

NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Geology Professor Michael Middleton has returned to work after double heart bypass surgery, and he's made some lifestyle changes as a result of his operation.

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ROOM CONSTRUCTION

Those rooms in the residence halls don't have to be drab and dull. Decorating ideas and tips for inexpensive room accessories can make your dwelling feel more like home.

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KICKIN' IT OFF

The Falcon girls soccer team jumped off to a great start this season capping its first victory over UW-Oshkosh 4-1 at Ramer Field Sept. 15

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Regents give go-ahead for Education Center



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Plans for the Teacher Education Center at UW-River Falls are explained by Dean Kathleen Daly and Campus Planner Dale Braun to UW-System Regent Gerard Randall Jr., left, during his recent campus visit.

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FRONT PAGE EDITOR

A new \$6.5 million Teacher Education Center was approved for construction at UW-River Falls by the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents on Friday, Sept. 14. Groundbreaking should take place by late April or early May of 1997, Campus Planner Dale Braun said.

Right now, only about 40 percent of the design for the center is complete. Details need to be nailed down and documents are expected to be ready for contractors to bid on by February. Construction would then start in May or June.

The new building will be a two-story, 47,000 square-foot facility, located between the current Ames Teacher Education Center and Hathorn Hall on the south side of campus, Braun said. It will provide new advantages unavailable in the current building.

"The College of Education and Graduate Studies needs a central Education Technology Center," Braun

said.

That center will be the heart of the new building. Twelve modern classrooms for teacher training will surround it, and it will serve as the core area for introducing undergraduate and graduate education students to new teaching technologies.

A regional Outreach Center will provide laboratory services for the Communicative Disorders, Counseling and School Psychology, and Social Work departments, as well as the Reading Center.

For the first time, the College of Education and Graduate Studies will have therapy rooms and group counseling rooms for these services, in addition to upgraded diagnostic facilities.

Also, a pre-school program will continue in the new building for children ages 4 and under as a laboratory for the College's Early Childhood Program.

All of these improved areas can't be housed in the Ames building. This lack of space was a motivator for the new facility, Braun said. A whole new roof would have to be put onto the

Ames building in order to remodel it for new classrooms and the Education Technology Center. That would cost about \$7 million, while a whole new building costs \$6.5 million.

Originally, UW-RF wanted to tear down the Ames building and build the new Teacher Education Center in its place. But the State of Wisconsin said that "although we may not need it now, we might need the building in the future," Braun said.

And it will be used in the future. Braun said the state wants to have some way to pay the operating costs of the building, such as heat and maintenance costs.

One idea is to use the Ames building for a business incubator, or a place where a business could lease space and "get itself off the ground," Braun said. The Pierce County, St. Croix County and River Falls Economic Development Corporations would be working with the University to find appropriate businesses.

"What we're looking for is compatible use," Braun said. Office-type busi-

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Vote affects college students' lives
Financial aid, job availability among reasons for votingJASON EGERSTROM
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On Nov. 5, 1996 our country's citizens will cast their votes for the presidency. However, only 50 percent of eligible Americans will vote, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce Statistical Abstract of the United States.

Before the November 1994 elections, approximately 42 percent of eligible voters ages 18 to 24 registered to vote. Of those, about 20 percent actually took the time to vote.

These numbers are not expected to increase in this year's presidential election. A study done by the U.S. Census Bureau shows that eligible voters ages 18 to 24 in Wisconsin and Minnesota combined will comprise approximately 12 percent of the two states' total number of voters.

How can more voters in this age group be convinced to vote?

"It's really important for students to know that there is a lot that goes on in government that really does effect them directly," said Professor Davida Alperin of the political science department.

She said there are plenty of issues that should affect a student's vote.

"Even if some students aren't getting direct student loans or grants, it's state dollars that pay for part of this institution... government decisions determine whether tuition is going up or down or what proportion of the bill

is paid for by individual students and what proportion is paid for out of the general revenue," Alperin said.

College graduates also have a stake in what happens in government and should take voting seriously.

"Decisions that government officials make will determine if there are going to be a lot of jobs or a stronger economy or not," said Alperin.

She said other issues that should be of concern to students are the roads, gas taxes and sales taxes.

There are several reasons behind students not voting, said Political Science Professor Jie Chen. If the voters do not like the candidates, they would rather not choose.

Sometimes voters feel their one vote doesn't count, so they decide not to vote.

"If most people have this thought, the democracy cannot survive," Chen said.

In addition, voters who do not understand the political issues would rather not vote than cast an uninformed vote, Chen said. A general lack of interest in politics also has an effect on a student's vote.

"These reasons are typical for the entire population [not just students]," said Chen.

James Wax, a UW-River Falls student, said he plans to vote in November.

"I want to vote because I feel like I have a part in the course this country is taking," Wax said.

Another UW-RF student, Monica Mayer, also plans to vote.

"If you don't vote you can't complain," she said.

For many students, this will be the first presidential campaign they are eligible to vote for. This is another reason to go out and vote in November.

According to Chen, students agree with his reasoning and say they will vote, but he is not sure if they really will. Voting information

Whatever their feelings, students can start to make a difference soon. On Oct. 1-3 the Student Senate will have representatives in Rodli Commons and in the Student Center who will register students to vote. The Senate will also be going to some of the larger classes in an attempt to register students.

Students who live in the UW-RF residence halls have designated polling places in the River Falls area. The polling place for McMillan, Grimm, Parker and Crabtree halls is River Falls High School. The polling place

for Hathorn, Johnson, May, Prucha and Stratton halls is Rodli Commons.

If you don't live in the residence halls but in River Falls, call the city clerk's office at 425-0900 to find out where to vote. If you live anywhere else in Wisconsin, call your city or county clerk's office to find out where you vote.

In Minnesota and Wisconsin you don't have to be pre-registered to vote on the day of the election, said Alperin.

If for some reason students plan to register on the day of the election in Wisconsin, they will need to bring two forms of identification. First, voters will need proof that they have lived in the precinct in which they are voting for at least 10 days. An identification card with an address will be accepted. Secondly, voters will have to prove who they are with a driver's license.

Another possibility for voters registering on election day is to have a registered voter vouch for them. To do this they need to find a registered voter who knows who they are and can say they have lived in that precinct for at least 10 days.

To register on election day at a Minnesota poll, a person needs just one authorized proof of residence. A driver's license showing a correct address in the precinct will do.

For an absentee ballot students should contact election officials from the precinct they are from.



Sharing ideas theme of Safe Space

SARAH COLBURN
NEWS EDITOR

It's a place where people can talk freely about sexuality, without fear of judgement or discrimination.

Before the new Safe Space program began, gay, lesbian and bisexual (GLB) students had no place to go to feel comfortable in talking about their sexuality. This program will give GLB people a safe place on campus.

Safe Space is a new program that is headed by the UW-River Falls Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual concerns. The program aims to address issues faced by GLB students, faculty and staff.

The program was first looked at last year due to the negative attitudes on campus toward GLB people.

"Many GLB people had nowhere to go to openly discuss their sexuality," said Mandy Fox, Diversity Education Coordinator. "Safe Space will give them a place to feel comfortable."

Under the new program, students, faculty and staff will have a chance to become allies for GLB people. An ally is a person who has good intentions to help others and is willing to listen. Fox stresses the point that an ally does not have to be an expert on GLB issues.

"Being an ally is not a huge time commitment," said Fox. "It's an attitude commitment."

People must be committed to act as a bridge builder for other students who do not understand GLB people and their experiences or concerns.

Other campuses have started similar programs within the past five years. While the program was being constructed, the committee borrowed in-

formation from UW-LaCrosse to see what has worked in the past and what hasn't.

Many programs are more regulated than the River Falls program will be. "Our program is more inviting," said Fox. "People will be free to discuss issues that they are personally concerned with."

Fox distributed 700 registration forms for the program to all faculty and staff. In less than one week she has received more than 30 forms from people that are willing to participate.

Ally cards will be sent out to be placed on office and residence hall doors. By placing a card on the door where it is visible, students will be able to easily recognize safe people and environments.

Fox has set a goal of receiving 100 registration forms to begin the program.

"That is an awesome and achievable goal," said Fox. "It would require one in every seven faculty and staff members to register."

Informational meetings will be held regarding the Safe Space program and all are welcome to attend. Forms will be available at the meetings for people who want to participate in the program. The meetings will be held on Sept. 24-25 from 1-2 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center.

The committee hopes that this program will create a safer, more comfortable atmosphere and build community for all students, faculty and staff.

"I know this program will make a difference," Fox said. "That is more than a hope, it's an expectation. I hope people will be able to find allies in each other."

Rodeo Club rides to a fantastic finish in 31st annual UW-RF Rodeo

JAIME LARSON
EDITOR

When UW-River Falls barrel racer Jill Krones climbs on her horse, she's thinking through her ride.

But in a few short seconds, the thinking stops and the hard riding begins. "I line up the barrels and take off," Krones said.

From that point on, she can't explain what happens.

Krones doesn't think, doesn't anticipate and doesn't analyze. She just rides.

And that technique worked for her last weekend when she captured first place with her 17-second ride in the barrel racing competition at the 31st Annual Falcon Frontier Days Rodeo at UW-RF.

This year's rodeo also yielded other successes for UW-RF.

UW-RF team members Twila Peterson, Carla Reid and Aaron Kite all advanced to the short go in their events — the final round in rodeo riding. Peterson advanced in both barrel racing and goat-tying and placed third for the team in barrel racing.

The rodeo also drew talent from other schools. Over 200 entrants from 12 schools, mostly from North and South Dakota, competed in the rodeo. South Dakota State University alone brought over 50 riders to the event.

Steve Watters, one of the rodeo team advisers, hopes these numbers will keep going up. UW-RF currently hosts the only collegiate rodeo in Wisconsin.

"I think rodeo is kind of increasing everywhere. You see more and more kids participating."

**-Steve Watters
rodeo team adviser**

sin, but college rodeo is quickly becoming a hot ticket, Watters said.

"I think rodeo is kind of increasing everywhere," he said. "You see more and more kids participating."

Watters compared the rodeo team at SDSU to a college football team: they have a coach, they do a lot of travel-

ing, and the team even recruits riders. All of that adds up to a tough team that provides some tough competition.

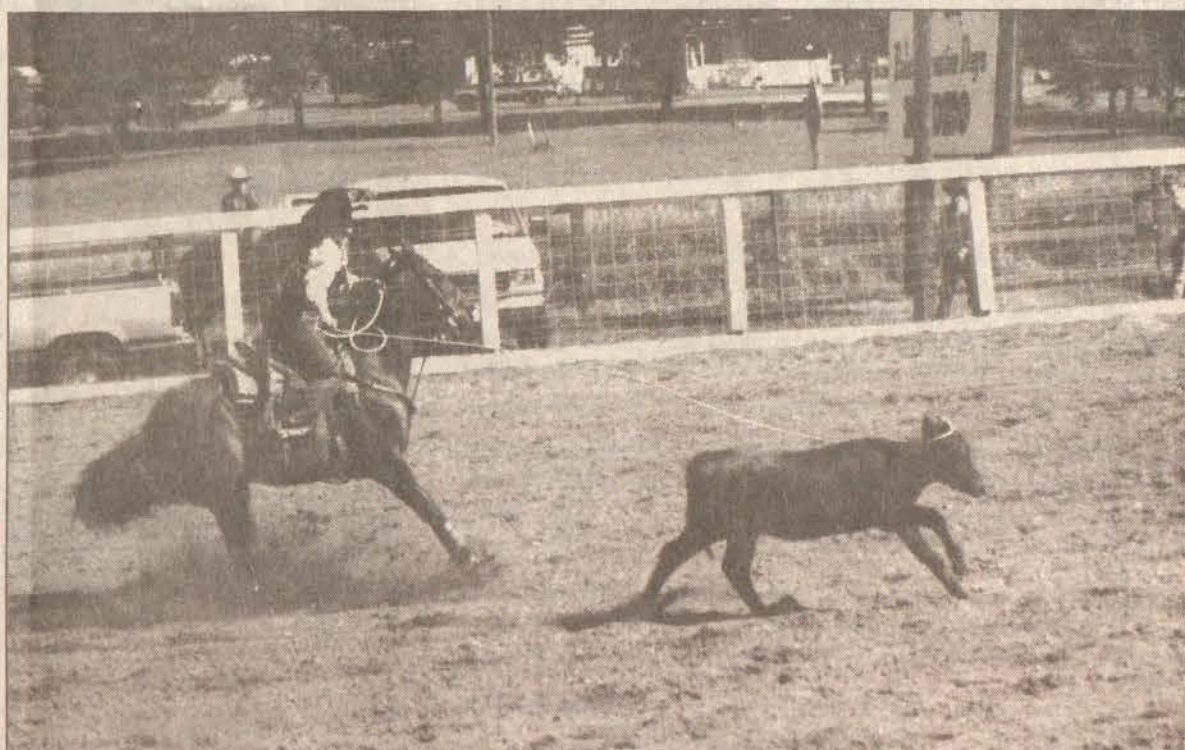
"They're kind of in a league of their own," Watters said.

The River Falls team also sees its fair share of competition, traveling to 10 collegiate rodeos over the course of the school year.

When UW-RF locks horns with high-caliber teams like SDSU, seasoned rodeo fans and curious first-time spectators alike know they can expect thrills galore. Those thrills brought an excellent crowd, which helped make the rodeo successful, Watters said. He hopes such continued support will ensure a long life for the UW-RF rodeo.

"People kind of like the idea that we're the only [school in Wisconsin] that has one," Watters said. "They're willing to support it."

The rodeo consisted of nine events. Men competed in bull riding, saddle broncs, tie-down calf roping and bareback; women competed in barrel racing, goat-tying and breakaway roping. Both men and women competed in team roping events.



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UW-RF Rodeo Club member Dawn Homme demonstrates her skills in the breakaway calf roping competition at last weekend's rodeo. Other events at the rodeo included calf roping, barrel racing, bareback, goat-tying and tie-down calf roping.

