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FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with highs in the high 20s and lows in the low 20s

WEEKEND

Saturday: Cloudy and drizzle with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s

Sunday: Cloudy and drizzle with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s

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Discovering a winter wonderland

■ UW-RF Students can participate in various fun, local outdoor activities

Troy Mallat and Max Date
Staff Writers

With winter in full swing and plenty of powder on the ground, many students feel trapped inside, watching reruns of "Three's Company" and "Bosom Buddies" on the weekends. Instead, they should get out into the fresh air and enjoy numerous opportunities given by the River Falls Park and Recreation Department and local ski lodges.

"The coverage is good, and the snow quality is good," said Amy Augustine, manager of Afton Alps, located near Hastings and Afton, Minn.

January's bum-rush of snow, as well as mild winter temperatures, has helped many area ski lodges cope for a late start to the skiing season.

"January has been excellent," said Don McClure, general manager of Buck Hill, located in Burnsville, Minn. "January has really helped make up for the slow start."

Augustine agrees that January's snow has had an avalanche effect on business, but hasn't quite recouped early losses.

"Business, overall, is down from last ski season due to a real slow start this year," she said. "November and December this year were really slow months because of the warm weather."

Area lodges and college students haven't had a growing relationship over the past few years. Augustine says that a majority of Afton Alps' business comes from high school kids and the 25 to 45-year-old target audience. McClure added that it would be generous to say that 10 percent of business is college students.

Neither lodge runs special promotions anymore. McClure says past campaigns have not been successful. Afton Alps has never had any promotions aimed at the college folks, and they aren't looking to add any time soon.

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Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
Sara, 16, and Kyle, 7, Rudesill have winter-time fun snow tubing at Glenn Park Wednesday.

Blackjack deals a winning hand



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Comedian Blackjack Wilson performed at Brandy's Wednesday night. About a dozen entertainers will perform for UW-RF students during Spring Semester. Check out Creative Dating at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 in the North Hall auditorium.

Spring semester sprouts record number of students

Jesse Sampair
Staff Writer

Last week more students trudged through the brown slush of Cascade Avenue to get to their first spring semester classes than in any previous spring semester in the 125-year history of UW-River Falls.

According to Assistant Registrar Richard Kathan, spring enrollment reached 5,302 Wednesday — about 60 students more than the previous 1992 record. Because enrollment statistics are not made official until 10 days after the semester starts (Tuesday), the 1998-99 spring enrollment could still climb.

The increase of students has not been a surprise to UW-RF administrators.

"We've planned and anticipated this growth," said Alan Tuchtenhagen, director of admissions.

By admitting more talented and goal-oriented prospective students, the University has increased its retention rate, the rate of students who return to school after their freshman year, Tuchtenhagen said. This is a key factor in the enrollment growth, he said.

Kathan points to more qualified and better-prepared

"The whole philosophy of this campus is to address students in a manner that they can learn better."

- Alan Tuchtenhagen, director of admissions

freshman classes as a factor for the enrollment growth. "It looks like we're building on a solid foundation," Kathan said. "We've had well qualified freshman classes for the past three years and it's showing."

More students also means more revenue for UW-RF. In 1996 the UW System changed its policy to allow a higher percentage of tuition revenue from additional students to be retained by the specific school and not funneled into the UW System account, which was policy in the past, Tuchtenhagen said.

As enrollment creeps toward a capacity of 6,000 stu-

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Knowing how to help, a life or death solution

■ Suicide attempts are not common at UW-RF; however, students should be ready to intervene

Jenny Murphy
Assistant Editor

Some blame it on the weather. In fact, dreary weather can make some people feel a little blue. But for some, depression goes much deeper than cloudy days. Relationship breakups, bad grades and many other not-so-pleasant occurrences cause some people so much pain that they decide to end their lives.

Suicide and suicide attempts are not common at UW-River Falls. An average of 10 students attempt suicide each year on campus, said psychologist Dan Ficek of the campus counseling services.

Three attempted suicides were reported to campus security in 1998. It is unknown how many suicide attempts go unreported, said Sharon Bonesho, program assistant of campus security.

However, students should be aware of the tell-tale signs that would lead students to take their lives in their own hands.

Last Friday night, Jan. 22, a UW-RF male student attempted to take his life by jumping off the

Hathorn Hall roof.

The River Falls Police Department responded to Hathorn Hall at about 11 p.m. and secured the scene to prevent harm to the public and to the male, whose name is not being released.

River Falls Police Officer Bryant Ekstrom conversed with the student for more than two hours until the student voluntarily got off the roof at about 2 a.m.

"The officer did a heck of a good job," River Falls Police Sgt. Jeff Linehan said of Ekstrom. "The subject came down on his own. Our officer conversed with him that it wasn't in his best interest to kill himself. It was a winning situation — the kid didn't hurt himself."

Knowing what to look for

Most students who have suicidal thoughts rely on their friends' and peers' ears. Ficek said most troubled students turn to other students for help. However, students aware of a potential suicidal peer should not keep their knowledge confidential, he said.

"It's far better to turn to someone else for additional help," Ficek said about a student who thinks a peer may be suicidal in turning to a counselor, police officer, or resident assistant for help. "It's better to be wrong in the conception and maybe lose a friend than to not say anything and lose a person."

Resident assistants are not

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Warning Signs

HELPING A SUICIDAL FRIEND

- Obvious unhappiness and thoughts of suicide
- Preoccupation with sad thoughts and crying
- Feelings of helplessness and worthlessness
- Withdrawn, isolated and self-neglect
- Loss of energy and loss of concentration
- Loss of interest in surroundings and hobbies
- Physical complaints (headaches, etc.)
- Sleep difficulties: insomnia or excessive sleeping
- Appetite disorders: Losing weight or overeating
- Loss of interest in sex

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 abroad experience. Contact www.iie.org/midwest/grant or stop by the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall for information.

THE NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE program gives students the opportunity to exchange to one of 154 Universities within the United States and its territories while paying UW-RF tuition. Interested students should contact Mary Lou Bean, NSE Coordinator, 103 Rural Development Institute, 425-3256. The deadline to apply for exchange during 1999-00 is February 27, 1999.

"KNOW YOUR WORLD" series sponsored by the International Club and the Office of International Programs will highlight artifacts from a specific country each month at the Davee Library in a display case across from the Circulation Desk near the computer area. January will feature artifacts from Russia.

UW-RF CONCERT/ PEP BAND has openings in all sections. No auditions required. Rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 129 Fine Arts. Instruments available if needed. For more information call W. Larry Brentzel, Director, 425-3183 or come to the next rehearsal.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND applications for the Fall of 1999 and Spring of 2000 are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall. Deadline for applications for Fall '99 has been extended to February 15, 1999.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS Study Spanish language and culture in Guadalajara, Mexico. Affordable 4 or 8 week summer sessions are available. Contact the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall, for information and application forms. Deadline for applications is April 20.

ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGE-LANCASTER EXCHANGE Applications for the St. Martin's College Exchange Program for Fall 1999 and Spring of 2000 are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall. Deadline for Fall '99 is April 1.

THE CHRISTOPHERS are hosting their Twelfth Annual Video Contest for currently enrolled graduate and undergraduate students. To enter, students must interpret the theme, "One person Can Make a Difference." Past styles and genres include drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation. Entries may be created using film or video, but must be submitted on 3/4 inch or VHS tape only and must be five minutes or less in length. Awards include \$3000, \$2000 and \$1000 for the top three entries. Winners will also have their work featured on the syndicated television program *Christopher Closeup*. Students may enter more than once, but an official entry form must accompany each video available from campus media or communications departments or by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017. The Christophers can also be contacted by calling 212-759-4050 or at their web web at: www.christophers.org.

STUDENT READING SERIES "Come in from the Cold" will be held Friday, Feb. 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Library Breezeway. For more information contact Dr. Jenny Brantley or Kate Phernetton. A sign-up sheet is located by the English Department Student Lounge.

SCHOLARSHIPS

MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE Scholarship is sponsored by Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S./Canada. Deadline is February 12, 1999. Available to students majoring in public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics or business administration (with a focus on government or non-profit management). Applicants must also belong to one of the following groups: Black, Indian, Eskimo or Aleut, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information.

FRANK L. GREATHOUSE Government Accounting Scholarship, sponsored by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S./Canada. Deadline is February 12, 1999. Available to students majoring in accounting who are preparing for a career in state and local government finance. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information.

THE JOHN GYLES EDUCATION Scholarship is sponsored by the John Gyles Education Fund. Deadlines are April 1, June 1 and Nov. 15, 1999. Full Canadian or American citizenship and a minimum GPA of 2.7 is required. To receive an application, send a self-addressed envelope to: The John Gyles Fund, Attn: The Secretary, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Dr., Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G4.

WISCONSIN COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION Scholarship deadline is April 1, 1999. Applicants must be juniors or seniors in the 1999-2000 school year majoring in journalism, communications or political science. Application materials are available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION scholarship, sponsored by chapter #164. Deadline is March 31, 1999 and is available to females majoring in construction-related programs. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

AGRI-BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP sponsored by the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is February 19, 1999. Applicants should be in their second year of study in the agriculture/agri-business field and be a resident of Marathon County, Wisconsin, attending a four-year college in the state of Wisconsin. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

ROYAL CREDIT UNION scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28, 1999. Applicants must be business or agri-business majors and be Royal Credit Union members. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS SERVICE LEAGUE scholarship. Deadline is March 1, 1999. Applicants must have completed 12 semester hours of study, with a minimum GPA of 2.5, and must be women who are committed to advancement in military or other public service careers. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

MEETINGS

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY meeting is Feb. 3, at 5 p.m. in AGS room 331. All majors are welcome. For information, call Chadd Novak at 425-8116.

STUDENT SENATE meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

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.

New semester yields new fees for UW-River Falls Students

■ Intramural and programming fees increased slightly for 1999-2000 school year.
Max K. Date
Assistant News Editor

After nearly two hours of lively discussion, the UW-RiverFalls Student Senate adjourned a meeting that was spent debating such items as Morgan Jindrich's future as a senator and another \$1.38 out of students' pockets.

The evening started with a visit from Vicki Hajewski, assistant director of UW-RF Intramurals and Recreation. Hajewski discussed a 12-cent increase in the non-allocable fee for intramurals, from \$8.88 to \$9, a motion that was passed later in the meeting.

