 100 block of East Elm Street in River Falls Friday night ended with a former UW-River Falls student being transported to a St. Paul hospital after he was seriously injured. River Falls Police arrested Travis A. Smith the next day and charged him in the case.

Smith was charged with one count of aggravated battery in the beating of Robert Edward Lee, 23, according to the Pierce County District Attorney's office. He was also charged with misdemeanor battery for

hitting Lee's roommate Jessup Bordson after Bordson attempted to stop the fight.

Sgt. Jeff Linehan said officers responded to a 911 call and found Lee lying on the sidewalk.

Captain John Stapleton of the River Falls Police Department, said the fight initially began inside a bar. The owner of the bar asked Smith to leave the premises, and soon after, Lee left. The fight then continued outside, where Lee was allegedly assaulted, Stapleton said. Smith was arrested until the next day because police couldn't locate him.

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UW-RF closer to Title IX rules with addition of women's varsity hockey

■ The gap in the ratio of men to women in varsity athletics is narrowing

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

With the addition of women's varsity hockey as a campus-funded sport, UW-River Falls has reached a new level in terms of Title IX compliance.

Title IX is a federal law that affects all federally funded universities. Under Title IX, no person, on the basis of sex, can be denied benefits of educational programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.

In athletics, UW-RF chose to create gender equity by trying to get the number of male and female athletes to mirror the undergraduate population.

This has led to intense growth of female athletics.

According to athletic director Connie Foster, in 1991, when a plan was first installed to comply with Title IX, 70 percent of varsity athletes were male. This was

the case even though the undergraduate population was roughly 50-50.

Last year, 51.2 percent of varsity athletes were female compared to 59.3 percent enrollment.

Next year, with an estimated 26 new female varsity athletes playing hockey, that percentage could jump to near 54 percent.

"It's good, but when we created our plan, we were basing it on 50-50 enrollment," said Foster. "We're getting there, but in a strict sense we're still a few points away."

Even so, the University is way ahead of the WIAC and national averages.

WIAC Commissioner Gary Karner says UW-RF is about 13 percentage points above the Division III average and 6 points ahead of the WIAC.

Three years ago, the WIAC made its only administrative decision in regard of Title IX. It placed caps on the amount of male athletes that could participate in a sport. For instance, only 100 athletes could go out for football.

This not only cut the number of male athletes in a program, but also freed up funding for female athletics.

"The pot of money is only so large," said Karner.

"Everything comes down to money."

Foster points out that the conference had to do something to create a level playing field. All schools have to comply with Title IX, but that leaves numerous ways to deal with accordance. One school could have cut a sport all-together and allowed another sport to grow to infinite proportions while another school put limits on each sport. This would have created mismatches within the conference.

With Title IX compliance well in hand, now the question of adding a male sport remains.

"It would be difficult, but not impossible to add another male sport," said Foster.

That new sport would have to meet the qualifications of new procedures.

The sport must fit into gender equity, create interest on campus, have available competition, facilities, and coaches, and must fit into the "sports module."

This means that if no varsity conference existed for a sport, it would remain a club team.

Foster named men's soccer, volleyball, and track and men's and women's rugby as possible sports to earn varsity status.

Missile Attack

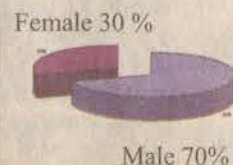


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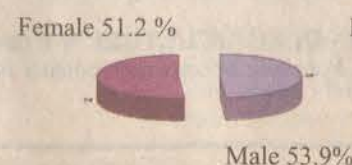
National Guard specialists Jay Fletch (left) and Jason Beauvais (right) assist freshman Cortez Robinson in the simulated destruction of a mystikal target several thousand yards away. The T.O.E. missile launcher was brought into the Hagestad Student Center last Wednesday for recruitment purposes.

VARSITY ATHLETICS AT UW-RF

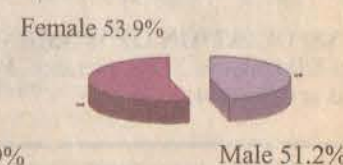
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1999-2000 Projection



BRIEFS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION will be awarding \$1,000 grants to U.S. students at Midwest colleges and universities to study abroad during 1999-2000. Grant applications are due April 2, 1999. The competition is open to students in good academic standing with no previous study abroad. Contact www.iie.org/midwest/grant or stop by the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall for information.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE PROGRAM applications are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall for both Summer 1999, Fall 1999 and Spring 2000. Some knowledge of Spanish is required. Deadline for Summer and Fall 1999 is April 1.

"A NIGHT WITH MOZART" the UW-RF Music Department will present "A Night with Mozart" this Saturday, February 27 at 8 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall inside the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The event is free and open to the public. Call the Music Department at 425-3183 for more information.

SEEKING DEDICATED PEOPLE to write & perform for a new sketch comedy show done by UW-RF students, to be aired on local cable. Call Chris at 425-7934 or e-mail at christopher.m.gilde@uwrf.edu.

PROLOGUE 1999, UW-RF's literary and art publication, has extended the submission deadline to March 5, 1999. Questions? Please contact Robin Newman, 425-5790, or e-mail rm18@uwrf.edu.

4 ON 4 FLAG FOOTBALL, from April 5 to 8. There is a \$5 non-refundable entry fee. Entries are due by March 25, 12:00 noon. The top men's and women's team will receive approximately \$150 to represent UW-River Falls at regionals on April 24 at the University of Illinois-Chicago. For more information, contact the Leadership Center at 425-4911.

UNITED NATIONS SUMMER SEMINAR 1999 informational booklets are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall, for students wishing to participate. The event is coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, College of Letters and Science. Only 25 places are available for this summer. Deadline is March 26, 1999.

SCHOLARSHIPS

THERE ARE MORE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, 122 SOUTH HALL.

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS SERVICE LEAGUE scholarship. Deadline is March 1, 1999. Applicant must be a woman who is committed to advancement in military or other public service careers, and have successfully completed a minimum of 12 semesters (or 18 quarters) of study, with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Application information is available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF COOPERATIVES scholarship. Deadline is March 15, 1999. Applicant must be a resident of Richland County with a major in the Agri-Business field. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

RICHLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE scholarship. Deadline is March 15, 1999. Applicant must be a member of the Richland Electric Cooperative, with a major in the agri-business field. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

TONY VELONIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators. Deadline is May 15, 1999. Applicant must be a student in a glass, ceramic or related curriculum including engineering, design or art. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

FORREST BASSFORD STUDENT AWARD, sponsored by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Deadline is March 15, 1999. Applicant must have an agriculture-related major. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION scholarship, sponsored by chapter #164. Deadline is March 31, 1999. Applicants must be in a construction-related program. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

WISCONSIN COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION scholarship. Deadline is April 1, 1999. Applicants must be college students with Junior or Senior status for the 1999-2000 school year and a major in journalism, communications or political science. Application materials are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

JOHN L. CAREY SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Deadline is April 1, 1999. Applicants must be liberal arts students wishing to pursue graduate accounting study, and who wish to pursue a CPA certificate. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

MEETINGS

THE CROPS AND SOILS CLUB will meet March 10, at 5 p.m. in 217 AgScience. For more information, contact Kurt Olson at 425-7535.

THE STUDENT PAGAN ASSOCIATION meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Falls Room of the student center. Open to everyone. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Patterson.

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATORS OF TOMORROW will meet March 2 at 5 p.m. in the Falcon Room. All majors welcome to attend. For more information, contact Wendy Gruber at 426-5286.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, March 3 in AGS room 331 at 5 p.m. Contact Chadd Novak at 425-8116 for more information. All majors welcome.

THE FOOD SCIENCE CLUB bimonthly meeting will be held Monday, March 1, at 5 p.m. in the Food Science Conference Room, 150 AGS. For more information, contact advisors Bonnie Walters or Rancee May at 425-3704.

THE DAIRY CLUB will meet Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the President's Room of the student center. If you are interested in joining the club or want more information, contact Mary Bangart at 426-1194.

ALPHA TAU ALPHA will meet in the Regent's Room of the student center on Wednesday, March 3 following the Agricultural Education meeting. Contact President Jared Schaffner at 425-6776.

THE EARTH CONSCIOUS ORGANIZATION meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the St. Croix room of the student center. For more information, contact President Jennifer Decker at 426-0027.

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE will meet March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in 211 AgScience. For more information, contact Julie Stensaas at 425-4014.

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

This job was for the birds

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

While other students were spending their summer vacations earning \$5.50 an hour working a part-time job, Amanda Schrank was working for free.

Schrank, a senior majoring in biology, was one of the 200 volunteers who spent last year conserving wildlife and habitat for the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the U.S. Refuge and Wildlife Service.

In 1998, volunteers contributed more than 5,600 hours to the refuge.

Schrank was recognized as one of the individuals who volunteered the most time. She worked a total of 260 hours last summer on public use projects such as: the National Fishing Week skills clinic, where she taught kids how to fish; participated; the Marsh Madness teacher workshop; and Marsh Days in the city of Horicon.

Schrank routinely managed public facilities and served as a ranger on Old Marsh road in Horicon.

Schrank also worked with the Wildlife Biologist and the Private Land Biologist during the summer.

Schrank said she had a great experience working at the refuge and she only had one disgusting job. She was given the job of cleaning out the waders.

Waders are high waterproof boots worn over regular clothing to protect them from getting wet and damaged.

"I had to hose down the waders to get rid of the muck that was stuck on them from the bottom of the marsh," Schrank said.

The duck banding, done at the

end of the summer, was Schrank's favorite job. Bands are placed on the duck's ankles to identify their age and sex.

"We tried to get as many ducks as we could," Schrank said. "Fifty was usually a good number."

Volunteers lured the ducks into a net using corn as bait. After the ducks were captured the volunteers checked their age by looking at their wing spectrum and their reproductive organs to identify their sex. Metal bands were then placed around the ducks' ankles.