BRIEFS

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES Provides certain health services to registered, paid students through agreements with the River Falls Medical Clinic (425-6701) and Pierce County Reproductive Health Service (425-8003). Please call ahead for appointments and bring your student ID. Also bring health insurance information to the River Fall Medical Clinic. Taxi rides by the River Falls Taxi (425-7878) are also provided to students at no cost to and from the River Falls Medical Clinic with presentation of a valid student ID. Low cost condoms (\$2.50/dozen) and other nonprescription safe sex and birth control supplies are available for students to purchase at Pierce County Reproductive Health Service.

LABOR MARKET SHORTAGE WORKSHOP Offered at UW-River Falls. An examination of employer, worker and community responses to tight labor markets and low wage labor in western Wisconsin. This is offered to citizens and small town officials from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 27 in the Yellow Room of Rodli Commons. The fee is \$45, which includes learning materials, refreshments and lunch. The fee for a second person to attend from the same organization or business is \$20. The deadline to register is Sept. 20. For more information call 425-3256.

THIRD ANNUAL HOME-BASED BUSINESS EXPO Will be held Friday Oct. 4 from 1-7 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the yellow room of Rodli Commons. All area students are invited to attend. Contact the Chamber Office at 425-2533 or Steve Leitch at 425-0159 for more information.

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Will hold new member informational meetings on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center and on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. in Rodli 139. For more information contact LeAnn at 425-4494.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD (ISIC), TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE Travel grants for educational programs in developing countries available. The deadline to apply for ISIC Travel grants is Oct. 15, 1996. Applications are available at the International Programs office, 225 Hathorn Hall. For more information contact Yolanda Dewar at 425-4891.

STUDY ABROAD LIBRARY The office of International Programs has expanded to 221 East Hathorn to house the Study Abroad Library. Students, Faculty and Staff are welcome to stop by for information on available resources for studying, teaching, researching, working and traveling abroad. Library hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Sign up sheets are available for those who are interested in an overseas experience.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY MEETING Will be held on Sept. 25 at 5:15 p.m. in 331 Agriculture-Science Hall. All majors are welcome. Don't forget to pay your dues. MACHS presentation will be given by Shelia Drier.

ATTENTION ALL UW-RIVER FALLS STUDENTS There will be a Cafe style open house concert with Shawn Smith at Luther Memorial Church, upper level. The church is across from the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The cost is one can of food or a free-will offering. The event will be held Sun., Sept. 22 at 7:30. Free snacks and beverages to be served.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY FOLIAGE PLANT SALE Will be held Sept. 25-27 at the Student Center and the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The sale begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

UW-RIVER FALLS CONCERT/PEP BAND Has openings in all sections. No audition is required. Rehearsals are on Tues. and Thurs. from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in 129 Kleinpell Fine Arts. Instruments are available if needed. For more information contact Director W. Larry Brentzel at 425-3183 or come to the next rehearsal.

SPECIAL NEEDS SEMINAR SET BY UW-RIVER FALLS The parents and educators of special needs children can attend a one-day seminar on Oct. 4, sponsored by UW-RF. "Motivating and Managing the Child with Special Needs," will be held at the River Falls Golf Course. Registration is at 8 a.m., the program runs from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$75. A one-credit graduate option is available. Registration is limited. Deadline is Sept. 25. For more information contact Julie Cafilisch at 425-3256.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND APPLICATIONS The deadline for participating in the Wisconsin in Scotland program for the Spring of 1997 is Oct. 15. Interested students should contact the Office of International Programs in 225 East Hathorn or call 425-4891 for application forms and information.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS Students interested in participating in the Autonomous University of Guadalajara exchange program for the Spring of 1997 should contact the Office of International Programs at 425-4891 or stop by 225 East Hathorn Hall for information and application forms. The deadline for applications is Nov. 1.

HOWARD ACKLEY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Scholarship offered for non-traditional students. Awards are \$300/year. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information or Howard Ackley Foundation Inc. PO Box 17, Pigeon Falls, WI 54760.

ZONATA INT'L AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP Offered for graduating women in Aerospace or related field. Grants offered up to \$6,000/year. Contact the Office of Financial Aid or Zonata Int'l 557 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60661-2206. Phone (312) 930-5848 or fax at (312) 930-0951.

WORKING WITH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE WORKSHOP The workshop contains two different sessions that can be attended separately or together. It will be held Sept. 25 in the Presidents Room of the Hagedsted Student Center. Session I begins at 2 p.m. and Session II begins at 3 p.m. For more information contact Rose Rude in 210 South Hall or phone at 425-0638, e-mail: Rose.A.Rude@uwrf.edu

ATTENTION FALL GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT DEADLINE The deadline to apply for Fall Commencement is Sept. 27. Applications are available in the Registrar's office, 105 North Hall. For more information contact Judy George at 425-3581.

UW-RIVER FALLS DANCE THEATRE BEGINS SEASON With a fall organizational meeting on Wed., Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Karges Center Dance Studio. Those interested in membership, either performing or non-performing, are encouraged to attend. If interested in dancing come dressed to move.

TEN PERCENT SOCIETY MEETING Will be held on Tues., Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center.

SAFE SPACE INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS Will be held on Sept. 24 and 25 from 1-2 p.m. Safe Space is a new program that is looking for people to become allies for lesbian, gay and bi-sexual students, faculty and staff. If you would like more information on becoming an ally please attend these informational sessions. For more information contact Mandy at 425-4911 ext. 259.

LOOKING FOR CREATIVE PEOPLE To help plan Midnight Madness, the night before the basketball season begins. Looking for people to brainstorm/plan an evening of fun activities. Come to Brandy's on Wed., Sept. 25 at 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Brent Greene at 425-4663 ext. 117.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/FAMILY OF ORIGIN GROUP Meets every Monday throughout the semester, 3-4:30 p.m., Career and Counseling Services, 24E. Hathorn, Contact Gretchen Link at 425-3884 prior to attending.

Sorority rush offers rewards

MICHELLE LARSON
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Imagine 58 women sitting in a room anticipating the moment of acceptance into a national sisterhood, yet not knowing what to expect from the night ahead of them; let alone a lifetime.

That was the scene Monday night as these women prepared to rush for the first time.

Rush, like the name suggests, consists of a non-stop rush of informal meetings and a "getting to know you and your sorority" rampage.

The chatter never stops.

The friendships made never end.

Kaye Schendel, advisor for the UW-River Falls sororities and fraternities, discussed the preparation for sorority rush and informed the women of the roles sororities can play in their lives. "Once you have become part of Greek life," she said. "You've made world-wide sisters."

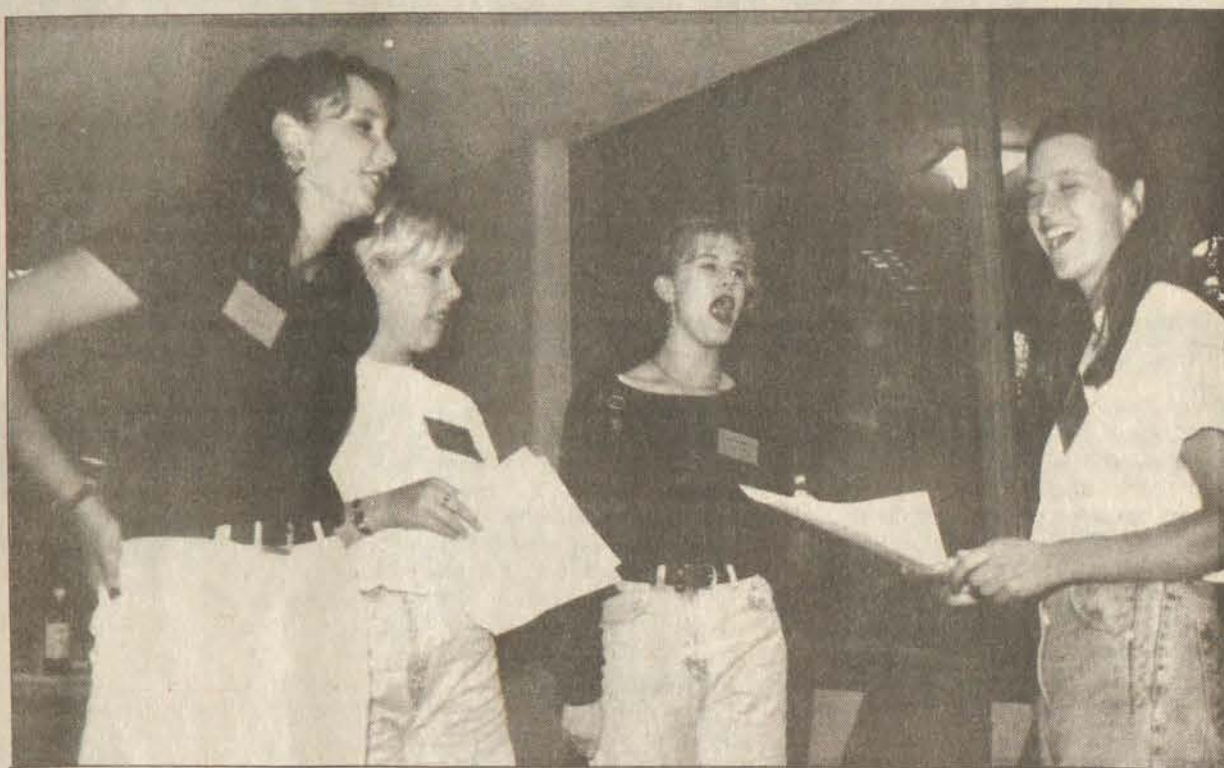
For a week at the start of each academic year, the four national sororities on campus: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma, work together to recruit new members. Each sorority can have a maximum of 45 members, and the recruitment process usually runs throughout the academic year. Even if women miss rush week they still have the opportunity to join.

Audra Whitehead, president of Panhellenic Council, a group of representatives from each sorority, explained the community involvement that the sororities take part in including food drives, clothing drives, Adopt-A-Highway and the Caps for Kids program.

To promote rush, Panhellenic Council mailed pamphlets to women who were new to UW-RF this fall and placed announcements in the *Student Voice*.

On Monday, the first night of rush, the women were divided into groups and introduced to the different sororities. Rushees spent 20 minutes meeting with members of each sorority.

Rho Chis, or rush counselors, lead the rushees from sorority to sorority, but never enter the rooms with them. This is because Rho Chis are mem-



Eric Dahlberg photo

Rush counselors, Becki Borg, second from left of Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Gretchen Hessler, far right of Sigma Sigma Sigma, explain sorority rush procedures to rushees Theresa Thompson, far left and Michelle Russel, center.

bers of the different sororities but in their roles as counselors, try to be non-biased toward any one group. Their identity is kept secret from the rushees until the end of rush.

To show unity among the sororities, members dressed in identical T-shirts sporting the logo, "All you need to be is you."

Streamers and balloons in each sorority's colors welcomed the women into rooms filled with that sorority's memorabilia. Members displayed T-shirts and sweatshirts emblazoned with their letters and various awards for academic achievements, scholarly events and community service.

Tuesday night operated similarly to Monday night. Rushees once again met informally with each of the sororities. On this night, sorority mem-

bers performed skits and showed the women the fun, social side of sorority life.

Financial fact sheets that explained initiation fees, yearly membership dues and other fees are handed out to the rushees so they know the bottom line.

After Wednesday evening, the sororities and rushees are matched up according to their preferences in a mutual selection.

Rush is over Thursday night when the women discover which sorority they were matched to.

"Thursday night is charged with excitement," said Stacy Rode, of Sigma Sigma Sigma. "Nobody knows which women will go to which sorority, and the Rho Chis finally get to go back to their sorority."

Each sorority usually plans a fun evening out, following the announcements, like making a trip to Dairy Queen or grilling out at a sister's house.

"The sororities give flowers and take lots of pictures and try to get to know their new members," said Missy Evenson, of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Gray Carpenter, national public relations director for Phi Mu, attended rush at UW-RF. She said that networking is just one of the many benefits of sorority life.

"The reward for young women who join a sorority is to become leaders," she said. "To develop a home away from home and (to make lifelong friendships)."

Senate to begin voter registration drive

SARAH COLBURN
NEWS EDITOR

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Student Senate is paving the way to the polls for eligible voters.

In order to make voting more accessible to students on campus, several steps have been taken to bring the polls to UW-River Falls.

During the first week of October tables will be set up in Rodli Commons and the Hagedsted Student Center to pre-register students for the upcoming presidential elections.

"Voting is very important and vital to this country," said Theresa Zirbel, legislative issues chair of Student Senate. "Many college students don't think it is."

The UW-System has a goal of reaching and pre-registering 40 thousand students within the next weeks. The UW-RF Senate alone has a goal of 1,400 students.

Student Senate has devised an educational campaign to make it easier for students to understand the issues

under debate in the upcoming election. Senate will prepare charts to show which representatives hold which views and what their voting records have looked like in the past.

Student senators are also phoning state Sen. Alice Clausen, D-Menomonie, and Jay Griggs, the former newspaper publisher from North Hudson who is running for Clausen's seat in the November election, to speak to UW-RF students about higher education issues.

"We as a senate feel this is a very worthwhile thing," Zirbel said. "State Representatives must realize that students do care and that we have the potential to decide who gets elected."

Students who live in Hathorn, Johnson, Prucha, May and Stratton halls will be able to go to the polls and vote in Rodli Commons. Students

living in McMillan, Crabtree, Parker and Grimm Halls will be required to vote at the River Falls High School. Senate is currently looking for a way to transport students to and from the polls on election night.

Due to the way the voting wards are defined students will be required to vote in this way. Students who are not originally from Wisconsin will have the chance to vote in River Falls. In order to legally vote, however, a person must have been a resident of River Falls for at least ten days.