According to Hajewski, 60 to 70 percent of students compete in at least one intramural sport throughout the year. She also said that students get back most of the money anyway.

"Seventy-five percent of budget figures is expended in student labor," Hajewski said. "About \$30,000 goes back to students. It's a real win-win situation."

In committee reports, many senators found themselves still organizing their committees after the winter break.

President Mac Guptil is planning on meeting with Priscilla Stevens, Director of Public Safety, regarding the planned Public Safety committee. The committee is scheduled to be set up in February and will be permanent.

"About \$30,000 goes back to students. It's a real win-win situation."
-Vicki Hajewski

"(The committee) will be a discussional forum," Guptil said. "It will basically be a question-and-answer session for students."

The discussion kicked into high gear when the new business came around.

The first motion would allow the student-programming fee, currently set at \$55 per student, for the 1999-2000 year to be increased by the rate of inflation at the time of billing. The motion was amended to specify the current rate of inflation, not the rate at the time of billing, which would cause a "billing nightmare." Currently, the inflation rate is 2.5 percent, which would raise the programming fee to about \$56.38.

Some argued that since senate is already running a surplus, it would be unnecessary to raise the programming fee at all. Senator Mandy Freemore felt differently.

"We're not always going to have access to (the money)," she said. "The money will always be able to be used."

The bill did eventually pass, and the fee will increase \$1.38 per student.

A motion was passed to place the excess earnings of \$14,912 from the 1998-99 school year into the reserve account. This money was from an unanticipated increase

in UW-RF enrollment.

The only failed motion of the evening was a move to support the placement of the Spring graduation date after the spring semester final exams.

Faculty Senate Chair Bob Baker suggested that the students have input on the graduation date.

The Senate rejected the motion because many expectant graduates do not have any finals and would be reluctant to stay for a week just to graduate. Having graduation after finals would also limit the possibility of having the school

Student Senate

CONCERNS & IDEAS

The following is a list of items brought up by UW-River Falls students at the Student Senate forum late last semester. President Mac Guptil said the ideas will be a guide for senate issues in the Spring semester.

Educational Concerns:

- Broaden Spectrum of Classes
- More Financial Aid
- Better communication between professional departments
- More class availability
- Not enough computers in dorms

Parking Concerns:

- Parking ramp across from Student Center?
- Possible fines for leaving too much space between cars when parking
- Re-define parking lines

Public Safety Concerns:

- More public safety issues
- More campus security interaction with students

choir and band at the function.

The largest conflict occurred on a normally routine one. Student Senator Morgan Jindrich, who accepted a position as an office manager, was supposed to resign as senator. Because there were no rules forcing Jindrich's resignation, the Senate argued whether or not to take Jindrich off senate.

Jindrich said she wanted to remain on Senate. The debate became so extended that Senator Brett Onan called for a two-minute break. For the time being, Jindrich remains a senator.

Two other students were removed from the Senate. Matthew Swee and Maile Ilac were both removed because neither attend UW-RF anymore. Swee was also removed from the Legislative Issues, Honors, and Athletic committees, and Ilac from the Affirmative Action, Multicultural Advisory and Diversity Issues committees.

The Student Senate meets next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

Winter / Activities

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ed excellent conditions. Buck Hill has all 12 runs open with an 18 to 40 inch snow base. Afton is running at 100 percent as well, with 40 runs and a 20 to 60 inch snow base.

If staying in the immediate area and not spending big money are top priorities, River Falls has plenty of options. For starters, there are four different outdoor ice skating rinks open to the public. They are located at Wells Park, Hamilton Park, Ingram Park, and Hoffman Park. These rinks are open at any time during the winter months when the temperature is between zero and 35 degrees. Hoffman Park is the only park with an on-site warming house, as well as an attendant. Warming house hours are Monday through Friday 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m.

River Falls is also home of the only cross-country ski trails in the area, according to Recreation Coordinator Cindy Danke. There are three different trails to choose from totaling around 4 1/2 miles.

The largest group of trails is the Boy Scout Ski Trails at Mound Park. With parking located on Hanson Drive, the trails offer skiing for all levels of expertise. The basic intermediate route covers about 1.3 miles, but there are numerous paths to take to suit one's level of skiing prowess.

If you want to ski along the mighty Kinnickinnic River, you can do so at the River Hills Ski Trails. The 1.5-mile trail can be accessed through Johnson Street. The last trail is the Glen Park Trail, which is, ironically, located in Glen Park. The shortest of the River Falls trails is only three-fourths of a mile long and is located north of Park Street.

Warning / The signs

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their role to get emergency help such as police and an ambulance. However, RAs are trained on spotting the signs of troubled students and to refer them to counseling, said dean of students Roger Ballou.

If someone suspects that a peer is thinking about suicide, they should find help immediately. They should also pry for more information about the person's exact thoughts. If a suicidal person has a plan and means to attempt the act, a friend should immediately get help from someone trained to deal with such problems, Linehan said.

"Always take them 100 percent seriously," he said. "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

Often times, someone speaking of suicide has hit a low point in their life and just need a little assurance that their life is worth living, Ficek said.

"Suicide is not something that most people want to do with 100 percent of their mind and heart," Ficek said. "It's like the narrow part of an hourglass — events and pressure come together and at that specific time, suicide seems the only way out. But given time — an hour, a day, whatever — things start look a little different and change for the better."

CAMPUS SECURITY

Drinking becomes expensive hobby

■ Soon after returning from break, students become subjects of drinking tickets.

Ben Schmitt
Assistant Front Page Editor

Spring Semester at UW-River Falls began with many tickets being handed out for underage consumption of alcohol. Those students cited include Molly Dresel, 19 and Rebecca Colling, 18, both on Jan. 22 in Hathorn Hall. On Jan. 23 in Grimm Hall, Andrew Lehman and Amanda Kastens, both 19, and Christopher Shewmake and Jeff Josten, both 19 in Hathorn Hall, were all issued citations. Other students cited include, in Johnson Hall, Drew Stoen, 18, Kristen Tetzner, 19, Richard Egan, 18, Megan Knutz, 18 and Trudy Natterstad, 19, on the night of Monday, Jan. 18.

A UW-RF student in Hathorn Hall notified campus security last Friday that a male was standing outside threatening to kill himself. The incident occurred at 11:05 p.m., according to a campus security report.

Earlier that day at 5:45 p.m., officers responded to a complaint from Stratton Hall that people were

selling perfume door-to-door in the halls. The solicitors left the residence hall after being asked to leave by the complainant.

A compact disc tower and about 50 compact discs were reported stolen from May Hall between 8:30 p.m. (Jan. 21) and 1 a.m. (Jan. 22).

In a similar case, CDs were found in Hathorn Hall and brought to the Public Safety Office on campus.

On Jan. 21, the River Falls Fire Department responded to fire alarms in Hathorn Hall after a pillow caught fire in one of the dorm room. According to a report, the pillow caught fire after it came in contact with a lamp.

On Thursday, Jan. 21, a key was found outside Grimm Hall on the sidewalk and brought to the office in McMillan Hall.

On Jan. 20, a student from Stratton Hall reported her navy blue Abercrombie coat stolen at 11:37 a.m. on the west side of Rodli Commons while she was eating there.

A checkbook and some credit cards were found at Lab Farm 1 on Jan. 16 at 1:45 p.m. The items were turned in to the Public Safety Office, where the owner was contacted and agreed to pick them up.

That same day, at 12:45 p.m., snowmobilers were reported at Lab Farm 1. The area was checked by security after they received the complaint.

The Beer Meter

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Semester drinking total: 11 tickets

*Underage consumption tickets for UW-RF students



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A week's worth of Winter fun

■ New rules expected to increase participation in Winter Carnival

Sarah L. Doyle
News Editor

Royalty, snow sculptures, lip-sync and penny wars. The Winter Carnival is on its way once again.

The weeklong annual carnival, hosted by the special events committee, will be kicked off February 8 at 8 a.m. with the commencement of penny wars and a "Who's that professor?" contest.

Numerous activities are planned

to involve both organizations and individual students, said Special Events Committee member Jese Ledbetter.

Students are invited to participate in a competition similar to a scavenger hunt by following clues to identify a mystery professor. New clues will be posted by the Student Center Information Desk at 8 a.m. every morning.

Other events students can look for include royalty voting, hypnotist Jim Wand and the band who preformed in the movie Titanic, Gaelic Storm.

The week's highlight will be the Snow Dance at Brandy's along with the coronation and organization award ceremony, Special

Events Committee Advisor Paul Mitchell said.

Organizations also have the opportunity to compete during the week in Penny Wars, lip sync, lip smackers, royalty and banner competitions.

"Some events are secrets. You don't know what will happen until you get there."

-Jese Ledbetter

"Some events are secrets," Ledbetter said. "You don't know what will happen until you get there."

This year's carnival will be different from past years in that the

winners of some competitions will be kept secret.

"You won't know the results until Friday night at the Snow Dance," Mitchell said.

The reason for this is to keep organizations participating and to add suspense to the week, Special Events Committee Chair Jen Ullery said.

Another difference in this year's carnival is the weight of the separate competitions within the overall standings. The competitions are based on points and each event will have the same value as every other.

According to Mitchell, the new system is designed to encourage organizations to participate in all activities, not just the events that are worth the most points.

There is even the potential for a tie, Mitchell said. In the event of a tie, a run-off will be held during coronation. What the event will be will remain secret, he said.

Ullery said some requirements to run for royalty have been dropped to allow for more participation from organizations throughout campus. Previously, students running for royalty were also required to have been enrolled at UW-RF for at least one semester and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5. Both of these requirements were eliminated.

The High Flying Spirit Award will be given for the second time. It is awarded to a student organization for outstanding spirit, creativity and enthusiasm throughout the Winter Carnival. This award was given for the first time during Homecoming week last semester to Alpha Sigma Alpha.

To receive the High Flying Spirit award, a representative from the student organization must attend the Snow Dance, otherwise it is forfeited to the runner-up organization.

The deadline for organizations to enter for the competitions is February 1. Registration forms are available from the Leadership Center.



Jennifer Eberspacher / The Student Voice

Campus organizations enter candidates for Winter Carnival. Back row (L to R): Jason Collins & Sara Hollerich, Jim Reilly & Stephanie Amundson, Trevor Matthies & Annie LeClair, Jason O'Leary & Christine Michels, Morgan Jindrich & (absent) Justin Soine. Front row: Brad Morrison & Jenni Hosfield, Matt Randgaard & Kelly Campbell, Jason Jacobs & Cynthia Gillen, Bridget Finke & Jenny Wildermuth.

