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Budget concerns expressed by students' at UW-LaCrosse rally



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Student Senate President Adam Clasen speaks to the Joint Finance Committee at UW-LaCrosse Tuesday afternoon as music department worker Michael Cain waits to be heard.

Rachel Weddig
Assistant Editor

They waited six hours to speak for approximately four minutes. But in the end, they felt it was worth the wait because their voices were heard.

Tuesday morning four UW-River Falls students: Student Senate President Adam Clasen; Student Senate Diversity Issues Director Eric Dodge; Student Senator, Stephen Palmer; and Michael Cain, music department worker, drove to UW-LaCrosse to speak to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) regarding their feelings on Gov. Scott McCallum's Feb. 20 state budget recommendation.

The JFC, which is composed of eight Democrats and eight Republicans, is traveling throughout Wisconsin to gather the thoughts and ideas from the people of the state regarding the Governor's budget proposal before submitting the budget to the state legislature. Once the budget bill has been passed in both houses, it will return to the Governor in June for his signature.

Some 200 people filled the overflowing Cleary Alumni and Friends Center at UW-L to state their disapproval with the proposed budget to the JFC. The people wanted to let the JFC know there were certain items in the budget they didn't agree with, and tell them why they should support and provide funding for their specific causes.

UW-L Chancellor Douglas Hastad greeted the JFC and thanked them for coming and gave his testimony to the committee in hopes of increasing the UW System budget.

"The UW System is recognized for its world-wide excellence,"

Hastad said in his testimony.

Hastad continued his testimony by citing a survey done by the UW System Market Research Unit in October of 2000. The survey was conducted to find out how happy freshmen are in the UW System. The survey found that 41 percent of the freshman were first generation students and that 91 percent of those who applied to more than one institution enrolled at either their first or second choice of campus.

After this people came up by the numbers and testified in front of the JFC. Each individual was given three minutes to make their case. The testimonies ranged from ideas surrounding education, public defenders, taxes, the need for public interpreters in courtrooms and other issues.

But for the four students their issue was simple: education is important. Clasen feels the budget didn't support certain issues he felt are important to the future of UW-RF.

One issue in particular Clasen addressed to the JFC was the importance of Plan 2008, which will not receive an increase if the proposed budget were passed. Plan 2008 is a program designed to provide money for the recruitment of minority students and to increase diversity on UW System campuses.

"I'm here to be exposed to things I will be facing and diversity is one," Clasen said in his testimony. "If I don't get the experience now how can I handle it later?"

Dodge agreed with Clasen's support for Plan 2008, and feels it is one of the most important aspects of the budget.

"I feel that the proposed budget by Gov. McCallum is unfair to the students of Wisconsin," Dodge said. "If the budget gets passed many

program will be cut and all the work done for Plan 2008 will be flushed down the drain."

Dodge also feels funding for increased campus safety should be a priority in the budget and if it isn't it could effect the retention of UW System campuses.

"Campus safety is also a major factor that should be left in the budget," Dodge said. "If people from under representative groups don't feel safe here, the odds of them staying here is slim."

Last week, on March 28, the JFC was in Eau Claire, Wis. listening to various students and administrators regarding the budget. Virgil Nylander, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance attended these hearings. Nylander stressed the needs in particular for UW-RF as well as the needs for the St. Croix Valley region.

Nylander addressed the JFC regarding the base budget cuts that Gov. McCallum's budget calls for. Nylander said if these cuts went through this would result in a \$200,000 reduction in the budget for UW-RF.

"While that does not seem like much - it is for a small campus like ours," Nylander said in his testimony. "We will be unable to replace computers as frequently as we had planned and thus faculty will not have the up-to-date tools that they need to meet the needs of their students."

Nylander also pointed to the New Economy initiatives that will help the region to explore new ways to grow existing businesses and to develop high technological and industrial jobs. Nylander testified to the JFC asking them for an additional \$55 million beyond Gov. McCallum's budget proposal to help the New Economy initiatives in Wisconsin.

"The Regent's New Economy initiatives will help UW-River Falls in many ways by providing the resources so that we can be an asset to their efforts to draw new business to Wisconsin during Forward Wisconsin's recruiting trips to Minnesota," said Nylander.

Clasen also talked about the issue of financial aid. As the budget stands financial aid grant programs aren't receiving any increases. Some of the grant programs not receiving any increased funding are the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant, the Talent Incentive Program, the Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Advanced Opportunity Program.

He stressed the importance of

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Nature's indecision

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Molly Montag / The Student Voice

As students made their way to early classes this past Monday morning, they were greeted by an all too familiar scene as a spring snowstorm moved through River Falls. As the day went on, however, students were again surprised as temperatures rose into the fifties, leaving behind no traces of Mother Nature's spring storm.



Student wins new Ford on 'The Price is Right'



Submitted Photo

Junior Kyrstin Bodenburg is all smiles as she displays her photograph of 'Price is Right' host Bob Barker outside CBS Studios in Los Angeles.

Rachel Weddig
Assistant Editor

Come on down Kyrstin Bodenburg, you're the next contestant on the Price is Right."

These words have been heard on many televisions since the premier of the Price is Right in 1972. Recently, UW-River Falls student Kyrstin Bodenburg, from Elk Mound, Wis., had a chance to be on the

longest running game show in television history. On March 21, Bodenburg appeared on the Price is Right for a taping that will appear on April 20. She and 25 of her UW-RF track teammates who were out training in Long Beach, CA, waited in line for five hours to appear on the show. But for Bodenburg, the wait paid off, as she won a 2001 Ford Focus worth \$14,500.

Bodenburg was the second person called down to contestant's row. When longtime announcer Rod Roddy called her name, Bodenburg was very surprised.

"I sat there. I was stunned. My teammates had to pull me up," Bodenburg described. "I was shocked. Not really nervous, just really excited." A teammate of Bodenburg's had the same reaction.

"I was like totally ecstatic. I was sitting next to her and I think I jumped up before she did," said track teammate Jamie Leger. "It was kind of surreal. You didn't think it was really happening."

Once reaching contestant's row, Bodenburg's good luck streak continued. In contestant's row, the contestants make a bid on an item. The contestant, who bids the closest to the exact dollar amount of the item, gets to appear on stage.

It only took two rounds for Bodenburg to get on stage. She was the second person to appear on the show. Bodenburg made a bid of \$950 on a gas range and found herself closest to the exact dollar amount, and was up on center stage.

"I had the last bid on the gas range, so I just bid the highest," Bodenburg described. "I also looked to my teammates for help."

Once on stage, Bodenburg did what so many women contestants do - kiss popular game host, Bob Barker.

"I told myself that once I reached contestant's row, if I got on stage, I wasn't going to kiss Bob Barker," Bodenburg described. "But it was kind of a reaction. You just do it."

Staff opened the doors to show Bodenburg what she could win, and she found herself staring at the 2001

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Fifth provost finalist visits campus, discusses education funding

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The position of UW-River Falls Provost is one step closer to being filled as the last of the five finalists, Dr. Elizabeth Hitch, met with campus administrators and faculty Wednesday.

Hitch, who currently serves as the dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern Illinois University, is among four deans and one provost from four different states seeking the highest academic position at UW-RF.

Each finalist has visited the campus within the last week, and in open forums attended by UW-RF Provost Search Committee members and university faculty, each finalist was asked to identify several challenges facing higher education in the next five to ten years.

In the Wednesday forum, Hitch said the most important challenge facing higher education is the lack of adequate funding.

"One issue most campuses are already facing is rising costs and decreasing state assistance, and how we support programs when we have rising costs," Hitch said.

Directly related to cost and funding issues is the increasing level of accountability that higher education is facing from people outside the institutions. According to Hitch, universities have been successful in raising awareness of their importance at a time when state governments and taxpayers, both of whom foot a portion of a state university's budget, are beginning to question the benefits of contributing money towards higher

education.

"I think we're getting better at articulating what we do on campus and how it benefits the community and the nation as a whole," Hitch said.

Another of the provost finalists made a visit to UW-RF late Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Dr. John Mosbo has spent the last three years as the provost and dean of the faculty at the University of Central Arkansas. He worked his way through the ranks at that university, starting as a professor of chemistry and prior to his provost appointment he served as the dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

During his forum on Tuesday, Mosbo, like Hitch, said that one of higher education's challenges in the near future will be to develop ways to provide more accountability to the people outside an institution.

"The good news is we in higher education have convinced the public that what we do is important," Mosbo continued, "the bad news is they are holding us accountable for the money they are providing, and we do not have an easily measured outcome for those on the outside who want to see our product outcome."

Last Thursday, UW-RF provost finalist Dr. Lemuel Berry, Jr., currently the dean of the Caudill College of Humanities at Kentucky's Morehead State University, outlined several challenges facing higher education which included maintaining affordable education, embracing changes in curriculum and handling the increasing amount of student diversity.

"The question we'll have to ask is whether or not we are providing a diverse community," Berry said. "We have to prepare our students to inter-

act with people from a variety of different backgrounds."

Another challenge facing higher education is globalization and he need to provide more global opportunities to university students, Berry said.

"Students are looking for new opportunities, and in order to do that universities need to be involved with global issues," said Berry, adding that students who learn a foreign language have more opportunities available to them, such as internships in other countries.

During his visit last Friday, dean of UW-Milwaukee's School of Business Administration and UW-RF provost finalist Charles Kronke cited funding as the biggest issue facing higher education in Wisconsin in the next few years. Kronke said that while the rest of the nation experienced an economic boom during the previous decade, Wisconsin began to experience an economic decline and spent a relatively small amount of money on higher education.

"In the 1990s, funding for corrections in the state of Wisconsin went up 325 percent and during the same time the UW System's budget increased only 36 percent," Kronke said. "Higher education funding in Wisconsin has taken a nose-dive."

Besides funding concerns, Kronke also said that providing a smooth transition for students from high school to college is becoming a challenge for some universities.

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Dr. John Mosbo



Dr. Elizabeth Hitch



Dr. John Mosbo



Dr. Lemuel Berry, Jr.

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Discontinued Textbook Sale will be on at Textbook Services from now until finals week. Textbooks are available in all subject areas at prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy.

Spring Current Textbook Sale: If you want to purchase any of the textbooks that you have checked out, bring them to Textbook Services during the Spring Textbook Sale between Feb. 12 and April 13 and you will receive a 20 to 40 percent discount.

Graduating Seniors and exit counseling. Federal regulations require all graduating seniors who have had school loans at UW-RF attend an Exit Counseling Session or complete online exit counseling. These sessions provide you with information you will need in order to repay your student loans. The "live" exit sessions will be held in the International Room, second floor, in the Student Center. The times are on Wed., May 2 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Fri., May 4 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The online loan counseling website is www.uwrf.edu/financialassistance. Print the results and mail to the financial aid office.

Women in Communication will be sponsoring a Suit Sale and a Fashion Show on Tues., April 10 and Wed., April 11. The Suit Sale will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Fashion Show will run from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Both will be held in the Student Center. Men and women are needed to model the career outfits. If interested, please contact Anna Linker at 426-6496.

EVENTS

International Club Banquet. Come try food from Mexico to Japan and listen to music from Egypt to Panama and a live band! You can win a travel voucher, DVD player, gift certificates and more with our raffle! Join in the fun at Brandy's on Thurs., April 5 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets can be bought at 104 North Hall at the Info Desk in the Student Center or at the door. Tickets for students are \$5 and \$10 for general admission.