If residents from other states prefer to vote in their hometown the senate will provide absentee forms that must be sent to the city clerk in their town or city. The forms will be available at the pre-registration tables and in any classrooms that Student Senate members visit.

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Mark Danielson photo

Students gathered at the flag pole outside of North Hall Wednesday morning to pray for the world.



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Middleton changes lifestyle after surgery scare

HEATHER PIEHL
STAFF WRITER

You would never know it by the way he teaches his classes.

But less than a year ago 48-year-old geology Professor Michael Middleton had double heart bypass surgery.

Middleton started experiencing a tightness in his chest while exercising, and it began to happen more and more frequently until he made an appointment to see his physician on a Thursday morning last February. His physician admitted him immediately to the United Hospital of St. Paul.

"I can't be checked in, I have class in an hour," Middleton remembered telling his physician at the time.

But his doctor wanted to keep a close eye on him until they could do an angiogram, which is when doctors stick a tube with dye into the patient's heart. The angiogram would determine if angioplasty was possible. Doctors like to do angioplasty when they can because it is a lot less invasive than bypass surgery, Middleton said.

The angiogram showed two blockages: one in an area where angioplasty had not been very successful and another too extensive for angioplasty to work.

Two days later, Middleton had

double heart bypass surgery.

Even though heart disease runs on both sides of his family and he has high cholesterol, Middleton was somewhat shocked to learn he needed heart surgery.

"I thought this kind of thing only happened to 60- and 70-year olds," Middleton said.

The news also shocked Middleton's colleagues.

"I was almost surprised," geology Professor Ian Williams recalled.

According to Williams, about a year earlier Middleton had said that he had experienced a dizzy spell while on his way to Madison. That was the first sign indicating the problem that led to surgery.

Four days after the surgery, Middleton returned home to begin recovery.

"It is a slow process to regain strength," Middleton said.

The surgery's a major trauma to the body, and it makes the patient feel very weak and exhausted; patients need to rest after everything they do, Middleton said.

"I would get out of bed in the morning, eat breakfast, and then I would have to rest for half an hour," Middleton said.

For three months after his surgery, Middleton was in rehabilitation. He

went three times a week to the River Falls Hospital and would exercise on tread mills and stationary bicycles; along with doing arm exercises, his heart was being monitored.

"I had tremendous support from students and colleagues," Middleton said.

He received a lot of cards from his students. And his colleagues took over his classes. Not much of a small task considering they already had full loads, Middleton said.

Williams, who took over one of Middleton's classes, said that it was hard taking on another class, especially when instructors have to pick up where someone else left off.

"But hey, what are you going to do," Williams said. "The poor guy was in the hospital."

Williams said he was concerned about losing quality in the classes and fought to keep the quality up in

Middleton's absence.

When an instructor's workload is increased by 25 percent, something has to give, Williams said. Some faculty members had to miss committee meetings so

they could use that time to prepare for class and to help students who needed it.

But Williams had no qualms about taking on some extra work.

"We were happy to do it for Michael," he said.

After being out of classes for eight weeks, Middleton was able to return for the last three weeks of class.

He and his colleagues agreed that there was no point in his picking up classes at the end of the term, so he spent the last three weeks of class in his office.

This summer, Middleton returned to teach a summer course.

"It was an easy way to get back into things," Middleton said.



Michael Middleton

He made it through his summer course without any problems and is back to teaching four classes of geology a semester.

"I am doing a full load, and it feels fine," Middleton said.

Williams agreed that Middleton has kept right on track with his teaching style.

"This has not slowed Michael down one iota," Williams said, noting that Middleton's hyper personality is a constant.

Dawn Kuepper, freshman geology major, said she had no clue that her professor had just had double heart bypass surgery. He is energetic, and he really seems to enjoy what he is doing.

"He does not show it physically, and he has never said anything about it either," said Kuepper.

However, Middleton has had to make some changes in his lifestyle. He admits that before his surgery he was overweight and did not eat the healthiest food. He confessed to eating a lot of fast food simply because it provided a mealtime shortcut. Now he watches what he eats.

"It has been good for the whole family," Middleton said. "We are all eating better."

Williams, a diabetic, offered some healthy advice, "Well Michael, you will have to eat like me now."

Also, Middleton admits that he exercised only sporadically. Now it is every day. He usually walks or jogs each morning.

The biggest challenge for Middleton has been learning how to control the stress and pressure of work. According to Middleton, teaching is a stressful job.

"Every class is a deadline," he said. Williams agreed.

According to their door schedules, instructors only work 12 hours a week, he said. But he added that class preparation, helping students and participating in extra curriculars adds to those 12 hours.

At present, Middleton says he has no real insight on how to deal with the stress, but he does think daily exercise helps. While hooked up to a heart monitor during rehabilitation, he watched his blood pressure decrease after exercising for half an hour — a good sign.

"I am glad to be back," Middleton said. "It's exciting."

He does, however, have some words of advice for anyone at risk for heart disease: "Make some changes in life now so that you do not have to go through what I did."

A chilly start



Eric Widholm photo

Mary Halada, UW-RF budget officer, sprays water over the tarp covering the floor of Hunt Arena Tuesday morning while arena worker Gerry Hildebrandt rolls it tight. Joining Halada were Bob Sievert, director of University Centers, Brent Greene, assistant director for University Operational Centers, Jerry Waller, director for Conference and Events and Melissa Johnsen, student worker. The group assisted Hunt arena employees laying the foundation for the hockey ice. The first home game for the Falcon hockey team is Nov. 1.

Electric outlet overloads lead to problems

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It's back-to-school time. Time to see old friends, make new friends, move into the new (or old) dorm room, apartment or house and begin the yearly extension-cord maze.

Wrong.

According to the National Electrical Safety Foundation (NESF), the misuse of electricity — like using an extension cord as permanent wiring — can lead to electrical fires, electrocutions and other serious electrical accidents. Many of these accidents can be prevented with a few simple electrical safety precautions.

The Foundation offers these electrical safety tips for a safer college year no matter where a student lives.

- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis, not as permanent wiring.

- Don't run electric cords under rugs or carpets. The cords can overheat and cause fires.

- Don't overload outlets. Doing so can blow a fuse or trip a circuit breaker. Overloaded outlets or extension cords could also cause fires.

- Purchase approved surge suppressors for computers and entertainment systems. They help protect electronics from voltage surges.

- Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit. Never cut the third prong.

- Don't use appliances that have frayed, cut or damaged cords. They could cause a shock or fire.

- Water and electricity don't mix. Don't place electrical appliances near water.

- Be alert when using electrical products. Read and follow manufacturer's use and care instructions.

Public meeting scheduled

New teacher education facility topic of discussion

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been completed for the proposed Teacher Education Facility on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls campus and is now available for review and comment. A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1996, in Room C of the Rural Development Institute building on campus to informally exchange information and gather opinions on the proposed project.

The new 46,000-gross-square-foot multi-level facility will feature an Educational Technology Center, 12 modern instructional facilities, an outreach center, office complex, general-use study space and a preschool.

In accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, the DEIS is circulated to state, federal and local

agencies for a 45-day review period.

It is also made available to the general public for review. Comments and questions submitted to the University System on the DEIS are used to develop a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS is then circulated for a 30-day review and followed by a public hearing. Both the DEIS and FEIS are full-disclosure documents that provide a complete description of the proposed project, the existing environment and an analysis of the anticipated environmental effects.

Copies of the Draft EIS are available for review at the UW-RF Davee Library, the River Falls Public Library or by calling the Campus Planning Office in South Hall at 715/425-3840.

Unauthorized calls made from campus office

PENNY HUNTINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Possible theft of telephone services has occurred in one of the University offices, according to Campus Security and the River Falls Police Department.

According to Campus Security reports a number of unauthorized telephone calls had been made, and a \$560 telephone bill accrued in the News Bureau/Photography Services office, 23 South Hall.

"We have identified a suspect, they have been interviewed, and the re-

ports will be forwarded to a district court for their review," said Sgt. Jeff Linehan, River Falls Police Department.

If found guilty the offender could face up to a \$500 fine.

A second offense can lead to a \$1,000 fine, 90 days in jail or both.

It is unknown whether or not this incident is linked to a similar one which occurred in the *Student Voice* office throughout the last school year.

The incident is still under investigation.

Theft
The River Falls Police Department

responded to a report of a stolen wallet and checkbook from a 20-year-old Parker Hall resident. The blue checkbook with gold TCF letters on the cover was stolen on Sept. 13.

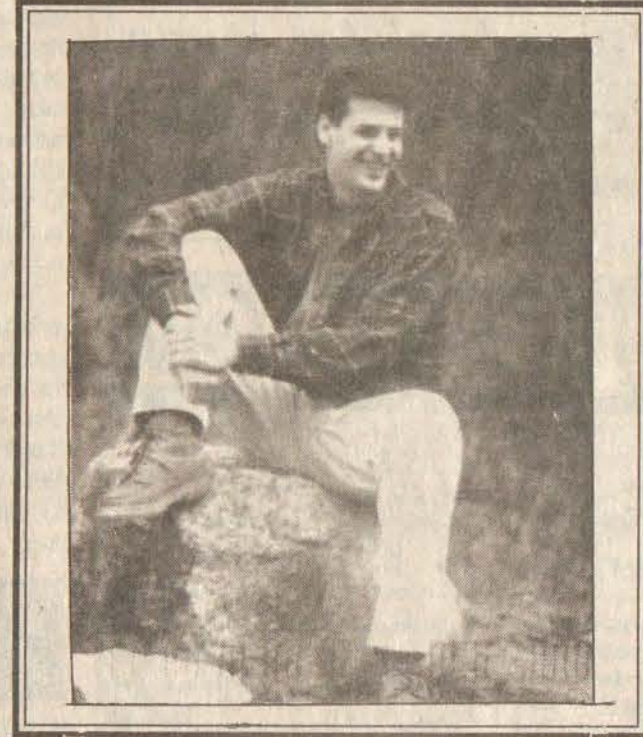
Estimated damages are \$45 and a Minnesota driver's license.

Accidents

A UW-RF student was transported to the River Falls Area Hospital after falling in Centennial Science Hall. The student was and released after receiving treatment for a cut to the head.

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Editorial
A bright light

"Today's students should prepare for several rejections — but that does not mean failure. The key concept is to not quit..."

UW-River Falls is gifted this academic year with one of the brightest and promising freshmen classes to set foot on its campus.

Aspiring bankers, communicators and educators will set sail on a four-year adventure into an unknown world of prose, chemical formulas and calculus problems, challenging their intellectual capabilities and probably causing many late study nights.

The university body should look upon this class not merely as numbers to be processed in a set time frame, but rather as the first UW-RF graduates of the 21st Century. This class could provide the University with opportunities to structure curriculum and activities to help these future graduates grasp the key to the 21st Century. Let us use the resources available, however scarce, to construct new paths to the future of higher learning.

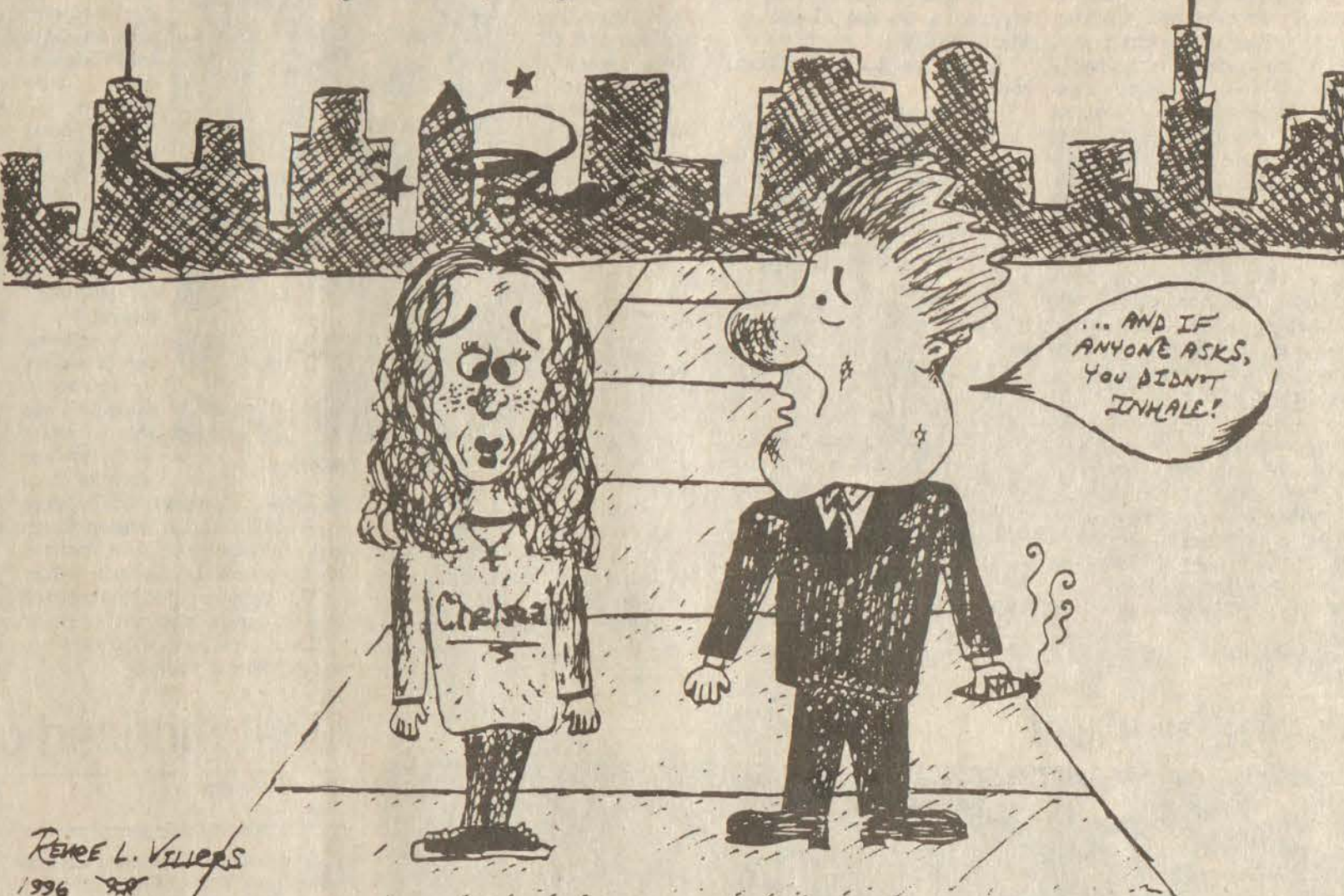
Unlike the days when higher learning consisted of pencil pushing and calculators, today's students will be asked to absorb, and learn, much more in a smaller time frame. Computers and the Internet will not be useful tools to these students; but necessary daily instruments needed to survive in a highly technological and competitive society. Leaders of tomorrow will need the ability to rapidly analyze information and implement decisions on highly sophisticated problems. These future leaders will also need to know how the job concepts before even passing through the workforce door.

