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Habitat for Humanity raises money, recruits volunteers

■ River Falls chapter to build house this spring

Caroline Joyce
Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls Habitat for Humanity chapter hosted a fundraiser kick-off at Hagestad Student Center on Wednesday to raise awareness about the Habitat house that will be built in River Falls this year.

The campus chapter's goal is to raise \$30,000 in order to build the Habitat house, which will be located off of Main Street.



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

UW-RF students (left to right) Dawn Puro, Jessica Wiskow and Joe Dotlich discuss Habitat for Humanity volunteer opportunities at the Wednesday kick-off.

The final \$20,000 will have to be raised by the end of May in order to begin building the house.

At the kickoff, Habitat members will begin to recruit volunteers in order to help the actual construction of the house.

"The purpose of the kickoff is to raise some donations, recruit volunteers, and to let the campus and community know that this is going to happen in River Falls," said Dawn Puro, a member of Habitat for Humanity.

Along with taking volunteers, members of the group will be on hand to provide the campus with information about Habitat for

to build the Habitat house in River Falls.

"Even if we don't see it, there are families in our own community that are currently living in sub-standard housing," Vogt said. "Families who are chosen need to go through a long process to find out if they qualify for a home. They must show a need, but also must have a steady income."

Habitat member Amanda Dahl said that by building a house in River Falls, more people would understand that sub-standard housing is a problem throughout the world.

"I believe it's important to build a

Habitat House in River Falls because there is a definite need here," Dahl said. "I don't think people realize that substandard housing problems are evident all over the world- yes that includes in our own backyard in River Falls."

Dahl would like to provide a wake-up call for those who think homelessness is only a "big city" problem.

"I think building this house will open more eyes to this realization and show people that there are people in need right here in River Falls, hopefully dispelling some of the stereotypes that housing issues only are alive and well in inner cities or other places, but could never happen where they live," Dahl said.

Nissen said it would not only be the homeowners who would benefit from this project.

"The community benefits any time you can help someone become a homeowner," Nissen said. "The changes that take place in people greatly impacts their ability to contribute to a community."

The organizers of the kick-off were confident about bringing different groups together for one cause.

"This is in the real sense of the word, a community event," Nissen said. "It is not a student event or even a St. Croix Valley Habitat event, it is a community event that the community needs to be aware of and given the opportunity to participate in as well."

According to Puro, groundbreaking for the Habitat house may be as soon as this spring, but "more likely, starting in the fall of 2002 and continuing through the school year."

"(It will be a) great opportunity for students, faculty and staff, and the community to see the whole house go up, and to help with it," said Puro.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical, nonprofit, Christian housing ministry whose goal is to do away with poverty housing for people of all backgrounds, religions and races. Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat for Humanity has built over 100,000 houses.

In order for homeowners to receive the help from Habitat, they must show a need for the housing, be able to pay for the house, and perform "sweat equity hours" on the house.

The St. Croix Valley Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity has been building houses in St. Croix Valley in Prescott, Spring Valley, Glenwood City, Baldwin, and Ellsworth. The house in River Falls

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Royal teamwork



Sara Masson / The Student Voice

UW-RF Winter Carnival royalty candidates Don Brown and Sarah Wallek compete in the three-legged race Monday outside Hathorn Hall. Brown and Wallek represented Crabtree Hall and were one of 12 pairs of royalty candidates.

Coronation is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday at Brandy's.

Women's issues, gender equality discussed at weekend conference

Teresa Schmitt
Co-Photo Editor

Feminist Action in Everyday Life was the theme of last weekend's Women's Leadership Conference where about 200 women and a few men attended sessions and listened to speakers on feminism in the world today.

Students from more than 23 universities attended the 6th annual conference and the largest women's issues conference in the state. Students listened to different sessions but also presented sessions themselves.

Some of the issues covered during the weekend included: Reclaiming Language: discussing words that have been used to objectify, demean and oppress women; Gender and Race: Thinking and Living Outside the Boxes: exploring how "gender" and "race" categories have been used as tools of oppression; Women and Political Power: devoted to discussing an increased representation of women in government; How to Be A Drag King: empowering women by crossing gender barriers and showing creativity; Self

Defense and Self Protection: how not to become a victim.

The sessions throughout all three days brought large groups and small groups together, and everyone had their favorite session.

Sophomore Kati Altschwager of UW-Whitewater attended sessions all weekend.

"The best sessions I attended were the ones focused on women in the media," Altschwager said. "Being a political science major it was different and interesting to learn something totally different than what I already know."

According to Jessi Andrews, coordinator of the conference, the weather during the weekend impacted the conference attendance.

"Five workshop presenters canceled because of the weather in southern Wisconsin," Andrews said. "At least another 75 people didn't come for the same reason, and some schools left a little early on Sunday because of the weather."

Although some speakers did cancel, keynote speaker Loretta J. Ross presented Saturday afternoon and, according to most students, was an excellent speaker.

Ross is the founder and executive director of the National Center for Human Rights Education in Atlanta, Georgia. Her areas of expertise are human rights, women's issues, diversity issues, hate groups and bias crime.

Ross spoke to encourage women feminists and all activist groups.

"All the good stuff isn't over," Ross said, when discussing that

See "Women" on A6

Correction

In the front-page story "Searching for closure" that appeared in the February 28 edition of *The Student Voice*:

-UW-RF personal counselor Gretchen Link was identified incorrectly.

-Sophomore Mike Young was incorrectly identified as Mike Johnson, a UW-RF student who died of cancer last December.

The Student Voice regrets these errors and apologizes for any confusion they may have caused.

Columbine victim's father recounts daughter's life, faith

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

Bright orange t-shirts that said "I agree with Rachel" helped attract a group of 43 UW-River Falls students to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul last Friday to hear Darrell Scott, father of Columbine High School tragedy victim Rachel Scott, give a presentation on the significance of his daughter's life and death.

Since Rachel's death on April 20, 1999, Darrell has toured the United States speaking to millions of high school and college students through a program called Columbine Redemption.

Rachel was shot by two fellow students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, for professing her faith in God. Eleven other students and one teacher were also killed at Columbine.

Throughout her life and specifically in a paper she wrote shortly before her death - which is available at www.RachelScott.com - Rachel



Rachel Scott

challenged others to start a chain reaction of kindness.

"The first and the second and the third impressions can be deceitful of what kind of person someone is. ...Did you ever ask them what their goal in life is, what kind of past they came from, did they experience love, did they experience hurt, did you look into their soul and not just at their appearance? Until you know

them and not just their 'type,' ...you have not looked for their beauty, their good."

Darrell said that Rachel had made a commitment to meet one new person at her high school every day and try to get beyond those first impressions. He told many stories of Rachel doing just that, stories he was told from the many letters and phone calls he got from her classmates after the tragedy.

"I am sure that my code of life may be very different from yours," she wrote, "but how do you know that trust, compassion, and beauty will not make this world a better place to be in and this life a better one to live? My codes may seem like a fantasy that can never be reached, but test them for yourself, and see the kind of effect they have in the lives of people around you. You just may start a chain reaction."

Jen Taff, one of the UW-RF students, brought three women along with her to the presentation, one of which came after seeing Taff's orange "I agree with Rachel" t-shirt.

"(Darrell's) message was just so

powerful and so moving," Taff said. "Rachel's story was so huge."

That same friend that came with Taff decided to accept Rachel's challenge to start a chain reaction, and all three spent the car ride back home considering what high school had been like for them and how they could change their attitudes and actions now in college, Taff said.

"(Rachel's story) inspired me to be more bold with my faith (in Jesus Christ) and to be more warm and friendly, to do my part of the chain reaction," Taff said.

Darrell also told the audience of 830 students from about 15 Twin Cities metropolitan area colleges that there were two things that Rachel knew she was going to do from when she was little to her last days. She was going to be famous - she wanted to be an actress and also a missionary - and she would die at a young age.

Darrell spoke of several examples when family and friends heard her talk of these things matter-of-factly. She became both, although indirectly. Her picture was shown in



Darrell Scott

major newspapers, magazines, and TV shows like Oprah, Larry King Live, and several morning shows.

And Darrell has devoted himself full-time to sharing Rachel's story with people across the world. He shared a number of other instances where Rachel's words, writings or drawings have been prophetic about Columbine's tragedy and have affected the world since then.

One of her drawings was especially prophetic about the tragedy.

A month after the tragedy, Darrell said, a businessman from Ohio called him to say he'd been having a week-long recurring dream of Rachel crying onto something he couldn't quite make out.

At the time, Darrell couldn't understand it either, but when Rachel's backpack was released by police (it was held for evidence because of bullet holes) Darrell found her diary and a sketch that a teacher later said had been drawn by Rachel less than an hour before she was killed.

That sketch was a pair of eyes shedding 13 tears (13 people were murdered that day in April) on a rose that had, in another of Rachel's drawings, grown out of a columbine plant. Once the tears had touched the rose, they appeared to turn to blood, Darrell said. The drawing and other information surrounding the life and death of Rachel Scott and the efforts to tell her story can be found at www.RachelScott.com.