Enrollment / Rising

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t fall's freshman class to 1,100 students, down 100 students from next fall. This reduction may be made despite a 20 percent increase in admissions applications received this year, compared to last year at this time, Tuchtenhagen said.

"We're beginning to slow down, so the growth doesn't come too fast and we get bottlenecks in our schedule," Tuchtenhagen referred to the University's desire to admit smaller, ore qualified freshman classes in the future.

Also, the advancement of the University's website has aided enrollment both in terms of recruitment and retention. Prospective students can do some preliminary research on UW-RF, and current students have convenient access to their educational records.

"The whole philosophy of this campus is to address students in a manner that they can learn better," Tuchtenhagen said.

Some students believe the enrollment increase is partly due to population. "Combine that (the growth of nearby cities) with the prospect of a good education at a cheap price, it makes River Falls an appealing option," said junior Bryan Benedict, a finance and economics major.

Tuchtenhagen said that the Twin Cities metropolitan area has always supplied UW-RF with a significant number of students. The recent growth of nearby cities has not, however, impacted enrollment as much as the University's commitment to admitting better students and offering quality educational programs at an affordable price.

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- Activities Manager (\$3,500 Stipend)

Application Deadline is February 12, 1999, in the Leadership Center.

STUDENT STAFF POSITIONS

- Resident Assistant (\$4,300 Value)
- Road Crew Orientation Leader (Volunteer)

Application Deadline is February 22, 1999, in the Leadership Center.

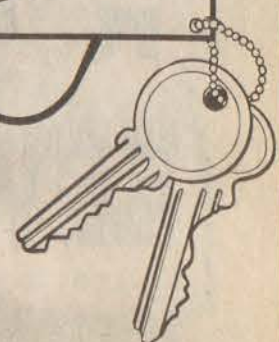
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Pratt talks his way to the top

■ Forensics professor receives prestigious national award

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

Professor James Pratt's gift for gab has gained him national recognition. A UW-River Falls speech communications professor he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the American Forensic Association, its most prestigious award.

"Jim Pratt has worked very hard with the AFA and has provided an enormous amount of time. He really deserves the recognition," Speech and Theater Department Chair Meg Swanson said.

The award is presented for a lifetime of distinguished service in the Forensics community.

Pratt said he was surprised to be awarded the Distinguished Service Award because most people receive it at the end of their service with the AFA.

Pratt is not going anywhere yet. He currently serves as the executive secretary of AFA.

He has been a devoted member of the AFA for 32 years now.

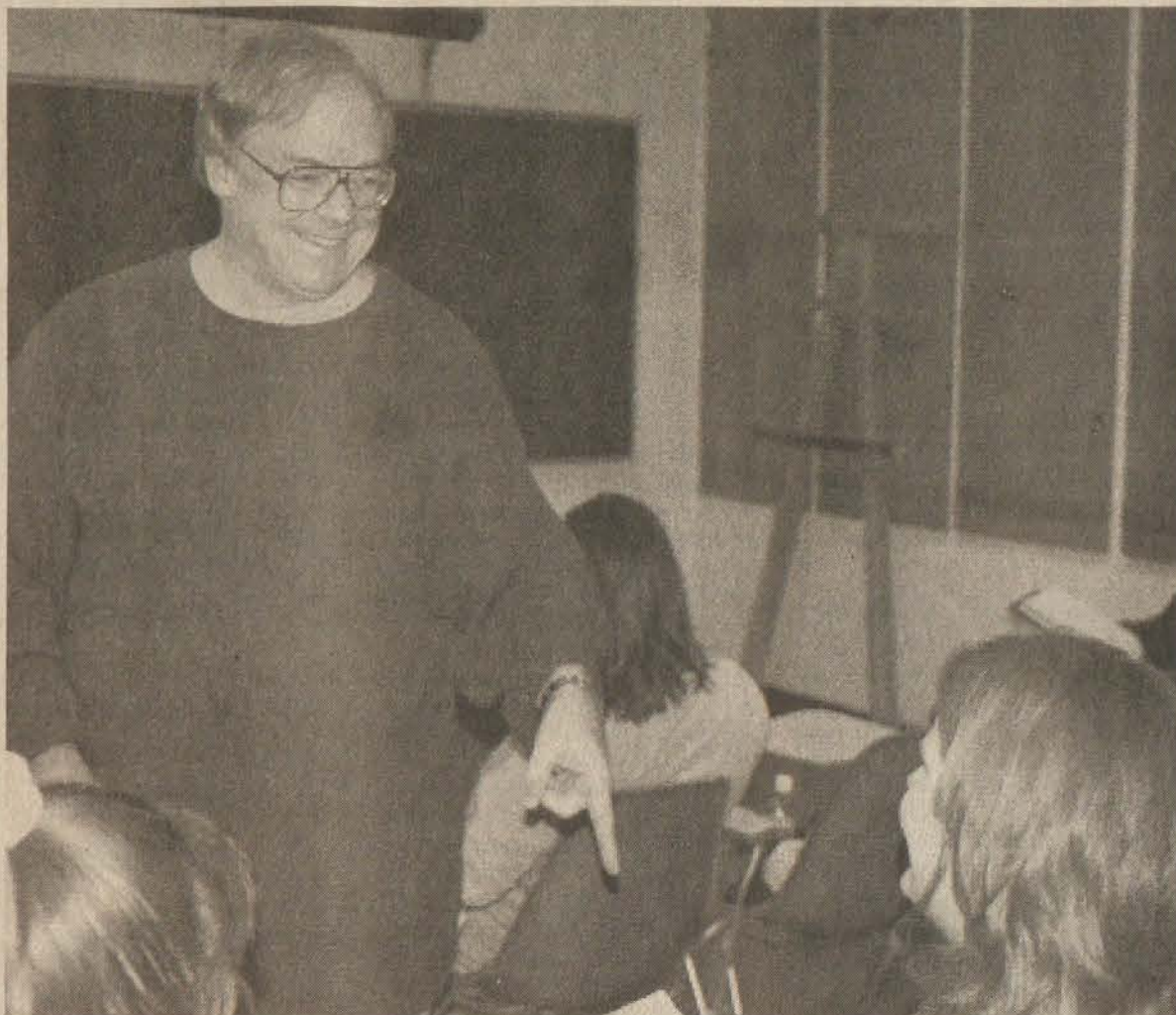
"The AFA is a compilation of public speaking events," Pratt said. There are 11 different events ranging from debate to extemporaneous speaking.

Pratt has contributed a great deal to the AFA. He has held all of AFA's elected offices.

He served as President for two years, Recording Secretary for eight years and has served with distinction as director of the National Individual Events Tournament during its first seven years in operation.

"The tournament is well-developed now," Pratt said. It has been a part of AFA for 20 years now.

Another major contribution from



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Talking won't get you in trouble in Professor Pratt's speech class.

Pratt is when he saved the AFA from going bankrupt in the 1980's. The Association was in a financial slump. Pratt guaranteed a loan to help AFA get back on its feet.

In addition to the loan, Pratt also started an aggressive membership campaign. He took out time to encourage members to renew their memberships which doubled the amount of members in AFA.

"Our financial problems are over and we have very low dues compared to many professional organizations," Pratt said.

The AFA publishes their own journal called Argumentation and

Advocacy. It is published quarterly and is distributed to 450 libraries throughout the U.S.

Pratt has been in forensics since he was 15 years old. He began competing in forensics while in junior high.

"My first competition was competing in an oratory contest in persuasive speaking," Pratt said. He competed at the local, regional, district and at the national level. Forensics has been a part of his life for 40 years now.

Pratt has both his master's and doctorate in forensics.

"My first job was as a Director of

Forensics," he said.

In addition to working with the AFA, Pratt teaches a number of different courses at UW-RF such as Speech History, Persuasion, Listening and Senior Seminar.

He also coaches the Forensics team with Kathy Olson. Pratt usually runs the tournaments. There are about 10 to 12 members.

Olson said Pratt has done a wonderful job with the AFA. "It's well deserved and should have come years earlier," she said.

Pratt has also done research and presentations on forensics. He has lectured all over the U.S., England

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EDITORIAL

State of UW-RF sports

Good day, and welcome back to UW-River Falls. Once again classes have begun, and the campus is alive with herds of students performing their daily march to the classroom. Friends catching up on what happened over winter break and the constant complaints about too much work are ringing through the hallways.

Last week President Clinton gave his annual State of the Union address to the nation. Thus, it is a good time to give a State of the UW-RF Varsity Sports Address.

It is a good day at River Falls. In fact, it has been yet another good year in a series of good years for one particular niche of our University. That niche of UW-RF, which is experiencing the good old days, is varsity athletics.

Over the last year, UW-RF varsity sports and its fans have a lot to be proud about. In November, the football team clinched a tie for the WIAC Championship for the first time since 1987; the women's volleyball team set team history when the Falcons won the team's first ever NCAA Regional match on Nov. 13; and on May 12, 1998 women's hockey scored a major victory when Student Senate unanimously voted to fund the club sport and raise it to varsity status beginning in October of 1999.

These moments along with many more individual and team performances have strengthened UW-RF varsity sports, and in many ways have put River Falls on the map as a contender not to be taken lightly by opponents.

So it gives us the pleasure of reporting to the student body the state of Falcon varsity sports is strong, unwavering and flourishing as the teams are reaching new heights.

Let's look more closely at particular Falcon varsity sports.

Not only did the Falcon football team clinch a tie for the WIAC crown, they also led all NCAA Div. III schools in team offensive rushing with an average of 393.9 yards per game in the team's 10 games. The next closest team was Springfield, who averaged 381.4 yards per game. The team also was eighth in Div. III schools in kick-off return leaders with an average of 24.45 yards. One of the individuals largely responsible for this accomplishment was Falcon junior Michael Grant who was seventh in Div. III individual leaders with a 28.5 yard average.

Along with football, the varsity volleyball team has been in its prime the last few years. The team has appeared in three NCAA Championship Regionals in team history, all within the last five years (1995, 1996, and 1998). Coach Ford has done a bang-up job of building a program with a 12-22 record in 1992 in her first year as head coach to its current stature of 32-6 in 1998. Ford knows talent. Now, the next test for her and the program will be to advance further in the NCAA Championship in upcoming years.