Today's students should prepare for several rejections — but that does not mean failure. The key concept is to not quit, to stick it out for the long haul. Be prepared for some rocky roads down the line, but remember these paths are what strengthen the soul. So the next time an opportunity arises, take to it with double the enthusiasm. In the information age, there may always be someone who knows the task better. So students cannot rely on luck, prestige or honor to get them to the high ranks — they must do the background work beforehand.

And this group of 21st Century students knows that, and is ready for the test. With the new teacher education facility, a constantly expanding College of Agriculture and a vast selection of liberal arts possibilities, UW-RF is setting pace for the task as well.

The meaning of higher education will test a new level in the coming years, driving different roads each day. What the future holds, no one knows. But one thing is for certain, a change is eminent. Therefore, let us explore what we can do in the classroom and in activities to provide experiences that will allow the class of 2000 to be prepared to open the door to the next century.

NEWS ITEM -- BABY BOOMER PARENTS WHO USED DRUGS EXPECT THEIR KIDS TO DO THE SAME.



Columnist finds bicycling on campus risky

Mark Danielson



"I've only been here for a few weeks, but I've already found that the UW-RF campus can be a very perilous place for bikers."

OK, OK, so I'll admit it. I'm an impatient individual. I'm constantly in a rush, and, no matter what the philosopher Zeno said, I personally have always made it a point of going from one place to another as quickly as I possibly can. I've consistently found walking to be too slow a form of transportation, so whenever the opportunity has presented itself I've made it a point of taking my bike instead. Weather generally isn't a deterrent; cool weather, the occasional shower, and/or a hail stone now and then can easily be taken in stride. Considering what I've found recently, though, I might as well consider my fair-weather biking just as dangerous as that in the middle of winter.

This brings me to the subject of today's column: I've only been here for a few weeks, but I've already found that the UW-RF campus can be a very perilous place for bikers. During my time skidding around this school, I've encountered things that would cause Madison bicyclists to take up arms and riot all the way down State Street. The sewer grates, the crumbling asphalt, the hidden drainage pipes; oh, I don't know where to begin.

Well, considering that it's the one thing that caused me to draw blood so far, I guess I'll start with those cliffs we have masquerading as the edges of sidewalks. Up to this time I've found five sidewalk precipices that measure over three inches in height. I found four by observation and one by sliding at an angle into it at around 15 miles per hour. Anyone who has ever had the misfortune of getting the wheels of his or her 10-speed (or 21-speed or 18-speed or non-mountain bike equivalent) stuck in some sort of rut while riding at any decent speed should be very able to see the dangers these ridges hold. Some of these edges, including the one I hit, are made even more perilous by the fact that they're obscured by irregularly long grass. The only thing worse than having to hit a deep edge of a sidewalk is not knowing that you're going to hit it. Needless to say, I think these valleys, hidden or not, should be filled. Those of us riding bikes shouldn't have to start praying whenever we journey off the sidewalks in order to yield the right-of-way to those walking on them.

Speaking of grass-covered dangers, there's a massive one in the form of a drainage pipe underneath the sidewalk behind Davee Library and South Hall. A lot of people who walk over it every day probably aren't even aware that it's there. Not only does the hidden pipe have the potential to be a very nasty speed-bump, the jagged, half-foot long rip in it is just waiting to grab the spokes of any bike that unintentionally rides over it the wrong way.

Unfortunately, that's not the only danger found in the area behind South Hall. Keep walking west on the sidewalk, take a right on Third Street and just before you get to the entrance to the South Hall parking lot you'll find the sewer-grate from hell. Not only does this grate have spaces wider than most non-mountain-bike tires, it has the dubious distinction of not having any cross-bars. This combination makes a perfect trap for many of the bikes on campus, a trap that sooner or later is going to

cause someone to be found laying on the gravel-covered pavement bleeding. Of all the bicycling dangers on campus, this is by far the most inexcusable: The ridges along the sidewalks are simply the inevitable result of heavy traffic; the drainage pipe was probably once very visible and free of jagged metal. Nothing can explain the sewer grate, though, other than stupidity. It needs to be replaced now, before someone gets hurt.

Then there's that thoroughfare known as Cascade Avenue. I'm not talking about speeding Buicks with drivers who have blinders on, either. It's just that both sides of the road have a ridge where the asphalt ends and the concrete begins. I've talked about ridges earlier so I'm not going to again. I'd just like to point out that this ridge located in what amounts to about the worst possible place for bikers—just over a foot from the curb, right around where many would like to have their tires located. The foot-wide lane presented by the concrete portion of Cascade isn't wide enough to safely bike in, especially when there's a curb on one side just waiting to grab downward-moving pedals. Things aren't much safer above the ridge, either. Anyone who bikes up on the asphalt could potentially find him or herself in traffic, especially if it's later in the evening and most of the parked cars have left the area. In this way Cascade's daytime congestion may be safer than the relatively wide-open lanes found in the evening. During the day people are at least forced to pay attention.

Having said all about Cascade, I have to admit that I don't really have any suggestions as how to fix the problem. The only thing I could think of that would make it more hospitable to bikers would be tearing it up and repaving it, which would be a costly and unreasonable move considering that the road otherwise appears to be in decent condition. Probably the best way for those of us on bikes to deal with Cascade is to simply avoid it whenever possible.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

College Republicans ready for election

With the school year and the campaign season in full swing, there are an incredible number of opportunities just waiting to be taken advantage of across campus and around the country.

The College Republicans in the past have worked hard to get students on campus involved in the political process, debates, and campaigns to show that regardless of who you are, you can make a difference in where the world is going.

The College Republicans are back in full force again this year and would like to encourage everyone to get involved regardless of your affiliation with the Democrats or the Republicans. The voice of America's youth is being ignored more and more each year as the number of people in our age group who get involved in campaigns and voting goes down further and further.

If you would like to get involved with the College Republicans, they will be meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center. If you would like to get involved with the College Democrats, contact Chris Patton. We can make a difference in the world we will inherit, but only if we get involved.

Robert L. Burke
Executive Director,
Wisconsin College Republicans

Parking permit unfairly distributed

My mouth dropped. All summer long, I had been saving up my money in order to buy myself a different car and now that I finally got it up north, I found myself in disbelief as the people in the Campus Security office told me that I couldn't park it in any of the student parking lots.

I could hardly say anything as they went on to explain that parking permits ran out around the first of August, two whole weeks before I even had my car, and that if I didn't fill out an application the year before, I wasn't going to get one until at least November, if I ever did.

What is a college student suppose to do? You're not allowed to park on the streets over night in River Falls and, without a permit, you aren't allowed to park in any of the student lots. There is always the Ramer Field parking lot, which is free, but I live in Grimm and that is an awfully long walk, especially if it is dark outside or it is the middle of winter. Campus security told me that I can always call and have one of them walk with me if it is dark, but do they have a way of keeping me warm during the winter?

I don't know how this happened, or whose is at fault, if anybody is. All I know is that there are an awful lot of people without parking permits this year, and, most likely, every single one of them is as unhappy about this

arrangement as I am. I doubt there is a single one of them who wants to walk to Ramer just to get to their car. I have even considered going door to door asking people if I can rent part of their driveway for the year.

This is a major problem, especially since this university is continuing to grow in size. That is why I have talked to several students, through e-mail, at different universities around the country. Each of the colleges experienced problems similar to what this one is having. With their help, I have come up with a couple of possible ways that the Parking Office could avoid this problem in the future.

1. Give priority to students living on campus. I have nothing against the students who live in apartments or are commuting and I doubt there are a large number of them that have parking permits. However, it would free up some parking spaces and would shorten the waiting list.

2. Allow parking in lot Q. Granted, it is still a long walk for the students living on the east side of campus, but it isn't as long of a walk as Ramer.

3. Allow students to park in the faculty lots. I have talked to several professors, and there wasn't a single one who wouldn't share a parking lot with the students or even give one up. After all, we are the reason they have

their jobs.

4. Sell permits specifying one parking lot. I will admit that it is very convenient to be able to park in any student lot on campus as long as you have one permit. However, by having permits that specify one lot the parking problem is going to be reduced. A person in Stratton or May Hall isn't going to buy a parking permit for lot O and a person in Crabtree isn't going to buy a permit for any of the lots on the west side of campus. Even now, with the permits allowing a person to park in any student lot, I have talked to students who are having trouble finding a parking space and end up parking in a lot some distance from where they live. So, why not limit the amount of people that can park in any given parking lot? Of course, the price of permits would have to be reduced so those people who want to park in more than one parking lot can do so.

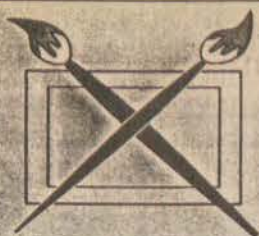
Of course, there is always the option of building another parking lot or extending one of the existing lots.

Or, if nothing else, UWRF could always make a deal with the taxi service to give students rides to their cars.

Steven Helmer,
UW-RF student



PLEASE RECYCLE!



Operation: Room Reconstruction

STUDENTS
AT
WORK

Bargain hunting

Tips make renovations easy on pockets, rooms pleasing to eyes

MELISSA ROUSSEAU, NEWS EDITOR
PENNY HUNTINGTON, STAFF WRITER

It may not seem possible to turn a sterile 11 foot by 13 foot box into a comfy-cozy residence hall room that could be featured in *Architecture Digest*, but all it really takes is a little creative thinking to make living in residence hall rooms bearable.

The best place to look for decorating ideas is mom and dad's basement or attic. When your parents offer you their old dishes and the worn-out couch found in the basement, accept them graciously. Just remember that one man's junk is another man's treasure and that blue lava lamp that was cool in 1975 but hidden away in 1980 would be perfect in a 1996 residence hall.

If your parents didn't keep any fun artifacts from their generation, don't fret—garage sale it.

Garage sales are a great place to find used but nice couches, loveseats and endtables. Look around the residence halls and it would be hard to find a room that didn't have the beds lofted. That extra room would be perfect for a couch that could double as a bed for a friend to sleep on.

If you found your couch in your grandparent's basement, chances are that it is in need of a face lift. Couch covers can solve this problem. Throwing a blanket over it can hide the tears and snags it has suffered through the years. Toss a few pillows on it, and it's as good as new.

Furniture isn't the only thing that can be found at garage sales. Fun, colorful crazy-quilts and handmade afghans can be put to use on a bed or thrown over a chair to brighten up a room.

Those students who do not want to travel from garage sale to garage sale in the quest for the perfect dorm deco-

rations should check out Barb's Garage behind the American Legion in River Falls.

Barb's Garage has a deal for every college student who is trying to spice up a residence hall room.

You can find everything from a forest green couch for \$14 to 1960's endtables for \$9.95. Row upon row of shelves are filled with a variety of small appliances like toasters and coffee pots. Barb's small appliances range in cost from \$1 to \$3.50. A rainbow of blankets, sheets and afghans, priced from \$1 to \$7.50, covers the back wall of the warehouse.

Students who aren't in the market to buy should make a trek to Barb's Garage just for the entertainment value. A candle in the shape of a glass of beer, complete with foam, is just one of the many off-the-wall items you will find.

Students are sure to come across great finds if they shop local discount stores. Wal-Mart, in Hudson, has a great selection of storage drawers and cardboard dressers from as low as \$5.00. If you or your roommate are clutter freaks, an investment in storage drawers will keep everything, or almost everything, in check.

While Residence Life scorns on the use of nails in residence rooms, there are several ways to cover up those unsightly cement blocks that won't result in costly fines at the end of the academic year. An interior decorator on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* suggests that students attach string to a wall like a clothesline and use it to display photos.

Other fun and inexpensive redecorating tips include:

- Buy a couple of yards of your favorite fabric, around \$3 or more a yard, and use pin-on hooks to attach it directly to the curtains. Pin-on hooks can be found in the curtain section of

any discount store for about \$1 for a package of 10, and they won't damage the curtains or result in huge fines at the end of the year.

- Holiday decorations. Christmas lights can be wrapped around windows, the legs of lofts, around the ceiling or taped to the ceiling. Christmas lights not only add a festive feel to residence rooms, they also create a romantic mood when lights are turned off.

- Christmas ornaments can be kept up all-year-round. Favorites can be used as curtain tie-backs to let the sunshine in. Holiday decorations can be expensive, but the ones in a family attic are free. Just make sure to return them in time for the Christmas season.

- Scatter glow-in-the-dark stars, around \$3 a pack, on the ceiling for a sci-fi feel.

- Cut out pictures from magazines of hot men or women and plaster them around the room. Antonio Sabato Jr. and Pamela Lee can definitely heat up a residence room.

- Paint lofts in funky colors—make stripes or polka dots.

- Wrap legs of lofts in sheets. Check out the clearance areas of discount stores to find the best buys. Wal-Mart had sheets in an assortment of colors and styles on clearance for \$8.