"This would tell us the ratio between male and female ducks," Schrank said.

Schrank was well liked by the staff at Horicon.

"Amanda was a conscientious and dedicated volunteer," said assistant manager Diane Kitchen. "She willingly did anything asked of her, had an excellent attitude and was definitely an asset to the refuge."

Schrank commuted an hour from Germantown, Wisc. to Horicon. She hopes to work there again this summer with wildlife biologists.

Volunteers came from cities throughout Wisconsin. Some worked a large number of hours throughout the year while others only volunteered a few hours.

"Each one performs a vital function in making Horicon Marsh a better place for both people and wildlife," said Molly Stoddard, a ranger at Horicon. "We are grateful for their participation."

Stoddard said they are always looking for volunteers.

"We match up what volunteers want to do," Stoddard said. "There is a flyer put out once a year that lists jobs like office work, internships, and public speaking jobs. It is almost always able to work out."



Submitted Photo

Last summer, Amanda Schrank was recognized by the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge for her service.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages the National Wildlife Refuge System, which includes the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. There are more than 500 refuges

in the system which encompasses more than 93 million acres of habitat set aside for wildlife, such as fish, waterfowl, large game, and endangered species.

FACULTY SENATE NEWS

Academic programs altered

Changes in the economics major and coaching minor will benefit students

Sarah Doyle
News Editor

Minors and majors could be changing at UW-River Falls next year. At last Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting the Academic Programming and Policies board successfully passed motions to change the coaching minor, divide the economics major and define what a submajor is.

The change in the coaching minor was passed unanimously by the Senate. The motion proposed to eliminate Sport Kinesiology, a two-credit class. In its place, Biomechanics, a similar three-credit class would be added.

Physical Education 465, Scientific Principles of Conditioning, a two-credit course, would also become a required class.

The total number of elective credits in coaching theory classes will decrease from nine to six credits. This change maintains the 24 credit requirement to complete the minor.

Professor Faye Perkins said the purpose of altering the minor was to make it more streamlined.

"We were teaching two very similar classes to two different groups," Perkins said, expressing a desire to "clean up the minor."

The Faculty Senate also passed a motion to divide the economics major into two options to stress differences in students' interests.

Economics professor Glen Potts said some students have interests in the business aspect of economics while others are more inclined to study the arts and sciences aspect. These separate interests will be addressed by providing two separate degrees - one within the School of Business and the other in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Potts said the difference in programs between the two degrees is that the business degree requires the course Management 265.

Senator David Trechter was skeptical of the split.

"Other than the letter on the diploma, the degree seems the same to me," Trechter said.

Despite this objection, the motion passed. The School of Business will supervise option A which will operate in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The final motion presented by the Academic Programs and Policies board answered a request by the Senate to define the number of credits required by a submajor to still maintain association within a department.

A submajor includes department options, minors and emphases.

The motion stated that nine credits would be required in a submajor to be directly linked to a major.

"This [the definition] allows for flexibility, but still maintains the academic integrity," Perkins said.

The Academic Programs and Policies board could not come up with specific examples which would be affected, other than interdisciplinary minors.

Senator Rik Seefeldt, who previously served on the Academic Programs and Policies board, said the reason the Senate asked for the credit requirement was to limit what can be approved as a submajor. Some submajors were allowed that had no relation to the major they were associated with.

"The concern is with new options not looking like majors," Seefeldt said. "They are written to create a major through the back door without system approval."

Perkins expressed a similar concern that submajors would not resemble the department they are written under.

"Minors and majors should mean something or we could get rid of them completely," Perkins said.

The motion passed with some opposition by senators who felt the nine-credit requirement was not inclusive enough for all types of submajors.

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Campus shuttle service suggested

Max K. Date
Assistant News Editor

Tuesday's Student Senate meeting wrapped up quicker than a Yankees-Brewers World Series, with little on the agenda aside from some scattered appointments and allocations.

In the Student Senate reports, President Mackenzie Guptil tossed around the idea of having the campus begin a shuttle service to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

The shuttle, Guptil said, would mainly benefit international students and "poor college kids" who don't have a car readily available.

The program would cost approximately \$3,100 per semester if students weren't charged for the service. Guptil said the earliest the program could begin would be spring semester next year.

In the new business of the evening, the Senate allocated \$1,780 for five students to attend a

Grassroots Legislative Conference in March. The conference, which will take place in Washington D.C., is a chance for students to voice their opinions on Capitol Hill, said Senator Paige Steele.

"It's good real-world experience," Senator said Sharaine Smith. "It's a great chance for students to lobby their representatives."

The senate also appointed Tammy Ostby as a new student senator, and Senator Paige Steele was added as co-chair to the newly-formed Chancellor's Coalition on Alcohol.

The following students were appointed to committees: Chris Schanfield, musical arts; Yen Huynh, diversity issues; Matthew McConico and Heather Jacobson, campus media budget.

Student Senate will meet next Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the student center. All students are encouraged to attend.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Freddy sign stolen

Ben Schmitt
Assistant Front Page Editor

Freddy the Falcon is no longer directing traffic around the UW-River Falls Knowles Center.

A directional sign in Knowles Center, donning a picture of UW-RF's own Freddy the Falcon, was stolen on Feb. 11, according to a campus security report.

There are no suspects in the case.

A Panasonic in-dash stereo and CDs were stolen from a vehicle on West Johnson Street on Feb. 15.

In a similar case, a Motorola cellular phone was reported stolen

from a vehicle on West Johnson Street.

On Feb. 18, money was reported stolen from a wallet in a locker room at Hunt Arena.

On Feb. 15, two silver rings, a purse and its contents were stolen from a vehicle at the 400 block of West Johnson Street.

The following were all cited for underage consumption of alcohol: Rebecca M. Radtke, 19, on Feb. 19; Natasha A. Theisen, 19, on Feb. 21. Theisen was also cited for possession of a false identification; Katrina S. Juvjavni, 18, in Parker Hall on Feb. 15.

The Beer Meter

Semester drinking total: 51 tickets

*Underage consumption tickets for UW-RF students



Throwing his hat into the race

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

The current situation in Washington, D.C. of ongoing tension between Republicans and Democrats is one reason a UW-River Falls professor is running for a political position. He is also running in hopes of changing several current political practices.

Brian Huffman, a Business Administration professor at UW-River Falls, is currently running for chair of the Republican Party for the Third Congressional District in Wisconsin.

Huffman, who has been a professor at UW-RF since 1992, said the position would require him to help build the Republican Party, as well as to help find Republican candidates to run for state and national offices.

"I have always been interested in politics at some level," Huffman said. "However, until this point, I have never been real active. What really pushed me over the edge was U.S. Rep. Ron Kind's (D-Wis.) support of President Clinton. I said that's it and decided I needed to do something."

The Third Congressional District covers the western part of Wisconsin from Barron County to the Illinois border and east to Clark County. This area includes parts of 17 counties or about

one-sixth of the state.

"If I get this position, I would be the head party person for that whole area," Huffman said. "It includes parts of six state senate districts, parts of 15 state assembly districts and one district for the U.S. House of Representatives."

Huffman is currently running unopposed. The election for this position is not public. Instead, Huffman will make his pitch to active members

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-Professor Brian Huffman

of the Third District Republican Party. The chairman and the vice-chairman from 10-13 counties in the Third Congressional District are the only people who will vote.

"I would like this position because I have a lot to say about the party," Huffman said. "There is currently a lot to do in the Republican Party, and this position would give me a lot of say in what goes on."

This is the first political position Huffman has ever run for. He said he became very interested in politics in 1984 when he met a Minnesota professor who periodically runs for Congress.

"I see this position as a service position which is unpaid," Huffman said. "It is actually more administrative than legislative. It is just a lot of really important party work."

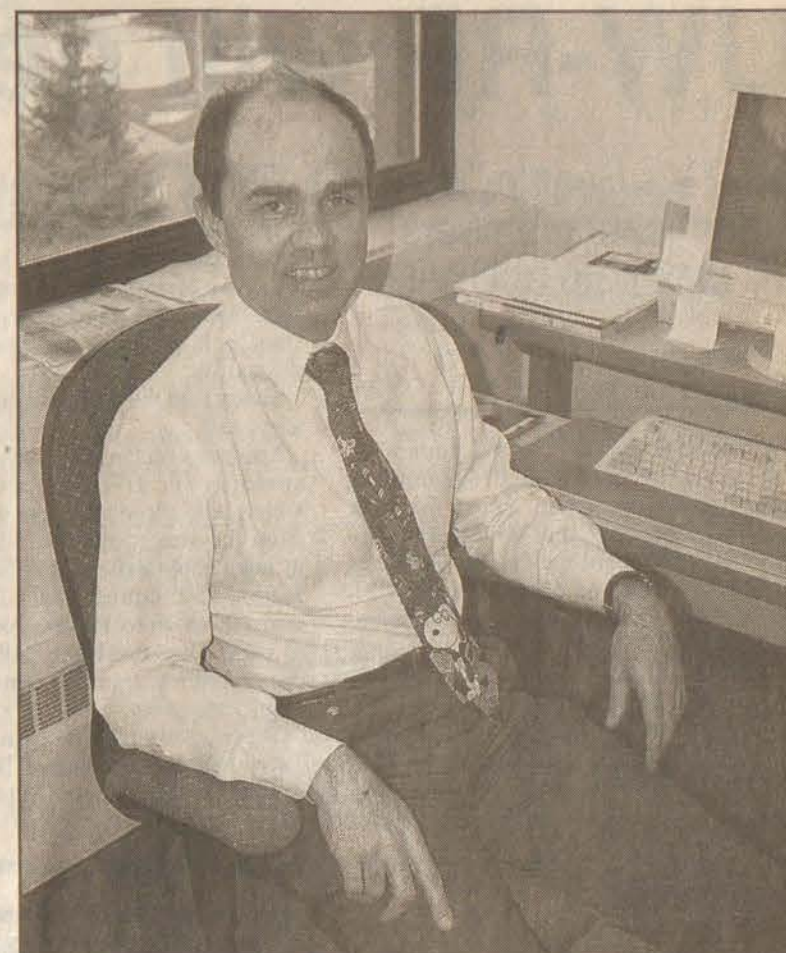
Huffman said a friend of his has been promoting him, and his friend liked what Huffman did and thought. Therefore, he got the bandwagon rolling for this position for Huffman.