Looking at Global Warming: A presentation by former Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial writer Jim Lenfestey will be held Mon., April 9 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the UW-RF Chalmer Davee Library breezeway. Lenfestey, an engaging speaker, has followed energy policy for 30 years. He will address global warming policy issues, social responsibility and faith issues. Sponsored by Journey House Campus Ministry and First Congregational Church/United Church of Christ, this event is free and open to the public. For further information, contact Krista Spieler, Journey House Campus Ministry Coordinator, at krista.l.spieler@uwrf.edu or 425-2391.

The CAFES Annual Awards Banquet will be held Tues., April 24 with the theme "Igniting the Future." Social hour begins at 5 p.m. in the Blue Room of Rodli Commons followed by dinner at 5:45 p.m. in the River Room. Tickets are on sale at the Student Center Information Desk from April 10-19; cost is \$12 per person.

The Student Reading Series presents UW-RF's talented writers April 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the library breezeway. Readers will be Nathan Sabin, Justin Radke, Clare Lockman, Neil Rhines and Chad Rood.

The UW-RF Dance Theatre will present its annual Spring Concert from April 4 through April 7 at 8 p.m. in the Davis Theatre on the UW-RF campus. As always, this year's concert will consist of a unique blend of guest and student choreography. Tickets are \$4 for students and children and \$7 for adults and will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Mon., April 2 through Fri., April 6 at the ticket office in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Tickets will also be available each performance evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A Career Walk-thru Workshop will be held on Wed., April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center, offering career assessment and career planning, finding career information, a guest speaker, mock interviews with employers, and resume, cover letter, and portfolio critiques; to register for a mock interview with an employer, contact Career Services at 425-3572. Other workshops are available: Cover Letter Writing on Thurs., April 5 from 3-4 p.m. in the Presidents Room; Conducting an Online Job Search on Mon., April 9 from 11 a.m.-noon in the Career Services' Computer Lab; and Job/Internship Search Strategies on Tues., April 10 from 11 a.m.-noon in the Kinnickinnic Room.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Army Emergency Relief is sponsoring the M.G. James Ursano Scholarship Fund. This is open to dependent children of army soldiers on active duty, retired or deceased while on duty or after retirement. The applicants must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Applications may be printed from www.aerhq.org.

MEETINGS

The Association of Women in Communication of UW-River Falls will meet every Thursday morning inside Java Coast at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to join.

Want to serve as a link between past, present and future alumni? As a member of the Student Alumni Association you will meet new people, interact and network with alumni, go to fun conferences and develop professional skills. If these opportunities sound good to you or if you are interested come find out what the Student Alumni Association is all about. We meet every other Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Room in South Hall. For more information, you may contact Dan McGinty or Kimberly Gould-Speckman at the Alumni Office at 425-3505.

The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Regents Room in the Student Center. Join us!

Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science society, meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room in the Student Center.

The International Film Series will have presentations in Centennial Science Hall 271 on Thursdays at 4 p.m. In conjunction with the Women's History Month, we are focusing this semester on women and film. The series will present a number of views of women, both as the subjects of the film and as the creators and directors.

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

STUDENT SENATE

Proposal would give more power to Ethics Chair

Melissa Bregani
Front Page Editor

In light of last week's Student Senate debate over whether Senate should create a public relations position to bring more visibility to Senate on campus, Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB) Chair Scott Garbow proposed a new resolution at Tuesday evening's meeting.

Garbow presented a resolution to senators stating that the Ethics Director (currently Sean Froelich) will delegate responsibilities pertaining to student issues. Also, under this resolution, the ethics director would also delegate responsibilities to other Student Senate directors and Leadership Center desk workers where appropriate.

"I know we were all kind of split down the middle regarding a public relations director (last week)," Garbow told senators. "I took a lot of concern drawing up this document; hopefully it will address any concerns from the last meeting."

Garbow hopes this resolution can be put in place of the public relations director.

"We all care about students and this position would delegate tasks really well," he said.

The resolution also ordered the Student Senate Executive Committee to establish such obligations within Senate's bylaws by the end of this academic year.

To assure that all senators are spending the proper amount of time in the office, tending to Senate and student needs that may arise, the resolution also asks for office hours to be expanded and service projects to be included as permitted by the Ethics Committee.

Senator Matt Bendixen questioned Garbow as to why the responsibilities are being delegated to the Ethics Chair, to which Garbow explained that the Ethics Chair could spearhead responsibilities really well, being of an unbiased opinion.

A formal motion will be read and voted on at next week's meeting.

In other Senate news

A funding request was received last week by Finance Director Ryan Eiler to provide \$1000 to the Men's and Women's Rugby teams to fund movable goal posts.

The captains of both the Men's and Women's teams spoke to Senate, explaining that the Minnesota Rugby League is making it mandatory to have goalposts and goal pads at all game locations.

If Senate approves the funding of \$1000, the Men's and Women's teams agreed to fundraise the rest of the money needed.

Senator Emily Wenger spoke to senators about her motion and the need for funds.

"I want to emphasize that (Men's and Women's Rugby) are just starting to get a very big program as part of the University and it would be a shame to see them not get the money," Wenger said.

The motion was tabled until next week's meeting.

President Adam Clasen said that the construction of a new Health and Human Performance (HHP) building on campus was denied and that Senate will have to fight for the request again in two years.

However, Clasen was unsure about who denied the construction.

"Someone above the system denied it because the UW System is upset about it, as well," Clasen said.

More details regarding the issue will be known next week, Clasen said.

The end of the meeting brought about concerns from senators about filling the empty seats in the Senate.

"Our biggest publicity people are sitting here right now," Senator Cora Opsahl said. "If you'll indulge me for just a minute, at the next couple events you go to, consider wearing a name tag identifying yourself as a Student Senator. Maybe if students see that you're a senator, we can help fill these seats."

Senator Brian Welsh agreed. "I encourage everyone to fill the open seats we've got," Welsh said. "We're the student's voice. Let's get out there and support them."

Recognition for student workers

Paul Broz
Staff Writer

This week was dedicated to all the student workers who make the campus run efficiently and smoothly, as several activities and awards were devoted to the recognition of Student Employment Week. This is a tradi-



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RA Chris Morehead was recognized as the Student Worker Who Went Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.

tion for colleges across America to honor student workers in the first week of April, according to Beth Boisen, student employment manager.

"This week is a celebration to honor the students who really make a contribution to keeping this campus running," Boisen said.

This year a training session for supervisors of student employees, included details and scenarios about who gets work study, how they get it, what options students have

regarding work study, and what they need to know to effectively manage their work study allocation.

Carmen Croonquist of Career Services is hosting a session called, "Student employment: more than just a paycheck," which deals with how student employment enhances students lives, what impact it has on them after graduation, and what role student supervisors play in campus employment.

"I think it is very important for us to recognize the importance of student workers and the impact they can have on young people's lives," Croonquist said. "I think this week is a way to show our support and recognition of the job they do."

"I really enjoy my job at disability services as a student assistant," said John Dulaney, a junior majoring in Business Administration. "I had been in contact with Wade Warner my freshman year here and that is how I got the job. It gives me opportunities to get my work done as well as developing good communication skills and problem solving techniques."

At an awards ceremony on Wednesday afternoon in Brandy's, Chancellor Ann Lydecker handed out awards for Student Employee of the Year, Student Who Went Above and Beyond the Call of Duty, Student with the Most Difficult Job, and the newly added category for Student Employment Team of The Year.

RA Chris Morehead was named Student Who Went Above and Beyond the Call of Duty for the way he dealt with suicide of one of his residents, Issac Barret, last semester.

"I wish I was able to get this award under better circumstances," Morehead said. "I appreciate the recognition, but I don't want everyone to forget Issac; he was an important part of our wing and we all miss him."

Modern-day relevance of Holocaust



Scott Wentle/ The Student Voice
Timothy J. Scott, a Holocaust lecturer, explained to a North Hall Auditorium audience Wednesday evening that the "fire that grew by explosive proportions" should never be forgotten.

Degree changes add credits, new classes

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Staff Writer

Reshuffling in the Broad Field Social Studies major and International Studies minor will result in changes for students in the coming years.

The required credits for the Broad Field Social Studies major increased from 54 to 66, which brings it in line with the other broad field majors in business, science, and agriculture. The major is actually the equivalent of a major and a minor combined.

The Broad Field Social Studies major encompasses seven different areas, including history, political science, geography, economics, sociology, psychology and anthropology.

The increase in required credits will give students an opportunity to specialize in one of the areas and gain experience with four others.

Wisconsin has changed its education laws to require teachers to pass a standardized test covering all areas of the social studies to be able to teach them at a high school level. This change will go into effect on July 1, 2004. The changes to the major were made so students would be able to pass the state test, as they would have experienced everything.

Most of the students that have the major are planning on entering the education field, either in elementary education or secondary education. The addition to the Broad Field Social Studies major allows them to teach a variety of classes.

Since the students have experience in many areas of social studies, they would then be able to teach

more classes in their job.

"Students will be more competitive in the job market," History Department Chair Kurt Leichtle said.

The changes will affect incoming freshman, not ones currently in the major.

There has also been some tweaking to the International Studies minor. Classes no longer offered have been cleaned out from the offerings and new classes have been added.

The International Studies minor is for people interested in getting an international perspective to whatever career path they are taking.

"Even a campus like River Falls needs to be able to put majors into a global perspective," said Chair Wes Chapin. "No matter what your major you can't escape the fact that the world is becoming more interdependent."

Changes include the addition of many advanced language classes in French, German and Spanish. Also added is a first-year introductory course in Japanese, classes such as "Introduction to One World", "Survey of Spanish Literature" and "International Perspectives on Children".

Still a relatively young program at two years, the major has grown by over 1000 percent. The first year it was offered, only six people took it. There are currently 75 people with the minor.

"It should fit nicely with just about any major on campus," Craven said.

If there is continued interest, the International Studies minor may become a major. There is a committee working on it currently, and they will present their findings in a year.

CAMPUS SECURITY

O-Lot vandalism exceeds \$1000

Jessica Perry
Co-News Editor

Vandalism in O-Lot caused more problems this week, as damages totaled over \$1000.

March 23, Stacy M. Gildner's vehicle was vandalized in O-Lot. The damage to the ignition switch, dashboard, driver's door and window and the driver's side rear door is estimated to be \$1000, according to the incident report.

March 29, Courtney M. Hunt's vehicle was vandalized in O-lot. The broken window of her car was estimated to be \$300, according to the incident report.

March 26, \$240 in cash was stolen from the cash drawers stored in the Student Center. There are no suspects at this time, according to the incident report.

March 26, a black pea coat valued at \$80 was stolen from a storage compartment in the west side of Rodli.

March 29, a Canon Communication Camera valued at \$1282 along with a remote valued at \$65 were taken from KFA.

April 1, Amanda A. Smith, 20, was issued three citations at the 200 block of S. 3rd St. Smith received a \$47.30 for the violation of the absolute sobriety law, a \$158 citation for the possession of a false ID and a \$158 citation for the possession of marijuana.

Ag tech contest provides competition

Melissa Bregani
Front Page Editor

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls opened its arms to approximately 69 high schools around Minnesota and Wisconsin for the 41st annual Agricultural Technology Contest on Saturday.

A number of events were scheduled throughout the day, designed to acquaint the 895 high school students with UW-RF and its facilities, as well as provide a competitive aspect for the younger students.