- Buy silk flowers, usually \$2 to \$5 a bunch, and hot glue them to a mirror. Daisies and sunflowers work well. Just pop the flower off the stem and glue them around the border of the mirror. Hot glue guns are cheap, around \$3, and can be found at any craft store.

- Green plants can also help to make a residence hall room more livable. Ask mom or dad if they have a plant that can be brought to school. If you don't have a green thumb, artificial ones will do. Artificial plants can run anywhere from \$5 and up.



Naomi Runge photo

Hathorn Hall Resident Assistant Jess Ellinghuysen patched together rug remnants to create unique carpet.

- Fun-tack posters everywhere. Wal-Mart and ShopKo both have great selections of posters for reasonable prices, or check out the University Bookstore or the poster vendors who sell posters in the Student Center. Posters cost about \$4 and fun-tack can be found for \$1.

- Stack cases of beer (if you're of age!) on top of each other. Cover with a sheet or blanket for an instant table. College students on a budget may have to settle with cheap cases at \$7. Those students with more income or a lower bitter beer tolerance level can

find imported selections for \$25.

- Put up a removable wallpaper border around the ceiling. But make sure it comes off completely to eliminate high fines at the end of the academic year. Wal-Mart's self-adhesive wallpaper borders average \$7 for a 15 foot role and feature designs from Mickey Mouse to fish to checkerboard plaids.

- Find a wild carpet remnant. Not only will it jazz up the room, but it will keep toes warm on cold winter mornings. Menards, in Hudson, is just one place to look for affordable carpet

remnants with an average price of \$50.

Discuss remodeling plans with your roommate before making any dramatic changes in the room. Remember, it doesn't take a big budget or an interior decorator to turn a residence hall room into home-sweet-home. With a little determination and creative thinking anything is possible.

Students find creative ways to liven up living space



Naomi Runge photo

Hathorn Hall Resident Assistant Becky Schlup and resident Cathy Swanson chat in Schlup's "fishy" room.

SARAH COLBURN
NEWS EDITOR

Students begin their year at UW-River Falls by climbing the endless staircase.

No, not the staircase of stardom to a long-awaited, cushy career, but the staircase to the fourth floor. It is endless in the most humid heat of the summer. You reach the top, fumble with the key until it fits into the lock and open the door to find four electric blue brick walls staring back at you. This is the beginning of a long journey to make an 11 by 13 cell habitable and homey.

Becky Schlup is a Resident Assistant in Hathorn Hall. Her room in third center east has movable furniture and is covered in immovable fish. The fish theme came about when Schlup started receiving gifts and knick-knacks from friends and relatives.

"This is my room and my time to do what I want with it," said Schlup. "My family has somewhat taken over my room at home, and here I can be original." Schlup has proven herself to be both creative and original with her fish mattress pad that covers her futon and a mouse pad that could swim away by itself.

"When I graduated I got a fish sheet set and from there I've just been collecting stuff," Schlup said. "It's neat because the fish are all from different people." Schlup's loft is painted with fish and she has fish fabric just laying around just in case she needs to cover anything up.

While some students decorate in

themes others decorate for fashion and fun. Junior Jess Ellinghuysen, Resident Assistant in Hathorn called around and built herself a carpet with some creativity and two rolls of duct tape.

"I called around and found a couple stores that sold discontinued carpet samples," Ellinghuysen said. "I laid them out on the floor and taped them together one by one."

According to Ellinghuysen about 17 samples will do the trick. Most companies will sell two or three for a dollar. Many rooms on campus are carpeted whether it be with a roll of duct tape or something someone found at the local salvage yard.

Students not only bring the necessities from home, they also bring the amenities. Many students have a television, carpet, stereo, microwave and some form of a couch.

"I put up a photo collage of my friends and family," said Leslie Gutting, of Parker Hall. "I also brought in a big, brown pullout couch. It's old but comfortable." The trend seems to be to throw a sheet over the couch or a lot of clothes so nobody can tell what color or condition it's in.

Futons are also high on the list of things to get for school. They sell anywhere from \$100-\$500 and they're great for guests.

Some students have taken comfort to another level and really outdone themselves. "My roommate and I brought in a couch and two swivel armchairs so we can enjoy our time in the room," Tim Olson said, from Grimm Hall. "We also brought in

posters and mementos of loved ones from home as well as some nice shag green carpet." Mementos and pictures of friends and family seem to take the sting out of moving away from home. "My roommate has pic-

"This is my room and my time to do what I want with it."

-Becky Schlup

tures of horses and her friends," Tracey Otto said, a resident of Parker Hall. "I have pictures of my family and lots of little things from home. We have a lot of stuffed animals and other things that make our room more home-like."

In order to fit a couch in an 11 by 13 room with two beds and two dressers many college kids have resorted to lofts. They come in every size, shape and color and save enough space to put in little extras.

Craig Sprowls of Johnson Hall doesn't like to waste any space so he and his roommate lofted one bed and put two mattresses on it. They put the other frame in storage and Sprowls sleeps on the futon under the lofted bed. "It's kind of like a small queen size bed," said Sprowls. "It's also a comfortable spot to watch TV."

Students are not the only ones working hard to make their rooms more livable. Residential Services staff members worked this summer to install new mini blinds in Crabtree, Parker, Grimm and McMillan halls.

The blinds were paid for by the residence hall budget and room revenue at a cost of \$25-\$30 a room. Next summer Johnson, Prucha, Hathorn and May are scheduled to receive the new blinds.

In past years students have been able to paint their rooms, but this year that opportunity was revoked. "Some students did a nice job of painting and some students didn't," said Larry Testa, Residential Services. "Often times the trim work became an eyesore. After evaluation we decided that it wasn't working."

Because students are no longer able to paint their rooms many have been left with eyesores for the academic year. Residential Services has set a goal to repaint all the residence hall rooms white within the next three to four years depending on how quickly they can move. Of the 900 rooms on campus, 100 were painted this summer, and the hope for next summer is to paint double that.

Although many students bring their own furniture, the school does provide a dresser, closet, desk and bookshelf. The second east section of Hathorn Hall was remodeled this summer when it was changed from office space to residential living space. The rooms now contain movable furniture much like the furniture that will go into Stratton Hall after renovation.

According to Testa, there is a committee being formed to look at the current living situation for students. They anticipate additional changes in the residence halls in the near future.

Center/Ames building may be used for business

From 1A

nesses or maybe some kind of light industry could lease space in the Ames building.

Another option is to use the Ames building as a school, which it is perfectly suited for, Braun said. Whatever is decided, the building will be put on the market sometime over the next calendar year.

The College of Education is currently housed in the Ames building. It was constructed in 1963 as a laboratory school for training teachers. The College itself traces its roots to the start of the State Normal School at River Falls in 1874, Dean Kathleen Daly said. The new facility will carry that education tradition well into the next century.

Mostly, it will help the College to continue its "constructivist" philosophical approach to education, Daly said. That approach is an understanding in which educators are taught to

require their students to be active participants in their education, and not sit passively while teachers "fill" them with knowledge.

"Part of this is about developing children's higher-level thinking skills through project-based learning supported by technology," Daly said.

That approach also relies on the College's strong relationships with surrounding school districts. The districts are involved in designing the College's educational curriculum, assisting in teacher education field experiences, and exploring teaching strategies.

UW-RF's College of Education has been a national leader for decades in teacher education because of these school district relationships and its pursuit of technology for instruction.

It was cited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education for the quality of its field-based

experiences that place student teachers into real classrooms. Last year the College was chosen by the National Education Association as one of the 11 best programs in the nation.

A new teacher education facility will enhance the already award-winning education program. Chancellor Gary A. Thibodeau called the votes by the Board of Regents to approve the project "really great news for the UW-River Falls and its service region."

"This will allow us to build a state-of-the-art facility that will infuse technology into our teacher preparation efforts and provide them with all of the skills that they will need," Thibodeau said. "The facility is critical from an instructional perspective, and it is critical for continuing our collaborative relationship with school districts in our region."

Instead of reading those boring old textbooks, why don't you page through the weekly copy of the Voice.

It may not give you an "A" on the next biology quiz, but it'll give you a well-needed break from reality!

Eric Brandel

NFL flagged for excessive celebration



"I'll admit there is a fine line between celebrating a good play and showboating, but there is a difference."

Imagine if your plumber, upon unclogging your drain, started pointing his plunger in your face while happily taunting, "How do you like me now!"

Ridiculous. That would never happen, you say. Well, there is a precedent of such behavior. The members of one profession see nothing wrong with overly celebrating the most routine of accomplishments. These men are employed by the NFL. Following nearly every kick or punt in pro football is an inane celebration by a no-name coverage guy who isn't good enough to win a starting position. Now I know that football is an emotional game, and I'm not against excitement, but do we need to see a fourth-string defensive back sprint away from his teammates and pose like Schwarzenegger? I'd rather watch another beer commercial. The special teams aren't the only place to find gyrating on the gridiron.

Keyshawn Johnson, the New York Jets rookie wide receiver, recently caught his first professional touchdown pass. After hauling in the five-yard toss, Johnson removed his helmet, slammed it into the turf and raised his arms skyward as if he were the second coming of the Lord. I can't blame Johnson for being excited, but he gets paid for his catching, not his choreography.

ESPN analyst Joe Theismann called Johnson a "jerk" in a commentary that blasted the rookie for his act. Theismann closed by adding that Johnson didn't even attend the University of Miami, where Hurricane receivers frequently mistake the end zone for the T.V. set of Fame.

The rash of overzealous celebrations in the pros can probably be traced back to the freak shows that take place on campuses every Saturday. The NCAA, tired of watching players mug for the camera, went so far as to make it illegal to remove your helmet before reaching the sideline.

Thinking of these shenanigans reminds me of watching the Hurricanes play their arch-rivals, Florida State, every year. The games looked more like Dance Fever than football. I kept waiting for Keith Jackson to announce that the last play had a good beat, was easy to dance to, and that he'd rate it a "9.8". Three hours of watching "Cane receivers and 'Nole corners rack up more yapping than yardage is a little sickening.

Unfortunately, these players possess talent as well as rhythm, so they move their showboating to Sunday afternoons.

The recent Vikings-Falcons game showcased a pair of Florida State alumni in the defensive backfield. After Minnesota's Corey Fuller swaggered around the field after being flagged for a personal foul, his ex-teammate, the Falcons Devin Bush, one-upped him.

Bush leveled a receiver on a route over the middle. The receiver somehow held onto the ball and picked up a key first down. Bush stood over the Viking, barking at his fallen opponent.

But Bush didn't make the play. The guy caught the ball. What was he so excited about? Bush's enthusiasm wasn't even tempered when the officials tacked on 15-yards because his hit was illegal. The Viking receiver eventually got to his feet and emphatically signaled the first down; a justified celebration for a job well done.

I'll admit there is a fine line between celebrating a good play and showboating, but there is a difference.

When Green Bay receiver Robert Brooks hauls in a bomb to give the Pack a lead, then leaps into a sea of hysterical fans, it's fun to watch (even for a lifelong Vikings fan). Watching his teammate Dorsey Levens do the same after a meaningless three-foot plunge is not. And seeing a Raven's lineman do the disturbing Macarena dance after sacking Jim Kelly in a preseason game is way outside the boundaries of good taste. He wasn't even good at it!

Brandel-7B

Falcon soccer notches initial victory;



The Falcons Leah Wouff battles an Eau Claire opponent as the teams dueled to a 2-2 draw on Tuesday

ERIC BRANDEL
ASSF. SPORTS EDITOR

A wave of relief swept over Ramer Field Sunday afternoon, following UW-River Falls 4-1 soccer victory over UW-Oshkosh.

The Falcons had just recorded their first victory of the season, following an 0-5 start. The team continued their turn-around two days later with a 2-2 draw against Eau Claire.

UW-RF was supposedly rather solid on offense heading into the season; returning Kristin Tormoen and Leah Wouff from last season. Both players were among the leading scorers in the conference a year ago. But the squad had struggled to put the ball in the net early on, losing a series of close, low-scoring games.

It looked as if that trend would continue when the Falcons faced St. Olaf. A goal by Leah Wouff rallied UW-RF from a 1-0 deficit and send the game into overtime, but St. Olaf scored in the overtime session to take a 2-1 victory.

Starting the conference schedule appeared to be the remedy for the team's offensive woes. Against Oshkosh, the Falcons took a 1-0 lead

into the half on Leah Wouff's second goal of the season. UW-RF then buried the Titans in the second half with a three goal explosion spanning just over 13 minutes. Kate Pelinka's second and third goals of the season surrounded Rachel Booth's tally. The Falcons outshot Oshkosh 32-10 in the game.

The increase in offensive production came without sacrificing the solid defensive play the Falcons had shown this season. Sarah Hachey and Jessica Smith continued their solid play between the posts, allowing only a late goal by Oshkosh.

The team look to continue their success Tuesday against Eau Claire. The Blugolds are considered one of the favorites to take the WWIAC title after finishing second in the conference last season.

Following two well played halves, and a pair of overtimes, the teams left the field deadlocked at two.

The week left the Falcons with a 1-1 record in the competitive WWIAC conference, and 1-5-1 overall.

The Falcons hope to continue their recent string of successes when they hit the road for a pair of weekend games against Whitwater on Saturday and Platteville on Sunday.

Falcon volleyball keeps on truckin'
Team prepares for upcoming WWIAC action

CHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcons have been on a roll this week, beating Hamline and winning the La Crosse Tournament title with a 3-0 record.

Wednesday, the team traveled to Hamline and overwhelmed them by the scores of 15-7, 15-2, and 15-1. The win stretched the team's record to 13-2.

According to head coach Patti Ford, the team started slowly but then turned

it on.

The team got going with Anna Schmidt recording 12 kills and Jen Frodl following with nine. Amy Holm had 27 assists in the match and Maggie Kukar had seven digs.