Huffman said he has written many letters to the people involved with the Republican Party and he has received a lot of positive feedback.

"I believe the citizens of the United States need to decide if they want a few wealthy and powerful people to run everything while they ignore the laws and while everyone else has to obey the law," Huffman said in reference to the current situation in Washington, D.C.

The election will take place on Saturday, April 17 in Black River Falls.

"I sent U.S. Rep. Kind an e-mail saying, 'I'm gonna get rid of you'," Huffman said. "If I get this position, that is only one of the things I plan to do for the Republican Party."



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UW-River Falls professor Brian Huffman is running for a position with the Third Congressional District of Wisconsin.

Political science guru put on the stand Professor Schultz will testify for Common Cause

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

Once again, Political Science Professor David Schultz is in the political spotlight.

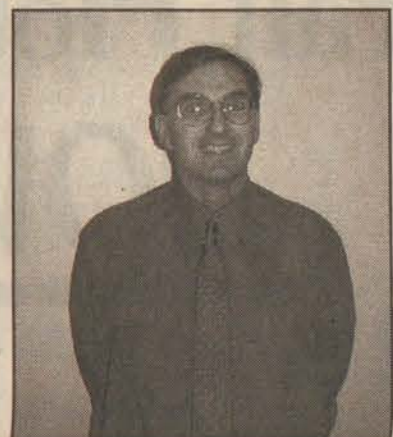
As the president and a lobbyist for a political organization called Common Cause Minnesota, Schultz received national attention last semester regarding the election of Jesse Ventura.

Now, Schultz is receiving media attention for testifying before the Minnesota senate and house. He is talking about Common Cause's position on two issues and why the organization supports or opposes these laws.

"In my other life, I am the president of Common Cause Minnesota, where I lobby for campaign finance reform laws," Schultz said. "I spent three days at the Minnesota State capitol last week and I will be there at least two days this week testifying before the legislature on two important issues. I will probably be testifying on and off for the next

three to four weeks."

The first issue Schultz is testifying for is disclosure laws. These laws would require lobbyists to release information on who is lobby-



David Schultz

ing, how much they are spending and who they are giving money to. It would also require more disclosure for legislators.

The other issue Schultz is testifying is regarding the Gift Ban Bill. It

is currently illegal for lobbyists to give legislators gifts such as money, and the legislators want to change this. Schultz is testifying against the changing of this bill.

"In my other life, I am president of Common Cause Minnesota where I lobby for campaign finance reform laws."

-Professor David Schultz

"On a normal week, I work between five and ten hours for Common Cause. In preparation for testifying, I have been putting in about 20 hours a week," Schultz said. "These are two very impor-

tant issues. There is no reason we should be changing the Gift Ban Law. And as for the disclosure laws, I believe citizens have a right to know what is going on with their legislators."

And due to his testifying, Schultz has once again become popular with the media. He was mentioned in both the St. Paul Pioneer Press and the Star Tribune. He was also on Minnesota Public Radio and Public Television, and he was interviewed for NBC News.

"David shows an absolute commitment to politics," said Todd Paulson, executive director of Common Cause Minnesota. "He participates very heavily and is knowledgeable about the issues. He not only speaks about a variety of issues, but he works very closely with the system to make it better."

Schultz, who has been involved with Common Cause for four years, said the organization is also concerned with and working to change some of the laws regarding Minnesota's election process.

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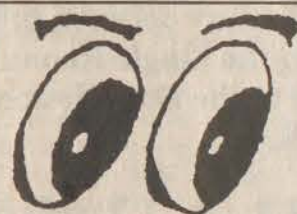
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UW-RF will get a taste of the "Real World"

■ MTV's Seattle "Real World" cast members will chat it up at UW-RF

Ben Schmitt
Assistant Front Page Editor

The UW-River Falls Leadership Development and Programming Board Chairman Scott Garbow announced Monday that three cast members from the Seattle show of "The Real World" will speak on campus on April 21, one day before the "Unity in the Community" festivities.

The UW-RF Entertainment Committee will be sponsoring this event. Jim Cleary, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, said plans thus far include a press conference, lectures and a question-answer session.

"This will be our biggest event all year," Cleary said.

The three members will discuss what a typical day is like for each of them, Cleary said. Also, audience members attending this event will get a chance to take the floor, ask questions and participate in the discussions.

Cleary said the event is still in its preliminary stages.

Another event in the oven will be sponsored by the UW-RF Falcon 4-H Club which will allow high school 4-H students from the area to shadow UW-RF students to learn about college life, Student Organizations Committee Chair Theresa Zirbel said. These 16 to 18-year-olds will be able to experience residence hall living, eat in the commons, tour the campus and meet faculty members.

Other announcements include one by Terry Willson, Associate Director of the Leadership Center and Community Development.

Willson said next fall UW-RF will officially be one of three non-smoking campuses in the entire UW-System. The other two campuses are UW-Green Bay and UW-Madison.

According to Willson, the non-smoking policy proposal passed through the Residence Living Committee, Facilities and Fee, and finally the Student Senate.

Willson also announced that hall managers have been selected for next year.

For single event requests, the UW-RF National Ag-marketing Association is requesting about \$3,900 to send eight students to an agricultural marketing and trade show in Atlanta, Ga., on April 5 through 9. The request was sent back to the Student Organizations Committee because the Board couldn't determine reasons for portions of the request, such as a promotional fee.

On March 16, James St. Arnold, a speaker from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and

Wildlife Commission, is tentatively scheduled to give a lecture on campus. The Recreation and Wellness Committee is requesting \$300 to sponsor this event. The request was sent back to the Committee for another look.

There was much discussion among the board members on how the LDPB should be administered. One topic of debate was a question of whether or not two committees could co-sponsor a campus event if one had a surplus of money to provide the other if it lacked funds. The question was whether or not the committees should have authority over the Board in deciding what to do with their money.

Zirbel said the LDPB should be the decision-maker in this case.

"There has to be some structure on how the committees spend their money," Zirbel said. "The main reason why the Board exists is to provide this structure."

Cleary said the decision to give money to

another committee should not lie with the board.

"The committee should get to decide on how their money is being used," Cleary said. "The transfer of funds is a committee issue. Why can't the two committees just figure out a way to transfer the money?"

In a similar issue, a question arose as to why only a certain few people should be able to attend the LDPB meetings. Board member Lana Isaacson agreed, said the committees themselves should be present to hear their budget requests at the LDPB meetings.

"We aren't here just for the eight members on each committee, but for the 5,500 full-time enrolled students on campus," Isaacson said.

The next LDPB meeting will be Monday, March 1 at 5 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room of the Student Center. The Board members will be debating and making final justifications for their 1999-2000 budgets.

Fight

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Linehan said this isn't the first time Lee and Smith have been involved in a confrontation.

"This wasn't just your typical bar fight," he said. "There is a history of problems involved with these two involving two documented incidents."

Aggravated battery is a class 'c' felony, which is punishable by a maximum charge of \$10,000 or 10 years in prison, or both, according to the Pierce County District Attorney's office. Misdemeanor battery is punishable by a charge of \$10,000 or nine months in prison, or both.

Smith is scheduled for a preliminary hearing March 1 at 3 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Words over fists

Last weekend a former student was beaten and battered on a sidewalk outside of a River Falls bar. Beaten so badly that the man, bloody and shattered, was transported that night to a St. Paul hospital. Most likely the fight evolved over personal problems and conflicts between the fighters. But there is no conflict that could possibly be so atrocious that it could warrant a man's face being kicked like a football.

Disagreements and conflicts of interests can not be avoided, and they shouldn't be.

But talking could bring some resolution to these problems and would make more sense than relying on violence.

Anyone who feels the need to assert their manhood through violent acts is obviously compensating for a lack of intelligence or other physical attributes.

Although drinking and drugs doesn't account for all fights, it certainly plays a role in some battle grounds. It is unknown if alcohol was a factor in last week's incident. Those who try to use the influence of alcohol as an excuse for committing a stupid and aggressive act should take more responsibility for their actions instead of pawing them off on the effects of drinking.

Blaming liquor is as cowardly as the act itself. A real man would be brave enough to just walk away.

The men involved probably wish now that they had walked away. This was a 15-minute act that will influence everyone involved for the rest of their lives.

One man may end up in prison. One lies in a hospital. All involved have lost some of their rights.

The right to life, liberty and a pursuit of happiness does not hold true in certain circumstances - fighting being one. The freedom of expression was not meant to include expressing oneself by slamming fists into the nose of someone they have disagreed with or bumped shoulders with.

That kind of treatment to a peer is unjustifiable under any circumstance. Small rumbles happen almost weekly whether it be on campus or downtown, but with help from police and other witnesses the brawls are usually stopped before they really begin. What happened this time?

It is unknown why the fighting was allowed to continue until someone lay helpless on the sidewalk. But lets hope in the future this type of behavior will not take place on or off campus.

"One man may end up in prison. One lies in a hospital. All involved have lost some of their rights."

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Corporate conglomerates limit choices

Everyday we are faced with decisions: what channel to watch, what store to shop at, or what soft drink to spend our 60 cents on.

These may seem like minor life decisions, but they do provide us with a sense of control over a world that tends to be slightly out of control. We may not be able to decide if the President gets impeached, but when we pick up the phone we can definitely decide if we're going to dial 10-10-220 or 10-10-321.