Men's hockey has been a strong Falcon varsity sport for years and shows no signs of changing. As of Jan. 24, the team has a 13-5 record.

Women's basketball has played strong lately, and it should be interesting to see how they do in the brand-spanking new WIAC Tournament.

The recent past at UW-RF has been rich in memorable varsity sporting events, and this encouraging trend seems to be growing stronger with every passing season. The new WIAC basketball Tournament will bring a March Madness type of excitement to this and other WIAC schools. Also, the women's hockey season will bring with it a lot of firsts for the school.

We conclude this State of the UW-RF Varsity Sports Address with a special message. We together are the student body, and this is our school. We should celebrate our past sporting accomplishments and look forward while supporting our teams of today in every possible way while we cheer them on to victory.

"So it gives us the pleasure of reporting to the student body the state of Falcon varsity sports is strong..."

The 10 dead presidents attack

Hello everyone and welcome back! For this, the first edition of The Voice of 1999, I thought that I might write about something dealing with Christmas and the holiday season. But I decided instead on a topic of deep philosophical levity, the repercussions of practical jokes.

As anyone who has ever had a roommate knows, and I'd assume that means almost all of us, you have to have a well-stocked arsenal of pranks and practical jokes at your disposal. Because, and let's face it, what is more fun than ripping on a roommate and/or their mothers.

Here's a little prank that I was introduced to over the break which I will introduce to you via a story. It goes a lil' something like this.

Disclaimer: This story has been modified to fit your newspaper.

2:25 A.M.: DreamLand. One of those few times when we are at true peace with the world. R.E.M. slides in like an old lover underneath the sheets, and things become a little warmer, a little cooler, a little more tangible, and a little more ethereal.

As sleep whispered to me as it does to us in a language we alone understand I heard, and felt, someone coming up the stairs to my room, and then it started to count. "One, two, THREE!"

The door to my room opened, emitting just enough hallway light to illuminate my roommate Ame's face. He saw me looking, smiled,

and rushed in followed closely by Chris, another of our roommates, and our friend Phil shouting...

"TEN DEAD PRESIDENTS!"

For those familiar with this game, you know that all involved parties are typically piss drunk. It's harder to remember the presidents that way. For those unfamiliar with this game, it involves several drunken college students pinning down a single college student and administering chunkies and noogies until the pinned student can successfully list ten dead presidents without repeating one.

Back to the story.

"Get him! Hold him down!"

They shouted and laughed. I shouted and swore.

"Come on, hold him down!" Ame

and Chris held me down while

Phil grabbed my legs. And the chunkies began.

"Ow!"

"Hold his head! Hold his head!"

"Get off of me."

Still they showed no remorse. The only thing my struggles earned me was somebody tapping me in the forehead over and over again.

Some fool's idea of Chinese water torture.

I shouted, "Adams!"

"Yeah!" A cheer went up, I was

playing along.

"That's one!" somebody shouted.

"Jefferson!"

Pound, pound, pound, the

chunkies continued.

"Washington!"

Tap, tap, tap, they kept tapping me in the forehead. I wondered briefly if this was what an unborn child went through every time their parents made love. I became angry.

"Fie on all your ancestors your incestuous vermin! You bastards

"Listen you weasel, I did no such thing!"

Pound, pound, pound.

"That's seven!"

It was a moment or two after I mentioned Jackson that someone knocked over my guitar (thankfully no harm done), and I decided that I wasn't playing anymore.

My remaining roommates later told me that after the police, the fire department, an ambulance and the coroner left, things quieted

down a bit at

our place. Sure,

there was still

the grisly task

of picking body

parts out of the

carpet, but

between the

Mega-Maid

cleaning service

and our own

trusty Dirt

Devil, the place

cleaned up in

no time.

My shrink

tells me that because of today's strict prison sentences, if I claim I was under extreme duress, I may be able to get myself out of prison before finals start. The people here are real nice to us. They barely ever forget to feed us, but I still hope she's right. I would hate to miss finals.

NEIL RHINES

"Tap, tap, tap, they kept tapping me in the forehead."



will pay for this!"

"Roosevelt!" I shouted. "Roosevelt, there's two of them you know!"

Now by standard counting methods of which have been employed for one long time, this would make five. Yes?

"Thaz four!" someone slurred.

"That's five! Five!" I screamed.

"McKinley! Kennedy!"

"You already said Kennedy,"

shouted Phil in his British accent.

The new millennium, I think not

The new millennium: advertisers couldn't have asked for a better marketing ploy. After all, the year 2000 is the perfect round number. The only problem everyone has conveniently ignored, is that the next millennium won't arrive until 2001.

If you don't believe me, do the math. The year 2000 is the last year in the twentieth century, not the first year in the twenty-first century.

According to the Gregorian calendar there was no year 0, which means the first decade ended 10 years

after year 1, or December

31, 10. So it follows that

the first decade ended on

Dec. 31, 100 and the second

millennium started on

Jan. 1, 1001.

But thanks to marketing

campaign, after marketing

campaign, just about the

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clocks were designed to

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track of the time left before the year 2000.

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were followed by I, the Roman numeral for one.

It is easy to see why advertising agencies were so quick to latch on to such a marketable year, but why is everybody else so quick to follow?

We've already waited 1,999 years, what's one

more? At least then we can celebrate the real thing instead of just an advertising gimmick.

Maybe I'm being too picky. I mean, if everybody is celebrating the new millennium next year, maybe I should just stop being annoyed and grab the nearest bottle. But I can't help comparing this to the time I celebrated my 13th birthday on Aug. 24 instead of Aug. 25. Everybody was singing Happy Birthday as I blew out the 13 candles on my cake, but I couldn't help

on that night for more than a year. A special plane has already been chartered to escort some very rich people to every time zone in the US so they can celebrate the "next millennium" four different times. And if you're thinking of opening up a bottle of bubbly, you'd better stock up now. You can be sure the price will almost double, and liquor stores will be sold out for weeks before the big event.

Those in the marketing world aren't the only ones to jump on the millennium bandwagon. Religious fanatics have attached themselves to the year 2000 with equal fervor.

All sorts of horrific events are predicted to occur in the dreaded year 2000. Why do predictions of catastrophic proportions always seem to be scheduled for years with nice round numbers? Why can't the world end in the year 2347? Could it possibly be because 2000 is an easy number to remember?

We are already facing the Y2K bug, otherwise known as the millennium bug, so why not wait a year before we have to start worrying about the end of the world as we know it?

Of course, if this is the year of the "Second Coming," it's probably better sooner than later. I just hope God is listening to the marketers behind M&M's instead of relying on an actual calendar.

I just hope that we won't have to go through this entire millennium hype again next year, and advertisers won't come out and say "I know we told you last year that this was it, but we lied."

But then again, there could be worse things than celebrating the next millennium twice.

JENNIFER EBERSPACHER

"I just hope God is listening to the marketers behind M&M's..."



feeling like I was still 12. Just because it looked and sounded like my birthday, it didn't feel like my birthday. But maybe after numerous glasses of Dom Perignon, it will start to feel like the next millennium instead of just the last year of the old one.

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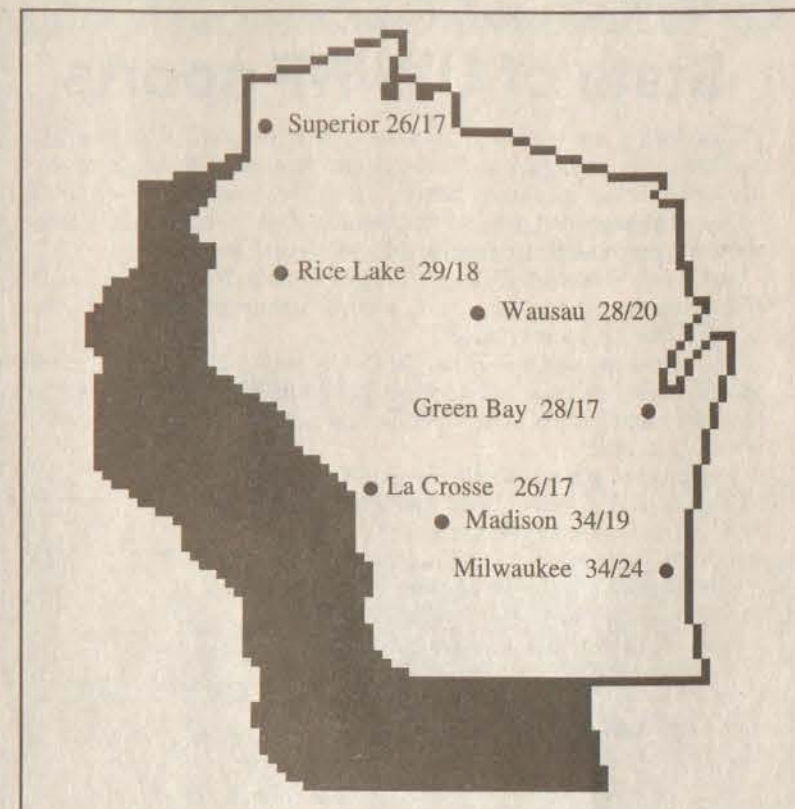
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UW-RF—Super Bowl connection

Just thinking about watching the Super Bowl makes me nauseous knowing that the NFL's best team—the Vikings—isn't going to be there.

It's a certainty that Denver—led by professional sports' biggest crybaby, John Elway—will kick the Atlanta Falcons all over the field and America's football faithful will be sleeping by halftime.

With that said, however, there are some unique UW-RF connections to the most publicized event of the year.

Mike Farley

As UW-RF head football coach from 1970-'88, it was under Farley's leadership that the UW-RF football team first sported its black Falcon logo on the side of their red helmets. The year was 1971; six years after the expansion NFL Falcons—and their identical logo—were born.

Some people close to the university's football program have said that it was Farley who called the Atlanta Falcons to ask permission to use the identical Falcon logo on the UW-RF helmets.

However, current UW-RF head coach John O'Grady and Jim Helminiak, a former assistant coach under Farley, couldn't confirm the story.

Nevertheless, Helminiak, who currently teaches in the UW-RF Health and Human Performance Department, says the identical UW-RF helmet actually was able to get him and Farley home from a recruiting trip back in the early '70s.

Farley's original intention was to have one of his sons, who then played quarterback on the UW-RF football team, design the college's version of the NFL Falcons' logo. But the modifications just didn't have the same sharp look as the NFL Falcon logo, so it was decided to use the identical NFL Falcon logo instead of modifying it.