"We are playing teams this week which will prepare us for the conference matches Saturday," Falcons Coach Patti Ford said. "Eau Claire is tough and about right where we are right now. The match will be in their home gym which will help them. We played Platteville once already (RF

won, 3-0) so we're confident we know what they do. We will have to focus on Eau Claire, and do the tasks it takes against Platteville, and I think we will be okay."

The Falcons won all three games at the La Crosse tourney to push their overall record to 12-2.

Against Mt. Senario the Falcons won three straight games.

Against Carleton the Falcons won 3-0 led by Frodl's 15 kills. Schmidt had 12 and a team-high 12 digs.

La Crosse won the first game of the match, but the Falcons responded with three straight wins. Schmidt led the Falcons with 17 kills and she had 19 digs. Frodl had 13 kills and Cara Gustafson had 11. Shantell Erbes had 29 digs.

Schmidt and Holm were both named to the all-tournament team.

"It was an interesting tourney," Ford said. "Mt. Senario is in their first season of competition, so we had to focus on our concentration. La Crosse played well. We lost the first game and came back strong. That showed us that we can be down and yet come back and win."

The Falcons host St. Thomas on Thursday at Karges Center, then play their first WWIAC matches of the season this weekend at Eau Claire when they play the Blugolds and Platteville.

Ford says St. Thomas will be a good test heading into WWIAC play.

"St. Thomas is generally one of the top three or four teams in the MIAC," Ford said. "It will give us a good lead into the weekend."

JIM LITTLE
STAFF COLUMNIST



It fills your T.V. screen all weekend long. It possesses grown men and women to wear cheese on their heads. It is considered by many to be the greatest game on earth.

It is football, and it is coming to River Falls this Saturday when the Falcons will battle Southwest State University in the St. Croix Valley Shrine Classic. It is the first of three straight home games for the Falcons.

Falcon football is no ordinary brand of football. It is the smash mouth, in your face, throwback style which reminds some spectators of the days when the players folded up their helmets and put them in their back pockets at the end of the game.

Last season the Falcons advanced to the N.C.A.A. Division III semifinals, one game away from a possible national championship. This year has seen the Falcons knock off a worthy Division II opponent in Winona in the season opener. Everything points to another championship caliber season.

So, where is the excitement from fans seen at many other schools? A good example is Eau Claire, a team which won one game a season ago.

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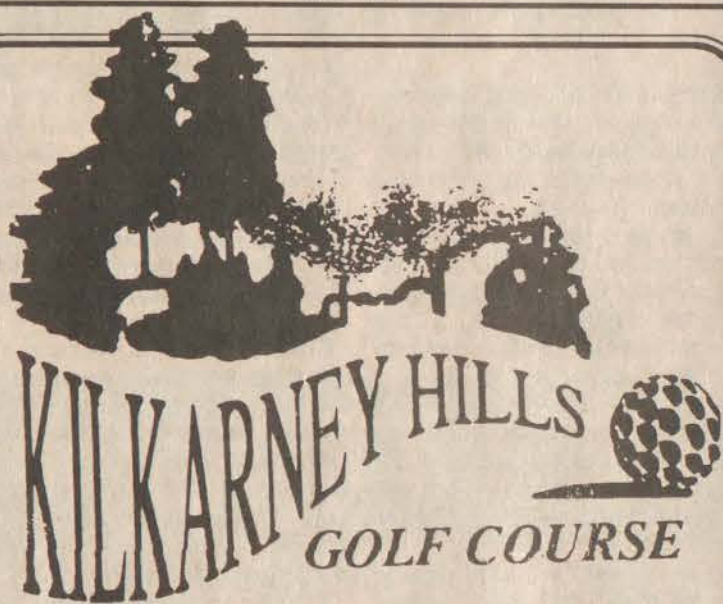
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UW-RF sports programs give students of all types competitive chance

Three non-traditional students run cross country

MICHELLE LARSON
STAFF WRITER

UW-River Falls has long encouraged enrollment of non-traditional students.

However, many attend UW-RF strictly for academics and shy away from involvement in the campus -- especially sports.

For Scott Sekelsky, Doug Cook and Wendi Hovet, they're out to break that taboo. The three non-traditional students make up a good chunk of the Falcon cross-country team.

This is Sekelsky's first time on a school cross country team of any sort. Sekelsky, a freshman at UW-RF, is majoring in biology and minoring in psychology.

Before attending UW-RF, he attended Triton College in River Grove, Ill., for a two-year degree as a certified surgical technician, he said. He worked in Chicago for three years as a surgical technician, and then in Appleton, Wis., for one year as a surgical assistant.

Sekelsky, 26, from Superior, Wis., said he decided to return to college for a bachelor's degree after he decided that he disapproved of the surgical careers.

He chose UW-RF because of its science program. Sekelsky joined the Falcon cross-country team because he wanted more than an academic education while attending college.

Sekelsky's been pacing long distances ever since he quit smoking at the age of 22, he said. At his first competitive meet Sept. 7 at the River Falls Invitational, he finished 92nd out of 108 competitors. Although he did not score for the team, he wasn't disappointed with his finish.

"My goal was not to take last at the meet and I met that goal," he said. Sekelsky is eligible for the cross-country team for his full four-year term here at UW-RF. His goal is to be one of the top five on the team before he is finished.

Academically, his goal is to graduate and then apply to graduate school. Doug Cook, a sophomore at UW-RF, also chose to expand his college life athletically by foot-peddling with the Falcons. Cook is majoring in biology.

Cook, a native of Madison, Wisc., before moving to River Falls, supported his wife through college. He owns his own horse shoe business,

which he does as a side job when not at school.

Cook, 27, has never competed on a cross-country team before.

He's run in private marathons for hospitals, but joining the Falcon team is a whole new experience for him, he said.

His goal in the River Falls Invitational was to not stop, and he met that goal, and said "I wanted to prove myself in more than academics."

Fellow runners helped improve his running strategy and technique, he said. His teammates are his mentors.

This is Wendi Hovet's third year running for Falcon cross-country. She is the captain of the women's cross-country team for 1996-97. A senior at UW-RF, she is majoring in physical

education and health.

Hovet attended Anoka Technical College in Minnesota where she earned a physical therapy assistant degree. She also worked in a health club for three years as a personal trainer and assistant manager.

Rather than accept a promotion to the manager of the club, she decided to go back to school.

Hovet, 26, joined the Falcons to meet people and to become part of the campus. "This is a chance to get my life back," she said.

Although she was running marathons before she began school at UW-RF, she had never competed in cross-country, she said. So it was a new challenge for her to face.

Her persistence and stamina has given Hovet the success she looked for when she first came to campus, she said. This will be her last year competing for the Falcons.

Rick Bowen, UW-RF athletics director, said these non-traditional students joining the cross-country team is great. Actually these are their prime running years -- middle 20s to early 30s.

Bowen said he encourages students to join the team.

"It is an all-around healthy experience for the traditional and non-traditional student," Bowen said.

The requirements for non-traditional

students to join the team don't differ from the normal requirements, Bowen said. The student must carry a full credit load.

These students also have eligibility just as other students, Bowen said. The eligibility lasts for a five-year term.

Kristi Kropp-Wagner, men's and women's cross-country coach, said the non-traditional students have a calming effect on the team.

The attitudes of the other athletes toward the non-traditional students is very positive, she added.



Scott Sekelsky



Doug Cook



Wendi Hovet

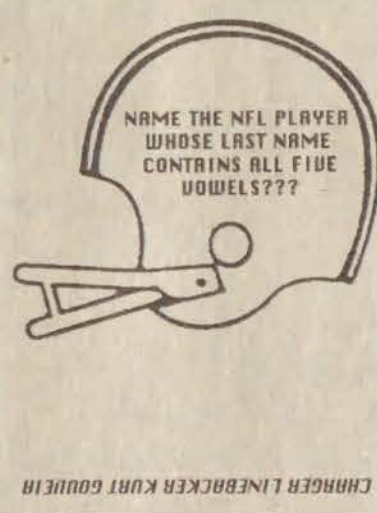
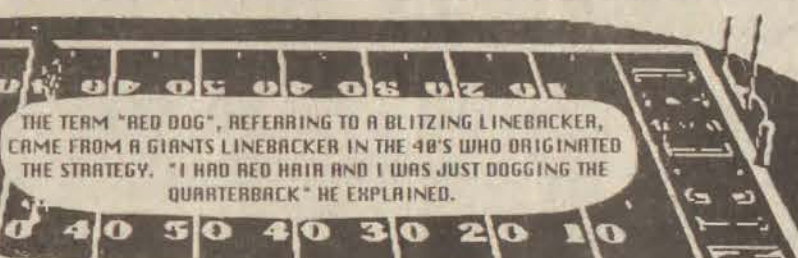
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FALCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

VOLLEYBALL: Anna Schmidt recorded for 1,000th kill in the Falcon's victory over St. Benedict. She led the team to a 4-0 record and was named to the UW-La Crosse All-Tournament Team. Her stats for the week included 32 kills, 36 digs and a .238 hitting percentage.

SOCCER: Forward Leah Wouff opened the Falcon scoring in both games last week; a 2-1 OT loss to St. Olaf and a 4-1 conference victory over Oshkosh.

TENNIS: Katie Schaaf "is a great leader," commented coach Cindy Hovet. Playing at No. 3 singles she lost to her opponent from Stout 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-1). Playing at No. 1 doubles she and doubles partner Christine Kraft lost to their opponents 6-3, 6-2.



FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.
FOOTBALL		South-west St. 1:00 p.m.					
SOCCER		at Whitewater 3:30 p.m.	at Platteville Noon			at Stout 4:30 p.m.	
VOLLEYBALL		Platteville @ E. Claire 2:00 p.m.					
TENNIS		at Oshkosh 9:00 a.m. Platteville 2:00 p.m.			Eau Claire 3:00 p.m.		
CROSS COUNTRY		at St. Olaf 11:00 a.m.					

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From 6B

So to all football players out there, remember that the way to get on SportsCenter is to make a great play, not to dance well after a routine one.

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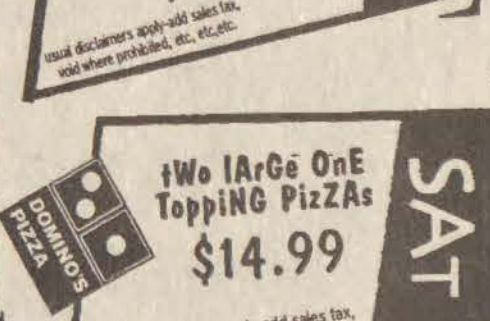
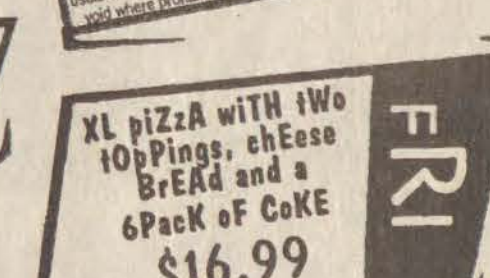
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Stars Return to Fall TV



"The stars of fall's new season will be in for some heavy competition with one another."

Browsing through the previews for the new fall TV season, one can't help but notice the extraordinary amount of one-time sitcom stars returning to the small screen after having taken a break from the tube. For some, returning to TV will mean getting past failed movie projects, for others like *Cheer's* Ted Danson, it could mean a chance to create new legendary shows. Whatever their reasons for returning, the stars of fall's new season will be in for some heavy competition with one another. And this year, many will be stepping into the ring to battle some very familiar adversaries.

Rhea Perlman, best known as feisty barmaid Carla Tortelli, will be coming back to TV for the first time since her *"Cheers"* days in CBS' *"Pearl."* Perlman plays Pearl Caraldo, a blue collar widow who enrolls in a high profile University and proves to be a refreshing departure from the school's somewhat uptight atmosphere. This fall will find CBS trying to earn back some of the viewers it lost in recent seasons, and *"Pearl"* might help the cause. But also on CBS will be Perlman's old TV boss Ted Danson, a.k.a. Sam (Mayday) Malone, appearing with his new wife Mary Steenburgen in Monday night's *"Ink."* While both Perlman and Danson are established sitcom vets, it will remain to be seen if either of their new shows will serve up as many laughs as the classic *"Cheers."*

Two more former cast members will be squaring off on opposite networks this fall. The one-time Keaton kids Michael J. Fox and Justine Bateman will both be introducing new shows this season. Fox, who is coming off of some lack-luster movie roles, stars in ABC's *"Spin City"* on Tuesday nights. While Fox is a great comedic actor, this role doesn't seem to be a big stretch from his earlier *"Family Ties"* role, as he plays yet another uptight, but button-cut guy wrapped up in the world of politics. Bateman, Fox's former TV sis, will be kicking off her first series since *"Family Ties"* on Wednesday nights. NBC's highly-promoted *"Men Behaving Badly"* has Bateman playing the sensible counterpart to the misbehaving Ron ("ER") Eldard and Rob ("Saturday Night Live") Schneider. NBC is guaranteeing some outrageously politically incorrect scripts, and has really been hyping the show recently, which ABC has not really been doing for Fox's show, so Bateman would have to be my favorite in this TV-sibling rivalry.

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Folksinger, artist to tell stories through music at Java Hut

SARAH COLBURN
News Editor

Dan Zahn grew up in Northern Illinois in the Fox Valley area. It was there that he first picked up a guitar and learned three simple chords that later turned his hobby into a folk singing career. His career is bringing him to River Falls on Sept. 26, to perform at the Java Hut.

One summer back in the 60's a friend of Zahn's taught him three chords on a guitar and then disappeared until fall. Zahn was on his own to learn what he could about playing the guitar. "I was never a particularly good student," said Zahn. "But when it came to something I wanted to learn there was no stopping me."

He went out and bought some music books and by the time his friend came back he was ready to start playing for the public. Over the years Zahn has experimented with all kinds of music including jazz, rock and country swing. He once played in a band called the "Wranglers" which was based out of Chicago.