But even these small insignificant decisions lose their power when the bottom line comes into focus. As consumers we really have very few choices, except deciding which way we are going to hand the corporate executives our money. Because even though it may seem like our choices are unlimited and ever expanding, they are becoming fewer and farther between as the mega corporations vie for the title of head company holder.

Going to the mall is no longer a decision making process. Instead, the choices are becoming more and more limited.

If you have ever wondered why the clothes at Old Navy bare an

eerie resemblance to those found at The Gap, it's probably because the stores are owned by the same company. The names might be different but the checks are all going to the same place.

The same is true for The Limited, Express, Bath and Body Works and Structure. All four, and a few more, have the same executive signing their pay stubs.

Even innovative, family-owned companies such as Aveda have recently been swallowed up by the evil VP's at Estee Lauder, the same corporate conglomerate that lays claim to Clinique, Origins and numerous drug-store brands.

If you have ever stuck your nose up at a Hanes sweatshirt in favor of the more expensive Champion brand you might want to consider the fact that they are coming from the same place.

The media is also not immune to this corporate conglomeration.

Don't think it makes one difference if you change the channel from ABC to ESPN. Disney is the one that benefits either way, and the money is green no matter which channel it comes through.

This may not seem like a bad thing at first glance, but when was

keep believing the sad misnomer that we are really making conscientious decisions?

Could it be that if people realized they were only deciding between Disney, AT&T and GE they might lose a little of the tint in their rose-colored consumer glasses?

People might also be a little disturbed by the idea that three corporations are deciding what television shows to run, what style of clothes to sell and which books to print. The world will never be able to face a

JENNIFER EBERSPACHER

"The world will never be able to face a universe owned by Disney."



the last time you saw a negative story about Disney on ABC's evening news broadcast?

Even those fun new "money-saving" numbers you can dial before making a long-distance call are all owned by the green-horned monsters at AT&T.

So why not call a rose a rose? Why do the corporate execs let us

universe owned by Disney. So instead of plastering the Mickey Mouse logo on all of its money-making endeavors, the man behind the cartoon will let us go on thinking that he really cares which brand we buy and what channel we watch.

What exactly makes a person beautiful?

You know, you'd be kind of cute if you were a little taller."

"Taller, HAH! You just wait until I'm bald and fat too baby, then we'll see who's kind of cute, won't we!"

She won't say that again, but seriously, what's wrong with being 5'8"? My answer, not a thing! There seems to be this weird idea that height gives people respect and makes them attractive. Well let me tell you, some of the stupidest, ugliest, most ridiculous looking people I've ever seen were amongst those so called 'privileged' masses.

There seems to be this pathetic contempt for short people. I'd like to know why tall people feel this smugness. Yo! Stretch! I'm talking to you! Do you feel superior because you can actually reach things at the supermarket? Is that it? Because if you have ever seen yourselves smacking your foreheads on door-jams or getting into a Geo Metro, you'd understand why I don't mind playing jungle boy every time I go to the IGA.

The only advantage to height that I can think of is basketball. But even in the NBA tall people don't always score. One look at Spud Web and Mugsy Bogues and you know what I'm talking about. And still the persecution continues.

Thankfully, for the bald, balding, or promising to be bald, you can be happy with the knowledge that many people think a clean head looks good. This doesn't work with women however. Your only hope is Rogaine or rebellion.

I heard talk that there was a thickening trend in the modeling industry, but I don't see it. Most supermodels do tend to be larger than the silhouette that Kate Moss leaves (blade of grass), but not by much, and this is not beautiful. This is bulimia. The hollowed out half-dead look is scary, not sexy.

So what it really comes down to is a question of just what makes a person beautiful. Personally, I don't find people attractive without a little bit of squishy. But let's be reasonable, a little squishy goes a long way.

If however, excess is your thing, be thankful that you live in America. This is the nation of overindulgence, gluttony and obesity. If you've got it, flaunt it! Celebrate it! I say that all short and/or squishy and/or bald people band together to

stop the senseless persecution of parental DNA, and Twinkies, and double cheese pizza, and German chocolate cake, and a Friday night fish fry and everything else that tastes good. So grab your chicken potato burritos and shake them in the air and scream at the top of your lungs "I wanna live! And I'm not going to take it anymore."

NEIL RHINES

"The hollowed out half-dead look is scary, not sexy."



But it's not just the bald or the gravitationally challenged that get a kick in the shorts. Two words, Ally McBeal. Now not only are you supposed to be tall, but you can't eat either. Call it tabloid scandal. Call it paparazzi madness that drives the supermarkets of this grand nation to promote their willow frames. Say it's because of male chauvinism or female paranoia. I don't care. But will somebody please make these girls eat?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thinking needed in columns

In response to an article written in the Feb. 4 issue of the paper by Adam Benedetto on Culture vs. Creation, I question some of the information stated and wonder how much thought was put forth in that piece.

I understand a lot of extra effort must go in to keeping the Student Voice going, and I applaud the efforts of everyone that works on it. I do expect a certain amount of thought and research used so as not to insult my intelligence with vast and wild claims from an unsubstantiated "senior major in English." I understand if this is an editorial section that there may be views and opinions expressed by the author, but I still disagree with a few quotes.

Nevertheless, such claims as "the power structure of the Church creates people who follow, not leaders who think for themselves," and "on a national scale there have been more crimes committed by well-intentioned Christians than anyone else. The Republicans are a guilty party" makes no sense to me. Of course the Church creates followers. They follow the word of God or whatever they believe to be God. That's why they go. And what is meant by horrible crimes? What is a horrible crime and why are only Christians committing them? Is this also insinuating that all Christians are Republicans, or vice versa? I need some proof or a footnote relating to research about these claims before I can believe them. "...I can't stand by God's orders and avoid the knowledge of good and evil." There is no argument of God disallowing mankind knowledge. The statement of the tree of good and evil is symbolic. "My first reason is based in the principle that all knowledge is good knowledge" (as to why Christianity is destructive to intellectualism) makes no sense either. Christianity is about learning something. It may not be something everyone chooses to learn, but it is knowledge, therefore good.

Lastly, Adam had mentioned "students should attack everything they learn. At the grocery store we inspect our produce before we buy it," and I agree we should think about things we learn, but based upon facts, work, research and life experiences. As in the case with his story, I can refute, question or debate it, but I don't need to "attack" it. It's all part of learning, which is healthy. It is like going to a bar for 2 for 1 tappers, do you question the freshness of the beer coming out of the taps, or do you take it on a certain amount of on faith that the beer will be fine?

I think we live in a media frenzied, sensationalized, Jerry Springer induced culture; quick to sue first and prove later. I think it would be refreshing to see some interesting, thought provoking pieces come from ALL facets of journalism, especially a college paper. Trying to make a deadline isn't reason enough for me to except shoddy reporting.

Ron Parr

Speak your mind Offended

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Sarah Reber
Legislative Issues

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Troy Mallat's article, "Wanted: A Few Good Women." As a female reader of your publication, I was truly offended. Mallat made several exaggerated references to gender roles in our society, and I find that troublesome.

Actually, I see more and more females who have a genuine interest in more than the Vikings, Packers debate. Just because women do not get in fights over who the better team is does not mean we are not fans!

Sincerely,
Heather Harmer

P.S. By the way, I think Stewart Scott is the funniest man on earth.

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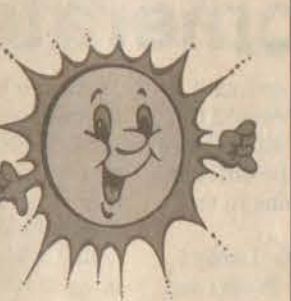
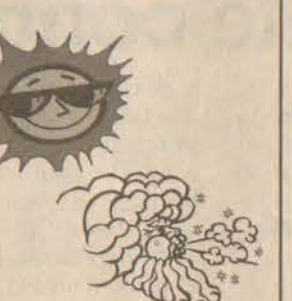
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WEATHER FORECAST

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Weekly Forecast	Temperatures		Precipitation		Sky Data		
It won't be long until flowers begin popping out of the ground if temperatures continue to be above average. March will prove to be mild and warm.		High	Low		Actual	Normal	
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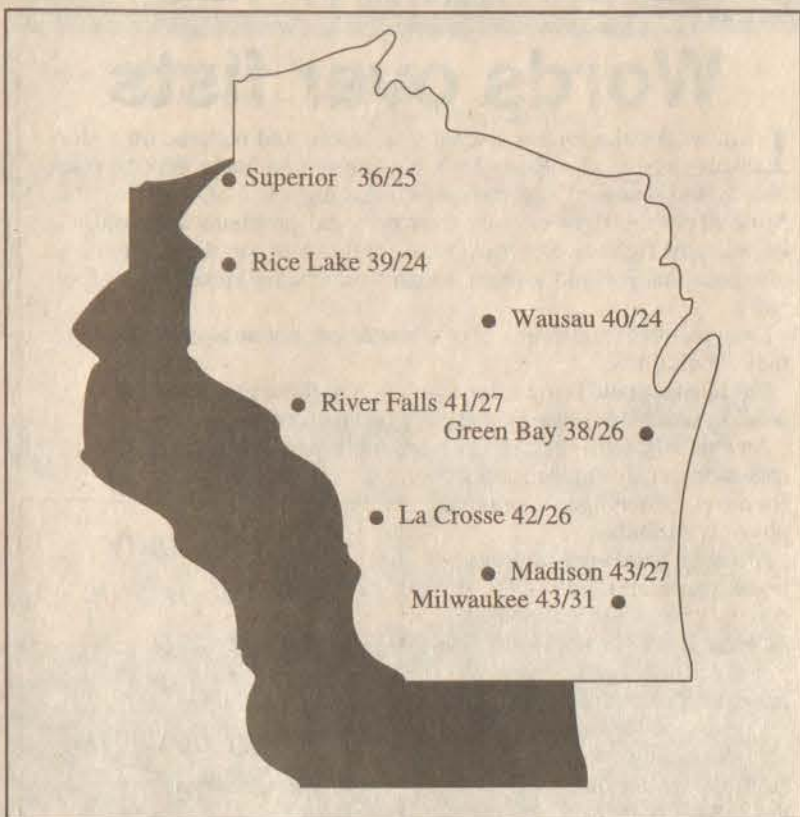
ment resulted in moving the ceramic and glass studios to first floor KFA.
"It's like building a house," said Bernice Fick-Swenson, a fine art print instructor.
Minor finishings, such as adding cabinets in the studios, are still in progress.
The remodeled studios are more efficient than the department's previous organization.