So when Farley and Helminiak went on a recruiting trip to Chicago in the early '70s they carried along with them UW-RF's new state-of-the-art red helmet with the black Falcon logo. It was a replica of the NFL Falcons' helmet until Atlanta changed its helmet color to black several years ago.

Their flight route back to Minneapolis was alternated to Milwaukee due to heavy fog. Once in Milwaukee, the two discovered the next flight to Minneapolis was also canceled. Helminiak had to be back in time for class and the two were getting desperate.

Carrying the helmet by hand, Farley and Helminiak waited in line for the last flight home. The person at the desk glared at the helmet that the coaches had set on the counter and asked, "Are you with the Falcons?"

Indeed they were—just not the same Falcons the man had in mind—and the two coaches were on the next plane out. The Atlanta Falcons brought Farley and Helminiak home that day.

Randy Johnson

Ironically, the Atlanta Falcons' first quarterback in team history went by the same name—Randy Johnson—as the UW-RF starting quarterback of the past two sea-

Skaters split at Point
Alstead's 20 saves earns winJason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

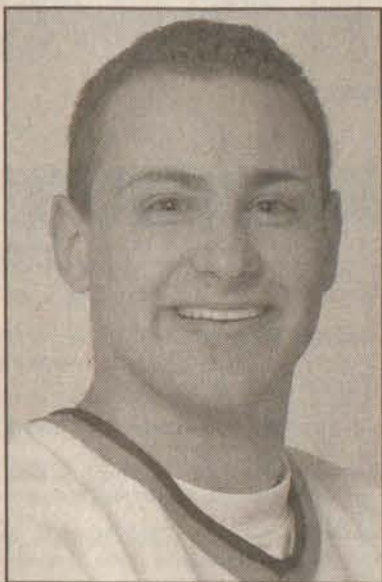
The UW-River Falls hockey team completed a difficult task last Friday night when they traveled to UW-Stevens Point and escaped with a 4-3 win. The Falcons then dropped a 5-2 decision on Saturday and left Stevens Point in sole possession of second place in the NCHA standings.

K.B. Willett Arena, home of the Pointers, is the toughest building in the NCHA to play in, according to Falcon head coach Steve Freeman. But despite the distinct advantage the Pointers have when playing at home, Freeman added that the Falcons were disappointed in having to settle with the series split.

"We had higher expectations," Freeman said. "Especially when you get a win in the opener on Friday. Then, you begin to think sweep. It (the series split) is something to build on."

According to Freeman, the Falcons played a tremendous all-around game in Friday's 4-3 win. The stingy Falcons' defense played a very solid, physical and balanced game, specifically in the first period when the Falcons allowed just two Pointer shots on goal.

Falcon Bill Matzke tallied his first of two goals of the night and



Bill Matzke

gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead after one when he lit the red light at the 10:53 mark of the opening period.

However, the Falcons took a couple penalties in the second period and saw their lead disintegrate to a 2-1 third-period deficit after the Pointers capitalized with two power-play goals in the second period.

But three Falcon third-period goals—including Matzke's second goal, an Eliot Komar goal and Jesse Sampair's eventual game-winner—boosted the Falcons to the

victory.

"We were determined," Freeman said of Friday's come-from-behind win. "Not under any circumstances—there was no doubt in anyone's mind that we were going to come back and win."

In addition, Freeman said the Falcons failed to capitalize on numerous other scoring opportunities that would have given UW-RF a much easier win.

Meantime, Falcon goalie Brady Alstead stopped 20 of 23 shots in earning his 13th win of the season.

Botched scoring opportunities continued to plague the Falcons in Saturday's 5-2 loss, Freeman said.

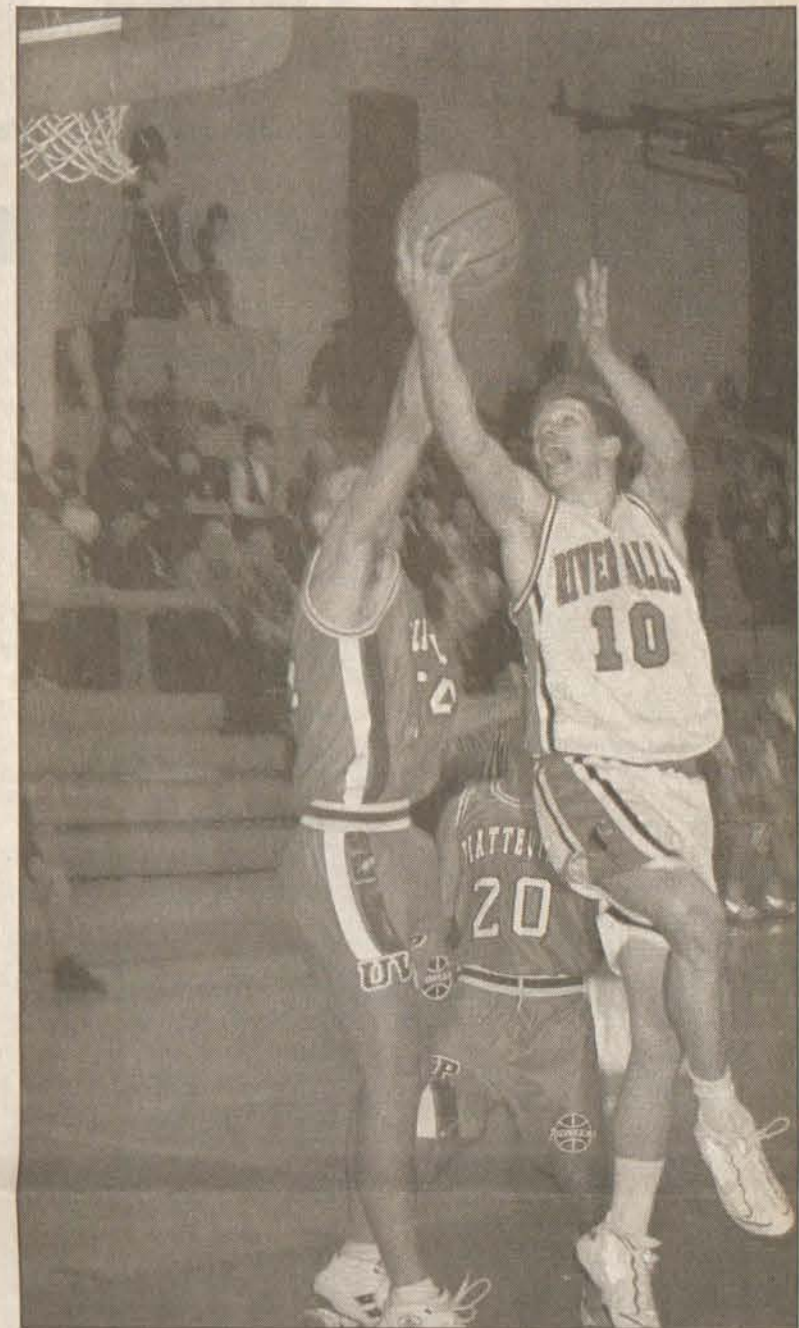
Although the Falcons found themselves trailing 3-0 after one period of play, the Falcons had plenty of scoring opportunities that, if they had been taken advantage of, would've provided for a much more competitive contest.

"Point is a good team," Freeman said. "They were a little sharper than we were on Saturday. We were down, but we were getting chances. We just hit the crossbar and shot the puck wide."

Freeman added that the improved play of Pointer goalie Dave Cinelli on Saturday also helped guide the Pointers to the 5-2 win.

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Falcon men fall to defending champs



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Falcon forward Kent Becker alters his shot in the Falcons' 79-54 loss to the defending national champion UW-Platteville Pioneers Wednesday at Karges Center. Becker scored 12 points and grabbed four rebounds in the defeat.

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

A struggling UW-River Falls men's basketball team (2-8, 6-11) hosted the defending national champion UW-Platteville Pioneers on Wednesday.

Enough said. The team dropped the 79-54 decision at home.

Last week was a peak and valley-type week for the UW-RF men's basketball team. It played poorly at home on Wednesday and lost 83-74 to UW-Superior, but it played much better on the road on Saturday and very nearly defeated UW-Oshkosh (losing 69-66), one of the Midwest's best teams.

The team hopes to move higher in the WIAC standings in the season's final weeks to earn a better seed for the first-ever WIAC Tournament.

The Falcons hosted the Superior Yellowjackets at Karges Center Jan. 20, and were expecting a competitive game much along the lines of the overtime nail-biter that took place the first time the two teams met back in early December.

The teams were knotted up at 33 at the half. But in the second half, the 'Jackets were the better team, widening their margin significantly as the game drew to a close. Guard Brandon Vesel made two big three-pointers late in the game to push a teetering Falcon team off the edge. He was one of four 'Jackets to score in double figures, which illuminated perhaps the Falcons' biggest problem against Superior: their defense.

"We couldn't defend very well tonight," Falcon assistant coach Rick Montreal commented after the game. "I can't think of anyone who's playing good ball defense right now."

Superior frequently took it to the Falcons weak spot, the paint, and produced a combined 30 points from postmen Alin Andre and Justin Johnson.

Falcon senior guard Tony Fisher led all scorers with 20 points, making 8 of 13 shots. Sophomore center Pat Ptacek broke out of a deep slump, scoring 19 points on 7 of 10 shooting.

Meanwhile, a difficult loss at home to Superior was not a good omen for Saturday's tilt in Oshkosh. The Titans themselves were coming off a narrow defeat at UW-Platteville. A very poor shooting night contributed to a Falcon loss at home against Oshkosh in December. Clearly, the Falcons needed to shoot better against the Titans and find a way to deal with the Titans' inside game.

The Falcons were prepared and came out hard against the Titans. The team used multiple defenses against Oshkosh to try to compensate for a straight-up lack of challenging height in the middle to counter a giant-like 6-foot-8 Keith Meyer and other solid postmen like Brad Clark. Things meshed very nicely for the Falcons and they closed out the first half with a 35-31 lead.

But just as effectively as the Falcons got their lead, they lost it.

Oshkosh hammered out to a lead of as many as 16 points, at 58-42.

However, thanks in large part to the magnificent efforts of Fisher (21 points, five rebounds, 35 minutes), Kent Becker (17 points, six rebounds, four assists) and Ptacek (13 points), the Falcons came all the way back, and with twenty seconds to play, they had clipped the Titan lead to a point, at 67-66. However, with five seconds to play, Clark (17 points) was fouled and made both free throws to seal the victory for Oshkosh.