Dr. Richard Jensen, chair of Ag Tech, explained that a total of 13 contests took place throughout the day, including: Dairy Foods, Horse Evaluation, Agricultural Mechanics, Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, a Wildlife contest, an Invitational Crops contest and a rubber band powered tractor pull.

"Of the 13 contests, only two students were allowed to compete. Each winner is required to write an essay on a topic related to 'Why I want a career in Agriculture,'" Jensen said. "The winning essay, to be chosen by the CAFES (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences) Scholarship Committee will receive a \$500 scholarship."

The entire day was organized and run by CAFES faculty and student workers.

Jensen feels this is something that distinguishes UW-RF from other universities.

"All the students, except for the student chair and assistant, are volunteering their time," he said. "We're the only university I'm aware of where we can have students come in for long hours on Saturday and not get paid."

Jensen stressed Ag Tech could not be put on without the volunteers, who are an important part of the contest.

Jensen was quick to say how proud he is of the volunteers.

"I find it amazing that every year and I've worked on Ag Tech for twenty years- that all we have to do is sign up for people to help," he said. "They do it because they're interested; that's the kind of student we have around here."

Assistant Chair Jill Schaffner, a double major in speech communica-

tions and marketing communications, feels this is especially true in her case.

While she may not be an agriculture major, Schaffner grew up on a dairy farm and has a knowledge of agriculture; she feels she defies any misconceptions that students are only in Ag Science if they are agriculture majors.

"I was active in FFA in high school and I wanted to get involved in that area of campus," she said.

Because she knew a lot of people in Ag Science, Schaffner said she was asked to work in the Ag Ed office, and her involvement 'just spiraled from there,' she said.

Schaffner, as the assistant chair, is

agriculture and communications into an ideal career.

Jensen referred to Ag Tech as a form of public service, mainly for the way in which UW-RF opened itself to so many individuals.

Because UW-RF has the facilities and resources available to put on such an event, it gives a reflection to the University of how CAFES is willing to provide resources to an FFA program, according to Jensen.

One of the most interesting aspects of the day, Jensen said, is witnessing the interaction between UW-RF students and high school students.

Schaffner agreed.

"There are a lot of dedicated agriculturalists at this university and I enjoy working with them," Schaffner said.

Kramp said he likes the involvement Ag Tech provides above all else.

"Ag Tech puts River Falls in the mind of high school students," he said. "My first memory of River Falls is Ag Tech; it's a big recruitment tool."

Many of the high school students walked through the Student Center, examining the 15 booths for various campus activities and organizations, with a look of awe on their faces at the opportunities available for them at UW-RF.

Jensen is quite pleased by the younger students' reactions.

"I want to showcase this university with hopes that they (high school students) will select River Falls," he said. "I hope that when they leave here they'll think of River Falls as a cool place."

From the beginning of Ag Tech in 1960, the contest has been a large recruitment tool for the University, as well as for the CAFES.

While the contest has featured a number of different schools over the past 40 years, there have always been 70 high schools and 1000 students participating.

"It's amazing how the number holds when you think of the things kids are doing," Jensen said. "The working opportunities for kids have expanded, but our students do a good job of putting on the event and holding interest."

Kramp felt the entire experience

was well received by all in attendance.

"I thought it went really well," he said. "We didn't have the awards program (in Karges), so it was experimental in that way, but I think it went smoothly."

After 20 years as Ag Tech chair, Jensen has come to enjoy many aspects of the contest.

"Ag Tech for me, for all of us (in CAFES), gets our juices going," he said. "If we're able to show something to a youngster that they could make a lifelong interest of, it's a wonderful experience."

Jensen is also quite impressed by the behavior of students participating in the contest.

"In 41 years, I've never heard of any bit of damage to any building on campus," he said. "To go this number of years with not one bit of vandalism, that can't be said when you bring this many high school kids on a university campus."

Because of this, as well as his love of agriculture, Jensen makes sure that each year, every student has a chance to attend the contest.

"I want every student to have a chance to come (to the contest)," he said. "I work hard to keep the costs down. I want to give the kids a good experience."

History of Ag Tech

UW-RF held its first Agriculture Technology Conference in 1960, inspired by Dr. R.J. Delorit, former vice chancellor, as a way to get more interested agriculture students on campus, according to an Ag Tech brochure.

At the time, UW-RF was known as Wisconsin State College at River Falls. The growth of the contest has remained close to the enrollment of the University. Enrollment has increased from 1,680 in 1960 to 5,837 presently.

A number of contests were also added over the years, as well; 1983 marked the beginning of the rubber band powered tractor pull, and in 1994, the wildlife contest was added, expanding to become a State FFA Qualifying contest this year.

Jensen also discussed another major change in this year's contest.

"Rather than having the awards ceremony in Karges (like in past years), as pressure for time for high school kids increases, we decided on a virtual awards ceremony," he said. "Last year, there were, at most, 300 students in the gym. We're posting results on the web site, however, we haven't mastered getting everyone their awards."

Phone scams reach UW-RF

Erik Astin
Staff Writer

If you have a phone beware. They could come for you at any time. The dreaded "toner phoners" or any other phone scam artists are always looking to make a quick and easy buck off of unsuspecting people.

According to a University release in the March 12 "This Week" these "toner phoners" are a group that tries to sell outdated or overpriced copier or laser printer supplies.

Thomas Weiss, Director of Purchasing Services at UW-River Falls, says these scams have been going on for a while, and the callers are good at what they do.

"These calls have been going on for a long time, about 17 years," Weiss said.

With that much time, and that much experience, these scam artists have had time to work out a lot of details.

"They work a lot of angles, and numerous calls," Weiss said. "They call ahead of time to find out what your equipment is, then they call you back and say they either got a double shipment or a mistake order. They tell you the price is going up, so since you're a good customer, they'll give you first shot at it."

"This isn't the real problem with the sale. It's the quality of the toner, and the price that poses the biggest threat to the consumer."

"They usually buy toner that is going out of date from the manufacturer at reduced prices," Weiss said. "It is not only outdated, but usually double the price."

These phone scams don't stop at supplies for your printer; they can go on to credit card numbers, checking accounts, and access to your long distance phone line.

John Wilson, an investigator for the River Falls Police Department, feels that with the rise of technologies, such as the Internet, this type of crime has many more capabilities.

"There are so many violations possible with the Internet and information such as credit card numbers," Wilson said. "It takes a lot of time to track. Be aware. Even checking account numbers can be used on the Internet. People who get these numbers can have a day away."

Priscilla Stevens, Director of Public Safety at UW-River Falls, feels there are many consequences when you fall for a phone scam.

"One is a monetary loss," Stevens said. "Another concern could be a person calling asking you a lot of information about yourself. This gets into 'identity' situations."

Although these scam artists present many problems for people, there are many preventative measures that can be taken to stop these scams.

"Never give out personal information to someone you don't know; don't give out Social Security numbers, or other important information like bank numbers, date of birth, or those type of things," Stevens said. "If you don't know the person, or don't want to talk to them, tell them to take you off their list and hang up. Be cautious."

Other possibilities would be to ask for information from the caller.

"Ask for references, or a number you could call them at," Wilson said.

"You could also ask to speak with a supervisor."

The best way to avoid being taken in by "toner phoners", or other scam artists on the phone is awareness. The campus is doing its best to provide this to all of its students and staff.

"We put out notices four or five times a year," Weiss said. "I have three bits of advice. If you don't know who it is, don't buy. If you didn't initiate the call, don't buy. And if they claim to be the warehouse, don't buy."

According to the press release in "This Week," if you are contacted by any of these "toner phoners" try to get the company, name, address, or telephone number; then refer and/or report the caller to our Purchasing Services Department at 425-3232. If you receive any other types of phone scams, contact Public Safety at 425-3133, or the River Falls Police Department at 425-0909.

Price is Right / student wins new car on show

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Ford Focus. Bodenburg immediately started jumping up and down and was filled with excitement when she saw what she could win.

A few minutes later, Bodenburg was the recipient of the Ford Focus. After rolling five pictures of a car on the dice as part of a yahtzee-type game, Bodenburg owned the car.

She didn't make it to the showcase showdown, but came close as she lost in a spin-off to another contestant.

"I didn't believe her. She seemed so calm," said Kyrstin's mom, Peggy, when hearing from her daughter that she had won a car on the Price is Right. "I told her that if she was lying, I would never talk to her again."

It took two of Bodenburg's teammates to get on the phone with Peggy before she finally believed her daughter. One of Bodenburg's teammates was so hoarse from screaming so loud that she could barely talk to Peggy. After 10-15 minutes of conversation, Peggy

believed her daughter.

"After everyone in the house heard the news, we all just started screaming," Peggy said. "Immediately I started calling everyone I knew and soon everyone in our small town of Elk Mound knew of Kyrstin's appearance on the show."

Unlike some of Bodenburg's teammates, she never really practiced pricing items, or did any preparation for the show.

"Kyrstin's older brother actually told Kyrstin that she would never win anything if she got on the show, because she didn't know the prices for anything," Peggy explained.

Some differences between the show as it appears on television and how it appears in real life, were the size of the studio and the loudness of the studio.

"The studio is really small. When we walked in that was one of the first things we noticed," explained Bodenburg. "Also, I had a hard time hearing other people's bids, so now I understand why sometimes contestants have to ask Bob to repeat bids."

Bodenburg explained contestants are chosen by interviews the producers give to the contestants while waiting in the lines to enter the show. Also, she mentioned during commercials Bob talks a lot to the audience and answers any questions they may have.

Bodenburg's gas stove will be shipped to her parent's house in Elk Mound. As for her car, that will be awhile. She has to pay around \$1000 to \$1500 on the taxes to get her car. She plans on selling her current car to pay for her new car.

The Price is Right will be contacting Bodenburg to tell her when she can get her car. She will be picking out the 2001 Ford Focus from a local Ford dealer near her hometown.

Even though it was an all day affair, Bodenburg felt it was worth the wait.

"It was worth it. It was a long wait but as a group we were able to entertain ourselves while waiting in line," Bodenburg said. "It was fun and everyone in the group had a good time."

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Summertime Jobs

Sara Masson
Staff Writer

Do you know what you are doing for a job this summer? The answer to that question depends on your options are in the employment market for this coming summer.

According to the Current Economic Population Survey done by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, today's job market in the United States is very good for people looking for a job; demand for employees is high, and the unemployment rate is low. There is no better time than now to find a job, and to figure out what you want to do with your precious money making summer months.

The Job Market

The demand for employees in the United States job market has been at an all time high since 1999 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is especially true with the seasonal unemployment rate and job market.

According to the Clinton-Gore Economic Record at the White House Office of the Press Secretary, in 2001 the unemployment rate in the United States was the lowest it had been since 1969. The unemployment rate in 1999 was 4.2 percent. It has been a relatively steady rate; the rate has remained the same for the past 30 months previous to that point.

The fact that the unemployment rate is so low and the need for employees is up so high it will help students this year who are looking for summer jobs. The job market is at this point is a very positive one at this moment in time, and students should take advantage of this.

"The labor markets always favor job seekers," said Susan Cowen, a UW-RF economics professor. "It then follows that employers are somewhat more generous and flexible with potential employees. Students should encounter higher wage offers and more favorable working conditions because of this."

Although the economy and the job market are good for employees, summer jobs allow a lot less room for fighting for exactly what college students feel they want or need in a job.

"The employer wants a worker to do specific tasks on a specific schedule, and there is really less flexibility in summer employment than there is in full-time, year-round employment," Cowen said.