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention spring 2003 student teachers

During the next couple of months Dr. McCollum will hold informational meetings about student teaching. These meetings are held to clarify procedures for application to student teaching and to answer any questions you might have. The last meeting will be May 1, 2002. Applications to student teach spring 2002 are due no later than May 15, 2002.

Attendance at a meeting in required prior to application to student teach. (You need attend only one meeting). Please arrive promptly, sign in and remain for the entire meeting (above an hour).

Sign-up sheets with dates, times and locations are posted on the student teaching bulletin board on the second floor of WEB. We have limited seating for each meeting, so sign up early. If no one signs up for a meeting, it will be cancelled.

Current textbook sale and discontinued texts

Students: If you wish to purchase any of the textbooks you have checked out this semester, bring them to Textbook Services during the book sale from Feb. 11-April 12. Textbooks purchased during the semester book sale will be discounted 20 or 40 percent, depending on the age of the text. Subject to availability, undergraduate students may also purchase texts from classes in which they are not currently enrolled during the book sale.

Discontinued texts, i.e. texts that were formerly used in classes, are on sale at minimal prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy, from now until finals week. Books in most subject areas are available. They are on display at Textbook Services. Some free discontinued textbooks are also available.

EVENTS

Diversity and the media seminar

Murali Balaji, a reporter from the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, Bruce Corrie, a professor at Concordia University and Shoua Xiong, founder of Hmong community programming will be hosting a seminar entitled "Asian American Media" Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Women's History Month

There will be a choral reading and oral interpretation of Susan Sontag's "The Way We Live Now," Friday, March 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the library breezeway. Also in celebration of Women's History Month, local artists Phyllis Goldin and Wanda Brown will be providing music and poetry Tuesday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the library breezeway.

St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra

The St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra will be performing Brahms, Bach and Beethoven Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in the William Abbott Concert Hall in KFA. For more information, call 425-3183.

UW-River Falls Wind Ensemble

The spring concert of the UW-RF wind ensemble is Sunday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall. The spring ensemble will feature faculty artist Rick Gaynor on trombone.

Riversides live music calendar

500 First St. Hudson, WI (715) 386-5504
NEW: Open mic every Tuesday 9 p.m.-Midnight hosted by Doctor Smoke.
Karaoke every Friday
Live music and DJ on Saturdays
All music 10 p.m-1 a.m.

March 9: DJ Steve

March 16: My Cousin Dallas

March 23: DJ Steve

March 30: Irene Keenen

April 6: DJ Steve

April 13: Hungry Horse

April 20: East of Eagan

April 27: Jones Tones

For booking information, call Lori Karis at (715) 381-2652

The Bean Bag Coffee House live music calendar

245 Knowles Ave. New Richmond, WI (715) 246-5800
All music is from 7 p.m-9 p.m. on Saturdays

March 9: Le Nor Barry

March 16: Dean Butler

March 23: Jon Sunde

March 30: Kip

Mary's Story

Mary's Story, the unforgettable original musical drama of the crucifixion of Christ as witnessed by his mother, will be performed at Ezekiel Lutheran Church, 202 S. Second St. at 7:30 p.m Saturday, March 23 and 3:00 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 24.

Attention UW-RF organizations, societies and students

Here's your chance to show your support and become a permanent fixture in the River Falls community. Help support the Historic Preservation Commission of River Falls in its efforts to restore and preserve the Junction Mill Smokestack by purchasing a personalized engraved brick that will become the walkway to the newly designated historic structure. 4"x8" bricks cost only \$35 and 8"x16" bricks cost \$130. Brick samples and order forms are available at City Hall or online at www.rfcity.org. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Stacey Bostwick at 42-0900, ext. 149 or by e-mail at sbostwick@rfcity.org.

MEETINGS

Gay/Straight Alliance

The UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance will be meeting every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the student center. Meetings are confidential and all are welcome.

Business Association

Nothing to do on Mondays and are wondering what you could do with your time? Come be a "business shark" and join Business Association. We meet every other Monday night at 4:30 p.m. in the International Room in the Student Center. Contact Claire at claire.m.knaeble@uwrf.edu with any questions you might have.

African American Alliance

The African American Alliance meets Mondays at 4 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. All are welcome.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International will meet Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Rodli Commons room 131.

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.

Chris Anderson
Staff Writer

Author and University of Minnesota-Mankato professor Suzanne L. Bunkers read excerpts from her latest book, "Diaries of Girls and Women" to a crowd of 35 people in the Breezeway of Davee Library on Thursday Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. as part of the Literary Series.

The event was designed to start during Woman's Month (March), but many of the diaries Bunkers read from contained a variety of issues.

One of the diaries was written by Marcus Ferguson Nash, an active member in the Civil Rights Movement from Waterloo, Iowa.

"After I spoke at a conference about race relations one woman in the crowd said there must have been outward hostilities to her immigrant parents when they came over here as they were Danish. I hope that woman realizes what race relations really are," Bunkers read from Nash's 1947 diary.

Everyone should keep a diary Bunkers said as she showed that many of the diaries she had did not contain a professional writing style.

"Sarah Gillespie from Muskateen, Iowa kept a diary for 78 years (1877 to 1955) and used a one-word description for the weather always: cold, foggy, warm, and so forth," Bunkers said. "Other writers put much effort into their diaries," Bunkers said.

"Gertrude Blair (1883-1959) of River Falls wrote 200 pages every year, even when she had a physical and psychological breakdown at college in 1896 that lasted to 1898," said Bunkers.

Not all diarists published in "Diaries of Girls and Women" lived in the late 1800s; many are some of Bunker's own students.

One girl, "Rachel" recounts going to the doctor for the first time.

"The nurse said I was the best patient she ever had and said she had a surprise for me. She came back with something behind her back and I eagerly waited to find out what my surprise was. Then she pulled out from behind her back a very long, sharp needle. I jumped off the bed and ran toward the door. My mother yelled at me to sit back down and the nurse said it wouldn't hurt a bit...it did hurt and while I continued crying afterwards while I was being bandaged the nurse said I was the worst patient they ever had," Bunkers read from Rachel's journal.

Another student, "Megan," had this thought while feeling depressed in her teenage years: "Does this mean I didn't always read the best years of my life and somehow wasted them?," Bunkers read from Megan's diary.

Bunkers also tried to include some shorter works in "Diaries."

"One of my goals was to include women who didn't have the time, money, or education to write much," Bunkers said.

Although the diaries range in age from 1837 to 1999, have authors of various ages, and come from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa, Bunkers says some common themes can be found throughout them.

"The need to feel that one's whole life is meaningful is found in a lot of diaries," Bunkers said, "Change and loss, or grief, is another thing people write about a lot."

One of the diarists, Jenny Blair Andrews, writes about the loss of her six-month-old son:

"I have been gathering up his little things so I won't have to see them...the gentle wind seems to say 'gone, gone'....," Bunkers read from Andrews's diary.

People keep diaries for various reasons, Bunkers said.

"Diaries serve as a record for a whole family," Bunkers said. "People also keep them because of their need to have a faithful friend to confide in who doesn't become critical."

Since all of the authors in "Diaries of Women and Girls" are women and girls, Bunkers says she finds the questions of whether or not a person's life is meaningful related to some women's issues.

"There's always the whole question as to whether someone's life has value and meaning," Bunkers said. "Women's ties to economic security and trying to find their place in life is the bottom line in a lot of the diaries I have read."

There are some differences that

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-Suzanne Bunkers, author

can be observed in the diaries of males and females, Bunkers said.

"Men's diaries tend to concentrate more on work while women's concentrate more on things like events at home and milestones," Bunkers said.

Showing how important people's private lives are throughout history was one of Bunker's major goals in writing "Diaries."

"I felt that ordinary people's lives were very important and so I started collecting stories of private lives and that's how I got stated with a lot of my books," Bunkers said.

English professor Jenny Brantley, who organizes the Reading Series, says literature should also have an extended definition.



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

Suzanne Bunkers spoke to students, faculty and community members about the importance of keeping a diary.

"I think that literature should be more exclusive than inclusive, and that's why diaries count as literary works," Brantley said.

Diaries are often meant to be shared, and Bunkers said the idea of keeping their contents secret is largely hype.

"Most 19th century diaries don't have a lock and key," Bunkers said. "The idea of keeping them locked is largely a 20th century phenomena."

Originally, Bunkers wanted to get diaries from her own family, but couldn't locate any.

"I couldn't find diaries in my family history so then I stated collecting farm women's diaries," Bunkers said. "Once I started reading from farm women's diaries I decided I wanted to look at teacher's diaries also and then just any diaries."

Bunkers says she gets the diaries she publishes from a wide variety of places.

"Many diaries I get from historical societies. I also get a lot from university libraries, homes of the diarist's descendants, or a diarist might get their work to me directly," Bunkers said.

Bunkers says she is interested in how diaries will advance as technology does in the future.

"I am interested in diaries which are online," she said. "People who do it do it with the idea that other people can read their diaries and then interact with them by giving them some feedback. Right now one of my classes is using the online diary."

Bunkers keeps a diary herself, though she admits many of the entries are scattered.

"I have kept diaries for a long time, since Christmas Eve 1960 when I got my first, but I frequently didn't write in them," Bunkers said. "Eventually my hope is that I don't throw them away or burn them but give them to the Iowa Women's Archives in Iowa City."