Falcon head coach Rick Bowen was pleased with the game, especially considering the loss to Superior. He was most happy with the Falcons' hard and enthusiastic play.

Bowen says the Falcons main goal is the stay out of the "play-in" game for the WIAC tournament.

Johnson's 34 boosts Falcons

Dan Hilsen
Viewpoints Editor

Senior forward Missy Johnson's 34 points and 12 rebounds led the Falcons to a narrow 75-70 victory Wednesday at UW-Platteville.

"Missy Johnson just played extremely well," Falcon coach Dave Schuchter said.

The Falcons took firm control of the game early on and finished the first half leading 40-26.

The second half proved challenging for the Falcons as the Pioneers took a 51-49 lead with 11:28 remaining.

The Pioneers stretched the team's lead to 58-53 with 6:45 remaining.

But Falcon guard Steph Olson's clutch free throw shooting in the final minute of play helped to fend off the Pioneers.

"Stephanie Olson stepped up and hit some big free throws for us," Schuchter said.

Also playing a major offensive role in the win was Falcon senior guard Jodi Loeblein, who had 15 points on the night and also hit two of three three-point buckets.

Sophomore phenom JoLynn Sieburg led the Falcons in steals with three.

"She's hurting," Schuchter said. "She's not 100 percent. She plays hard and does a lot of things defensively that you don't see in the box score."

On Jan. 23 the Falcons did a second half swan dive and lost to UW-Oshkosh 64-52 at home. In the beginning, victory over the Oshkosh Titans seemed possible for the lady Falcons. With just under 11 minutes played in the game Falcon sophomore guard Mara Reif-Wenner threaded a pass to junior guard Bev Gefeke underneath. Gefeke went on to make a lay-up and put the Falcons up 21-13.

Then the Titans began to battle back and halfway through the game the Falcons held a 32-30 half-time lead over the undefeated Titans. All the Falcons needed to do was replicate the team's first half performance and the upset would be a reality.

"I thought defensively in the first half we played well," Schuchter said. "We forced them from the



Jodi Loeblein

parameter and we rebounded really well."

Schuchter's defensive scheme seemed to work beautifully in the first half.

"We were trying to play some zone and force them to beat us from the outside and I thought we did that really well," Schuchter said. "The second thing is we said we had to rebound with them and we did that."

One key to the Falcon's strong first half was the team's defensive rebounding.

The Falcons out-rebounded the Titans 22 to 15 and pulled down 15 defensive rebounds as opposed to the Titans' five offensive rebounds. This strong rebounding by the Falcons severely limited second- and third-shot opportunities for the Titans.

The Falcons played a solid 32 minutes, but that just wasn't enough to pull out the win. The Titans went on a 20-4 run in a 7:28 span to open the second half. The Falcons regained the team's composure and pulled within eight at 46-54 with 5:23 left to play on two free throws by Sieburg. But it wasn't meant to be and the Titans finished the game the victors with a 64-52 win.

"They were ripe for the picking, but we just came up short," Schuchter said.

The Falcons were led in scoring by Loeblein who had 16 points in 23 minutes of play. She was three of seven from three-point land but

was in foul trouble for most of the game. Johnson contributed 10 first-half points but finished the game with 14 points due to a limited amount of looks at the basket in the second half because the Titans shut down the passing lanes.

Falcon junior forward Becky Schley led the team in rebounds with seven.

Leading the team in steals was Johnson and Sieburg with three apiece.

"JoLynn really just played a heck of a game with her heart," Schuchter said.

"She was very injured. She hurt her knee (on Wednesday) and she came up with some big steals (today)."

The Falcons were coming off a three game winning streak which concluded with a 71-60 win over the Superior Yellowjackets on Jan. 20.

In this game the Falcons experienced a scare when Sieburg "got pushed from behind on a steal and she fell on her knee and her ACL is loose and her kneecap was bruised pretty bad," according to Schuchter. "The doctor said it couldn't get any worse, but she's going to be really sore."

The Falcons made the Yellowjackets sore with defeat by putting together a 42-30 first-half lead and were able to hold off a late second-half Yellowjacket surge when the Yellowjackets pulled within three points at 58-55 with 5:51 remaining.

"We were up 12 at the half and shot the ball pretty well from the 3-point line," Schuchter said. "In the second half, we couldn't buy a basket. Fortunately, we went to the free throw line and that was a real plus for us."

Johnson, scoring eight of her 20 points from the free-throw line, led the Falcons in scoring. Schley contributed 17 points and was a perfect two for two from the three-point line. She also led the team in rebounds with eight. Junior guard Steph Olson ran the show and dumped off five assists to lead the Falcons.

Olson and Loeblein each led the squad with three steals apiece.

The Falcons will look to get a winning streak going into the last leg of the season against UW-Stout this Wednesday at Karges Center.

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

NCHA HOCKEY (Jan. 25)				
	W	L	T	Pts.
St. Norbert (14-2-3)	9	1	2	20
UW-River Falls (14-5-0)	8	2	0	16
Bemidji St. (15-7-0)	8	3	0	16
UW-Superior (14-5-1)	7	5	1	15
UW-Stevens Point (12-6-1)	7	4	0	14
Lake Forest (6-10-2)	4	7	0	8
UW-Eau Claire (6-10-2)	1	7	2	4
St. Scholastica (6-14-0)	2	10	0	4
UW-Stout (4-14-1)	1	8	1	3

WIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (Jan. 23)		
	W	L
Oshkosh (17-0)	10	0
Eau Claire (15-1)	8	1
Whitewater (12-5)	7	3
Stout (9-9)	6	4
River Falls (14-5)	6	5
Stevens Point (8-9)	4	6
LaCrosse (6-12)	2	8
Platteville (6-11)	1	9
Superior (4-11)	1	9

WIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL (Jan. 26)		
	W	T
Platteville (16-1)	10	0
Whitewater (14-3)	7	3
Oshkosh (13-5)	7	3
Eau Claire (12-5)	6	3
Stout (11-7)	4	6
Stevens Point (10-8)	4	6
LaCrosse (9-9)	3	7
Superior (7-10)	2	8
River Falls (6-11)	2	9

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Jan. 29- Feb. 4 1999	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hockey	Bemidji St. 7:05 p.m.	Bemidji St. 7:05 p.m.					
Women's Basketball						Stout 7 p.m.	
Men's Basketball		at St. Scholastica 7 p.m.				at Stout 7 p.m.	
Swimming		at Stevens Point 1 p.m.					
Gymnastics	Gustavus Adolphus 7 p.m.						
Wrestling	at Eau Claire Duals						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

HOCKEY— Forward Bill Matzke (Sr., Bloomington, Minn.) scored two goals and had one assist in Friday's 4-3 win at Stevens Point. Saturday he added a goal in the team's loss to the Pointers

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL— Forward Beckt Schley (Jr., Gilman, Wisc.) has led the Falcons in rebounds in the last two games with seven against UW-Oshkosh and eight against UW-Superior. She also had 17 points against Superior. "She's really picked up her game," Falcon coach Schuchter said. "The last four games she's played well with some confidence and doing some good things."

MEN'S BASKETBALL— Guard Tony Fisher (Sr., Milwaukee, Wisc.) had two solid games for the Falcons last week. In the two games, he led the team in scoring and finished with 41 points. He had six rebounds, four assists, a block and five steals. He was 15-24 from the field including 3-4 from three-point range. He was 8-12 from the line.

MEN'S SWIMMING— Corey Demulling (Fr., Eau Claire, Wisc.) swam competitively for the first time in two years. "Corey had some good times for the first meet," coach Doug Naylor said.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING— Khanya Bode (Mayer, Minn.) had lifetime best on Friday in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:12.5 and a season-best in the 200-meter IM at 2:26.6. Saturday she had a lifetime best in the 200-meter breaststroke.

WRESTLING— Heavyweight Bill Sallender (Sr., Holmen, Wis) won every match he wrestled last week. He finished with a 6-0 record including a 4-0 record at the WIAC Duals.

GYMNASTICS— Angie Garin (Fr., Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) had a great meet in helping the Falcons win the UW-Eau Claire Invitational last weekend. She placed second in the all-around with a 33.175 total. "This was Angie's best meet ever and she scored her highest total of the season," coach Jeanne DeLisle said.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD— Sarah Peterson (Sr., Catawba, Wisc.) had another great meet for the Falcons at UW-Stout. She won two events, the triple jump with a leap of 36-8 1/4 and the shot put with a toss of 41-10 3/4. She also placed seventh in the long jump and second in the 55-meter hurdles.

SPORTS SUMMARIES

MEN'S BASKETBALL Jan. 20 results		
Superior	33	50—83
River Falls	33	41—74

River Falls leading scorers: Fisher 20, Placek 19.
River Falls leading rebounders: Placek, Johnson 5.

Saturday's results		
River Falls	35	31—66
Oshkosh	31	38—69

River Falls leading scorers: Fisher 21, Becker 17.
River Falls leading rebounders: Becker 6, Placek 5.

Wednesday's results		
Platteville	37	42—79
River Falls	21	33—54

River Falls leading scorers: Fisher 24, Becker 12.
River Falls leading rebounders: Been 6; Fisher, Becker 4.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Jan. 20 results		
River Falls	42	29—71
Superior	30	30—60

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 20, Schley 17.
River Falls leading rebounders: Schley 8, Reif-Wenner 7.
Saturday's results

Oshkosh	30	34—64
River Falls	32	20—52

River Falls leading scorers: Loeblein 16, Johnson 14.
River Falls leading rebounders: Schley 7; Loeblein, Gefeke 5.

Wednesday's results		
River Falls	40	35—75
Platteville	26	44—70

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 34, Loeblein 15.
River Falls leading rebounders: Johnson 12, Loeblein 5.

HOCKEY Friday's results		
Stevens Point	0	2 1—3
River Falls	1	0 3—4

First period: RF- Matzke (Bengston, Anderson) 10:53.
Second period: SP- Gorenica (Fricke, Boehm) 1:25 (PP). SP- Fricke (Gorenica, Boehm) 13:45 (PP).
Third period: RF- Matzke (B. Nelson) 5:21 (PP). RF- Komar (Yackel, Matzke) 6:59 (PP). RF- Yackel (Bernard, Burke) 11:00. SP- Fricke (Gorenica, Brown) 17:30.