What Are Employers Looking For?

Prospective employers usually have a set of ideals that they want the employees at their company to have.

According to the Career Services Center at UW-RF, there are specific traits all employers look for in a prospective employee, which include communication skills, leadership ability, and computer knowledge. (See side-bar for full list.)

In addition to this general list, each employer has their own set of priorities when looking for workers.

"Although all of these elements are all important in a well-rounded employee, there are some that are definitely more important than others to the average employer," said Alan Kingsley, director of Kingsley Pines Summer Camp in Raymond, Maine.

Kingsley hires 50 college students every summer to help run his camp, and says self confidence is one quality he looks for when hiring.

"One of the most important things for a prospective employee to show me that he or she has when being interviewed is a positive attitude about himself or herself, as well as a positive outlook about life in general," said Kingsley. He went on to say, "I also want to hire someone that I know will have good interpersonal skills with my other employees. If my employees aren't getting along, then business will just not run smoothly."

Top Five Jobs for College Students

College students have more

options for summer jobs than most people generally think.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the main jobs for college students can be lumped together into a list of jobs that people of this age group generally have. The following list is an index of jobs provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showing that statistically college students typically get jobs in retail, childcare, food preparation and service jobs, as well as internships. The single largest source of summer jobs for college students is in retail, according to the Bureau.

Retail

American people shop every day. The retail sales market in the United States is one of the largest moneymakers according to the Representative for the Commerce department for the White House. When it comes down to it, Americans are spending money in mass at the millions of retail stores across the nation. The economy is overflowing with wealth, and the owners of the retail stores are loving it, and are in desperate need of employees to stock shelves, to take money, and to put on a happy face to the millions of people who want to spend their hard earned money at their stores.

An example of a retail store is the chain store Target. According to Target.com the chain opened on April 30, 1962 in Roseville,

back up cashing and stocking shelves." He doesn't consider any of these responsibilities to be too difficult.

De La Forest said he would consider suggesting this job to a friend who was in college.

"They (Target) are very flexible with their hours, which is nice for a college student," De La Forest said.

The job is not one he would want to have for life, but he said it is a good job to have as a college student. Interacting with the customers has provided some memorable experiences.

"The most rewarding part of my job is helping people," De La Forest said. "I helped a blind lady with her shopping one day; it was an awesome experience to be able to help her get her shopping done."

The job market in the summer time booms at Target stores, and according to Henneman, she has to hire between 10 and 15 new sales floor employees at that time.

"We get a sales boom at the beginning of the summer that lasts through the beginning of August, at which point we begin to clearance everything out," Henneman said.

Childcare

Another job in which positions are highly filled by college students is working with



Kristine Crandall has worked the last three summers as a nanny for Marcus, Olivia, and Jordan O'Neil. Her responsibilities included feeding children, getting them ready for daily activities, and making sure they were entertained while their parents were gone. According to Crandall, she made about \$300 to \$400 a week and worked about 40 hours. Crandall's summer job is representative of a childcare position, which is one of the top five types of summer jobs, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Other jobs in this category include camp counselor, daycare worker, teacher assistant and babysitter.

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Crandall would suggest this job to a friend; however, not without some reservations.

"I would suggest the family I worked with to a friend, but that it is a job that can be wonderful or horrible depending on the family that you work for," Crandall said. "In order for the experience of nannying to be a good one, it is necessary for the family to be flexible, caring, and to have some discipline in their household, and for you to go into it with a good attitude, some flexibility of your own, and a love for children."

A favorite past time for the summer months for both American children and the very grateful parents who send them away is camp.

Megan Cavanagh, a UW-RF student and former camp counselor at Camp Kumalya, a YMCA camp in Woodbury, Minn., said camp life is not what it is like in the movies.

Like with any job, some people she worked with were difficult to deal with, but overall she found being a camp counselor to be a rewarding experience.

"The part of my job at Camp Kumalya that I found to be most rewarding would have to be working with the children and seeing all that they can accomplish and knowing that I can teach them, and that they will learn," Cavanagh said.

Some of the job responsibilities Cavanagh had as a camp counselor included being in charge of the safety of the children, teaching archery, helping to cook lunch, and looking after the children, who were ages 4-12. She figures she made approximately \$6.50 per hour the summer she worked at Camp Kumalya.

Cavanagh said the job made her realize that she definitely wanted to work with children for a living.

"Yes, I would suggest this job to a friend if he or she enjoyed being outside and being with children," Cavanagh said.

Food Service

The words "food" and "service" together send cringes through the backs of many people, but according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is one that many college students have.

"Waiting tables is not necessarily a fun job, but somebody's got to do it," said Tara Martini, a UW-RF student and a three-year waitress.

Many actors and actresses have been waiters during the time when they were "making it big." So have a lot of college students, as it is a good way to make a lot of money while balancing other responsibilities.

A restaurant that has become a landmark in the town of River Falls and, according to Martini, has become very important in the lives of the regulars who come to the restaurant, is the South Fork Café on Main Street. It is the archetype of small town restaurants, with its counter, old-fashioned cash register, and small town prices.

"I would definitely suggest this job to a friend; the people who work at the South Fork make it a very laid back environment to work in," Martini said. "It is fast paced sometimes, and slow paced some times; there is a very good amount of variation, which makes going to work enjoyable."

Some of Martini's responsibilities include opening and closing the store, working the cash regis-

ter, waiting tables, and preparing salads, deserts, and some other side dishes. The pay for the wait-staff at South Fork is \$4.25 an hour, but according to Martini, on a weekday, a person makes about \$30.00 a day, and \$75.00 an hour in tips a day on most weekends.

The rewards in this job are not that evident to the average person eating at a restaurant, but according to Martini, there are definite perks to the job.

"Getting to know the customers is the most rewarding part of the job because there are a lot of regulars and you can form personal relationships with each of them," Martini said.

Internships

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, internships are on the top of the list of jobs that college students have in the summer months. The Career Services Center stated that in order to help with getting an internship it is important to follow these steps:

1) Develop a career objective. 2) Develop a resume. 3) Develop a portfolio. 4) Identify internship vacancies. 5) Apply for the internship. 6) Prepare for the interview. 7) Send thank-you letters to people you interviewed with.

Lexie Fretland, a UW-RF student who had an internship this summer got her internship in a slightly different but just as effective way.

"I had a job with the bank I interned with over the winter, and I asked them if there were any internship opportunities there for the summer and they offered me the position that I had," Fretland said.

The Career Services Center said that internships are experiences that offer college students a chance to see what their future careers will be like, and give them an idea if it is what they want to do.

"I think that having an internship is a very worthwhile opportunity because I got paid to learn new things, both personally, and for my future career," Fretland said.

The internship Fretland had was at the Rochester Bank, in Rochester, Minn. this past summer. Her internship was as the marketing and consumer specialist for the bank.

According to Fretland, her job responsibilities included opening and closing the bank, creating newspaper ads, radio advertisements, brochures, doing customer service and changing the sign outside of the bank. All of these duties will help her in her future career, as she wants to work in a bank.

"The best part of this job was learning how to do things I will do later in life, and getting to see the things I had created being used in the environment I worked in," Fretland said. "I also really liked getting to know the customers I saw on a regular basis."



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Megan Cavanagh worked as a camp counselor this summer at Camp Kumalya in Woodbury, taking care of children between the ages of 4 and 12.

Camp Roadkill by Jamison Penny



Due to recent developments in the "Camp Roadkill" storyline, the production of new strips has been put on temporary hiatus. In the meantime, we hope you will enjoy this strip from the archives: a crude turn-of-the-century version of Camp Roadkill that was originally known as "Forest Follies."

EDITORIAL

Opportunities for involvement unfold

In both the previous and current issues of the Voice, much has been said about UW-RF's Dance Theater. Between a front page story in last week's issue and Wednesday's opening night, it's hard to be on campus and not hear the buzz.

Combining great athletic ability and creative artistic flare, Dance Theater provides our campus with a unique opportunity to view some very talented individuals.

It's annual performance, showing this week, reminds us that our campus has other opportunities to get involved as well. For example, our publication is seeking resourceful, hard-working people for the staff next year, providing many the chance to learn about journalism while developing life lasting friendships.

If you are more of a sideliners, yet still enjoy ingenious entertainment, hit the live music scene on the 20th of this month as *Coffhouse* brings us Slaid Cleaves and Jory Nash.

Still, if you're looking to express yourself athletically, you can not miss Cheerleader tryouts - they're looking for a few good men (and women).

There are also a variety of ways students can serve as volunteers to this community. The semi-annual blood drive will be held on April 17th and 18th. Give blood Minnesotans! No mosquitos necessary! And don't forget about Campus and Community Cleanup Day - April 28th.

Also, one of the biggest events on campus every year is Unity in the Community Day. Stop by any table for information on various public organizations.

And don't forget to stop in Karges on April 18th and check your blood pressure at the annual Health Fair.

We even have a bible study group for those of you looking for that higher connection.

Seeing as how there are so many on-goings this month, and every month at UW-RF, there's really no excuse for having nothing to do this spring - besides homework. Get out there and take advantage of all your tuition and fees pays for!

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Lenartz reluctantly leaves latinas and cerveza

Hola! I just returned from Mexico and mi no mas comprende. Demasiado mas cerveza, demasiado mas fumar, y demasiado mas narcótica! I have ingested far too many chemicals, and have killed off most of my brain, which means I can now understand Wisconsin residents. Spring break has damn nearly done me in. I think I am legally dead. Fortunately, I am a mere six weeks from graduation, because anything that does not involve drinking, breasts or color crayons is now above my intellectual ability.

Mexico has reminded me of how much this world has to offer. A land where a gram of cocaine and a blow-job from a stripper can be had for a total of 60 U.S. dollars (not that I would ever consider partaking in such activities), and paying off security to avoid being kicked out of your hotel room costs a mere \$10, is a damn fine land indeed. In Mexico one could not even be bothered to worry when his roommate did not show up for two days after leaving with a Mexican taxi driver he met on the beach. The biggest challenge for the week was creating opportunities for nudity without being arrested. And who could forget the women! Mi gusta mucho foreign señoritas.

Es muy caliente!

My life will never be the same. Could you function properly after spending several days on a beach with a drunkard who found it appropriate to yell 20 pesos and make masturbating gestures at everyone who walked past him? Besides, who really wants to go to school for sixteen years while working some pointless job so they can sit behind a desk for the next forty? When I explained to people I met my career goals of being a professional psychologist/amateur gynecologist, it seemed less fulfilling to me than spending my days on the beach. If there was not so little time left in the first step of my college career, I would have stayed in Mexico, and sold sunglasses on the beach. Spending all day beber cerveza and partying would be entirely fulfilling. The only problem would come when it was

time to raise a family, who probably could not live on a beach solicitor's wage, but there is still time before worrying about that. I only decided to come back because it seemed a bit drastic to waste five years of school when I only have a month left, and also figured it would be nice to have a back-up plan in the unlikely situation my beach-living scheme doesn't work out.

Experiencing new things, and taking risks is a valuable part of life. When actual catastrophes occur, it allows one to put the little things in life in perspective. Part time jobs, exams, and petty problems with other people are completely unimportant in the grand scheme of things, and if people realized the big picture in life, they could stop worrying about the little stuff.

"When I explained to people I met my career goals of being a professional psychologist/amateur gynecologist, it seemed less fulfilling to me than spending my days on the beach."