"We were all over," said Adam Smrcka, a senior fine arts major. "Everything is more convenient now."
The efficiency sentiment is found among many in the art department.
"There is rhyme and reason for placement," Fick-Swenson said.
Now, similar studios are located in one area rather than scattered throughout the department. For example, the two-dimensional studios, such as drawing and graphics, are located next to each other.
The art department began planning for the changes about a year ago.

Fick-Swenson said the entire department was altered and changed in some way. The six months of displacement from their home base didn't dampen anyone's spirit.
"The artists took it very well," DeVetter said. "The biggest challenge was the disruption to our sense of community."
Fick-Swenson saw the move as an explorative time. She said the campus was very accommodating to students and faculty.
"The art department has come a long way," Fick-Swenson said. "It was an adventure."
Fick-Swenson's class moved into the Ames Educational Building and used the boys' locker room, preschool and anatomy rooms. She said the time spent away from their usual surroundings was a creative time.
Students and faculty realized the temporary move would be beneficial in the end. The inconveniences didn't mean that student work suffered, she said.
It also offered opportunity for students and faculty to do things they hadn't had time to do before.

They took field trips that related to their art and realized that great art isn't always done with a lot of machines. The concentration was on what they could do as artists with more of a hands-on process free of equipment.
The students and faculty pulled together to make the move easily and quickly.
"The department has a very professional and sophisticated faculty and students are eager to learn," Fick-Swenson said. "When you bring the mixture together, you can learn how to make do. The art department is definitely in better shape and is definitely a safer environment."

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River Falls 3, Lake Forest 1
River Falls 4, Lake Forest 2

BASKETBALL

Women's
WIAC Quarterfinals
River Falls 71, Whitewater 66Men's
WIAC Play-in game
La Crosse 70, River Falls 54

INDOOR TRACK

1. River Falls 182
2. Stout 86
3. Carleton 82J A S O N
EGERSTROMClub team,
schnub team

The Student Voice is a newspaper, not a public relations firm. I don't know where various UW-River Falls club sports teams got the idea that it was.

Over the past week, I have been approached by the men's volleyball club, the men's soccer club and the newly formed men's track club—all of them looking for some ink in their student newspaper.

It's not going to happen. At least, not until someone can explain to me why one organization deserves recognition over the other 120 organizations on campus. The Student Voice doesn't cover fraternities and sororities on campus. Neither do we print a story on the Rodeo Club just "so people know they exist."

As the sports editor at The Student Voice, I am dedicated to providing the best possible coverage of the 16 varsity sports this campus offers, given the page and a half of space given to me each week.

How can these club teams believe they deserve some of this space? I attend a majority of the varsity sporting events on campus, and the lack of student support at these events is embarrassing. Why then, would students care about a club team's story? Even the recent success of the UW-RF football, volleyball, indoor track and hockey teams attract very little attention from the Falcon not-so-faithful. And these are the varsity teams that COUNT in the standings.

The scarce attendance at varsity sports is not due to lack of publicity (Please see page B2 of your Student Voice). It's due to a lack of interest altogether. So why should we cover club teams that nobody cares about but its own participants and club members? It's selfish of you to even ask for a story.

Students, I challenge you to prove me wrong. Those of you who are NOT in a club sport, but are still genuinely interested to see something in your newspaper on them, please stop by 213 South Hall and talk to me.

For the last 2 1/2 years, it has always been my goal to provide fair, accurate and objective coverage to the varsity sports on this campus. And sometimes lack of space disallows that from happening.

At some point, a club team may get some coverage. If a team is successful and advances into a national tournament of some kind, or if there is another unusual event surrounding the club that sparks a story. Only then is your organization newsworthy.

I have nothing against club sports. Even some of my closest friends are on club teams. In fact, if I didn't work at The Student Voice and I had the time, I would probably join one myself.

My advice to the clubs: put something in The Student Voice briefs section (just drop off your written brief by noon on Mondays the week of publication) or post signs around campus like other campus organizations do. What? Do your own public relations? What a novel concept.

Jason Egerstrom is a senior majoring in journalism

Rambow draws
'First Blood'
Junior's only hoop
ignites 20-1 run

■ Missy Johnson's 21 second-half points thrusts the Falcons into the WIAC Semifinals

Dan Hilsen
Viewpoints Editor

Good players become great players when games and seasons are on the line.

Tuesday, Falcon senior forward Missy Johnson stepped up her game and led the women's basketball team to a thrilling 71-66 win over the UW-Whitewater Warhawks in the WIAC Tournament Quarterfinals.

The Warhawks controlled the game for most of the first half.

With 8:37 remaining in the half the Warhawks went up 24-13 on a jumper by Rebecca Nyström.

But the Falcons would battle back.

A jumper by Johnson with 8:25 left in the half spurred on a 12-2 Falcon run that spanned through the 4:12 minute mark when junior guard Bev Gefek drained a three to bring the team to within one of the Warhawks.

However, the Falcons would score one point the rest of the half as the Warhawks finished the half riding a 7-1 run.

Johnson did put in 10 points in the first half, but that wasn't enough to go into the locker room in the lead. The Falcons trailed 33-26 at the half.

"In the first half I think both teams played sloppy," Falcon coach Dave Schuchter said. "Both teams turned it over a lot. We were still in the game at halftime."

The second-half swing

Then came the second half and with the game on the line, and most likely the season on the brink of extinction, the comeback charge began.

With 12:05 remaining in the game, Falcon junior forward Kelly Rambow's three-pointer brought the Falcons within nine points of the Warhawks. She drew first blood off a shot that sparked a 20-1 Falcon run that culminated with a free throw by Johnson with 6:21 remaining in the game to give the Falcons a 54-49 lead.

"The second half was just a game of runs," Schuchter said.

The Warhawks would battle back. The Warhawks closed the gap to 68-66 with 18 seconds left. But all the Warhawks could do was foul and the Falcons made the free throws, giving the team the win and sending them on to the WIAC Semifinals on Feb. 25.

The Johnson factor

Leading the way on offense for the Falcons was Johnson with 31 points, 21 of which came in the second half. She also grabbed 11 boards on the night to lead the team.

"We stepped her out a little bit and she took the ball hard to the basket," Schuchter said. "You could see it in her eyes. You could see the confidence."

"We stepped (Johnson) out a little bit and she took the ball hard to the basket. You could see it in her eyes. You could see the confidence."

-Dave Schuchter,
women's basketball
coach

On tap: Eau Claire

Now the Falcons look ahead to the Semifinals where they will take on UW-Eau Claire on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in Eau Claire. The Falcons lost both regular-season contests with the Bluebirds this season. The team dropped a 89-77 decision on Jan. 11 and fell 74-38 on Feb. 17.

"We have to shoot the ball a heck of a lot better than last Wednesday," Schuchter said. "Our defense has to make some things happen."

Poor shooting ends Falcon rollercoaster ride

■ The Falcon men's basketball team's season ended Friday with a 70-54 loss in La Crosse

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

One of the worst seasons of recent times is now over for the UW-River Falls men's basketball team. The Falcons lost on Friday night at UW-La Crosse in the inaugural WIAC Tournament play-in game, 70-54.

With the victory, the Eagles move on from the tournament's play-in game to meet UW-Platteville on Monday night.

Friday's loss was the second in a row to La Crosse, which defeated the Falcons in La Crosse a week and a half earlier.

A 9-16 final record, which resulted in a last-place finish, was obviously not what Falcon head coach Rick Bowen had in mind when the 1998-99 season began. The Falcons knew they were going to be very young this season with a large recruiting class coming in. They also knew graduated All-Conference players Chad Meschke and Jason Beeler were going to be nearly impossible to replace.

But with numerous veterans coming back and the addition of guard Lamar Westberry at season's beginning, Bowen figured to have a 15-plus win season. It turned out to be a near perpetual nightmare. One of the biggest problems with this season was a lack of consistency. Perhaps Friday's loss was the perfect example.

The Falcons propelled themselves into their game with La Crosse on a 75-70 upset win two days prior against UW-Eau Claire. In the first half, they resembled the team that defeated the Bluebirds. The Falcons got a lead and held onto it through the half. Pat Ptacek got most of his 13 points in the first half, doing what he does best - posting up down low and getting soft turnaround jumpers to fall. La Crosse rarely trailed by more than four during the half and were down to River Falls 33-31 at halftime.

Enter the inconsistency part. After shooting a respectable

"We couldn't find the basket...we had no consistent offense."

-Rick Bowen, men's
basketball coach

46 percent in the first half, the Falcons dropped down 34 percent in the second half. In fact, the Falcons scored just seven points in the half's first 13 minutes.

"We couldn't find the basket...we had no consistent offense," Bowen said.

Meanwhile, La Crosse, led by Eddie Hebert, Steve Tracy, and Ryan Eklund, took control. The Eagles turned a two-

point deficit at halftime into a double-digit lead faster than a Randy Moss fly pattern. Hebert scored 19 for the Eagles, and Tracy and Eklund, two of the top three leading scorers in conference play, added 14 and 12 respectively.

While the Eagles' veterans were doing their jobs, the Falcon vets were not.