Anyone can and should keep a diary to preserve history, said Bunkers.

"One misconception that a lot people have is that if you're not a famous person you're not that important," Bunkers said. "What they don't understand is that private lives throughout history have been just as important as public ones."

Many members of the audience agree with Bunkers.

"I enjoyed this program a lot. I feel that much of the truer history of civilization can be found in people who are in the background," said Phyllis Goldin, member of the general public.

Students also enjoyed the program.

"It was really good and interesting to know information that's hard to get," said Yana Yurgelyanis, a senior majoring in economics.

Brantley said she was pleased with the turnout at the event.

"We had a good turnout of almost forty people to listen to Bunkers read from her book," Brantley said.

Other women authors are scheduled to speak at future Reading Series this month.

Nationally known novelist shares life work



Teresa Schmitt/The Student Voice

Carolyn See shares excerpts from her non-fiction book and novels to an audience in the Library Breezeway Wednesday. See signs a copy of her book for senior Kara DeVriendt (right).

Teresa Schmitt
Co-photo editor

Laughter and tears filled the Breezeway of Chalmer Davee Library Wednesday afternoon where novelist Carolyn See addressed about 50 students, staff and citizens.

See is the author of nine works of fiction and non-fiction, and has been awarded the prestigious Robert Kirsch Body of Work Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship in Fiction. She is currently working on a new novel.

See shared sections of her novels including: "The Handyman," "Rhine Maidens," "Golden Days," and her non-fiction work, "Dreaming: Hard Luck and Good Times in America."

Her non-fiction novel is a memoir of personal experiences in her life of drugs, alcoholism, depression and divorce.

See shared stories from the memoir including battling a rattlesnake, and her uncle lighting himself on fire with a candle and a napkin.

See teaches literature at UCLA, writes book reviews for the *Washington Post* and writes profiles for the *New York Times* Magazine. She also has served on the boards of PEN Center USA and the National Book Critics Circle.

After sharing some of the stories in her memoir, See gave some tips and advice to students who want to be writers.

"The most important part of becoming a writer is to choose your material," See said. "Every writer has a theme and some people won't know until



later in life."

For See her material and basic theme was her "unhappy childhood." "Sometimes you have an idea of yourself," See said. "Part of writing is to figure out who you are."

See took time to answer questions and even approached some of the audience members asking them questions about why they want to be writers or why they attended the presentation.

One audience member asked See how she became a writer.

"My dad was a journalist," See said. "I wanted to be a writer just like my dad, except I wanted to write a great American novel."

See shared her childhood and early adulthood when her father left her and her mother. See said she would spend weekends with her father at parties discussing literature and having a fun time. She said she would go home where her mother was usually sad and depressed.

Many who attended enjoyed the reading.

"Time went by fast," junior Kara De Vriendt said. "She was very insightful and interesting. She helped me find my own niche in writing."

See's appearance at UW-RF is part of the University's reading series that in the past has brought to campus prominent writers including William Stafford, James Dickey, Allen Ginsberg, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Faith Sullivan, Lorna Landvik, Jon Hassler and Bill Holm.

The reading is free and open to the public. For more information, contact English sssociate professor Jenny Brantley at (715) 425-3537.

Student Senate

Diversity issues director resigns from Senate

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

The resignation letter of Eric Dodge, diversity issues director, was presented at the March 5 meeting of the Student Senate. Therefore, a motion to remove Dodge from his duties due to poor academic standing was removed from the agenda.

Many senators commented on the position the next diversity issues director would have to fill. Vice president Sean Froelich wrote a letter thanking Dodge for his three-year commitment to Senate, during two of which he was director of diversity issues.

"We will all miss Eric Dodge. He has done amazing things on this senate for the last years," said President Cora Opsahl. "But now I challenge you all to show up at those meetings he showed up to every single week."

Dodge was unavailable for comment at the time this story was run.

Two representatives from the campus calendar committee made a presentation to Senate about efforts made so far to balance the University academic calendar. The problem of unequal semesters has been a concern of the Senate for several years.

According to state law, there must be 150 days, or 32 weeks, of faculty/student interaction, or instructional days. Classes can not start prior to Sept. 2 and spring semester has to start after Martin Luther King Jr. Day. So, because fall semester is constrained between Sept. 2 and Christmas vacation, there are usually only 72 days available, which means there must be 78 days in the spring semester to meet the yearly quota.

In order to reconcile the six day difference, the committee has proposed two options. The first would simply be to shorten spring semester to equal fall semester. The school would then try to come up with other ways to make up for missed instructional days totaling up to the missed four weeks of instruction days in a four year college career.

The second option would be to lengthen each class period by five minutes and shorten each semester to 70 days, or 14 weeks. Spring semester would still begin after Martin Luther King Junior Day and would end two weeks before Memorial Day. This would allow for a 'truly balanced calendar,' according to the committee. The shortened semesters would allow for some other changes.

"We would also like to make the J-term experience more meaningful," said Don Taylor, a member of Faculty Senate.

Other advantages of the second option would include students being able to get a head start on summer internships and would keep them from missing training time that usually takes place before UW-RF students finish spring semester. Instructional minutes would also increase by 20 minutes per credit taken.

The committee is still in the information gathering stage, but they seem to be leaning toward the 14 week, class lengthening plan. Two other UW System schools, Stout and LaCrosse, have done this. At those schools, classes begin at 7:40 a.m and end at 5:20 p.m. Other possibilities would be to begin the day at 8 a.m. and end around 6 p.m. or to begin around 6 a.m. and end before 5 p.m.

The calendars for the next three academic years are already approved, so no changes would be instituted until the 2004-2005 school year at the earliest.

Senator Kendra Plant reported on the Women's

Leadership Conference, which was held at UW-RF last weekend.

"It went very well," Plant said. "It was excellent."

After thinking everyone who helped or participated, she commented that there was less attendance than expected.

"Women's issues affect everyone," Plant said. "To give everyone the same opportunities, it really does affect everyone. I hope that people didn't attend because they don't think women's issues pertain to them."

She was also concerned about the photo poll on diversity on campus in last week's *Student Voice*.

"It scares me when people say there is no diversity on this campus," she said. "Diversity is so many things."

Senate also voted on nominees for this year's Chancellors Award. The

award is given for leadership and contribution to the University community. The six candidates nominated by Senate are Ryan Eiler, Eric Dodge, Nicole Nohl, Adam Frederick, Sean Froelich, and Tim Prince.

Eiler is a senior and Student Senate Finance Director. Dodge is a junior and former Student Senate Diversity Issues Director active in Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. Nohl is a senior and Student Senate Student Affairs director and a sorority member. Frederick is a junior, president of Theta Chi fraternity, president of Interfraternity Council, an orientation leader and active in the campus blood drives. Froelich is a senior and Student Senate Vice President and president of Phi Sigma Kappa

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-Cora Opsahl, Student Senate president

'Patient A' preview

Caroline Joyce
Staff Writer

In conjunction with the 10 days of AIDS awareness on campus, the University Theatre presents "Patient A," which opens Friday night.

This production is based on the story of Kimberly Bergalis, the woman who contracted the AIDS virus from her dentist in the late 1980s.

Lee Blessing wrote this play in the early 1990s, including only three characters. Blessing wrote himself into the play as a character in order to interact with the other two characters: Kimberly, played by Suzanne Eastlund, and Matthew, played by Gary Laib Jr.

Senior Scot Moore portrays Blessing and described his character as being "a scholarly gentleman in his mid-thirties, who lives his emotions through metaphor."

"I'm very fortunate to not only have a great role, but in a play that communicates some very strong ideas," Moore said.

Moore said that his character, along with the other two characters, "dissect some of the different viewpoints and stereotypes of AIDS."

Moore described the play as being "cleverly written and interesting."

"It very fluidly raises some common questions and conceptions about AIDS," he said.

Director Margaret Swanson said the main point of this play is to help people openly discuss and deal with AIDS.

"AIDS is still with us," Swanson said. "The issues it raises are still with us. People are still dying, and we all have to survive in the face of uncertainties."

Both Moore and Swanson hope the audience appreciates the meaning behind this play.

"Whether people want to admit it or not, we all want to learn," Moore said. "And, while this play doesn't answer any questions outright, it gives us some things to think about."

This topic is especially important for the college-age audience.

"The AIDS epidemic is a danger for people just the age of many of the students at River Falls," she said. "I hope that the audience will appreciate the chance to learn more about this important topic. Plus, the performances are terrific."

Moore hopes that the audience will "come with an open mind, and stay for the talkbacks after the play. They will be both informative and intriguing."

Performances will be March 7-9 and the 14 through 16 at 8pm in the Syse Theatre in KFA. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for students, and can be reserved by calling the ticket office at 435-3114.

Campus Security

Wallet stolen

Jenny Cullen
Co-News Editor

A wallet/checkbook valued at \$60 was stolen from Hathorn Hall on Feb. 23.

A fire lane sign valued at \$50 was damaged in the parking lot behind the Wyman Education Building. The date of the occurrence is unknown.

Mandy M. McLain, 20; and Lesley D. Chase, 20; were both given a \$213 citation Feb. 24 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.