One friend who went with on the trip started bleeding from his ass, and after that his minor stomach problems from the Mexican food and excessive drinking just did not matter to him after that. Women in particular have a real problem with obsessing over trivial difficulties in life. If you girlfriend freaks out over inconsequential crap, pay one of your friends to sodomize her cat in front of her, which will guarantee she complains a whole lot less about the co-worker who

doesn't like her. It just won't seem to matter after that. Your friend will likely not be welcome at her house ever again, but this is a small price to pay for some peace and quiet.

This is really a bunch of scattered thoughts organized to a level my brain allows right now. Viva la México!

To correct my limited Spanish, preferably if you are an attractive Latina who feels learning is best-accomplished desnudo; e-mail me at andy_lenartz@yahoo.com. I want to thank Tim Gnewikow for both his participation in the above-mentioned activities, and assistance in helping recall them in aid of me writing this column. He would like it known he was not the one who bled from his ass, but he may have caused it.

Hello, my name is Sam, and I am a Survivorholic

Well friends, it appears that old man winter has finally left the building. In joyous celebration of this, I thought I'd do some springtime cleaning here in my cubicle of Viewpoints. There are some ideas I need to clarify, and some I need to change from past weeks in this column. Therefore, I won't be tackling any new topics in this installment. Oh, but don't worry, I've still labeled the sections for your bite-size enjoyment. Snootch to the Nooch!

George W. Bush: Remember when I told you that our "president" was a moron? I've really changed my mind on Dubya. I now truly believe he is probably the dumbest human being to ever walk the planet Earth (if you don't count some Cro-Magnon cave people). The man probably had to have China pointed out to him on a world map when told of the spy plane crisis there. I guess all I can do is laugh at his stupidity until he orders nuclear strikes instead of a double Whopper with cheese at the BK drive through, and that sh*t ain't funny folks.

The XFL: I am truly sorry I ever took the side of this pathetic excuse for sports entertainment disguised as football. I guess it took me a few weeks to realize the reality of the situation. I'm still wondering if the XFL's TV ratings will drop low enough for NBC to cancel the broadcasts in the middle of the inaugural season. Vince McMahon is losing millions with this circus every weekend, but I'm sure he doesn't

care. After all, he now has a total monopoly on the multi-billion dollar pro wrestling market. The man may be a snake, but you've got to admire his cleverness.

Art Majors: I must clarify what I meant when I defended art majors for not being "weird." As I

show in *The Student Voice*. Since then, my need to watch has grown beyond control. I tell my friends what happened on the latest episode, and they don't seem to know what the hell I'm talking about. I find myself biting my nails during every tribal council in sheer anticipation

of who will be the next annoying, whining American voted out of the Barramundi tribe. I have some good news, though. I'm now fully able to get up for a bathroom break during Survivor's commercials for Target and that ugly Pontiac Aztec. It's been a rough road, and with next to no support from my family and friends, it's just going to get rougher. Please remember me the next time you or a member of your family is tempted with shows like Survivor and FOX's new Boot Camp. This is a horrible addiction. Just say no to reality TV!

Karma: I'd like you all to know that I'm doing fine after my streak of bad luck at the beginning of March. I've got a new car lined up for the end of the year, and a summer

internship is going to solve my credit shortage for spring graduation. I strongly urge you all to never underestimate the incredible power of the golden rule. I'd also like your feedback on what you've just read. E-mail me at ivoryjedi@hotmail.com and give me a topic for two weeks from now. Just don't bring 60 of your friends to my house to drink all my beer (thank you).

SAM CRNOBRNA



"Please remember me the next time you or a member of your family is tempted with shows like Survivor and FOX's new Boot Camp. Just say no to reality TV!"

stated, it takes an incredible amount of effort and creativity to study art at this, or any other institution. I regrettably didn't give any props to the other hundreds of students working their butts off with just as much effort and creativity at this school. You know what? Screw it! Art majors are pretty weird. Throw stuff at them.

Survivor: Hello, my name is Sam, and I'm a Survivorholic. It's been about a month and a half since I stated my negative views of CBS's reality

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Finance / student's voices heard by legislature

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increasing financial aid to overcome the increased tuition costs. He told the JFC they couldn't increase one of these items, without increasing the other.

"Please, it's plain and simple. If you need to raise tuition, okay, we can understand that," Clasen began. "But it needs to be a two-way role with a compensating financial aid bill."

Cain, a musical performance student, came to testify in front of the JFC regarding the Commissioned Composer Project that is on its 35th year. For one week, a commissioned composer visits the UW-RF campus and works with students. They give master classes and lectures, and works with all the music ensembles. This project is open

to all students.

"The commissioned composer project is a once in a life-time experience," Cain said. "Students get to see a world premier piece that is eventually performed all over the world."

Cain would like to see increased funding in general for the fine arts programs. He testified in front of the JFC because he would like to see this project funded through the University and the music department to ensure its longevity.

Even though Clasen would have liked to see more students participate at this hearing, he felt the trip was a success. "I tried my hardest and it worked," Clasen said. "It was totally worth my time. It made sure UW-RF still has a voice."

Provost / remaining four candidates visit campus

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"We have to deal with students adjusting from high school to college and we have to look at what we can do to make the transition beneficial and meaningful," Kronke said.

Kronke explained that a student's transition to college may be directly affected by the proficiency of the school's educators.

"Part of my job as provost will be

to retain high-quality faculty and to reward high-quality instruction," Kronke said.

According to Provost Search Committee chair Gorden Hedahl, the committee is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 9, to discuss each of the finalist and to review the comments submitted by administrators and faculty that met with the finalists.

Later in the meeting, after the committee has reviewed the finalists

and developed their own recommendations, Chancellor Lydecker will join the discussion, at which time the committee will make their suggestion to Lydecker, who will then review the finalists on her own and make the final selection. There is no formal day planned for an announcement, though Hedahl suspected that Lydecker will make a decision within a week or two after meeting with the search committee.

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Right out of the book

Due to the miserable failure of my NCAA Tournament bracket this year, I've come to the conclusion that maybe I should have just went with the rankings and put no thought whatsoever into my choices. But then again, no self-respecting sports enthusiast would ever even dream of stooping to such a level. Imagine the harassment you'd get. No - you just need to appear like you know what you're doing. And after last year,

RYAN BRINKS

anybody pretending to be a basketball fan could've picked the winners.

Anyway, the NCAA pairings wouldn't have done a person much good anyway, but take a look at ESPN's final Top 25 rankings, and it'll look a bit chillingly familiar. Ah yes, in precise order, you've got six of the surviving eight, in perfect order. Duke, Arizona, Michigan St., Maryland, Stanford, and Illinois. The other two, well, I'm sure everyone was scrambling to put USC and Temple into the elite eight.

Even if I'd known that ahead of time, I'd never have fathomed that practically none of them would be intensely close, heart-stopping games. Really, what's March Madness without overtime, or without last-second buzzer-beaters?

I'm talking about three games, from the Sweet 16 to Championship Night, that ended with a margin of victory of less than ten. Three, and none were closer than four points. I guess the real action was over after the first round.

Okay, enough criticism. Though I was hoping Arizona would continue their first half prowess and suppress the Blue Devils enough to grab the title, I applaud Duke's comeback. It's got to be sweet for Coach K.

And how about Maryland. With their first Final Four appearance ever, I couldn't help but root for them, once more against Duke - don't get me wrong, I think the Blue Devils have a great basketball program, but that's just it. Too good. It would have been sweeter to watch Arizona or Maryland take the prize. But Duke deserved it.

Finally, it wouldn't be a fitting end to the 2000-01 season (or any season, for that matter) if the mainstream media didn't jump on the whole NBA draft speculation immediately following the tournament. I'm wondering how they could run out of good March Madness columns before mid-April. In my opinion, there's no reason to change the subject so quickly. Let the accomplishment sink in a little bit. After this settles down, then yeah, there really isn't anything else to talk about. Besides, I can't imagine any true fan is sick of hearing about the tourney, not yet.

Ryan Brinks is a sophomore majoring in journalism

Falcons overcome their (ill.)ness

Fastpitch bounces back from Florida with a 4-1 weekend at Illinois Wesleyan

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Correspondent

Spurned by lively bats and a solid pitching trio, UW-River Falls experienced a breakthrough weekend at the Illinois Wesleyan Tournament.

The Falcons, who posted a 4-1 mark at the two-day event, held Saturday and Sunday in Bloomington, Ill., teamed up for a 35-for-125 (.280) performance at the plate, which included four triples and a pair of Meghann Mulligan over-the-fence dingers.

UW-RF's pitching staff of freshman Devanie Bigalk, sophomore Amy Brooke and senior Clare Peterson allowed nine earned runs and 22 hits in 33 innings of work. Bigalk, Brooke and Peterson fanned a combined 27 adversaries and issued 12 free passes to first base.

"I was exceptionally pleased with how we played," said Falcon coach Faye Perkins, whose troops improved to 8-6. "I'm still looking for the right combinations in a couple of positions, but we're starting to come together and play good ball."

After dropping its first three foes at the tourney, UW-RF suffered a 5-0 blanking to host Illinois Wesleyan before capping the event with a 6-4 come-from-behind win over WIAC opponent UW-Superior.

The Yellowjackets and Falcons played to a 2-2 stalemate after one inning, but Superior plated one run in the second and another in the top of the third to seize a 4-2 advantage.

In the bottom of the third, however, Mulligan connected for her second round-tripper of the tournament. This one left the field with one Falcon duck on the pond and

knotted the score at 4-4.

"Meghann had never hit a ball out of the park before in her life," Perkins said. "Interestingly enough, she did it twice in one day. It's kind of like breaking a barrier: once you do it, you realize it's not impossible."

With the score still knotted at 4-4 in the Falcons' half of the seventh inning, Mulligan provided more heroics.

The sophomore first-baseman drilled a two-RBI double to lift UW-RF to victory.

Mulligan went 3-for-4 in the contest with four ribbies. Bigalk, who relieved Peterson in the third stanza, earned the mound win.

Bigalk, who faced 18 batters, allowed one hit, struck out six and walked none in five innings of

which began Saturday and was suspended until Sunday after the first inning.

Sophomore Angie Garin led the frame off with a single, then advanced to second on a Poulter bunt. Senior Cindy Ostertag subsequently drove Garin home with a double, before Mulligan blasted a two-run shot over the fence.

Mulligan went 2-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs and a stolen base. Bigalk, who took over UW-RF's pitching duties in the Sunday portion of the game, earned the win. She allowed four hits, zero earned runs and collected six K's.

Monmouth provided little challenge for the Falcons, as UW-RF earned an 8-0 shutout to up its tourney mark to 2-0. The Falcons took a 2-0 lead after one inning and added six runs in the sixth.

Ostertag led the Falcons with a 4-for-4 showing at the plate with two runs scored and three stolen bases in three attempts. Garin batted 2-for-3, while senior Becky Ahlbrecht and freshman Tanya Prochnow each hit 2-for-4 with a ribbie.

Brooke, who tossed a one-hitter, earned the victory.

UW-RF opened the tourney with a 3-1 win over Hope. The Falcons used a three-run sixth to battle back for the win.

Ahlbrecht went 2-for-2 at the plate with a three-RBI two-bagger in the sixth stanza. Sophomore Emily Voigt, who went 1-for-1, started the sixth-frame rally with a leadoff single.

Peterson pitched all seven innings for the Falcons. She allowed one earned run on four hits, while striking out five and walking three.