Shots on goal: River Falls 6-10-12—

28; Stevens Point 2-8-13—23. Saves: River Falls, Alstead 20; Stevens Point, Cinelli 24.

Saturday's results		
Stevens Point	1	2 2—5
River Falls	0	0 2—2
First period: SP- Interbartolo (Gorenica, Fricke) 19:32 (PP).		
Second period: SP- Sallenko (Boehm, Toninato) 1:27. SP- Boehm (Toninato) 17:03.		
Third period: RF- Boben (Martinson) :58. RF- Matzke 3:09. SP- Sallenko 10:10. SP- Fricke (Brown, Toninato) 14:53.		

Shots on goal: River Falls 9-10-13—32; Stevens Point 7-11-6—24. Saves: River Falls, Alstead 19; Stevens Point, Cinelli 30.

GYMNASTICS Saturday's results		
UW-Eau Claire Winter Wonderland Invitational		

Team results	
River Falls	131.925
Oshkosh	131.400
Whitewater	130.650
Eau Claire	127.250
Stout	95.350

Notable finishes
Annie Renelt, 1st, all-around
Angie Garin, 2nd, all-around
Steff Rosengren, 9th, all-around

WRESTLING Jan. 20 results		
River Falls	15	
St. Olaf	31	

Saturday's results (WIAC Duals)

Stevens Point	39
River Falls	9

Whitewater	29
River Falls	6

Platteville	41
River Falls	9

Oshkosh	33
River Falls	11

SWIMMING Saturday's results		
Men's Team		
Eau Claire	57	
River Falls	38	
Women's Team		
Eau Claire	66	
River Falls	52	

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Stout Invitational

LaCrosse	239
River Falls	128
Carleton	72
St. Benedict	53.5
Minnesota	48
Eau Claire	43.5
St. Olaf	41.5
Macalester	40
Stout	38.5
Hamline	15
St. Mary's	14

Falcons vault to 1st

Emily Felling
Sports Correspondent

The UW-River Falls women's gymnastic team is the leader of the pack. At their meet this past Saturday the team took first place against UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout.

The places and scores were the following: 1st place was UW-RF with a score of 131.925; 2nd place was Oshkosh with a score of 131.4; 3rd place was

Whitewater with a score of 130.65; 4th place was Eau Claire with a score of 127.25; and 5th place was Stout with a score of 95.35.

Head coach Jeanne DeLisle said the team's future is becoming brighter.

"I feel this was our best meet," DeLisle said. "I feel more comfortable now when we are competing against Eau Claire, and I definitely

think we will have one or two gymnasts going to the national competition, possibly Annie Renelt or Angie Garin or who knows?"

Annie Renelt and Angie Garrin were the top two finalists in the all-around competition.

Renelt took first place finishing with a score of 33.25. She received a 7.9 on vault, an 8.15 on beam, an 8.1 on bars, and a 9.1 on floor.

Angie Garin took second place finishing with an overall score of 33.175, and she received an 8.8 on vault; an 8.0 on bars; an 8.675 on floor; and placed fifth on bars.

According to DeLisle there is still room for improvement.

"We didn't hit six out of six on every event," Delisle said. "We need to keep working on beams and vault, but stay where we are on the floor."

The team's next meet is Friday at 7 p.m. when the Falcons will host Gustavus Adolphus at Karges Center.

Sallender pins, wins

Sports Information

UW-River Falls heavyweight Bill Sallender had a great week winning all six matches he wrestled. Unfortunately, the team lost all six matches.

The Falcons lost to St. Olaf (31-15) and Carleton (24-9) in a double dual. Saturday the Falcons travel to Oshkosh for the WIAC Duals. They lost to UW-Stevens Point (39-9), UW-Whitewater (29-6), UW-Platteville (41-9) and UW-Oshkosh (33-15). At the WIAC Duals, Sallender won over a Stevens Point opponent with a pin at 1:45, he beat a Whitewater opponent, 8-3, he beat a Platteville opponent, 11-5 and he won over an Oshkosh opponent, 17-10. Earlier in the week he beat a St. Olaf opponent, 10-6, and a Carleton opponent, 3-0.

Hockey

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Cinelli made 24 saves in Friday's loss, but came back with a 30-save effort in Saturday's victory.

Falcon forward Carl Boben scored and Matzke tallied his third goal of the weekend to account for the Falcon scoring on Saturday.

Meantime, Alstead made 19 saves in the losing effort.

A series of events forced the Falcons to piece together a lineup just before the Stevens Point trip. Forward Tim Nelson is no longer with the team and freshman forward Shane Fukushima sprained an ankle in the Jan. 15-16 series at Lake Forest. With Nelson and

Fukushima deactivated, forward Ryan Egan was put into the lineup and defenseman Pat Gunderson was moved to the forward position.

As for Fukushima's injury, Freeman said that he was on crutches for a couple of days and his return date is day-to-day.

Ideally, the Falcons would love to have Fukushima's speed and play-making ability back in the lineup for this weekend when the Falcons host Bemidji State.

"The team is playing hard," Freeman said. "That's good to see going into the tough part of the schedule. We are pleased to be playing our next four games at home."

The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

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sons. And there is evidence—21 interceptions in EACH of his first two seasons with Atlanta—to suggest that the NFL Falcons should have ran their own version of UW-RF's wishbone in their early years.

Mark Olson

The former Student Voice sports editor now works as an Atlanta Falcons media relations intern and will be in Miami for Sunday's big game.

Jason Egerstrom is a senior majoring in journalism.



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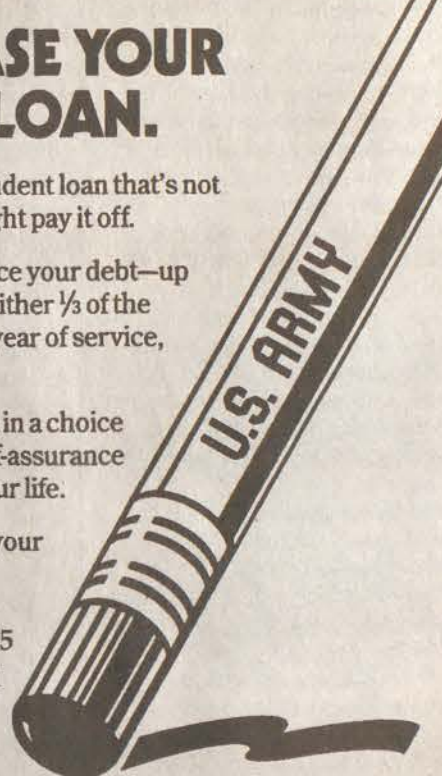
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MATT KONDRAKSEK

Tipping the right way

Scenario 1. It's the weekend, and you want to have a good time, so you decide to hit the local taverns and see if you can get lucky. The bartender recognizes you and immediately gets you your usual cocktail.

"\$2.25" says the bartender. What should your next move be? Pay for the drink and leave the bartender a sizable tip. At least a dollar a drink is needed.

Scenario 2. You are sitting at home and haven't eaten dinner yet. Suddenly a pizza from one of the local establishments sounds like a great idea. You order an extra large Hawaiian pizza and some garlic bread. When the delivery person arrives and says "The total is \$15.68" What do you do? Give them a twenty and tell them to "keep it."

Why is it important to tip? It is very important to let the person who is serving you know they are appreciated. It also gives the server a decent wage. Most restaurants and bars don't pay employees high salaries because they are expected to earn tips. This supplements their income. Finally, tipping probably won't drastically affect your financial situation.

Why shouldn't you take care of the person who allows you to enjoy yourself? If there wasn't a pizza delivery guy you would have to go out and pick up your own food. You're still going to pay for it, so why not give a little extra to the person who allows you to be lazy? Do they not deserve a couple of bucks for driving all the way to your house in the cold and snow or whatever the adverse weather conditions may be while you sit on your ass watching t.v.? They deserve a little extra.

There should always be at least a 15% gratuity included in the bill at restaurants, but there seldom is. It is always left up to the customer as to how much they think the server is worth. The thinking is, the customer shouldn't have to tip when there is crappy service, the chance of getting a good tip might motivate the server to give better service.

This does not work because the server knows that people are cheap, and even if they were to take better care of the customer than they would their mother, they still wouldn't get much of a tip. Also, they are probably trying to take care of everyone equally as possible to keep other customers, who may not tip as well, coming back. This keeps the restaurant in order.

As an individual who works in both a restaurant and a bar, I see how cheap most people are. For example, when delivering food you can almost tell you are about to get a crappy tip.

If a child comes to the door with a check, you are guaranteed to get stiffed. The parents are either thinking that there is no way a delivery person can be upset with a child, or they are just scared to face the server themselves. Either way there must be some feelings of guilt, and that is good. I hope that they feel it eternally while burning in the flames of hell.

The bottom line is, if you are able to go out to eat, you are able to tip. If you don't have enough money, then stay home, cook soup and drink the cheap beer in your fridge.

One last thing, Thank You to all of you who do tip and understand that many of those serving you in this town, are trying to pay their tuition and other college bills.

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Meddling Melinda

there is nothing I can do to make him forget my past. Sometimes, I feel like it's more of his problem than mine.

How can I help him overcome this? Is there anything I can do to help him?

like the problem you are having is more within yourself. I think you need to tell yourself that everyone makes mistakes, and then, tell yourself you won't do it again. The forgiveness you are looking for is not within your boyfriend, but it is within you.

Now about your boyfriend, he needs to take a reality check. What does the past have to the present? And who is he to be judgmental about your past?

If I were you, I would just drop the subject and say nothing more. If your boyfriend chooses to keep bringing up the subject, I would tell him to get over it. You can't change the past. You can only work on the here and now.

-Meddling Melinda

"To be quite honest, my past is not very pretty."

-Regretfully Yours

Dear Regretfully Yours, First of all, let me say, you do not have to apologize for anything you have done in the past to your present boyfriend. The only person that has the right to forgive you, is yourself.

I wouldn't be so worried about your boyfriend. What I am more worried about is you. It seems

Dear Meddling Melinda, My boyfriend is having problems with my past. He knows and is friends with a few of my past boyfriends. What seems to be the problem is that he is having a hard time forgetting what I have done in past relationships.

A while ago, he asked for details about my past relationships. At the time I didn't want to tell him, but because he was persistent about it, I told him.