Three plastic file boxes valued at \$24 were stolen from the Agriculture Science Building between Feb. 22 and Feb. 27.

Clayton M. Keller, 18, was given a \$337 citation Feb. 25 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. It was his second offense.

A 1995 Mitsubishi owned by Paul A. Vette was hit in Q Lot on March 1. The incident was a hit and run.

Brandon T. Breault, 19; Christopher C. Klein, 18; Alicia J. Duppong, 19; and Kristina L. Fisher, 20, were all given a \$213 citation March 1 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

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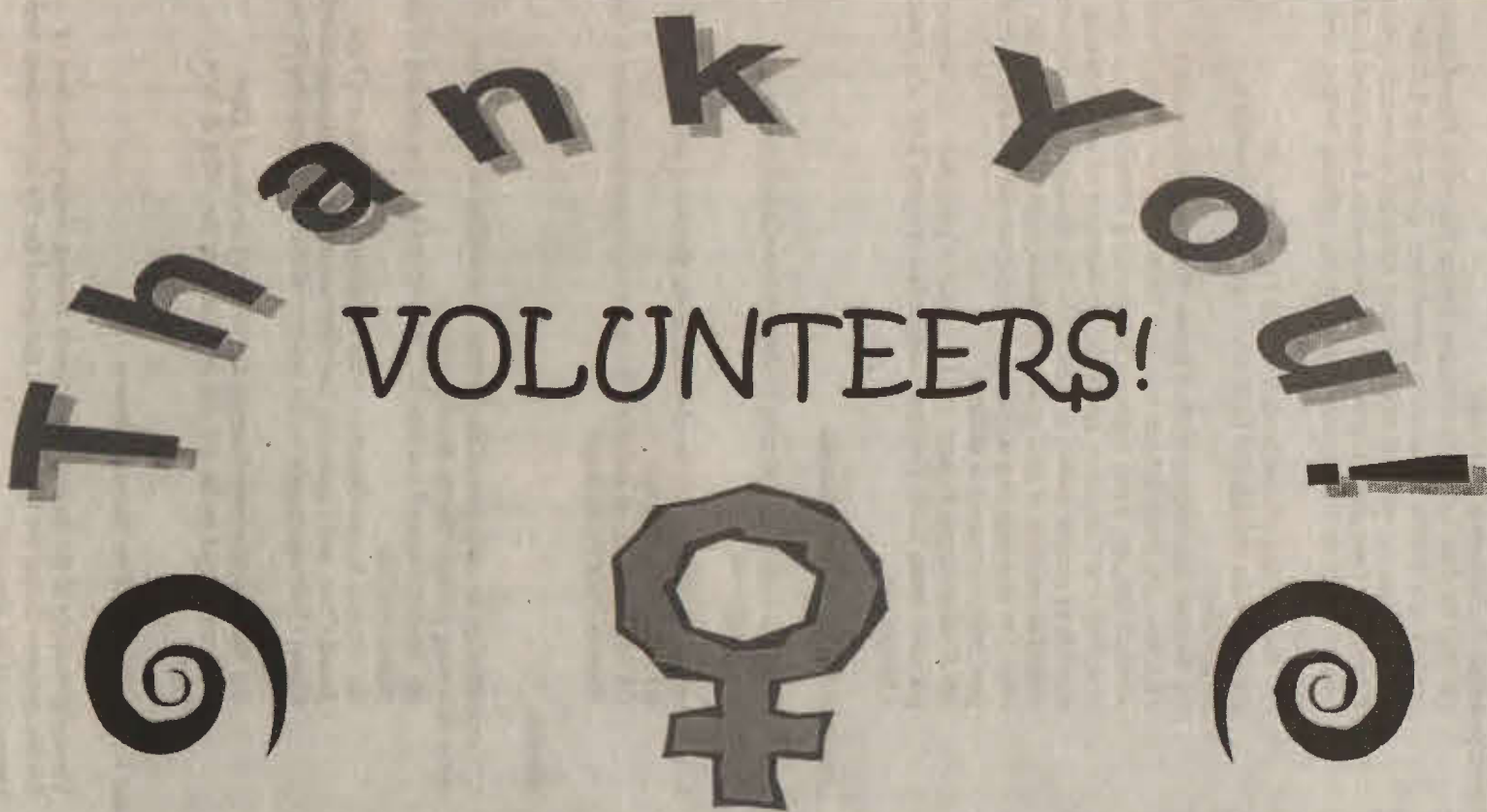


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Can't we all just get along? Dorm life can be bearable



At least we're not St. Cloud

For the past several years, diversity has been a hot issue here at UW – River Falls. It's impossible to sit through a Student Senate meeting without the word coming up at least once, usually in the form of debate. As students, we expect this issue to arise, and it should be no surprise when faculty members decide to weigh in on the issue. When professors start sending out letters asking minority students not to attend their school, well then it gets interesting. Especially when it starts happening on a regular basis.

Over 40 organizations, ranging from high schools, churches, and community groups, received letters urging minority students not to attend St. Cloud State University. The letters were written by Myrtle Cooper, who retired in 1998, along with current professors Tamrat Tademe and

SCOTT JOHNSON



"Over 40 organizations, ranging from high schools, churches, and community groups, received letters urging minority students not to attend St. Cloud State."

Michael Davis. Despite the overtly negative aspects of a letter like this, the professors felt that it had to be done.

The letters, written on February 15th, warned "residency in St. Cloud can be hazardous for Black people." Cooper stated that the atmosphere is "like being part of an ethnic mugging and ambush." They cite 12 distinct examples of racism at St. Cloud State, though Cooper told the St. Cloud State University Chronicle that they were only a handful out of several hundred the three found while researching racism in the city of St. Cloud and the University.

This is the second letter of this type sent from these three individuals. The three faced no consequences after the original letter, though that may be different the second time around. A copy of the letter was sent to St. Cloud State's governing board, to find out what, if any, action the University should take.

St. Cloud State's Student Government responded quickly, with plans to send it's own letter to all the institutions that received the first, stating that the issue is not as severe as the three make it seem. The letter will acknowledge that diversity problems do occur on campus, but stress that the only way to fix it is to increase diversity.

Cooper disagreed, telling the St. Cloud Times that asking minorities to come to SCSU so that the campus can learn about diversity is akin to asking African Americans to go to the South during the years of slavery.

Most students at UW-RF will agree that UW-RF is not as diverse a campus as it could be; the Student Voice's own photo poll about diversity last week only included one minority. We many not exactly be a cultural melting pot, but at least we don't perpetuate a hostile environment. So lets take a moment, reflect, and be thankful. At least we're not as bad as those guys.

If pigs are supposedly the cleanest of animals, then why is it we don't pen up messy people and let the pigs run free? On a recent visit to one of our residence halls, I was once again reminded why I don't live there. One of my biggest pet peeves in the world is messiness. I realize that there are more important things in life than dusting your bookshelves. But when living with someone, cleanliness is one of those consideration factors that should be both common sense and mandatory.

For so many, moving into a dorm is that first experience of the freedom of life without the parental supervision. What a great feeling! However, it seems for some that this much prized freedom replaces or removes from the brain the ability to pick up one's clothes or rinse toothpaste out of the sink or take the garbage out. Why is that?

Another thing that has always puzzled me about resident halls is where that very distinct smell comes from in the guys' wing? You know that pungent fume that seems to formulate whenever a group of males congregate in communal housing. And it's not just guys. Ladies, how about leaving strands of your beautiful long hair on the shower walls? There is already water available, free of charge, rinse the walls off! Having hair on your head, beautiful, but leaving your legacy behind in the shower, repulsive.

By coming here to school, we have already proved that in some way, shape or form we contain some intelligence. Now, I realize, for some this is quite an overgeneralization or stretch, but for my purposes, I'll give you the benefit of the doubt. It's a basic assumption that as students, we can read, know our numbers, and have some basic life skills. All of which should help us in our attempt to become viable members of our community. That is why I have a hard time under-

standing why reading the expiration date on a milk carton is so hard. If the date says Nov 1, 01, and you still have it in March, throw it away! When the garbage is overflowing, tie the bag and carry

dishware was amazing. Then there was the one who hid her dirty dishes under her bed and had no understanding of where the noxious fumes had come from. To no ones surprise, when discovered, her first

MAILE ILAC



"Then there was the one who hid her dirty dishes under her bed and had no understanding of where the noxious fumes came from."

it down to the garbage room. When you can no longer find your loft because your growing mound of dirty clothes buries it, wash them. Come on folks, its common sense. I fully realize in your world, you are royalty and your room is your palace, but your humble subjects are planning a coup.

I have had my share of dorm roommates- 11 to be exact- between the two colleges I have attended. (I have had the fortunate opportunity to live in both temp housing and a quad.) Most of them have been great, but some, well, I beg to differ. My first set of roommates was quite the experience. One had never operated a washing machine or dryer and the other had no concept of washing out dishes. The washing machine thing was easy. For her learning to use a coin operated washing machine was liberating. The other should have been a biologist or something. Her ability to grow mold formations in

words were, "How'd that get there?"