Angie Garin, in her first competition of the season after completing her 2000-01 gymnastics campaign, paced the Falcons at the plate with a

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- coach Faye Perkins

work.

In its setback to Illinois Wesleyan, UW-RF managed only three hits. Junior Lindsey Becker, freshman Abby Keene and freshman Anna Poulter provided one hit each.

Brooke suffered the loss, giving up five earned runs (two in the first, two in the fifth and one in the sixth) and eight hits.

A three-run third sparked the Falcons to a 3-0 victory over Kalamazoo in their third game,

THIS WEEKEND

When: Saturday and Sunday

What to watch: It's still very early in the season, but the Falcons are already on the upswing. They're still working through the ups and downs of their bullpen, as well as other positions, but they'll be focusing on offensive production. The hint of an explosive offense has built some confidence. They'll have to strengthen that or risk shattering it.

Stout UW-Stout Tourney

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

WIAC STANDINGS

Stout (13-11)	0	0
Oshkosh (9-2)	0	0
River Falls (8-2)	0	0
Superior (4-2)	0	0
Stevens Point (12-3)	0	0
Whitewater (10-4)	0	0
Platteville (7-4)	0	0
La Crosse (3-5-1)	0	0

SOFTBALL

WIAC STANDINGS

West Division		
Eau Claire (10-4)	0	0
La Crosse (8-4)	0	0
River Falls (8-6)	0	0
Stout (5-10)	0	0
Superior (1-10)	0	0

East Division		
Stevens Point (10-1)	0	0
Whitewater (9-2-2)	0	0
Oshkosh (8-10)	0	0
Platteville (3-11)	0	0

Mar. 31 results (Bloomington, Ill.)
River Falls 3, Hope College 1

River Falls	AB R H RBI
Poulter rf	2 1 0 0
Ostertag 2b	3 0 0 0
Mulligan 1b	3 1 0 0
Ahlbrecht ss	2 0 2 3
Becker c	2 0 0 0
Keene lf	3 0 1 0
Hedstrom 3b	2 0 0 0
Turbak dh	2 0 0 0
Vogt lf	1 1 1 0
Totals	20 3 4 3

Hope College	000 100 0 - 1 4 3
River Falls	000 003 x - 3 4 1

E - Vandermeulen 2, Ciesielski, Vogt. LOB - Hope 4, River Falls 3. 2B - Ahlbrecht. HR - Scott. CS - Vandermeulen, Poulter, Ahlbrecht. SH - Ridge, Becker, Vogt.

River Falls	IP H R ER BB SO
Peterson, W	7.0 4 1 1 3 5

Hope	IP H R ER BB SO
Grotenhuis	6.0 4 3 3 2 1

Mar. 31 results (Bloomington, Ill.)

River Falls 8, Monmouth College 0

River Falls	AB R H RBI
Poulter rf	4 1 1 2
Ostertag 2b	4 2 4 0
Mulligan 1b	4 1 1 0
Ahlbrecht ss	4 1 2 1
Becker c	3 0 0 0
Keene lf	2 0 1 2
Prochnow 3b	4 1 2 1
Brooke p	3 1 1 1
Garin cf	3 1 2 0
Totals	31 6 14 7

River Falls	200 006 - 8 14 0
Monmouth	000 000 - 0 1 2

E - Madison, Whately. LOB - River Falls 8, Monmouth 2. SB - Ostertag 3, Keene. CS - Natterstad. SH - Keene.

River Falls	IP H R ER BB SO
Brooke, W	6.0 1 0 0 2 3

Monmouth	IP H R ER BB SO
Symonds	6.0 14 8 4 2 2

Mar. 31 results (Bloomington, Ill.)
River Falls 3, Kalamazoo College 0

River Falls	AB R H RBI
Poulter rf	3 0 0 0
Ostertag 2b	3 1 1 1
Mulligan 1b	3 1 2 2
Ahlbrecht dh	2 0 0 0
Becker c	3 0 1 0
Keene lf	3 0 1 0
Prochnow 3b	3 0 0 0
Bigalk p	2 0 1 0
Garin cf	3 1 1 0
Totals	25 3 7 3

Kalamazoo	000 000 0 - 0 5 0
River Falls	003 000 x - 3 7 3

E - Ostertag, Becker, Keene. LOB - Kala 9, River Falls 6. 2B - Ostertag, Bigalk. HR - Mulligan. SB - Mulligan, Keene.

River Falls	IP H R ER BB SO
Brooke	1.1 1 0 0 0 3
Bigalk, W	5.2 4 0 0 1 6

Kalamazoo	IP H R ER BB SO
Martyn	6.0 7 3 3 2 2

Apr. 1 results (Bloomington, Ill.)
Illinois Wesleyan 5, River Falls 0



File Photo Courtesy of UW-RF Photo Services

After traveling to Florida and Illinois over the past two weeks, the Falcons will attempt to rip up the diamond back here in Wisconsin at this weekend's tournament, hosted by UW-Stout.

4-for-11 (.364) tournament performance.

Mulligan went 6-for-17 (.353) in the tournament, while Ostertag (5-for-15) and Ahlbrecht (4-for-12) each batted .333.

Bigalk fashioned a 2-0 record on the mound, Peterson earned a victory in her only decision and Brooke

went 1-1.

"This is a huge confidence booster for us," Perkins said. "We really saw we have the ability to crush the ball, which in the past has been a concern for the team."

The Falcons will return to action Saturday when they begin play at the two-day UW-Stout Tournament.

Meghann Mulligan Named WIAC Softball Player of the Week



Meghann Mulligan



Meghann Mulligan

Softball

(So., Coon Rapids, Minn.)

First baseman Meghann Mulligan (So., Coon Rapids, Minn.) helped the Falcons to a 4-1 record at the Illinois Wesleyan Tournament last weekend. She was 6-17 at the plate for a .352 average in the five games. She scored four runs. Against Kalamazoo she was 2-3 with a run scored, two RBIs, a home run and a stolen base. He had the game-winning RBI with her two-run homer in the third inning. Against Superior she went 3-4 with a run scored and four RBIs. She doubled and homered. She hit a two-run homer in the third and had the game-winning RBIs with a one-out double in the seventh that scored two runners.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Apr. 6-12, 2001	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Baseball			at Carleton 1 p.m.	St. Olaf 2:30 p.m.			
Softball		at Stout Tourney	at Stout Tourney			St. Thomas 4 p.m.	
Track & Field		UWRF Co-Ed 11 a.m.					

Waking the giant

■ ‘The state of hockey’ has the high school girls of Wisconsin gawking in awe, but our college women have their Minnesota rivals scratching and clawing for a victory.

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

When the buzzer blared the frenzied conclusion of the biggest game of their season, a blur of black and red jerseys emptied the bench and spilled onto the ice. Their celebration climaxed into an ecstatic huddle that subsided minutes later only to accept the much-anticipated inaugural championship plaque. As they hoisted it above their heads and proceeded to take a parade lap around the ice, the 2000-01 UW-River Falls Falcons had achieved their ultimate goal. They had conquered the first-ever Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) playoffs, having held off the late, panicked charges of the UW-Superior Yellowjackets in that exciting 2-1 championship game March 4.

The Falcons' revenge of previous struggles against the Yellowjackets elevated them to the status of Wisconsin's best in Division III. Finishing with a 19-7-1 record and ninth place national ranking, the Falcons seemed to have a good shot at the final bid in the second-ever American Women's College Hockey Alliance (AWCHA) Division III national championship.

The four-team tournament would pit two Midwest teams against two East Coast teams, with the champions of the other two, more established Division III conferences, the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), receiving automatic bids. Gustavus Adolphus College carried the MIAC, the only Minnesota team the Falcons played that they did not beat (and they played the MIAC's five best), leaving UW-River Falls to contend with MIAC runner-up St. Mary's University.

Ranked fourth in the nation with a 22-7-1 record, the Cardinals looked to have the edge, except that the Falcons shut them down 3-0 in their first game of the season.

So, still basking in the glory of their conference title, the Falcons' jubilation soon turned to anticipation only a day later, waiting for a call.

When it came, though, it came bearing disappointment. With St. Mary's picked as the fourth seed, Minnesota swept the Midwest, evidence of a differing level of skill between the two states.

But more so, evidence of a momentous rise in power. Compared to last year, all but one series was an upset for River Falls. The real accomplishment was that, in a single off-season, the Falcons turned a humbled 3-15-0 inaugural team into an undisputed 2000-01 powerhouse. If ever the MIAC had

the upper hand against Wisconsin, it has evaporated.

A Hockey Town



Behind the UW-RF men's decade of power, from the early eighties to the early nineties, and even continuing today, there have always been women on the ice.



Photos by Ryan Brinks / The Student Voice

UW-RF's Elisha Best stepped up as a freshman in 2000-01 and led the team in goal-scoring throughout the season, ending up with 18.

“Two colleges that have had girls hockey the longest have been the Gophers and River Falls, but it was club,” UW-RF head coach Joe Cranston said.

Women's club hockey first came to River Falls in 1979, but it was basically unknown on the college sports scene.

“It was so different, so laid back,” UW-RF co-captain Mandy Stokes said of her club team experience.

“It was all about having fun,” senior Susie Misheski added.

Some players were just learning to skate, while others brought over a decade of experience; there were no cuts; practice was at six in the morning; they had to fundraise to get uniforms, equipment, and to go to games, according to Stokes, Misheski and former club advisor Jim Thies.

“It wouldn't matter where [or when] we played, ... it was a leisure thing,” Stokes said. In fact, Misheski remembered playing the University of Iowa at midnight one time. And according to junior Jody LaMotte, they also played Gustavus Adolphus, the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and Duluth, the University of Wisconsin-

Madison (after about a 7-0 beating, the Falcons came back the next day to force the Badgers to the wire, 2-1), Whitewater (in a multiple hat trick performance, the Falcons obliterated the Warhawks 18-0), Eau Claire and La Crosse, and Hamline University (with a skater donning goalie pads, the Falcons took an easy five plus goal win).

“Winning didn't mean much - we didn't win very often - there just wasn't any pressure whatsoever,”

“There's been talk (of going varsity) almost as long as I've been here,” said Thies, advisor with club coach Rick Manis from 1996 to 1999. “The biggest roadblock has always been where - to get players from. There was no high school hockey, no feeder program.”

Until Minnesota. A collage of about ten high schools led the state into a new era when the Minnesota State High School League officially recognized the sport in 1994.

“Finally, after 20 years of debating whether or not they should have women's hockey, they put their foot down and started it whether people liked it or not,” Cranston said.

Now, with eight years under their belt, Minnesota's high school program has exploded to over 120 teams.

“I didn't even know women's hockey existed until eighth grade, when I saw a girls team at a bantam tournament,” UW-RF senior Hattie Hoff said.

But now Minnesota's high school program is thriving.

“There's no question that the state of Minnesota has the best girls high school program (in the nation),” Bye said.

Across the River



Where Minnesota skyrocketed in its development of girls hockey, the rest of the Midwest is still creeping forward.

Not even a recognized high school sport in Wisconsin, girls hockey has thrown together only about eight teams statewide as of the 2000-01 season.

Eight years ago when Burnsville put together their first teams, Wisconsin was just initiating the process of bringing the sport into youth hockey programs. In Hudson, Wis., four people took the initiative to get girls hockey added to the district's blend of sports. One of those

Not only that, but boys challenged their skill levels.

“You're more aggressive, you don't shy away from the puck, you battle more, and you're able to take a hit easier,” Stokes said.