Tony Fisher played just 17 minutes in the final game of his career, scoring just five points. Lamar Westberry shot only 3 of 13 from the floor for seven points, and Chad Coss and Nic Been were reduced to non-factors. Ptacek was the only Falcon in double figures for scoring with his 13.

"There can be no excuses," Bowen said. "Our veterans played terribly."

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Skaters sweep LFC
Team advances to Semifinals

Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Falcon Corey Martinson celebrates after his second-period power-play goal gave the Falcons a 2-0 lead in Saturday's 4-2 NCHA quarterfinal series-clinching win over Lake Forest at Hunt Arena. The Falcons will host UW-Stevens Point in a NCHA Semifinal series this weekend.

■ The Falcons will host UW-Stevens Point this weekend in a rematch of last season's NCHA Semifinal series

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

Despite lacking the services of forwards Bryan Benedict and Jesse Sampair, the UW-River Falls hockey team managed a 3-1, 4-2 NCHA Quarterfinal sweep of the Lake Forest College Foresters last weekend at Hunt Arena.

The series win boosts the Falcons into the NCHA Semifinals this weekend when the team hosts UW-Stevens Point. The Pointers have been the Falcons' playoff nemesis in recent years, including last February when the Pointers came into Hunt Arena for a NCHA Semifinal series and upset the Falcons two games-to-one.

During the regular season this year, the Falcons split with the Pointers in Stevens Point, winning 4-3 and dropping a 5-2 decision. Sampair, who was in the hospital with a severe case of the flu and missed the quarterfinal series with the Foresters over the weekend, scored the game-winning goal in the Falcons' regular-season win at Stevens Point. And the Falcons may be without their senior captain again for this weekend's rematch.

"I talked to Jesse today (Sunday) and he's really weak," Falcon head coach Steve Freeman said. "The doctors say it'll be a couple of weeks and Jesse thinks

he'll be skating by Wednesday. I'd say his return for this weekend's series is very questionable."

Meantime, the Falcons have encouraging news on the status of Benedict, who also sat out this weekend's quarterfinal series. The junior forward, who has been a mainstay on the Falcons' top power play unit, separated his collarbone and suffered some rotator cuff damage in the regular-season finale at St. Scholastica. The first indication was that Benedict's injury would keep him benched for a few weeks, but Freeman said Sunday that Benedict will skate in practice on Monday and added that his status for game action is day-to-day.

The Falcons survived without Benedict and Sampair (two players who see a lot of playing time) against the lovely Foresters (7-17-2), but not without making some adjustments. The Falcons, who normally use four separate lines of forwards, used three lines over the weekend. And the results were evident. Six different Falcons accounted for the team's seven goals over the weekend. Forward Jared Anderson was the only player to light the red light twice.

"It's a team concept," Freeman said of having to fill the void of both Benedict and Sampair. "Our depth is the strength of our program. We don't have a standout player. We won 20 games this year and we don't have a scorer in the top 25 of the NCHA scorer's list."

Falcon Shane Bengtson filled Benedict's role on the Falcons' top power play in the sweep over the Foresters, while a simplified game plan was used to make up for Sampair's absence on the second power-play unit.

Early on, the Falcon power play appeared as though

See "Hockey" on page B2



Tony Fisher

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

NCHA HOCKEY (Reg. Season Final)

	W	L	T	Pts.
St. Norbert (21-3-3)	12	2	2	26
UW-River Falls (20-7-0)	12	4	0	24
Bemidji St. (17-13-0)	10	6	0	20
UW-Stevens Point (17-9-1)	10	6	0	20
UW-Superior (19-6-2)	9	6	1	19
UW-Stout (9-16-2)	6	9	1	13
UW-Eau Claire (10-15-2)	4	10	2	10
Lake Forest (7-17-2)	4	12	0	8
St. Scholastica (7-20-0)	2	14	0	4

WIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (Feb. 20)

	W	L
Oshkosh (22-1)	15	1
Eau Claire (20-3)	13	3
Whitewater (17-6)	12	4
Stout (13-11)	10	6
Stevens Point (13-11)	8	8
River Falls (15-9)	7	9
Platteville (9-15)	3	12
La Crosse (7-18)	2	14
Superior (5-18)	2	14

WIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL (Feb. 22)

	W	T
Platteville (23-2)	15	1
Eau Claire (17-8)	11	5
Oshkosh (18-7)	11	5
Whitewater (17-6)	9	7
Stevens Point (14-10)	8	8
Stout (13-10)	6	10
La Crosse (10-13)	4	12
Superior (9-14)	4	12
River Falls (8-15)	4	12

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	Feb. 26- Mar. 4 1999	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hockey		Stevens Point 7:00 p.m.	Stevens Point 7:00 p.m.					
Women's Basketball		Feb. 25 at Eau Claire 7:00 p.m.						
Gymnastics		WIAC Meet at Stout						March 5 NCAA Regionals at River Falls
Swimming		La Crosse Invitational (men) 4 p.m.						
Indoor Track		at Stout 4 p.m.						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

HOCKEY—Goalie Brady Alstead (Sr., Plymouth, Minn.) had two great games for the Falcons as the team beat Lake Forest twice. Friday he allowed just one goal and made 24 saves, and Saturday he allowed just two goals and made 16 stops.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—Falcon guard Mara Reif-Wenner (So., St. Cloud, Minn.) played a solid game at Eau Claire. "Mara continues to improve," Falcon coach Dave Schuchter said. "She showed her athleticism against Eau Claire."

GYMNASTICS—Annie Renelt (So., Lakeville, Minn.) had a strong meet at Oshkosh on Friday. She finished fourth in the all-around with a 34.0. It was her highest score of the season. She led the Falcons with a 9.3 in the floor exercise and an 8.6 on the beam. She also had a 7.85 on bars and an 8.0 in the vault.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD—Track: Colleen McNamara (Sr., Somerset, Wis.) had two lifetime bests for the Falcons on Friday. She finished fourth in the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.64 and second in the 200 meter dash on 27.24. She was a member of the 4x400 relay team, which placed first in a school-record time of 4:06.74 and was a member of the 4x200 relay, which placed first in 1:48.5. Field: Lisa Moore (Jr., Alma Center, Wis.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Indoor Meet in the weight throw with a toss of 14.38 meters on Friday.

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SPORTS SUMMARIES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday's results

River Falls	33	21-54
La Crosse	31	39-70

River Falls leading scorers: Patek 13; Becker, Westberry, Holman 7.

River Falls leading rebounders: Patek 5; Westberry, Holman 4.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tuesday's results

Lake Forest	0	1	0-1
River Falls	1	1	1-3

River Falls	26	45-71
Whitewater	33	33-66

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 31, Loeblich 15.
River Falls leading rebounders: Johnson 11; Olsen, Sieburg, Reif-Wenner, Rambow 4.

HOCKEY

Friday's results

Lake Forest	0	1	0-1
River Falls	1	1	1-3

First period: RF- Cullen :53. **Second period:** RF- Bengston (Bernard) 9:24. LF- Baker (Mutch, Austin) 10:02 (PP). **Third period:** RF- Anderson (Bengston, Matzke) 8:55.

Shots on goal: River Falls 15-12-13-40; Lake Forest 10-9-6-25. **Saves:** River Falls, Alstead 24; Lake Forest, Vickar 37.

Saturday's results

Lake Forest	0	2	0-2
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River Falls	1	1	2-4
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First period: RF- Burke (Fukushima) 15:55. **Second period:** RF- Martinson (Komar, Fukushima) 13:40 (PP). LF- DeMatl (Jay, Poole) 14:52. LF- Holmer (Domaleski) 15:59. **Third period:** RF- Anderson (Bengston, Matzke) 11:46. RF- Fukushima (Burke, Martinson) 18:58 (EN).

Shots on goal: River Falls 11-7-9-27; Lake Forest 7-9-2-18. **Saves:** River Falls, Alstead 16; Lake Forest, Vickar 37.

River Falls	132.85
Oshkosh	138.8

GYMNASTICS

Saturday's results

River Falls	132.85
Oshkosh	138.8

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Falcon Open

1. River Falls	182
2. Stout	86

3. Carleton	82
4. Macalester	80
5. Bethel	74
6. Winona St.	46

WRESTLING

WIAC Championships

1. La Crosse	146.5
2. Platteville	126.5
3. Stevens Point	113.5
4. Oshkosh	81.5
5. Eau Claire	62.5
6. Whitewater	54.0
7. River Falls	46.5

Hockey

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it had some missing pieces. In Friday's 3-1 triumph, the Falcons went 0 for 4 with the man advantage. In Saturday's series-clinching 4-2 win, the Falcons failed to convert on their first power-play opportunity before a second period power-play goal by Corey Martinson broke the power-play skid as the Falcons converted 1 of 6 power-play opportunities over the weekend.

Despite the lack of power-play goals tallied on the Hunt Arena scoreboard, Freeman was pleased with his team's effort on the power play.

"If you get one or two great shots, then you have had a good power play," Freeman noted. "We feel as though we had some great opportunities, but they just didn't go for us."

Indeed, the Falcons fired 40 shots on goal in Friday's win, only to have Forester star goalie Aaron Vickar stop 37 of them. Defenseman Peter Cullen ignited the Falcon attack when he scored 53 seconds into Friday's contest on the team's first shot on goal. From there, Falcons never looked back.

Bengton added a back-handed goal on a breakaway in the second period before Lake Forest cut the lead to 2-1 with a goal before the second intermission. In the third, Anderson scored his first of two goals on the weekend on a nice passing play from teammates Bengton and Bill Matzke.

Falcon goalie Brady Alstead shined when it counted most, making 24 saves in his 18th win of the season. Saturday, however, Alstead would not be tested nearly as often.

The Falcons took a 2-0 lead on goals by Chris Burke and Corey

Martinson and looked to be on their way to an easy victory. However, the Foresters clawed their way back on a goal that bounded off Falcon defenseman T.J. Wasley, who was trying to block a pass crossing in front of the Falcon net.