"I've played all kinds of music," said Zahn. "But I've come full circle back to what inspired me to pick up the guitar in the first place."

The thing that most inspired Zahn was a hootenanny, a get together of folk musicians, back in high school. "When I closed my eyes and listened to the music I could actually see what

they were singing about," said Zahn. "I love the purity of the acoustic guitar."

Zahn also dabbles in poetry and painting, mainly landscapes and portraits. The ability he has to visualize the music and then to paint the music is incredible. Now in his own compositions Zahn strives to create visual appeal.

After he had been playing for quite sometime Zahn suddenly and unexpectedly hit a plateau. This plateau was a pausing point in his career. He stepped back and looked at his abilities. This was a time when he played well enough to perform in bands but he had yet to conquer solo material.

Once again Zahn ended up teaching himself the ways of the trade. "I went back and devoured books in the library," said Zahn. "I learn by example and that is what I got out of the books." After hour upon hour of self teaching he learned how to play the mandolin. Currently he sings and plays the accompanist on both the guitar and mandolin.

Using his own abilities, Zahn released three albums and is beginning work on a fourth. The first of his three albums has since been retired but there are plans to revive it in the near future.

The second of the albums is entitled "Home of the Brave," available only on cassette. It features some of Zahn's own work as well as the work of some of his close friends. The album also

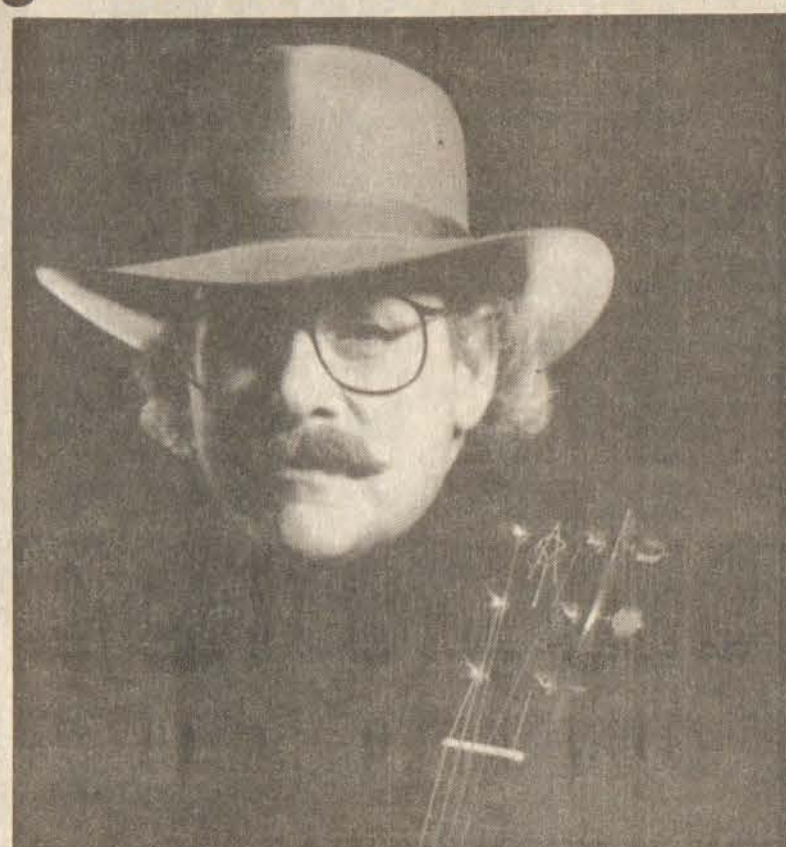
contains the works of various folk tunes.

His third album is entitled "Towa Rose" and it is currently available on compact disc or cassette. This album features the same type of music but it has more originals on it.

Zahn does his work on the road solo, but when he performs at local events or very special events he brings some friends along. These friends are the same people featured in his albums. "These are the people I get together and jam with," said Zahn. "They are the finest performers in the area." The group consists of a cellist, a hammer dulcimer player and a banjo player.

Many of Zahn's performances have been stationed in the Midwest area. He's been in a number of places ranging from Milwaukee to Florida and many of his gigs are booked in coffee houses. Gary Peterson from the Java Hut received a demo package from Zahn. He listened to it, liked it, and booked it. "His music has a really good, soft traditional folk-style feel," said Peterson.

Zahn has not only made a living out of folk music, he has created his own happiness. "I don't wake up in the morning not wanting to go to work," said Zahn. "I love my work. I love to meet new people. I love the audience and their reactions to my music." In addition to making a living performing Zahn also teaches at the Old Town School of Folk Music. "I learn through teaching my students," said Zahn.



"Learning is a never ending process."

Zahn said his favorite thing about traveling is that he gets to meet new people on the road. "I don't have a nine to five job where I see the same people everyday," Zahn said. "It's wonderful when people come up during a break and just talk to me. That is one of the reasons I do this job."

Zahn expressed his feelings about music passionately when he said "The most important thing about my job is my music. It means everything to me to pick up an instrument and make music that makes others feel good. In turn that makes me feel good."

Columnist experiences college life New England-style

JESSICA ROJAS
Exchange Columnist

Nothing ever goes according to plan, especially on a train.

My plans on getting out East didn't include being three hours behind schedule by the time we hit Albany, N. Y. And I certainly didn't think I'd have to take a cab to college, courtesy of Amtrack, because I wouldn't have made my connecting train from New

York to Kingston.

It wasn't as easy as I thought it would be to get to Providence and pick up my luggage that Amtrack shipped for me. I finally got a ride from Spencer, a fellow exchange student from Reno who didn't know his way around Providence, either.

My other three boxes didn't arrive until Thursday because UPS doesn't work over Labor Day weekend. But eventually it all came together.

Once you get to a new place you are

surrounded by welcomes from things you're not used to. I received many welcomes into southern New England. Some welcomes I wasn't expecting and others I had been anticipating for a while.

One welcome came from two Italian taxi drivers that drove me from Worcester, Mass., where the train let me off, to Kingston. They were brothers, and the more experienced taxi-driving brother was training the other in.

The drive was about an hour and cost Amtrack \$87. Since none of us had ever been to Rhode Island before we had to stop at a gas station and get directions. Generously, the drivers offered to buy me candy, pop, whatever I wanted — nice New England hospitality.

Since I was still feeling woozy from being on a train for two days, I opted for a small pack of gum. They bought me three packs of gum for school.

When we found the campus, we drove around asking students where my dorm was. One of the brothers kept repeating "Dis looks like a nice place, Jess. I tink you're gonna do good here," in an Italian-Boston accent.

We found Hutchinson and they walked me in to make sure everything was okay and carry in my bag. When they left I couldn't help feeling sad, like they were my adoptive uncles dropping me off at college, reassuring me it was going to be a great experience.

The next welcome was by my new roommate, Missy, and her dad the following morning. She's short, like me, has naturally curly hair that falls just below her shoulders, and brought a lot of stuff for the room.

After I helped her move in, we went out for lunch and she showed me a little of the campus. It is really beautiful. Brick buildings and tree lined walkways are everywhere. I'll tell you more about it later.

Missy and I learned that we have very similar tastes and interests. She loves the Indigo Girls (me too) and has seen the Dave Matthews Band in concert three times (I wish). We brought three of the same movies and

a pair of the same shoes. She quickly absorbed me into her life by introducing me to all of her friends and showing me the ways of the campus. I was very much relieved that we were so well matched.

Another thing that welcomed me to New England that I wasn't expecting was hurricanes. The day after I arrived, Hurricane Edwourd visited, bringing winds and rain.

A warning was posted suggesting that students go home for the Labor Day weekend to escape the possibly hazardous weather. I thought about the train ride that made me motion sick and welcomed the storm instead.

The thing about hurricanes is that they're potentially very dangerous and no one knows where they are going. "They could stay out in the ocean or possibly move onto land and ravage the area," the weatherman reported. We've been visited by several other hurricanes since then that have caused many dark and rainy days.

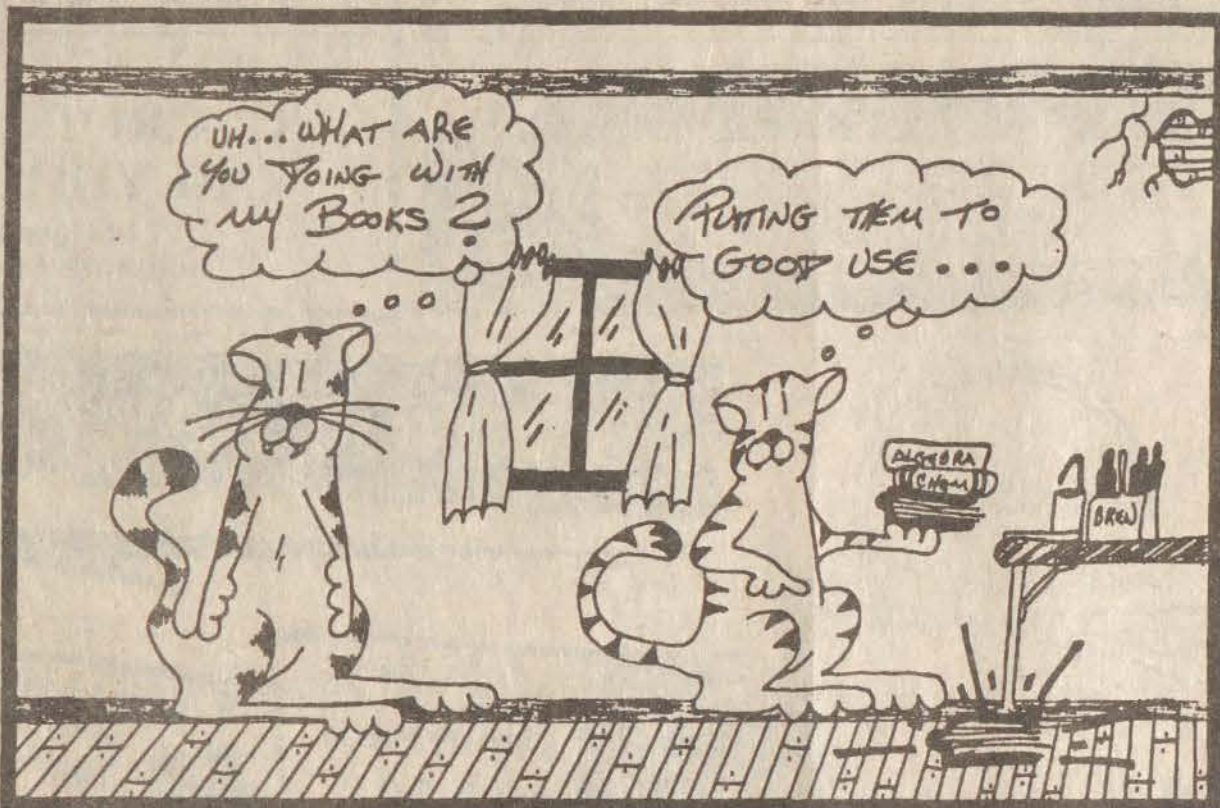
The most exciting and anticipated welcome was from the ocean. I am not close enough to walk to the ocean every day, and with the weather it's been hard to coordinate a nice sunny day to hit the beach. I was there today, however.

Since, technically, I am an exchange student, I went on a trip to Galilee with the group. Galilee is a harbor town that specializes in its very fresh fish (like most of the small harbor towns around here).

We went to try some clam cakes and chowder — a typical New England treat. The chowder, which I have never tried, was good while it was hot. Then

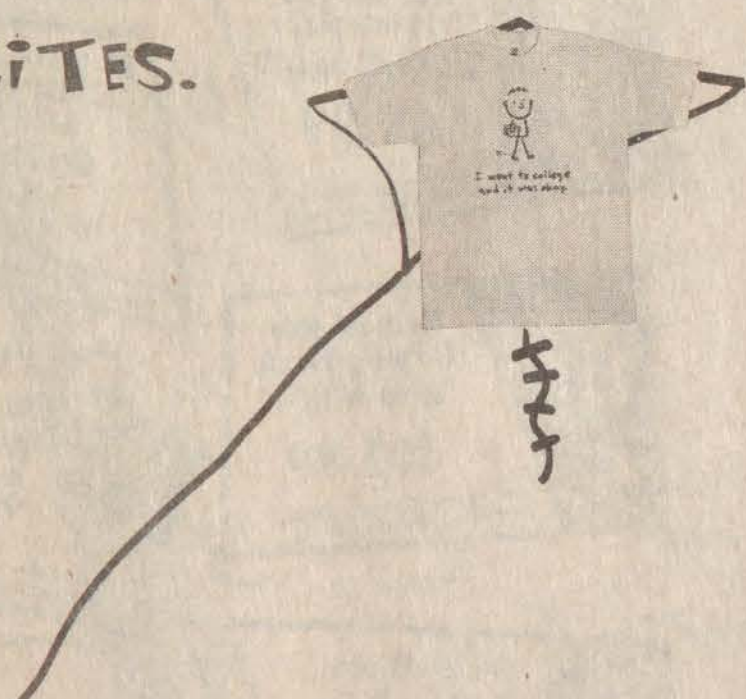
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By: Celestial Sights

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Look out! A fight is on its way. Don't put up your defenses this week because someone's bound to take it the wrong way. Congratulations- your first paper was great, but don't slack off just yet. This weekend: Keep your roommate happy-they need lots of company.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) That special someone is looking exceptionally hot! However, classes are also important and probably need to be attended. Consequences for having fun will be paid later. Spend some time with your friends-you're not balancing your time very well. This Weekend: Spend a quiet weekend with your honey. They need some extra T.L.C.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) As your days get longer, crammed with classes and homework take time to hang out with friends. Hit the social scene since you've been busy studying hard. But make sure to look your best-opportunities are bound to be knocking on your door. This Weekend: Party!