“The only bad thing was that I wasn't as good - I was mediocre, or average. I wasn't a standout.”

With increasing interest in the sport, though, those that couldn't compete with the boys found the formation of a girls program very attractive.

Thies took the reins of his Hudson team during its inaugural season five years ago and molded a powerhouse.

Then, during the 1999-2000 season, a Wisconsin state tournament was conceived.

“As coaches, we got together and said ‘we need to do something,’” Thies said. “So we all went to Madison.”

Madison hosted that first tourney, and though unaffiliated with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), it was a move in the right direction.

In the past two years, a seven- and then eight-team entry list has participated in this unofficial state tournament in hopes of wooing the WIAA. And it worked.

“It really was a springboard for the WIAA to recognize girls hockey,” Thies said.

WIAA Executive Director Doug Chickering said at this past season's state tourney banquet that as many as 20 teams will compete in the 2001-02 season and vie for the first-ever WIAA-recognized state tournament title.

Of course, Hudson's Raiders will be ready when the puck drops.

“We have not lost to a Wisconsin team in two years,” Thies said.

That success has culminated in two consecutive state titles.

“It's one of those dream-come-true kind of stories,” Thies said. “Especially the first time - so early in the sport - it's rewarding and neat

Moving up a level to Division III women's hockey, the story starts the same way. Minnesota's first, Augsburg College, broke into the sport in 1995, and UW-Superior, Wisconsin's debut team, went varsity in 1998.

“Once teams started to form at the college level, it was obviously one of those emerging sports,” Thies said. Similarly, the MIAC beat the NCHA into existence by two years.

Following the high school model, the smart investment would be on the MIAC for at least a couple years, but that's not necessarily the case.

Already overcoming Minnesota campuses' head starts on the sport, both UW-Superior and UW-River Falls rose to the top in their second seasons, respectively. After a 16-2-0 inaugural start, the Superior Yellowjackets dropped to 7-12-0 and followed with a rejuvenated 15-4-0 conference regular season champion finish in 2001.

Meanwhile, the Falcons reversed a 3-15-0 first year with a conference playoff-winning 19-7-1 record, including chalking up a ‘W’ against every opponent except Gustavus, where they fell 4-2 due to a third period Gusty surge.

Although the MIAC has twice as many teams as the NCHA, even the first-year program at UW-Stevens Point is already making quite the impression, and Lake Forest College has thrown together some very competitive efforts as well.

The Pointers took Superior, St. Mary's, and St. Thomas to overtime and beat River Falls. Lake Forest took Stevens Point to overtime, tied another time, and beat Superior.

“I think a lot of people are surprised that (Wisconsin teams) are as competitive as they are,” Cranston said.

On the Ice



“In high school, if you had one good player, you had a decent team,” Falcon freshman



The Falcons line up for the national anthem as they prepare to tear up the ice with the University of St. Thomas at the Parade Ice Garden in St. Paul, Minn., practice home of the Minnesota Wild. But this game belonged to Wisconsin - the Falcons carried the day 4-1.

four was UW-RF's Sports Information Director, Jim Thies. Over the course of three years, through encouraging students, the school board, the athletic director, parents, and the community, they accomplished that feat, overcoming challenges including the nature of the sports, numbers - it needed a youth program to feed the high school team - and of course, school funding.

Finally, during the 1995-96 school year, the district approved the sport and preparations were made for an inaugural 1996-97 season.

The biggest thing, though, was just getting it recognized, Thies said. Then they had something to work with.

Before the advent of girls high school hockey, Bye and many others now in college had to compete with the boys for playing time. But that wasn't such a bad thing.

“It was awesome,” Stokes, an Amery, Wis., native, said. “When I started, I was kind of worried, but once I got used to it, they were all like my brothers. We grew up together.”

to see that. People will always remember us as the first ones.”

Comparing Hudson to any Minnesota team, however, changes the perspective drastically, and sheds light on just how vast a difference there is between Wisconsin and Minnesota.

“We go over to Minnesota and get our butts kicked,” Thies said. “And we're not even playing their best teams.”

For example, the Raiders were shut out 6-0 against Hastings, just 20 miles away, but in Minnesota.

“It's night and day going over the river,” Thies said.

But Minnesota has had strong boys programs for a long time, Cranston said.

“Everyone's pretty much relatively new compared to Minnesota, it's all first generation hockey. It just takes a long time to build a hockey tradition.”

The College Scene



Elisha Best said. “In college, it's difficult to have one person carry the team.”

When it comes down to the players, the only difference between the two states is in numbers.

“We've got just as good players, but not as many,” Stokes said. “Our top players can compete with theirs.”

Additionally, every year players are getting better, but the best talent is coming from an unusual direction.

“In most sports, players start as freshmen and then get better,” Misheski said. “Women's hockey is the opposite. The younger players are usually better.”

According to Best, her Duluth East varsity program had three seniors, one junior, and three sophomores. The rest were seventh, eighth, or ninth graders.

“Any time you have an emerging sports, you're going to find young kids playing,” UW-SP coach Jason Lesteborg said.

“I never played with that many



Falcon co-captain Mandy Stokes takes up an issue with the referee. Stokes, a junior, is the only Wisconsin native on the UW-RF roster. She grew up playing on Amery,

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girls (in high school)," Hoff said. "Now, there are a lot of talented girls, and now I'm down there."

"It's kind of depressing having younger players beat you out," Misheski added.

Where the younger players beat them out in talent, though, the veterans make up in experience, especially in one aspect of the game they learned from the boys, being physical. Despite the no checking rule, the women are still as physical as they can get away with.

"Refs realize now that you can be physical and not have a penalty," Hoff said.

As for the possibility of changing that rule, don't count on it.

"It's a whole different game," Misheski said. "It's about finesse and skill."

"Right away, I thought it sucked," Stokes said. "But now I think it opens up the game a lot more."

Checking adds a whole different dimension to the game. But at this point in the development of the sport, it's a dimension that players as a whole aren't ready for.

"If you incorporate checking, you eliminated a lot of players," Hoff said.

You eliminate players by size, by coordination, and by injuries.

"All through playing with boys, I never got hurt," Stokes said. "Once I got here, I got hurt all the time."

Out of control, skating with their heads down, not playing full speed, "people who don't know how to play hurt you," Hoff said.

That's not to say that checking won't eventually become a part of the game, though.

"People always say they shouldn't have (checking) in women's hockey because we can't take it. I don't agree with that," Stevens Point's Nicole Busse said. "If girls were playing against guys, then obviously they're going to be structured differently, but women playing women, ...there's really not that much difference."

As the sport continues to develop in the next couple years, players will continue to get better. Maybe, when the field of talent settles out, they'll be ready for checking.

Look at the Olympics, for example.

"Since 1990, the women's national program has changed DRASTICALLY! The players are stronger, faster, more fit, and know more about the game," Bye wrote in an email. "There is still room for some improvement, but in much smaller steps."

As the sport evolves similarly at the high school and college levels, the same will probably be true; development will slow to just minor improvement year to year.

And as the game gets better, it's bound to become more popular. Presently, attendance rarely exceeds 200, a sparse population of supporters.

Just like a high school senior who suddenly becomes a college freshman, women's hockey still has to prove something.

"We have to earn that respect from people," Best said.

But changes are certainly on the horizon. In Minnesota's state high school quarterfinals, the girls hockey action drew large crowds of 5,000.

Nevertheless, "most people don't have any idea. It's no different than when I first started two years ago," Cranston said. "I had no idea that girls hockey could be at the level it is right now, and it's only getting better."

"There's never a dull moment," Stokes said. "You can never slow down, you always have to give it everything, and I think that's exciting to watch."

"For someone - a coach, a fan - who really truly understands hockey, it's a great game," Cranston said.

believed we would do what we've done," Hoff said. "Seeing how good our recruits were, you can expect the coaches to bring in good players."

According to Superior's head coach, Jane Norman, recruiting is the biggest component for success in the sport.

MIAC," Cranston said. "Maybe not right now, but in a year or two."

One thing is for sure, though.

"Everyone's really committed to building their program, and that's really going to help our conference become strong," Cranston said of the NCHA. "We're all in the same

but that wall is quickly tumbling. They seem to be the East's last hope as the Midwest ascends to the throne of Division III women's hockey."

"There's a lot more depth here, between the NCHA and the MIAC, and next year every team in the Midwest is going to take huge

Midwest compare. It's even difficult to know how the bottom two NCHA teams, Lake Forest and UW-Eau Claire, compare to the MIAC, because of the lack of scheduling."

Both Gustavus and St. Mary's, though, did make a trip to the East Coast during the season. Middlebury beat the Gusties 4-1 in one of eight contests with nationally ranked teams, and one Division I team, Boston College. Gustavus, too, engaged in a bout with Division I Minnesota St.-Mankato, winning 3-2 in overtime.

"With some of the lesser Division I teams like Bemidji State and Mankato, unless they start to bring in more freshmen than they did last year, that gap (between Division I and Division III) will get pretty small," Cranston said.

In fact, Cranston already plans to have one or two Division I games for his Falcons next season.

"There's a bigger gap between the top Division I teams and the lower Division I teams than the lower Division I teams against the better Division III teams," he said.

There's a gap, too, in how people are treated at each level. UW-RF's Hattie Hoff began her career with two years at the University of Minnesota. By her sophomore year, however, her teammates began to ignore her.

"It was like I wasn't good enough anymore," she said. "Here, everybody's for each other. There, everyone was for themselves, it wasn't about the team, and that was hard for me. ...Our team [here] had something special."

Of course, that's not all that's different. Financially, "it was like Christmas every day," Hoff said.

At the Division I level, all of her equipment was paid for, along with access to all facilities. Here at River

The Face-Off: NCHA vs. MIAC

How the two conferences match up, team by team: (W-L vs. opposing conference)



Gustavus-MIAC 1-0
[W:RF]



St. Kate's-MIAC 2-1-1
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*Lake Forest-NCHA 2-0
[W:H(2)]

St. Mary's-MIAC 3-1
[W:EC,SP(2) L:RF]



St. Ben's-MIAC 1-1
[W:SP L:RF]



Bethel-MIAC 0-2
[L:RF(2)]



River Falls-NCHA 6-2-1
[W:SM,B(2),SK,SB,ST L:G,ST T:SK]



Concordia-MIAC 4-0
[W:EC(2),S(2)]



*Eau Claire-NCHA 3-6
[W:H,SO(2) L:SM,C(2),SK(2),ST]

Superior-NCHA 3-2
[W:A,H(2) L:C]



Augsburg-MIAC 1-1
[W:SP L:S]



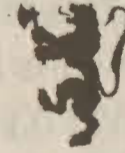
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St. Thomas-MIAC 4-1
[W:EC,RF,SP(2) L:RF]



*Stevens Point-NCHA 3-6
[W:SO(3) L:SM(2),SB,ST(2),A]



*St. Olaf-MIAC 0-5
[L:SP(3),EC(2)]

*= first-year program

"You don't have the intimidation, the clutch and grab. The skill level catches up with the game. To me, it's going to be the best game in town."

Behind the Scenes



When UW-Stevens Point announced the inauguration of a Pointers women's hockey program and hired coach Jason Lesteberg in April 2000, there was a huge local interest.

"The number one aspect of (our early success) is hockey in general in Stevens Point," Lesteberg said. "Hockey is very popular."

In fact, 27-year-old Stevens Point native Nicole Busse transitioned

"I don't think too many [recruits] will be too excited about going out east when the best hockey is going to be right here."