I am sure that there are many of you who can relate with my frustration. What are the sanitary conscious supposed to do? Well, cleaning up after our infantile roommates is always an option. Unfortunately, that is what is usually happens. However, it's not the only solution. We here at UW-RF are fortunate to have wonderful RA's and hall staff. No, they are not going to clean up after your roommate or help you with the mass disposal of your roommate's belongings in your poignant attempt to get your point across. But they can offer some solutions. There is the infamous roommate agreement that is filled out at the beginning of every year or switching of roommates. It's that dandy little sheet of paper where you and your roommate set the rules for your room. This is where details like the lights out policy; garbage

duties and having the opposite sex stay over are made. These agreements are kept on file to help solve issues like this.

Now, about the dirty bathrooms or loud music at 8 a.m., these are dealt with in the community standards that are set by each wing, R.A. and residents alike. Again, this is just another way to hold everyone accountable and keep the peace.

By living in a resident hall, though communal, you have it made! A staff is hired to clean the bathrooms, wash the floors, and take out the trash. You don't even have to buy trash bags! There are no parents or curfews. So really, how hard is it to be responsible enough to keep things clean and considerate of all the others that live with you? Now is a good a time as any to learn how to be self-sufficient. Mom and dad won't always be there, nor will your R.A., hall manager, or janitorial staff.

No one is calling for hospital corners on your bed or absolutely everything to get hung up. And, yes, there are times when messiness happens- even to yours truly. But, it does not have to be a constant state of being. Residence halls, shared apartments, etc. aren't just your personal dwelling place. I just ask that you be considerate of others.

Oh, and if you are wondering about my roommate and my apartment. I am very fortunate. Though she hates to wash pans, she does take out the trash and well, we do just fine. Our home may not be immaculate, but it is sanitary and usually pretty clean.

Just one more thing, where does that smell in most guys' wings come from?

Bush's energy plan endangers wildlife

Once again, Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is under attack. This should come as no surprise, considering the infamous "1002 Area" of the refuge has been hotly pursued by the oil industry since the early 1980's. Every time, the environmentalists have managed to beat Big Oil's advances back with a healthy dose of common sense.

The Republican-controlled House of Representatives passed a bill in August of 2001 that would allow drilling in ANWR to occur, and this week the Senate will begin debating this bill. Fortunately for ANWR and its wildlife inhabitants, the Senate has a Democrat majority. The bill will face some stiff opposition from Democrats, and there will even be some resistance from a half-dozen of the more sensible Republicans. It does not appear likely that the bill will pass, but the ANWR issue will continue to pop up in the coming years, until the Republicans finally satisfy their Big Oil bosses.

There is a reason environmentalists get in a tizzy every time Big Oil makes a move towards the ANWR. The ANWR is the only complete arctic/subarctic ecosystem still protected in the United States. In fact, ANWR has been called America's Serengeti. The Refuge is home to more than 200 wildlife species, ranging from polar bears to musk oxen to caribou to lemmings. The abundance of wildlife is made possible by the "1002 Area" 1.5 million acres of undisturbed, extremely fertile coastal wetland. This area is, in fact, the "biological heart" that makes survival possible for the tremendous variety of wildlife that live in this unique ecosystem. If the oil rigs move in, the wildlife will have no choice but to move

out.

Unfortunately, President Bush has made it a priority to ensure the destruction of ANWR. Bush has been all too willing to help out his old pals in the oil industry, as well as other nonrenewable energy industries. The special interests of these groups - making a handsome profit - seem to be the cornerstone of Bush's environmental and energy policy.

Bush's reasoning for his insistence on ruining ANWR's fragile ecosystem comes from his desire for America to become energy

profit margins could go down. And Bush would never stand by while his pals go from filthy rich to merely wealthy.

And certainly this plan is being supported by many as the way to go. It is particularly popular with Big Industry executives and the members of Congress they have donated to. The problem is that Bush's main objective - energy independence - will not be fulfilled.

Here in the United States, we currently consume over seven billion barrels of oil a year. The U.S.

that this oil will amount to a drop in the bucket as it trickles into our gas pumps. The fact of the matter is that even while drilling in the ANWR, the U.S. would continue to be the largest importer of oil in the world. That doesn't seem very energy independent to me.

The best way for America to achieve energy independence is to practice conservatism - even if it hurts Big Oil's pocketbook. Our population currently makes up five percent of the world population, but we manage to consume 26 percent of the world's petroleum output. We Americans tend to be gluttons. Unfortunately, Congress plays a big role in maintaining our tremendous appetite for oil. If Congress was not so indebted to the Auto and Oil industries, they would be able to pass measures to increase gas mileage of automobiles. If the automobile industry started turning out more efficient vehicles (and they have the technology to do so) with a three mile per gallon increase, that would conserve more oil in a year than could be extracted from ANWR.

And why not take conservation to new levels? Instead of significantly cutting funding for alternative and renewable energy research, lets make it a national priority. If wind or solar technology was given the same financial incentives as nonrenewable energy technology currently receives, there could be significant and rapid improvements made. And this, more than anything else, could lead to energy independence for America.

Oil executives may have to take a pay cut, but I think that is a small price to pay to preserve the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as one of the last truly wild places left in America.

ERIC HENNING



"Americans make up 5 percent of the world's population, but consume 26 percent of the world's petroleum output"

independent.

According to his plan, this can be achieved by extracting our country's limited supply of nonrenewable resources to the fullest extent possible. The plan has a wide range of ways to achieve this, whether it be new "clean coal" technology, nuclear energy, or oil extraction. By contrast, Bush Logic deems the development of alternative and renewable energy sources to be insignificant, as evidenced by a research budget cut of 50 percent. After all, if renewable energy sources were readily available to the American public, Big Oil's

Geological Survey has determined that there is a 95 percent chance five billion barrels of oil could be economically extracted from the 1002 Area. It logically follows that ANWR will provide less than a year's supply of oil for us. (It should come as no surprise that Big Oil uses larger extraction numbers to support their cause. The numbers they use have a five-percent chance of actually happening. Those aren't odds I would take a gamble on.) Factor in the fact that it will likely take 50 years to extract the five billion barrels, and you have to come to the conclusion

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Letters to the Editor

Reader's sound off on column, criticize reporting errors

YOU BRING YOUR SHOTGUN, I'LL BRING MY PEACE SIGN
To my Republican friend,

Upon reading your solution to the problem of overpopulation, at least I think that was what your article was suppose to be about, I felt the need to offer a more liberal point of view. I might start out by saying that only on a campus as conservative as UW-River Falls, in a time as conservative as the present can you write such an article and not enrage a large percentage of the student body.

Fortunate for you, what some people have coined "Generation-X" has turned into "Generation Ultra-Conservative." Let's see where to begin, oh yes; there is the issue of the explosion of nonmarital births.

You pointed out, quite convincingly I might add, in your last article that the explosion of nonmarital births should be credited to the "hippie freaks of the 60's and 70's." Oddly enough, this same group of "hippie freaks" that are the source of today's social problems went to extensive measures to end the Vietnam conflict, promote civil rights, promote women's rights and promote the rights of the disabled. Funny, you failed to mention any of those things in your article. Well hell, bringing an end to Vietnam, energizing and forming civil/women's rights movements are easy things to overlook.

Anyway, back to the problem, in your last article you claimed that 29 percent of the 33 percent of nonmarital births occur to girls age 15 to 19. This would imply that nearly all of the 29 percent of girls are in high school when they get pregnant. What does this little fact tell us? Well, what it tells me is we are lacking quality high school sex education. At present there is no federal law or policy mandating school sexuality or HIV education, none.

What has taken the place of quality sex education is our old conservative message "just say no." Someone (Republican) decided since the "just say no" message was working so well to fight drug use in the country, funny we have any junkies left after that peach of a program, that we could simply apply the "just say no" sticker on the sex issue and bam, we have effectively addressed two major issues without educating anyone.

The underlying goal of abstinence-only programs is to stop teenagers from having sex. The program attempts to do this by portraying sex as a dirty act that leaves you with feelings of disillusion and a tainted reputation. Any question or problem dealing with sex is quickly solved with one solution "just say no." But how valuable is this message when a report in 1994 done by the Department of Education found that "most young people begin having sex in their mid-to-late teens, about eight years before they marry."

What does the "just say no" method tell you if you mess up and get pregnant or get an STD? What do you say then...sh*t, maybe son of a b*tch, I don't know. What I do know is the "just say no" method isn't education, it's I'll tell you what to think and do, so you don't have to think for yourself.

Well my Republican friend I could stop this article here and offer the better high school sex education as my answer to the nonmarital birth problem, but then I would be neglecting to comment on your fantasy of spending all this newly saved government money on the military.

I am sorry to inform you my Republican friend, but increasing the military budget 10 fold is not a very original idea, remember Reagan or Star Wars? Reagan spent billions of dollars on national defense and helped redefine the words national debt, but you'll have that after eight years of "well Nancy I don't recall" and "Oops, I sh*t my pants." Ya, I am just itching to get back to those days.

Well here's another idea for solving the overpopulation problem. We could start a war. I have always heard that war is good for the economy, which ours seems to be lacking a little right now. Hell we are already bombing Afghanistan; of course that country had it coming after what one small radical group of terrorists did to the U.S. on September 11th.