To be quite honest, my past is not very pretty. In fact I was very promiscuous. I did some bad things and although I don't expect him to forget my past, I want him to be able to forgive me.

He said I've already apologized enough. I feel like

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"Titanic" music cures the winter blues

Saramha Quaidoo
Reviewer

There could not have been better timing. Just when you were wondering what there is to do to enliven yourself and shake off that thing called cabin fever, UW-River Falls is hosting a lively foot-stomping Irish band. The band appeared in the in the 11-Academy Award winning movie "Titanic."

Gaelic Storm, sponsored by the Helen and Walker Wyman Concert and Lecture Series, will be performing on Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. in the North Hall Auditorium.

The Irish News Entertainment web site says, "Gaelic Storm has in a comparatively short time, gained a reputation for playing fast-paced traditional tunes that force their listeners out of their seats and on to the dance floor."

The band's unique style and vigor

attracted "Titanic" producer Randy Bertson and gave them the role as the "Steering Band" in the movie. Bertson was looking for music to capture the wild, celebratory spirit of the third-class migrant passengers when he heard their demonstration tape.

"Just when you were wondering what there is to do to enliven yourself and shake off that thing called cabin fever..."

"The music is so lively it'll just pick you up and improve your mood about three notches," said music critic Ed Hall of Santa Clara, Calif.

Their music provided the perfect atmosphere to accompany the wild celebration of the immigrants in the lowest class on the ship.

According to a Titanic web site, James Cameron, director of Titanic, describes the band as the heart-

beat of the film.

Before the band made their big debut, they appeared at clubs and pubs all over Los Angeles. They also appeared four times at the Great American Irish Fair and performed benefits for such philanthropic organizations as the Black Rose Society and California AIDS Ride.

The release of their second CD is coming soon, and they are featured on a Titanic soundtrack.

The five band members formed in Santa Monica. Each brought a unique background and acoustic instruments such as spoons, bodhran, accordion and mandolin to the group.

See "Cabin Fever" B4



Horoscope Forecasts



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

Aries (March 21 - April 19): With the new semester comes a new focus on school. You can still party hard but balance those hops and barley binges with some quality time in the library.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Your friends are all plotting against you. Watch them carefully and remember that the best defense is a good offense.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Time to begin thinking about life after college. Career choices may be difficult. You need to focus. Put aside your dreams of becoming a roadie for Pantera and find a more realistic career path.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Your years of Pro Wrestling experience will pay off and you will be elected governor of an illiterate northern state with a bad pro football team. Just remember to keep your mouth shut about prostitution.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Your winter doldrums will reach a climax when you set a personal record by watching 23 straight hours of Seinfeld reruns. Put down the Pabst and nachos and do something productive. It may be cold outside, but you need to get off your butt.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): End your current relationship soon. Avoid commitment for a while. In the meantime, placate yourself with a series of meaningless physical

encounters and vodka induced one-night-stands.

Libra (September 23 - October 23): Keep in better touch with your parents and family. A few calls a month could bring you happiness and (most importantly) great sums of money when you tell them how poor you are.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): Your leadership abilities will pay off as you will be elected president of an organization you belong to. Don't let your new title go to your head and for God's sake, keep your hands off the interns.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Your mental health will be an issue this week. For now at least, ignore the little voices in your head and resist the urge to argue with tree squirrels about creation and evolution.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 18): The beginning of this week will be great for you. You will be the happiest and most productive you have been in a while. However, toward the end of the week, your dog will die.

Aquarius (January 19 - February 18): This is truly the Age of Aquarius. Your love life will receive a jump-start, your financial situation will improve, and school will seem like a breeze. Don't get too cocky though because bitter failure is just around the corner.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): This is a good time to indulge your creative side. Learn the piano. Write poetry. Sculpt a bust of Wolfe Blitzer with your mashed potatoes.



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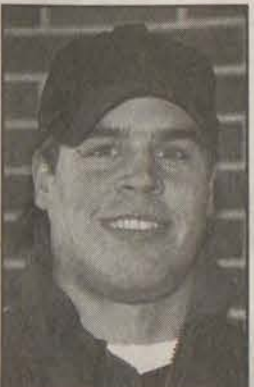
What is Your New Year's Resolution?



Angelo Vanbogart
Junior
"To quit smoking!"



Tera Nyberg
Freshman
"To travel somewhere exotic."



Matthew Flaig
Junior
"I didn't make one because nobody ever keeps them."



Brian Sullivan
Sophomore
"To take Bevy's Angels to every intramural sports championship."



Lisa Ollmann
Freshman
"To clamp down on studying and keep in touch with friends."



Justin Sykora
Junior
"To work out more, eat healthier and stop eating so much pizza."

Adam Benedetto
in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English



I don't watch t.v., so I missed the State of the Nation Address. I saw headlines that said things like "Clinton Calls for Support" blah blah blah. Why do we even bother having the president tell us the state of our nation when they're completely out of touch with what goes on. Sometimes I think that presidents should be forced to live like the poorest person in the country. That would improve their perspective.

I also wish that our presidents didn't have speech writers. Presently all of our politicians sound the same because all of their speech writers work in the same structure called, "Cover-your-ass, blame-it-on-the-other-guy, and-don't-say-anything-outlandish."

Because they don't write their own speeches, you'll never hear anything memorable like "I'm not a crook" or "Four score and seven years ago..." unless Jesse Ventura says it.

Lincoln wrote his own speeches, maybe that's why he's remembered as Honest Abe. Other people weren't paying for the use of his mouth. Today it's hard to find a politician whose mouth isn't full of

other people's words.

Honest Abe did a lot of things right besides writing his own speeches. Everyday he would allot an hour where anyone who wanted to talk to him could come into his office and say anything they wanted.

He also chose a running mate who was of the

opposing party. Not only did he work with the other party, he included them. This political strategy helped to keep the country unified, which is more than can be said of what our politicians are doing today.

We hear a lot about the parties working together, but when the opportunity for the Republicans to attack Clinton came, they did so to the extent that they hurt the entire country. It's clear that the two party system has the ability to make or break our political system. Walt Whitman cautioned us about

this shortly after the Civil War, but we haven't done anything about it yet. We're going to have to at some point.

Shortly before the last election I was fundraising for D.S.A. (Democratic Socialists of America), and one of the phrases they wanted us to use was, "We view Clinton as the lesser of two evils." I'm pretty sure most of the people in this country feel that way.

In my state of the nation address I'd like to recognize three concepts that I see pulling this country apart and three that make this country great.

2. Black and white thinking. America still lives with the Puritanical method of categorizing all things into dualities. Good vs. Evil. Democrat vs. Republican. etc... The rest of the world doesn't think this way.

3. Consumerism. This is a democratic country, but it doesn't have to be a capitalist country at the expense of all other values? When we buy so much junk we forget about what's really important, we have a problem. How many of us really wanted any of the crap we got for Christmas. I say let's put the "Christ" back into Christmas.

of big business advertisements.

2. Human Rights. We can do pretty much whatever we want. I picked up a list of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights issued by the United Nations (at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship here in R.F.), and our Constitution protects all that are listed. It's been a long march to get to the place we're at, and we must take pride in protecting and insuring the rights of all people in our national community. We can't take them for granted.

3. Our Individual Mythologies. Over the last two hundred years we've produced more great writers, leaders and inspirational characters than any other country. Nobody is ever likely to forget these people and as a culture we live in communion with the mythic strength of their personalities. Susan B. Anthony, Emerson, Richard Wright, Emily Dickinson, Robert Oppenheimer, Michael Jordan and Martin Luther King Jr. (we dream together!).

P.S. To all writers-short preparing poems and short fiction for PROLOGUE, the official literary magazine of UWRF. All entries can be handed into the English office located on the second floor of the K.F.A. As soon as possible.

Cabin fever

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Some of them are from as far away as London, England and Cork City, Ireland.

Lonsdale said that filming the movie was an amazing experience.

"We all felt a little awestruck about the immigrants who had sailed and died on the "Titanic," he said. "In some ways playing this music was a testimony to them. Even though they didn't survive the crossing, their cultures did, and the music continues to thrive in the New World."

Kaye Schendel, Wyman Series Coordinator, said that Gaelic Storm has performed at numerous campuses. They are also selected to be a feature performer this February at the National Association of Campus Activities Conference in Nashville. This conference is the largest booking conference held annually.

They were booked in early June before they were promoted as the band from Titanic.

The concert is free with a student ID and \$5 to the general public. Tickets will be available before the performance at the door at 7 p.m.

"This country was founded on political and religious rebellion, but for some reason we have been lulled into accepting our fates rather than controlling them."

The negative aspects of this country can all be found in our cultural outlook.

1. Voyeurism. We continually watch without being involved. This country was founded on political and religious rebellion, but for some reason we have been lulled into accepting our fates rather than controlling them. We need national health care, but no body stops the HMOs from murdering our citizens.

We've got to turn our televisions off and tune the advertisements out.

rations, like Barnes and Noble or the Gap, to tell our families we love them. And do we all have to read the same books and wear the same line of khaki? Yuck!

Now for the three things that make this country the best damn country in the world.

1. Diversity. We might not see it much on this campus, but America has it all. If America wants to continue to be the world's cultural leader however, then we've got to make the world hear the voices of our many peoples and not the voice

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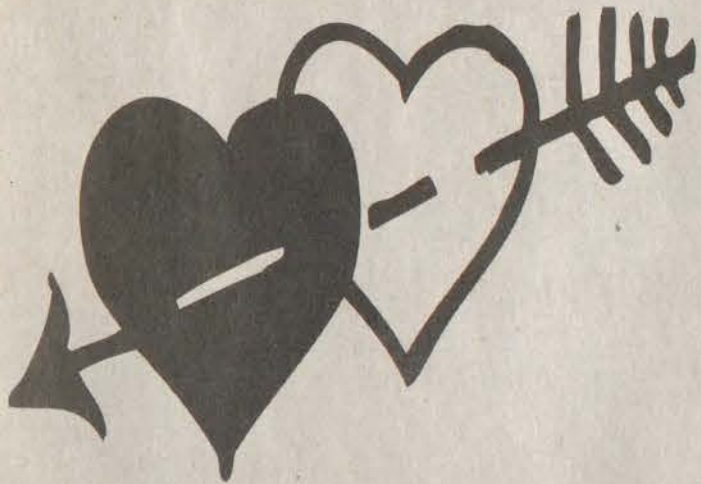
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