Then, the Foresters tied the contest at two just before the second intermission.

However, the Falcons' defensive determination squandered a desolate Lake Forest attack in the

third, allowing only two shots on goal in the final 20-minute period.

"We rose to the occasion," Freeman said of his team's tight defensive play in Saturday's third period. "I thought Lake Forest played well. They played tight in their own end. But they tired in the third

period when we began working the corners."

Meantime, the Falcons will need a similar defensive effort if they are to stymie a dangerously offensive UW-SP team this weekend.

"They have a number of talented individual players," Freeman said of Pointers Kevin Fricke, Ben Gorewich and Mikhail Salienko. "And we don't want to be beat by individual players."

In the Falcons' home loss to the Pointers in last season's NCHA Semifinals, UW-RF was able to take the first game of the series on Friday. However, a tremendous individual effort by former Pointer star Forrest Gore on Saturday sent the Falcons packing.

In this year's regular-season split, Fricke scored three goals and Salienko tallied two goals.

The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. both nights at Hunt Arena.

The other NCHA Semifinal series has the No. 4 seeded UW-Superior Yellowjackets visiting No. 1 seed St. Norbert College. The Falcons split with both UW-S and SNC during the regular season.

Gymnastics fall, again

Emily Felling
Sports Correspondent

The UW-RF women's gymnastics team lost 132.85-138.8 to UW-Oshkosh this past Saturday making it tough for them to go to nationals as a team, according to coach Jeanne DeLisle. "Oshkosh had their top girls back who were out due to injuries previously at the Eau Claire Invitational," DeLisle said. "As a result, it was a tough meet and there's room for improvement before conferences next week."

Freshman Angie Garin placed third in the all-around competition with a score of 34.0. Following Garrin was sophomore Annie Renelt who placed fourth in the all-around competition with a score of 33.75. According to DeLisle, Renelt's floor exercise score was a team and individual high for the season.

"I was very proud of Annie," said DeLisle. "I think her or Angie

Garin will possibly go to nationals, but the biggest competition is lying within our own team.

"We are in the same position as last year. We weren't able to make it as a team to nationals because our team season average score wasn't high enough. As a result, a few individual gymnasts did, and they will have to beat one another out to make it this year."

Track steamrolls Open

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

There were six teams that started the day at the Falcon Open on Friday. In the end, there was really only one.

The UW-River Falls track and field team simply outclassed the other five competitors, scoring 182 points. The second-place Stout Blue Devils scored 86.

"This is the strongest team I've

ever had," said head coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner.

Senior Sarah Peterson came back from a partially torn cartilage pad in her knee to win four events.

Kropp-Wagner says not having Peterson at 100 percent has been a "blessing in disguise" because teammates have picked up the slack.

The 4x400 meter relay team also set a new school record with a time of 4:06.5.



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Men's basketball

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When the buzzer sounded on the game, it marked the end of the careers of seniors Fisher, Westberry, and Casey Werner. Fisher had a great impact on the program. He was a starter since his freshman season. Westberry wasn't a Falcon very long. He began at River Falls several years ago, but transferred school a few times in between then and now. He started off the year with the Falcons, quit, then rejoined the team late in the season. Werner was a transfer from Worthington (Minn.) Community College, and played a solid number of minutes during his two years with River Falls.

The 70-54 loss closed the books on the Falcons' season. Now it's time for the Falcon coaching staff to start concentrating on recruiting, something that will be a tireless venture from now until May. Because this year was such a drag, Bowen had extra incentive to work the recruiting aspect hard.

"This year has been a real motivator for me," he said. "Because I don't want to go through this again. Nine and 16 is just unacceptable. There's no way you can sugarcoat it. We finished ninth in conference. That's bad, and that's not something I'm going to accept. We've got the rest of the year to live with this, and we'll try to fix it."



MATT KONDRAKSEK

Fun in the back forty

There are many ways that people keep themselves entertained that I would consider stupid. But people who live in a rural area rather than an urban one seem to have more than their fair share of pathetic hobbies.

These hicks, as I have learned to call them, not only live where there isn't anything

interesting but have also created their own culture where Garth Brooks is better music than the Beatles and a 4x4 is better than a luxury car.

The first hobby that I cannot understand wanting any part of is watching stock car races. This could be a fun hobby if there were more accidents and fewer safety rules. Anybody can drive around in a circle. There are thousands of go-cart tracks around this country. Why not race yourself? I actually heard someone say that these people are athletes and that you have to be in good shape to be a stock car driver. What a bunch of crap that is. I drive aggressively on the expressway, but that doesn't make me an athlete. Why not get a bunch of trained chimps to drive around in a circle? They could be trained to drive as well as most of these pro drivers. It might almost make it interesting if we could see Co-Co the chimp beat Dale Earnhardt in the Daytona 500.

Other hick hobbies include driving in the mud with a truck and trying not to get stuck and dressing up like Buffalo Bill or some other 19th century cowboy. I will never understand the desire to dress in the fashion of past centuries. People who are Shakespeare fans don't wear clothes from that era.

I also don't understand country music, it's fans or the line dancing that goes along with it. Basically, what the line dancers are telling you is they really don't want to be an individual. They would rather dress and act the same as all of the other people that are with them.

The best comparison for this type of behavior is a second grade clique of girls that all have the same hair style and clothes that love Backstreet Boys. The only difference is that the clique of young girls will most likely outgrow this and the hicks probably won't.

The final activity that they take part in is the rodeo, bull riding in particular. I don't see what is so great about dominating an animal that we as humans are supposed to be mentally superior to. Apparently, not all humans are mentally superior to these animals. If they were really that smart, then they wouldn't try to physically defeat an animal that can weigh over 2000 pounds more than them. I have found way to make this hick activity fun though. All you have to do is root for the bull to win. If the bull ruptures a few testicles or breaks a few bones, I'm very pleased. I saw a movie called "8 seconds". This is a true story about a bull rider who was so stupid that he didn't quit when a bull stepped on his nuts. He decided to continue on with this magnificent career choice and died when a bull stepped on him a second time. This is a perfect movie if you want to laugh.

Nothing exemplifies these hicks better than the bumper stickers on a local pickup truck. There were several that were for rodeo including my favorite which stated "Chicks Dig Scars". There was one that said "Bad Ass Toys for Bad Ass Boys", and of course the hick favorite: Confederate flag. The Confederate flag being advertised in the farthest north states

See "Hicks" B4



Dear Meddling Melinda,

Last week I did something quite horrible. I told my one of my girl friends that one of our guy friends is gay or potentially gay. Well, to tell you the truth, I lied. You see, the reason I lied is because I like him and we have been messing around on the side without anyone knowing.

This guy and I have a very non-emotional relationship. Well, at least I thought we did.

For the last month we have been messing around secretly. When it first happened we both agreed to

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not get seriously involved. But then she came along and started talking to him and all of a sudden I got insanely jealous.

I feel like I have betrayed two people that I care very much for. But, at the same time, I feel very betrayed. How am I supposed to tell one of my best friends that I have been physically involved with this guy? How am I supposed to tell this guy I have more feelings then just a friend and sex thing for him? How do I get myself out of this mess without looking like a total jerk?

-Very Confused

Dear Very Confused,

The first thing you need to do is find out how your non-committed guy-friend feels about you, and tell him that your feelings for him have changed. Ask

him if he has any of those feelings for you.

Another thing you might want to do, probably at the end of the conversation, is tell him what you did last week and why.

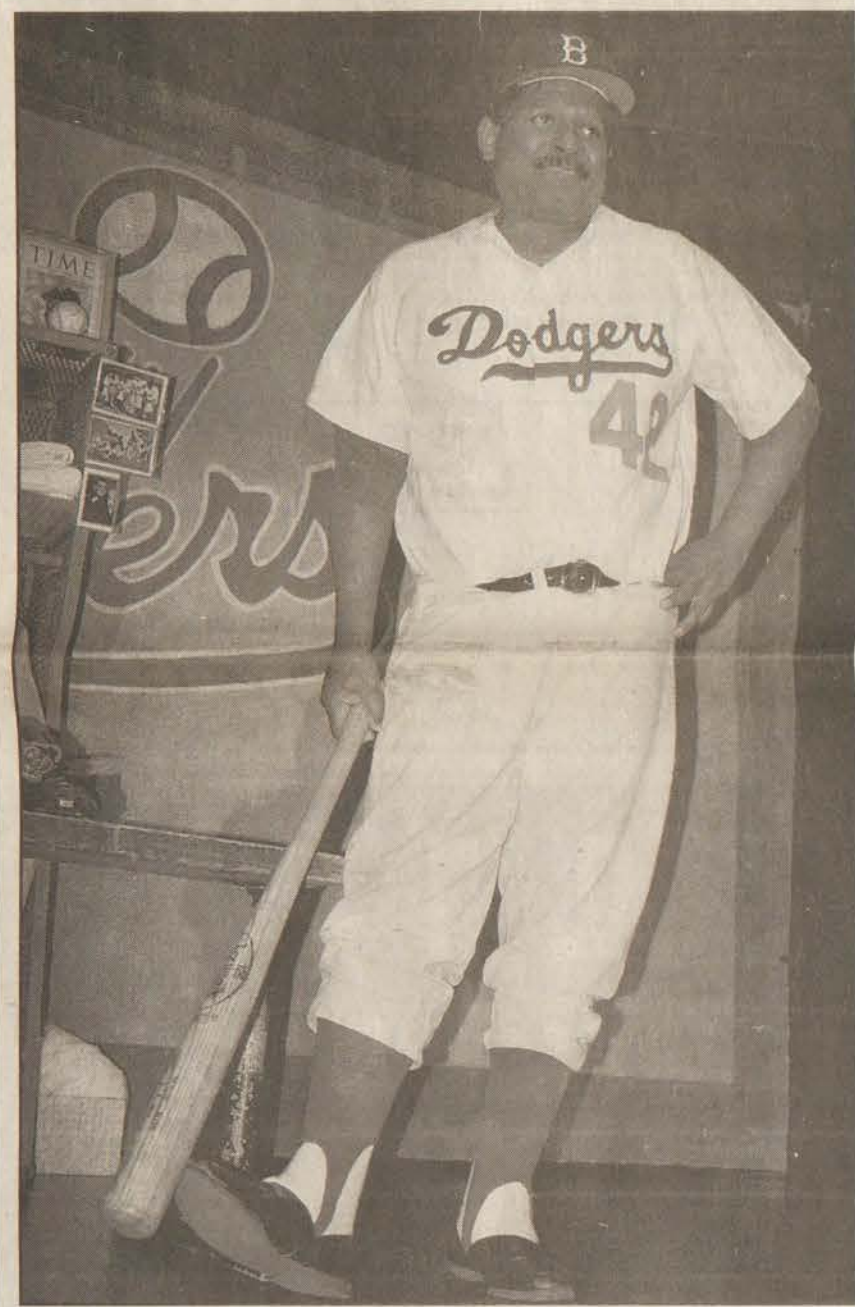
The next thing you should do is to come clean with your girl friend and tell her about your secretive relationship.