- Joe Cranston, UW-RF coach

from her full-time job at Point's Willett Arena to enroll at the University and play varsity hockey.

"I've played hockey here all my life," she said. Before going varsity, Busse played in a men's league twice a week and grabbed extra ice time whenever she could.

Misheski, too, decided on UW-RF with hopes of the program going varsity, which it did two years into her college experience.

But initial interest runs out in a hurry. What has brought teams to the top has essentially been recruiting.

"Last year, I wouldn't have

Unfortunately, none of the NCHA's debut teams hired a coach in time for adequate recruiting.

On the other hand, the Falcons struck a recruiting goldmine, and it transformed the team. Cranston drafted 11 high school stars, including four Minnesota Selects players.

If you look closely, though, you'll notice a stark repetition in demographics. That's right, every single one came in from out-of-state. More specifically, from Minnesota. Every one.

Of the complete roster, only one of the Falcons' 19 went to high school outside Minnesota, in Wisconsin. At Superior, there is one Wisconsin native; 53 percent come from Minnesota. Lake Forest College, in Illinois, boasts only one Wisconsin player; Eau Claire has a closer ratio, nine to seven in favor of Minnesota.

The only exception is Stevens Point, where hockey tradition pulled in 73 percent of their 15-player squad from Wisconsin, with three straggling Minnesotans.

"You have to credit the men's team for part of that," Lesteberg said. "People all around the nation know about Stevens Point hockey."

But Coach Lesteberg also admitted that this ratio of Wisconsin versus Minnesota players won't hold.

"We'll have our fair share of Minnesota players, just due to the strength of their high school program," he said.

"One problem you run into when recruiting Wisconsin girls," Cranston warned, "is that a good hockey player in Wisconsin is probably not surrounded by other good players, and so they have a tendency to think they are Division I caliber," when they're not. "Wisconsin players have to get past that, because if they don't, they're not going to end up playing college hockey."

When it comes to Division III colleges, though, there are a lot of other factors involved in recruiting, and the NCHA and MIAC offer different advantages to prospective players. "A lot of people go to MIAC schools because they have the tradition and prestige of a private school," Hoff said.

The NCHA counters with affordability. "You can still go to a Wisconsin school, get a good education, spend less money, and probably play a better caliber of hockey than in the

boat to help each other and become a strong conference."

The Competition



Commenting on which conference was stronger, Jim Thies said, "during the first year, it's always tough to say."

That mood seemed to prevail over the ambiguous season's end. But to UW-RF's Cranston, it's a huge indication of how far the Falcons have come, and where they're going.

Over the past two years, the program has seen incredible turnover. Only six players made the move to year two, and merely three of those will hang on for year three.

According to Cranston, patience has been the key in the early stages of the program's development. "There are a lot of fine lines between making sure it's fun, making sure you're competitive, making everyone happy, and not building the program too fast. Everything is a real balancing act."

Throughout the season, the Falcons overcame a scoring drought and added a starter midway through the season. By the end of the year, they seemed to approach a peak level of performance, climaxing with their triumph over Superior. At that point, calling it quits seemed inappropriate.

"It was kind of devastating at first," Hoff said of losing the national tournament bid to St. Mary's. "It was a sound win [3-0] - we were a much better team. Sure, they improved over the season, but we improved too. It was just very frustrating."

"It was a letdown, but we couldn't prove ourselves late in the season," Stokes said, referring to the fact that the Falcons weren't scheduled to play either MIAC frontrunner in the closing weeks of the season. "We did all we could. The rest wasn't up to us."

Representing the Midwest, Gustavus and St. Mary's ventured to Rochester, New York, to challenge the ECAC powers, Middlebury College and Williams College. In the end, Middlebury extended its reign of triumph, with Gustavus and St. Mary's filling second and third.

Middlebury finished its season 23-1-1, untouchable by the Midwest,

steps," Cranston said. "I just don't think the Eastern schools are going to be able to compete unless they get over here and start getting some of the Minnesota kids. But I don't think too many will be too excited about going out east when the best hockey



Falcon goalie Jill Janikowski's helmet depicts a tenacious Falcon, a fitting emblem for a season that took many by storm. But the Falcons don't plan on settling down; they've just begun their attack on the college hockey scene.

is going to be right here."

Strength of schedule, along with record, was part of the selection process for the national tourney. St. Mary's, 21-6-1 before the tourney, had played three other nationally ranked teams - Gustavus, Colgate, and UW-RF, with a 2-4-1 record against them. The Falcons, 19-7-1; had played three nationally ranked as well - Gustavus, St. Mary's, and UW-S, with a 3-4 record.

Besides the national tournament, it's hard to know how the East and

Falls, on the other hand, things are quite different. Players rejoice when they get food money for a trip.

Except for jerseys and sticks, pretty much everything else falls onto players' pocketbooks. They pay for access to the weight room.

In Superior, though, it's a little more complicated. Coach Jane Norman and goalie Kelly Timm both mentioned a gender equity battle to get funding. A simple request was not enough. They had to go to board meetings, meet with the chancellor, and even get women's rights activists on campus involved.

"It's really sad," Timm said. "This isn't the 1920's anymore. At this campus, maybe we would have been better off playing back then."

Eventually, though, they did get funded.

As far as budgets on the whole, the biggest problem at UW-RF is the locker room situation. Falcon players have to walk from the Knowles lockers on skate guards, and there have even been instances where opposing teams have been without a locker room.

In a numbers comparison, the NCHA does average thousands less in budget allotments, from \$10 to \$20 thousand, while the MIAC schools range from \$20 to \$30 thousand per year.

Despite all the differences, as Wisconsin's girls high school hockey chases Minnesota, their women are well within striking distance, and the future looks bright. All indications point toward an even closer match-up next year, and that makes for exciting hockey.

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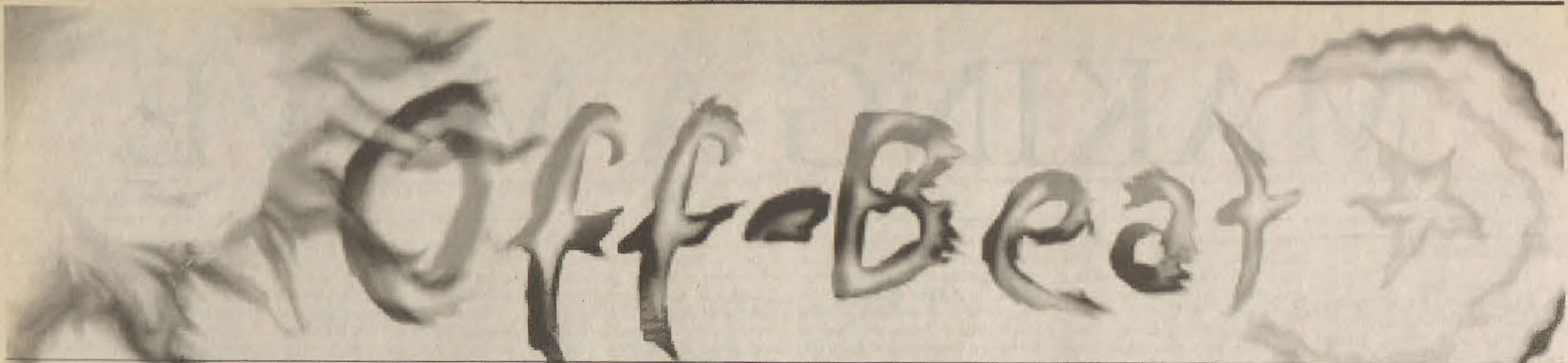


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A geographer's perspective

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The Chalmer Davee Library breezeway was filled with attentive listeners Tuesday night as author, geographer and retired professor Dr. Yi-Fu Tuan read from his 1999 autobiography, *Who am I?*

Sponsored by the Wyman Series, the Asian-American Student Association and the Library Exhibits and Presentations Committee, the event let attendees understand how Tuan views his life and his relationships with others from a geographic perspective.

"I'm a bit of the world," Tuan told the audience. "I've done 70 years of research on it."

According to Central Washington University's website, www.cwu.edu, Tuan was born in Tientsin, China in 1930, and came to the United States in 1951 where he earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Oxford University. Tuan continued his studies at the University of California-Berkeley, where he received his Ph.D. in 1957.

Tuan has taught geography at many universities across North America, including the University of Toronto, the University of Minnesota and UW-Madison, where he retired from in 1998.

Tuan has written over two dozen books and has received many awards that include a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Cullum Geographical Medal from the American Geographi-

cal Association. Also a member of the Association of American Geographers, the Association for Asian Studies and the American Geographical Society, Tuan said studying geography helps people understand themselves and others.

"I see geography as an important message or root of understanding to what it means to be human," he said.

Tuan read from several chapters of his auto-

put on earth to help stranded motorists," he said.

Tuan also read excerpts that describe biological injustices, and how people should look for things in others that are "below the surface," instead of judging others on looks alone.

"All my life I've lived in college and university communities, and rarely do I see the plain or the ugly," he said.

A question-and-answer period followed the reading where Tuan explained how humans manipulate nature to make their lives easier and more enjoyable.

"When you play with nature, there's no limit to what you can do with it," he said.

Many students attended the reading and described it as interesting and worthwhile.

"It was a unique discussion," said sophomore Myser Yang, member and public relations representative of the Asian-American Student Association. "I liked the way he used satire and symbols to give examples about his life."

Junior English major Anna Robbins was surprised with the event.

"It was more interesting than I thought it would be," she said. "I didn't know what to expect."

Sophomore Somom Huot said Tuan's reading was inspiring.

"You had to think deep about what he was talking about," Huot said.

Tuan is currently finishing his final book tentatively entitled *Life and My Magic Marker*.

"Life is a text, and students highlight the good parts," he said. "This book highlights the parts I have kept."



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Dr. Yi-Fu Tuan reads from his autobiography *Who Am I?* Tuesday night in the library breezeway.

"I see geography as an important message or root of understanding to what it means to be human... When you play with nature, there's no limit to what you can do with it"

Dr. Yi-Fu Tuan

biography that describe his childhood, his educational experiences and his adult life. From his school experiences as a child in Australia

to his field studies in the Arizona deserts, Tuan explained how he never lived in one place for more than five years until age 38 when he moved to Minneapolis. In Minneapolis during a 1982 snowstorm, Tuan was thankful for a caring stranger who helped him push his car out of the snow.

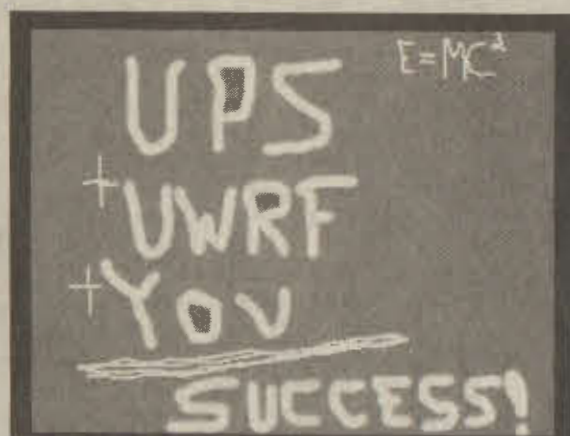
"I thought of him as an archangel temporarily



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UW-RF Jazz Ensemble director David Milne (left) listens to a solo by saxophonist Fred Langenfeld during a rehearsal for the ensemble's Tuesday evening performance in Abbott Concert Hall.

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