A comparable scenario would be the KKK getting pissed off at the country of France and deciding to bomb a couple of their buildings. France in turn would do the only logical thing, since the KKK represents the attitudes of all Americans, by bombing various large cities in the U.S. thereby killing innocent people and failing to punish/capture/kill any of the real criminals because they are all out hiding in remote southern areas whistling Dixie and doing their sisters. Sound absolutely ridiculous?

Consider our current situation. Any chance we have created another generation of terrorists with all this bombing?

Anyway, back to the war idea, we could start the draft back up. Maybe we could draft the children of "crackhead single moms" first, that way they would be the first ones to be killed. How neat would that be? Heck with the thousands of Americans killed in a war and the large number of lives lost by opposing countries we wouldn't have to worry about over population anymore. Our economy would be booming.

Just one suggestion concerning the promotion of your sterilization program, you may want to consider other methods of promotion than daytime talk shows and late night infomercials since many of the "crackheads" had to sell their 25 inch Zenith for more crack. In fact, in some cases the "crackheads" couldn't afford rent anymore and are out on the streets. Probably not going to catch too many daytime talk shows or late night infomercials from the curbside, just a thought.

Well my Republican friend I would really like to chat longer but I have to go smoke a joint with a couple of leg spreading whores and discuss how to spread communism. Tah Tah.

Pat Lorentz
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To the editor:

"Don't F*** with my Mom"

Once again Dave Misselt has forgotten he's not writing for the Michigan State Militia's monthly newsletter. Misselt is writing to college students.

Some of whom were born to unwed mothers. I would be one of them. I have never been a financial burden to the United States government. My mother, by means of being unwed, would never have been considered ill-prepared and poor. Oh, and she's not a crackhead single mom either.

Perhaps Misselt does remember that he's writing to a collegiate audience.

He twists statistics so they sound much more important. He uses percents of percents to express this problem of overpopulation, which is a typical ploy of Republican extremists. If Misselt had done any legitimate research for his column, he would've discovered that the federal budget devotes less than one percent to welfare and more than ten percent to defense spending.

Anyone, unless of course born to a crackhead mother, would be able to see that one could not double or triple the defense spending through the elimination of welfare.

While I agree with the problem of overpopulation, I believe that ignorance and intolerance are larger societal problems. I am therefore a societal problem, however not in the way Misselt claims that children of unwed mothers are.

I propose that the entire defense budget for this fiscal year be put into time machine research, just go along with me here, and then scientists will go back to have Misselt's mother sterilized.

I don't really mind Republicans. Everyone has their opinions, but there's always that less than one percent that give birth to an extremist.

Happy Mother's Day (a little early) to Mrs. Misselt and all unwed mothers!

A.J. Crotty

To the editor:

I read Mr. Misselt's op ed piece last week and was very disturbed by the contents. While I certainly support free speech, I believe anyone who considers Hitler an exemplary leader should re-examine their values. Evidently some people like to use their personality as a form of birth control. Mr. Misselt, if you would do a little more research, you would discover that female sterilization is a very invasive procedure and much more difficult to reverse if a woman decides to have a child in the future. Male sterilization, on the other hand, is far less complicated and easier to reverse. So, perhaps that's something you should consider. Complicated problems often cannot be fixed by simplistic "solutions." Perhaps we as a society need to examine the underlying social problems that would cause people to have a child out of wedlock, and we should support the young women you believe have no options and little to contribute to our society.

Sincerely,
Leslie K. Bleskachek

Dear Editor,

It is very unfortunate that in today's society there are some people who feel the way that Dave Misselt does. Apparently, according to Mr. Misselt, women should be sterilized because they are the cause of drugs, disease and other social problems. Mr. Misselt, in his entire opinion editorial, not once mentions men's role in the problems in society.

Babies don't come from storks, they come from men and women having sex.

Someone may want to give Mr. Misselt a lesson on sex because it appears he hasn't had one. I ask that all men have sex responsibly and be a man. Stand up and be a father.

Aaron Blazer
President Pro Tempore
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Letter to the Editor:

I would like to thank Dave Misselt's article, "A solution to overpopulation" for blaming women with society's "problem" of overpopulation. I, too, feel that all children should have loving, responsible parents.

However, I KNOW those women who are not in legal marriages should not be labeled as crack heads, poor, and ill-prepared. Please, Davy. How would your mother feel? You highly endorse sex with young females who are inexperienced ("Let's hear it for fornication!") and then claim that women are strumpets. It seems that men and women like you, Davy, are the festering infection on the genitals of our nation.

I would also like to add that I have come up with a better solution for the problem of overpopulation. I contend that we don't sterilize women and give them \$1,000, but instead men. How about it? Would you be the first to volunteer?? It takes two to tango and you seem more than willing to dance.

By the way, women are already our scientists and business leaders. I'm also pretty sure that most women (and men) could add your statistics better than you did. Don't think that us "deadbeats" will let the "unnecessary burdens" of raising children stop us. It isn't.

Oh, and by the way, have a luscious liberal day.

Kendra Plant, student

To the editor:

"A Solution to overpopulation" printed in the February 28, 2002 issue of the *Student Voice* was the single most unintelligent and factually inaccurate excuse for journalism I have ever read in our newspaper. Let us examine the "statistics" of the article, "33 percent of births in the US are nonmarital, 25 percent of these babies are born to girls age 15-19. Now stop and think. nearly one-half of all births in the country are to unwed, ill-prepared, often poor women." No, actually what was stated was that 33 percent of births are to unwed mothers, adding the 25 percent of the 33 percent does not give an accurate description of the statistic, it creates a statistic that is false. I also question the numbers on the failure rates of birth control; where did these statistics even come from?

Another concern I have has to do with the fathers of these children. Mr. Misselt is eager to make down right obscene remarks about not only unwed mothers, but also women in general. He goes on to recommend sterilization of women, but only certain women who he believes to be unfit to have children; I believe that is called eugenics. However, he never bothers to acknowledge the need for fathers to take any responsibility.

And I hope that I am not the only person on campus who takes offense to Mr. Misselt's portrayal of women on the birth control pill as, "strumpets, opening their legs at the drop of a joint and a handful of love beads."

I must admit I was happy to see that Mr. Misselt is apparently endorsing lesbian relationships, "... sex is a great thing and I highly endorse it, especially among willing and nubile females..."

Lastly, the salutation of "have a nice Republican day," leaves me questioning Mr. Misselt's understanding of the Republican agenda. It was my understanding that it has been the Republican agenda that has sought to dismantle family planning agencies by eliminating funding for these programs, programs with the goal of educating women and men and giving them the knowledge to prevent unintended pregnancies.

Theresa Zirbel
Student

Errors in grief story ruined tribute

What a solemn and almost noble tribute for the *Student Voice* to reflect on those friends and loved ones that were lost this past year at UW-River Falls. But, when inaccurate reporting and poor judgement interfere with the condolences on those that were lost, then what is the point of writing the story? Now, I realize that the *Student Voice* is no St. Paul *Pioneer Press*, but most of the writers and editors are journalism or English majors who are supposed to know how to write and conduct investigative reporting.

In the article, "Searching for closure" by Jen Cullen and Kevin O'Brien, it was reported that Mike Young had "died of cancer in December." First of all, I saw Mike Young last week and he looks fine to me. There was an article that I do remember reading in December's *Student Voice* where Michael Johnson was featured as a UW-RF student who had lost his battle with cancer. The article even featured Johnson with his best friend, Mike Young, in a picture on the front page. I would like to point out the fact that O'Brien also co-wrote the article in December.

When does the *Student Voice* decide to write a story? I have been called twice for quotes and both times were after 9 p.m. on Wednesday night. Now, one thing you will learn in journalism is the idea of timeliness, which is great for breaking stories that need to be covered immediately. However, a story about grieving students is not new or urgent news. More research could and should have been done.

One more thing about the article: you featured Gretchen Hatch in the photo, but she wasn't in the article. Perhaps it was Gretchen Link instead. It's like mixing up Superman and Clark Kent.

Next time, maybe a little more thought and consideration will be put into a news article about the loss of loved ones and the grieving that occurs.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua R.Krenz

'Mindless drivl' replaces movie reviews

It comes out weekly, all crisp and neat. The headlines repulse, and the trilogy dedicated to toilets (though well written) leaves much to be desired.

The "horoscopes" are crude, not overly entertaining, and have previously overlooked astrological signs.

Yet legitimate articles, like movie reviews are either omitted or not run weekly.

I really do look forward to reading Paul's current views on movies, but he is replaced frequently by columnists who write an over-elongated article on why there is a difference between jelly and jam.

Yet another is a mock Dear Abby, with made-up people, or at least stupid names, and consequently stupid "concerns." "I have foot fungus by Scott Sass." The columnist then jumps to the conclusion that he doesn't wear clean underwear.

Why is it that so often legitimate and real-world newsworthy articles are surpassed by mindless drivl?

Movie reviews may not be the most important or dramatic pieces ever written, but it appears you have a talented and consistent movie reviewer so why is it that he is put on the back burner in the wake of a series of rampages against toilets?