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make sure to keep that cute Libra happy! But, don't let socializing get in the way of other things-your priorities need to be revised. An old friend seems to be having some problems, make sure to lend an ear. This Weekend: Initiating seems to work for you-why break the pattern now.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Your last three weeks have seemed to be nothing but stress. Don't take school too seriously-it was made to enjoy too! You're taking someone for granted and they're getting fed up quickly-tell them you appreciate them. Don't worry about moody roommate-it's not your fault. This Weekend: Plan a trip home, it'll be a blast.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) So you met that great person-won't take things too fast, everything will fall into place. You're working hard, don't wear yourself out too soon-concentrate on your education. Someone's giving you a hard time-blow it off, it will pass. This Weekend: Cut loose!

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Slow down! Your weekends, and even some weekdays are going a bit too fast! Maybe you should kick a bad habit-it would make other people happy and improve relations. Save up money, you never know what will happen in the future. This Weekend: Cater to others; it's long over due.

Aries (March 21-April 20) You like to take time to smell the roses-but don't take too long, your studies are important too. Start your homework now so that you can reward yourself later by going to that big party. Be true to yourself-don't try to be what everybody wants you to be. This Weekend: Keep up the school spirit with your favorite sport!

Taurus (April 21-May 21) You've exhausted yourself with worry. Focus yourself on the important things and the rest will take care of itself. Make sure to pay your bills, and keep on top of things. Someone you love is rooting for you. This Weekend: Be on your best behavior!

Gemini (May 22-June 21) Your week will progressively get better. You have a test coming up, but don't sweat it, you're sure to pull a good grade. Your social life is bumpin', might want to tone it down just a bit to keep your life in order. This Weekend: Get a little rest and relaxation!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Expand your horizons! Do something you've never done before, it's sure to have a positive outcome. Visit a relative or someone close to you-they've got some good advice. A friend in need may turn their back to you-make sure to pay close attention. This Weekend: Go to the movies!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) Problems from the past are slowly arising, beware and observe closely. Friends try and drag you away from the books, don't let them, it may prove to be bad. Something wonderful is bound to happen to you later this week. This Weekend: A wish will come true.

Will Smith Saves Earth in "Independence Day"

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This summer it was Will Smith's mission to save the world. As fighter pilot Captain Steve Hiller in "Independence Day" the sometimes rapper and TV's former Fresh Prince of Bel-Air joins teams with Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman, Robert Loggia, Randy Quaid and others thwarting alien invasion.

"I'm probably the first black guy to ever save the world," says Smith, during an interview at a Manhattan hotel. "I feel like the Jackie Robinson of saving the world."

For Smith, an admitted sci-fi fan, landing the starring role in the genre epic-which is breaking box-office records-almost was too good to be true.

"Independence Day" is one of those projects that comes along once in a career. It has everything," he enthuses during an interview at a Manhattan hotel. "You laugh, you cry, and it has action. It has that ensemble cast. It's everything that you could want from a movie."

So, what appeals to Smith about sci-fi? "I believe it's arrogant for us humans to think we're the only beings that exist in this vast universe. That's deep, right?" he says, laughing. "There are a lot of different planets and things, and unexplained occurrences. So, there HAS to be something else."

"Humans naturally gravitate toward the unknown. Things that we don't understand excite us. That's what it is about sci-fi. You can actually see the planets and stars, but you can't get close enough to them to really know what is there. (The writing-producing-directing team) Dean Devlin and Roland Emmerich have done an incredible job of allowing us to glimpse into that 'What if?' The film is just so real."

As part of his preparation process

for playing Hiller, Smith looked at the examples set by Bruce Willis, in his "Die Hard" adventures, mastered portraying heroes, while Ford's playful performances in the "Star Wars" trilogy were something to which Smith aspired. Though Smith acted in such films as "Made in America," "Six Degrees of Separation" and "Bad Boys," he knew "Independence Day" demanded of him a different type of performance.

"Willis plays heroes that don't want to be heroes. The last thing Bruce wants to do (in the original "Die Hard") is step on that glass. If he could do anything to get out of stepping on it, he would. Ford plays his characters that way, too," he explains. "That was the one thing I really concentrated on: Don't be the guy who walks out with the gun in hand and stands in the middle of shooting away while everyone is shooting all around him. I want to be the guy who says, 'Why are you all shooting at me?' I want to be the guy who does heroic things out of necessity, not out of the enjoyment of it."

Those moviegoers who read the film's credits will realize that Smith is the first-billed actor. As Smith hinted earlier, it's a bit of a surprise to see an African-American handed so vital a role in so big a film. Hopefully, he offers, it will start a trend. He also comments on the fact that it's an African-American and a Jew (Goldblum) who attempt to save the day.

"I feel that I'm talented and that there are a lot of people who are talented. But Hollywood recognizes green. If you could put asses into the seats, they would put you into the movies, too," he argues. "What was special about (having himself and Goldblum join forces) is that it was never an issue. It wasn't discussed on the set. That's the way it should be, too."

While Smith won two Grammy Awards as part of the rap duo D.J.

Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, he plans to stay with films. A "Bad Boys" sequel is one likely project and Smith is currently in Manhattan shooting "Men in Black," costarring with Tommy Lee Jones and Linda Fiorentino. "I'm an NYPD officer and Tommy is a Man in Black," reveals Smith. "The Men in Black was a government agency put together to police and monitor alien traffic on the planet Earth. They are starting to get old and they need a new member. So, they recruit me."

Musician. TV star. And now movie star. It would seem Smith's greatest challenge would be keeping his equi-

librium. He figures it's not even an issue.

"I enjoy life. I enjoy people and having fun," Smith says. "I was never insecure enough to have to validate myself through my work. If I had a record that was a hit, I didn't need that to say who I was. It was something I did for fun."

He felt that way, too, about his TV series, and he feels that way about his burgeoning film career. "If I put my all into it, whatever happens, happens."

Editors Note: "Independence Day" is currently playing at the River Falls Theater at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. daily.

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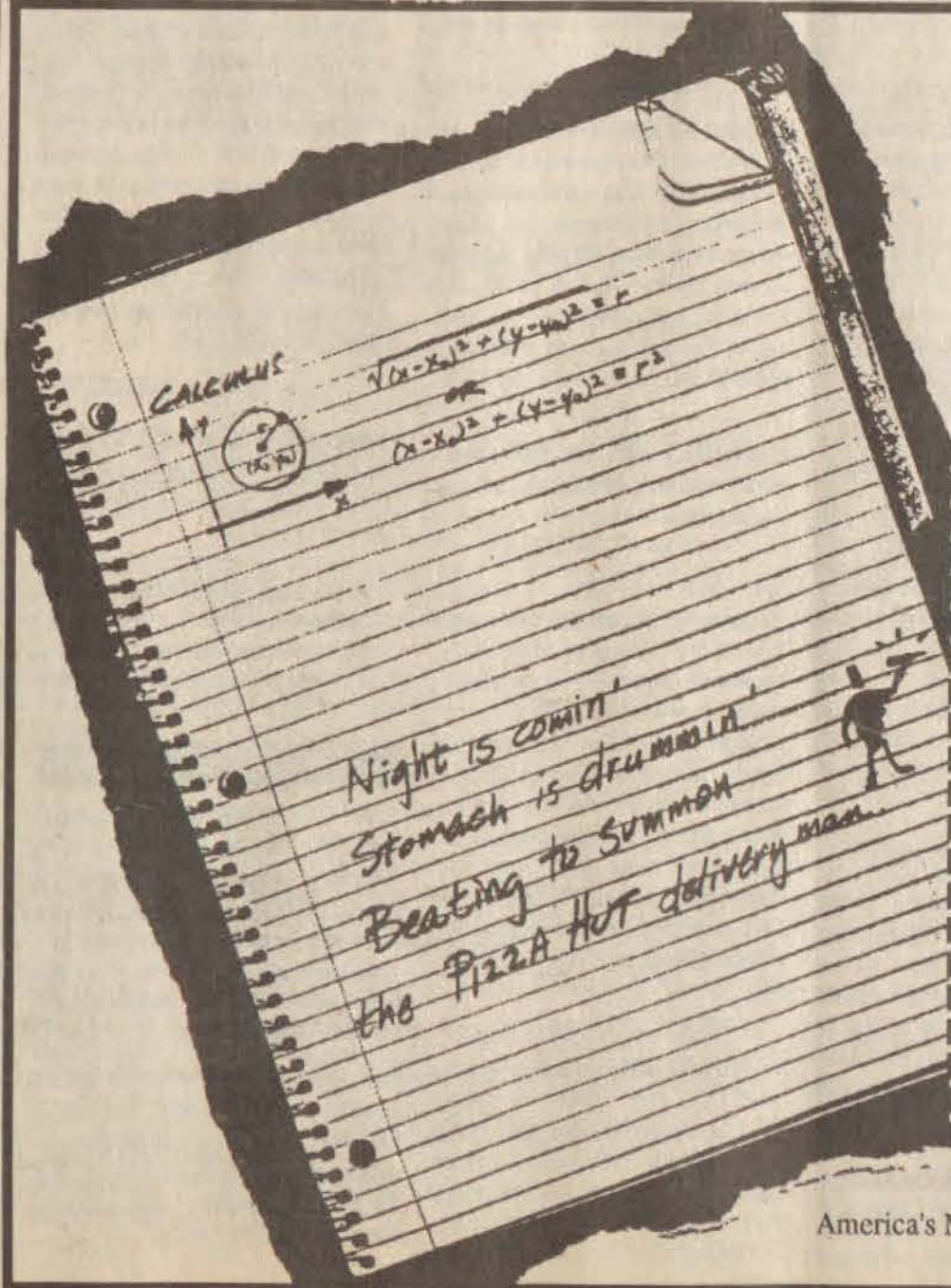
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Former "Thirtysomething" couple Ken Olin and Mel Harris have also parted ways and will be on opposite ends of the dial this fall. Olin's new series "EZ Streets" (CBS Wednesday) casts him as not the super-sensitive yuppie we're used to, but as a detective going undercover as a corrupt cop. Harris is also a far cry from her depressing thirty-something role with her "Something So Right" (NBC Tuesday) character, a high strung Manhattan party planner going on her third husband. In this battle, Harris is armed with the better time slot, but Olin's show promises to keep you glued to your television screens. No matter who comes out the victor in the new season's new show showdown, one thing is certain - there will be casualties along the way. But, if all these hibernating actors have awakened and returned this season, who's to say they couldn't stage another comeback later on? Maybe after all this competition dies down, everyone will yearn for the good old days of working with one another instead of being pit against one another and we'll be bombarded with reunion specials. Hey, a girl can dream right?

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as it started to cool down, I began to taste the little clams floating around it. Then it wasn't so good. Clams have a taste that is all their own and hard to explain: salty like the ocean they came from but fishy too.

Clam cakes are deep-fried clam based dough. Not recommended.

The restaurant was right on the water, so after dinner we strolled out and watched the waves hitting the sand. The wind was steady off the water and smelled like fresh saltwater air. The soft sand let my feet sink in, inviting me to leave a footprint — a signature that I was really there.

Fishing boats were coming in with nets folded up after a long day. I saw Block Island, a famous place to visit, way out in the distance. Lighthouses here and there were land-jetted into the ocean. Since it was too cold to swim, and the clam dinner was still being introduced to my digestive system, I looked for seashells and seaglass. Seaglass are pieces of glass from bottles that get worn down by the waves. They are kind of like beach jewels, especially if they are as hard to

find as they were today. I found a little white rock and decided to call it seaglass since I was unsuccessful in finding the real thing.

Classes are in full gear, and I have found that it doesn't matter where you go — college classes are the same everywhere. Classes meant that, for the first time, I had to buy books — lots of them. I spent almost \$300 on books this semester and quickly became nostalgic for River Falls' policy of borrowing books.

Sailing class meets two days a week at Salt Pond, a lake that eventually meets up with the ocean. The class meets from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., and we are supposed to be in the boats the entire time. A few things have interrupted this class rule, and I haven't even stepped foot in a boat.

One is the hurricanes causing bad weather, and two is the killer mosquitoes.

Killer mosquitoes — I am not kidding! There are a group of mosquitoes infected with the EEE virus flying around southern Rhode Island sting-

ing mostly horses but threatening people, too. When the virus is contracted by humans, there is a 50 percent chance of dying and a 75 percent chance of having permanent brain damage. All university activity from 5 p.m. until 8 a.m. has been cancelled until the first frost when they all die.

This means no sailing past 5 p.m. — bummer!

I haven't known one person who has been bitten, but the warnings seem serious. Welcome to Rhode Island.

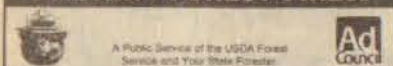
These are the days we'll remember."

Note from the Editor: Jessica is attending the University of Rhode Island for her junior year as part of the National Student Exchange program. She attended UW-RF for her first two years, during which she worked tirelessly for the Student Voice. She welcomes comments and questions either through e-mail at jroj1453@uriacc.uri.edu or snail-mail at University of Rhode Island, Union Express, 50 Lower College Road, Unit #3396, Kingston, RI 02881-1959.

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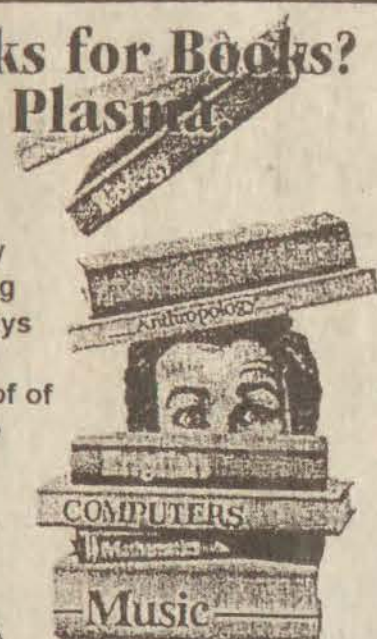
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