What I am really curious about is why you didn't tell her in the first place. Did you feel that you couldn't trust her?

It seems like you have some issues to deal with. I think the next time you get yourself involved in either a non-committed or committed relationship, you should think of the consequences.

-Meddling Melinda

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UW-RF gets a visit from the past

Melinda J.

Domzalski /

The Student Voice

UW-River Falls' African American Alliance helped to put on a one man show about Jackie Robinson last thursday night. Warren C. Bowles acted the part of the retiring Jackie Robinson.

By:

Neil Rhines and

Jason Childress

"POINTS OF VIEW"

What is the most offensive thing anyone has ever said to you?



Erin Rine Junior

"Is any other part of your body dreaded too?"



Spc. Fletch Junior

"Wanna give me a hummer in your hummer?"



Katie Mulligan Junior

"You can have a shot, but you have to show me your boobs first."



Kelly Irwin Junior

"That lovely b-word."



Steve Flasch Senior

"Nothing shocks me."



Summer Martin Senior

"Narrow bootie, white girl."

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Jason Childress
Columnist and this week's
forecaster for the future

Aries (March 21 - April 19): The Ambassador to Guam will name you to his special council on Public Urination. Take this opportunity for public service seriously and lead by example.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Your pet monkey will be diagnosed with clinical depression. Be supportive and, for now, quit spanking him.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): You will make enemies in the math department when you vehemently deny the existence of the number 9.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Cancel those internship plans this summer, stop showering, and go on tour with Phish. Imagine the Phun you'll have.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Keep your brothers and sisters away from "Teletubbies." Rainbow stickers and eternal damnation are just around the corner.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You will dream of a pair of apes arm-wrestling for a Chinese nickel while singing the chorus to "Dancing" Queen" backwards. Quit trying to find meaning in this and take another hit.

Libra (September 23 - October 23): "Seal Clubber" is not an adequate career goal. Focus on more realistic occupational paths (like rock star, pro basketball player, or Presidential whore).

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): For the last time, it is not healthy to spend six hours a day looking for nude pictures of Ann Landers on the Internet. Sick-o.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Your brain will explode after trying to find meaning in the seemingly meaningless string of random words and self-praise that constitute "Adam Benadetto from the Bellview".

Its real purpose is to line your bird cage so Mr. Peepers doesn't have to do his dirty work on the floor.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 18): Two-thirds of your pet gerbils will be wiped out by a, until now, dormant strain of the Bubonic Plague that only seems to effect members of the rat race. Look for alternate fuel sources for your Geo Metro.

Aquarius (January 19 - February 18): Don't get caught in a rut. Find new ways of doing things to improve your life. Remember, there's more than one way to skin a hippie.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Roses are red, Violets are blue. Your week is gonna suck, I feel so bad for you!



Events Calender

Feb. 26- March 5

Friday 26

30 Hour Famine

-6pm -9pm Games

-10pm Bible Study

-Midnight Concert

"Fat and Happy"

2am-?? FREE TIME

Saturday 27

-2pm River Falls Theatre-Movie

-4:30pm Lil' Boodas-Billiards

or Bowling at Bud's Lanes

6:30pm

-Hudson YMCA-swimming

-9:30pm Celebration @ Pizza

Hut in River Falls

Wednesday 3

-Ventriloquist Dan Horn

8pm Brandy's

For information on the 30 hour

famine, contact Roy Heflin

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Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English



When we last left our hero, he was having a talk with the woman of his affection when suddenly he was slipping into his imaginary world, The Bellview, where he was about to be shot out of a cannon and was very angry at the elephants eating the children's peanuts. This made him a poor conversationalist. And now the third and final chapter in this romance of small consequence.

George was nervous about being shot out of the cannon. The net he was usually shot into was on a semi that took a wrong turn at Albuquerque. This meant that once again he would have to be shot into something besides a net. Whenever this happened, his boss, The Ringleader himself, would find something else to catch him with. Once it was a heap of aluminum cans, once it was a giant bowl of tapiocca pudding left over from some people trying to get into the "Guinness Book of World Records" for the "biggest bowl of tapiocca pudding."

The Tapiocca Extravaganza had been held there a week before. By the time George was shot into it, everyone had stopped caring about the bowl of tapiocca pudding. Nobody minded when the circus wanted to use it except for a large man with a butterfly tattoo on his gut. Every day he would eat a bucket of it himself and then bring a bucket of it home for the neighbor's dog. The neighbors never found out their dog liked tapioca pudding, nor did they go to the circus. The man with the tattoo kept eating the tapiocca even after George was shot into it with his

clown shoes on.

This time the tent was raised next to a taxidermy and tanning place. The owner was a fan of the circus and lent The Ringleader a pile of hides for George to be shot into on

They met at the theater for the nine o'clock movie "You've Got Mail." A big business man (played by Tom Hanks) put an independent bookstore out of business. Then the big business man seduced the woman who owned the bookstore. George Willard's date, (who would be cast as Cameron Diaz if this were a movie), liked how the independent bookstore owner fell in love with Tom Hanks. George laughed when Cameron Diaz laughed and cried when she cried. But he thought the "big business screws a little business metaphorically and then literally slant" was a bit over the top.

Holocaust, and when they died out so did all of Humankind.

Millions of years later a mudskipper takes a breath on land, repeating an age-old process, and a romance of small consequence begins again.

THE END

P.S. Today I got a rather interesting piece of mail. In the above picture you will see an eight inch zucchini with a note attached. The note says, "This is our feeble attempt to get into your column! We love you, man! P.S. Ask the KFA teachers what they thought of their bouquets.

'BAA BAA' -The Black Sheep of RF!"

This is actually the third death threat I've received since I started writing this column. The first one was from the Queen of England because her mirror

Going Bat Crazy!



Melinda J. Domzalski / The Student Voice

Dr. Alperin's political science class got a surprise visitor on Tuesday when they founded a bat hanging in the left corner of their class room.

"It's my dream to be the first cartoon-taxidermist ever. I want the children to bring me their dead imaginary animals and let me preserve them for all of their adult lives."

the stipulation that The Ringleader would promote his business.

The taxidermist pulled George aside and said, "It's my dream to be the first cartoon-taxidermist ever. I want the children to bring me their dead imaginary animals and let me preserve them for all of their adult lives."

This made George nervous and not at all excited about being shot out of a cannon.

All of this was going on in George's head while he was talking to the woman of his affection. What was actually said in this conversation is still uncertain. Somehow, she came to the conclusion that he was funny and charming. His complete and utter incoherence, for whatever reason, was attractive to her. Maybe because people like what they don't understand the first time around. Maybe it's because love is like a microscopic organism and needs very little to grow on. In any case, the end result of their chat was a movie date on Friday.

Then Cameron Diaz invited George up to her room in Prucha Hall. They made a big glass of tang and drank it with two straws. Their foreheads nearly touched. Cameron Diaz said he wasn't like the other men she dated. George leaned in. They kissed. It was a great moment, like when the first mudskipper took a breath on land. They gazed into each other's eyes and George opened his mouth to tell Cameron Diaz his innermost passions when all of a sudden KABLAMMO! Nuclear disaster strikes! George Willard, Cameron Diaz, Freddie Falcon, Jason Chidress, the skateboarders and all of their fines, Stephanie and her physics book, and the party house on Broadway—GONE. ALL GONE. It could have happened any time. No one was left to ask God why, nobody was left except a few cockroaches and a couple of Republicans that no blast, radiation, or heat flash could kill off. Fortunately, the Republicans had always been sterile, even before the

told her I was the prettiest of them all.

The second was from Oprah. Which was really the result of a big misunderstanding. Apparently she heard I said she's, "walking pig vomit dried on a stick," but that was all taken all out of context and she was really upset about nothing.

And now, somebody here on this campus has threatened my life. I don't know why they sent me a zucchini, but I'm going to keep it in my front pants pocket until I know what they're up to or I get a date. If these zucchini killers are out for me this may be my last column.

This has been Adam Benedetto in The Bellview seriously urging you to remember three things. 1) Think of Jerry Springers' final thought before you punch. 2) SUBMIT YOUR POEMS, ARTWORK, AND SHORT STORIES TO THE PROLOGUE ASAP! 3) Email me at Adam.S.Benedetto@uwrf.edu.

Hicks

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shows me a little lack of intelligence. What these hicks are advertising is that they support the losing side of a war that took place over 135 years ago. They also must be in favor of bringing back slavery, and seceding from the union. I find it interesting to count up how many midwesterners are in favor of these ideas. One day these hicks will join the rest of society. This day is not far off in the future as many family farms will be closing this year. Soon, all of the urban folk can expect to see plenty of gun racks while they wait behind a pickup at a stop light in Minneapolis.

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