Fall semester the reviews were decently regular, but this semester they have not been at all. I keep hoping that the paper will bounce back from the lack of real opinion- and I am consistently let down.

Sincerely,
Katie Bleichner, student

Editor's note: Paul Broz's movie review did not run last week because he did not submit one.

Editorial

Bare with us

First of all, we would like to sincerely apologize for the mistakes in the grief story last week.

Mixing up Mike Young's name with Mike Johnson's name and incorrectly identifying Gretchen Link is totally unacceptable and embarrassing to us as journalists.

We would like to thank the readers who speak up when we make a mistake, and we will try harder to prevent mistakes in the future.

Without listening to our readers and responding to their complaints, we are worthless as a newspaper.

Glaring errors like these undermine all of the hard work and dedication this staff puts into publishing *The Student Voice*. Every week, a staff of about 30 writers, reporters, editors, proofreaders and photographers work individually and as a group to develop 10 or 12 pages of relevant news, sports, viewpoints and variety.

Considering that we all have full class loads and many of us have other jobs, it is sometimes amazing that we get a newspaper out at all. However, this is NOT an excuse for these lapses in editorial responsibility and the resulting inaccuracies in important stories.

Every newspaper works on tight deadlines and on occasion this unfortunately results in misspelled names, factual errors, and other journalistic problems. As a student newspaper, we are even more prone to make these mistakes because we are still learning how to become professional journalists.

We ask that you bare with us as we try our best to present the most timely and accurate stories about this campus and the surrounding community.

All letters and other complaints that come to this office are regarded with the highest importance, so we encourage you to keep writing whenever you notice a problem with the content of our newspaper.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the content of our columns. One thing that we have always tried to avoid is censoring our columnists in any way so that we do not prevent people from expressing their opinions. At the same time, we try to present viewpoints that are provocative, yet not simply offending. We have not developed any specific standards for "good taste" in our columns.

These are often subjective areas and it is difficult to get people to agree on them.

So, we invite you to write us a letter with any suggestions you have for establishing guidelines that would fit our reading community. Thanks again to all those who have written in already.

Due to the number of letters to the editor, remaining columns for this week's issue can be found on our online edition.
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Do women today take for granted the women's rights movement that took place in the 60's?



Nicky Holm, Sophomore
"I think we do. We just enjoy the equality we have now and don't think about where it came from."



Amber Baumgarten, Freshman
"I think we do forget sometimes."



Eva Gascon, Senior
"I think most women appreciate it and it makes them achieve their goals."



Rachel Lumpp, Junior
"I appreciate it because of my own personal experiences."



Deborah Arellano, Senior
"I do, but I don't think enough women appreciate what those in the past have done for future generations."

Habitat

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will be the first built in this city. The building site is off of Main Street by the water tower, and is walking distance from the UW-RF campus.

Building a Habitat house in River Falls was a goal for the campus chapter when it was started in 1994.

"Two or three years ago we started putting away a little bit of money to sponsor a house when the chance came," Vogt said. "Well, the chance came sooner than we thought it would, so we are having fundraising blitz to get the money."

It was the relationship between the UW-RF chapter of Habitat and the St. Croix Valley chapter that Nissen credits in getting the house built in River Falls.

The campus chapter is aligned with the St. Croix Valley chapter of Habitat, Nissen said. "They have a representative who attends the St. Croix Valley meetings and serves as a link between the two groups. As the St. Croix Valley group began seriously working toward building in River Falls, there was also discussion regarding the student chapter being a sponsor. It's that ongoing relationship that made it possible for this to happen."

Nissen also expressed how dedicated the members of the campus chapter of Habitat are to be undertaking this project.

"They go to class, they have to study, they have to work, yet on top of all this, they are dedicating themselves to a project that is extremely time consuming when having to raise \$30,000, followed by arranging and overseeing work crews on a continual basis," Nissen said. "Plus, doing much of the building

so that the house not only gets built, but gets built in the appropriate amount of time."

Vogt encourages anyone who is interested in this project to get involved.

"I believe we could strengthen relationships between other campus organizations by having everyone get involved in this project," Vogt said. "If students and the community think that they don't have much to give, every little bit counts."

Even though building the house may be a big project, with the help of the community, Dahl said it could be accomplished.

"This is a huge task," Dahl said. "But I want everyone to keep in mind that every person's contribution, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated and will get us one step closer to reaching our goal."

Women

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most people think all activism took place during the 60's and the time of "flower power."

Ross also spoke of her views on the education system in the nation.

Ross believes public education isn't teaching human rights, and thinks the focus should be on being a better person, not on what society tells a person their limits are.

Ross believes public education sets students limits such as only working to be a factory worker instead of being the factory owner.

"Be a plant owner, not a factory worker," Ross said.

Many who attended Ross's presentation enjoyed it.

"Loretta Ross's speech was very empowering," Altschwager said. "She was so dynamic, loud, and

funny. After she was done speaking everyone was so energized."

Junior Alexia Kjos of UW-River Falls said, "she was just so amazing and inspirational."

The main purpose for some students attending the conference was to listen to speakers such as Loretta Ross, but others were also concerned about sharing the issues they find important with other students.

Candy McGrath of UW-Richland Center came to learn about women leadership but also came to share information about a statewide campaign she has been working on.

"Fighting for tomorrow's economy starts with financial aid today," McGrath said.

McGrath is working to increase financial aid for college students as tuition increases.

UW-RF Student Senate President Cora Opsahl presented a session concerning student governments

with a lack of women. She based her presentation on ways to recruit, retain and move women into leadership positions.

Opsahl said she chose to lead this presentation because of her own personal experiences. According to Opsahl, she has tripled the number of women in the UW-RF Student Senate over the last year.

"It is important to understand that women and men lead differently," Opsahl said. "By understanding this both women and men will be able to lead to their ability."

According to Andrews, the conference ran smoothly and there were no real problems.

"This was a great learning experience on how to run a conference," Andrews said. "We learned what went well and what didn't. It was a fun time."

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Declaring for the draft in kindergarten

There has been a lot of talk lately about a kid in Akron, Ohio, who could be the next first round draft choice in this year's NBA draft. There is only one catch; he is a junior in high school. His name is LeBron James and he has been coached by Michael Jordan, among others. He has already won the state tournament in Ohio twice and was the first sophomore ever to win Ohio's Mr. Basketball. He has been touted as the best player since Jordan. (The first and second coming of Jordan, not the

DAN SCHULTZ

"Wizard Jordan.") The shoe companies have already started begging for him. Oh by the way, fans in attendance range from college coaches that have no prayer of getting him and guys like Antoine Walker, Michael Finley, Tracy McGrady and Jerry Stackhouse. Not bad company.

So why can't he enter the draft you say? Well under the NBA regulations you cannot enter the draft before your high school class is graduated.

I see a problem with this rule. Not because it keeps Mr. James unable to enter the draft, but this rule just says if you are too stupid to graduate, just get held back an extra year and wait for your class to graduate and then enter the draft. James is against the rule for two reasons. For one, why wait for the largest contract of your life when you could possibly get it now? The second is that there may be a stereotype in the NBA.

With such low graduating standards and entrance into the league, there has been growing skepticism about how smart and how ready the athletes entering the NBA are. On the flip side, tennis pros can turn pro at a ripe age of 14 and golfers like Ty Tryon are going pro at 17. Now look at typical athletes coming pro in those three sports. Tennis is predominately upper class white athletes and the ones turning pro early have been traditionally women. In golf, with the exception of Tiger Woods, the field has been upper class whites no matter what the age. Now you look at the NBA, whose race is predominately black but is run by whites. An organization that claims their commissioner is doing what is best for the league. A commissioner, David Stern, who was against Allen Iverson and his street creed, but now is too afraid to even scold him in fear he may lose money and fans. There has been increased uncer-

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Falcons end season short of expectations

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

In just over 18 hours last weekend, the Falcons went from a goal away from vying for the NCHA Championship and beyond, to a goal shy of making the NCAA Tournament at all, and their 2001-02 season remained at 18 wins.

After almost three and a half hours of intense playoff hockey, the Falcons lost a double overtime thriller, 3-2, to St. Norbert in Friday night's NCHA semifinal game at St. Norbert. Then on Saturday, despite outshooting UW-Stevens Point 45-20, the Falcons dropped the NCHA third place game 2-1.

"It was truly a frustrating weekend," head coach Steve Freeman said. "We played as well or better than all of the other teams in the tournament and came away with nothing."

The Falcons had created a 2-0 lead after two periods against the team that lost only once all season to a NCHA team, but the Green Knights responded with their first goal only 10 seconds into the third period to spark a late comeback and the tying goal came at 12:14.

Forcing the contest into overtime, the two squads feuded for all of 20 minutes without an outcome. So the suspense carried into a second overtime and the Green Knights finally won on a blue-line shot from

Jason Deitsch at 7:44 into the second overtime period.

"It was a classic hockey game, with all the drama you could ever possibly want in a college hockey game," Freeman said. "We had (nine) shots (in the first overtime), (nine) chances to change our whole season, and it didn't happen."

Evan Stensrud scored the first of the Falcon goals at 15:41 of the second period, scratching a delayed penalty. There weren't any penalties called until midway through the third period. Stensrud's goal was assisted by John Conboy.

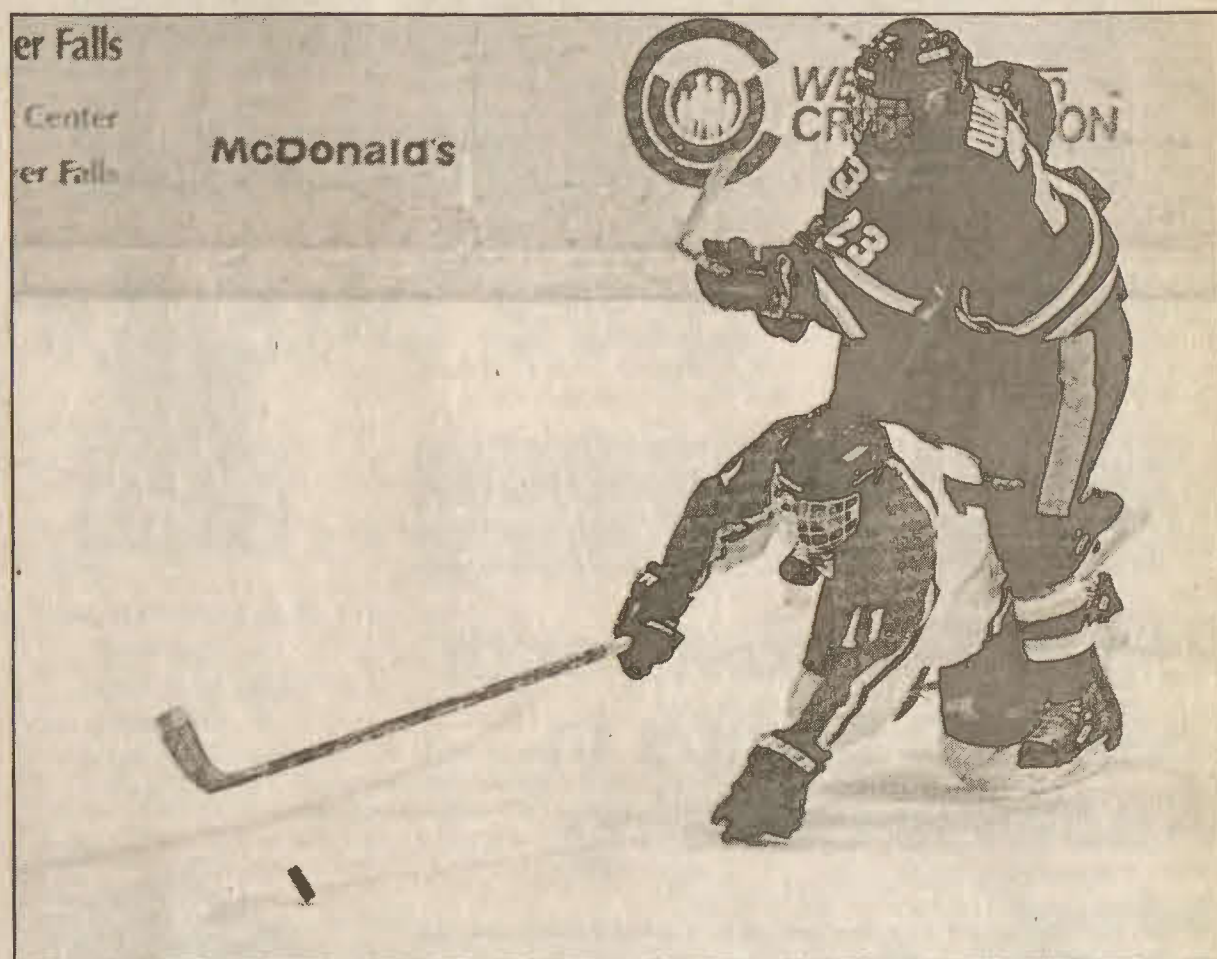
Rheese Carlson put the Falcons at a two-goal advantage a minute after Stensrud, scoring at 16:51 of the second period from Ambrose Tappe.

Jacque Vezina stopped 18 shots in regulation while his teammates put up 26 shots on SNC goalie Ryan Gill. In the first overtime, the Green Knights outshot the Falcons 15-9, but Vezina held tough. By the second overtime, though, the 3-1 shot advantage took its toll and Vezina couldn't stop one.

The loss dropped the Falcons into the NCHA third place game against UW-Stevens Point, and in the midst of a shooting spree, the Falcons came up short.

"We completely dominated the game, every aspect of the game,"

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File photo by Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services

Freshman Josh Schlipp reaches out for the puck after being sandwiched by a pair of Blugolds in the first round of the NCHA playoffs at Hunt Arena. Schlipp ended his debut season on top of the Falcon goals and points charts, and fourth in the NCHA in goals.

Indoor track season draws to a close

All that remains is NCAA Division III meet in Ohio

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's track team finished seventh in the **WIAC Indoor Championships** held at UW-Whitewater last weekend.

UW-La Crosse blew out the competition, winning the championship with 209 points over runner-up UW-Oshkosh at 143. Following the Titans were UW-Stevens Point, 115; UW-Eau Claire, 103; Whitewater, 58; UW-Stout, 22; River Falls, 21; UW-Platteville, 16; and UW-Superior, 11.

"It was one of those meets where if something could go wrong, it did," Coach Kristi Wagner said. "But still scoring 21 points and placing seventh is disturbing."

Kady Kleven, who won the WIAC high jump title in 2001, had the top placing for the Falcons with third place in the high jump at 1.57m.

Kleven will compete on Saturday in her specialty at the NCAA Div. III meet at Ohio Northern. "Kady's

"Any time you take out one person who can score 30 points by herself, and another who is injured who can get 15-20 points, it hurts."

— Kristi Wagner

ninth going into the meet," Wagner said. "This was where she earned

All-American honors as a freshman. Her experience at national meets will help her."

Nicole Pronschinske captured fifth in the long jump with a 5.39m effort. Nina Petersen was 13th with a jump of 5.12m.

Pronschinske jumped to sixth place in the triple jump with an effort of 11.14m, and Petersen took 13th with a 10.42m jump.

Jen Leis threw 13.64m in the weight throw to gain a ninth place finish; Jackie Aprill grabbed 15th with a throw of 12.36m. Haley Hall finished 20th with 11.54m.

Sarah Thull's performance in the pentathlon garnered her a ninth place finish with 2735 points.

Amy Nelson captured 11th in the 3,000m run with an effort of 10:55.18. Candy Kroells was 21st in 11:34.90.

In the pole vault, Joy Hemmesch vaulted 2.70m for an 11th place fin-

ish.

The Falcon 4x200m relay came in sixth at 1:49.63; the 4x400m relay was disqualified. The distance medley came in sixth with a time of 13:20.51.

In the 1,500m run, Sara Rudesill paced the Falcons in 17th with a time of 5:17.98. Gina Schindel finished 22nd in 5:26.17.

Thull led the Falcons in the shot put with a throw of 12.08m that gave her eighth place. Leis was 10th with a 11.43m throw, and Aprill found 12th at 11.18m.

Nelson paced the Falcons in the 5,000m run at eighth with a time of 18:39.3. Lisa Traxler finished 13th in 19:07.46. "Our distance people did a great job - the best I've seen in my eight years. Nelson set a school record in the 5,000," said Wagner.

The Falcons were without top performer Kyrstin Bodenbure, who was forced to miss the meet with a

foot injury. And Pronchinske was not at full strength either. "Any time you take out one person who can score 30 points by herself, and another who is injured who can get 15-20 points, it hurts," said Wagner. "The kids who didn't score did a fantastic job. Everyone did as well as they could - it is an impressive group of young women."

Next Issue:
2002
Baseball
Preview

Quintet chosen for 2002 All-NCHA teams

Marlene Yaeger



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Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler



#4

Jodi Hensch



#9

Katie Hiscock



#14

Beth Betker



#2

Sports Information

Five Falcon women's hockey players have been named to the 2002 All-NCHA teams.

Goalie Marlene Yaeger (Fr., Medina, Minn.), defenseman Jodi Hensch (So., Fergus Falls, Minn.) and forward Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler (Fr., Champlin, Minn.) were all named to the first team. Defensemen Beth Betker (So., Corcoran, Minn.) and Katie Hiscock (Fr., Bemidji, Minn.) were given honorable mention.

Yaeger played in 25 of the team's 27 games this year and finished with a 13-9-3 record. She had a 1.83 goals against average and a .929 saves percentage. She had two shutouts. Hensch finished seventh on the team in scoring with four goals and eight assists for 12 points. She scored three power-play goals. Wahlstrom-Ramler tied for second on the team in scoring. She had six

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Falcons top UW-EC in dual gymnastics bout

Sports Information

Katie Mitchell won the all-around event to spur the UW-River Falls gymnastics team to a 174.375-173.350 win over UW-Eau Claire Friday night in Eau Claire.

The Falcons bested the Blugolds in the vault, 44.4-44.05, the bars, 41.95-41.25, and the beam, 43.3-42.9, but lost the team score in the floor exercise, 45.15-44.725.

In the vault, Angie Garin and Mitchell finished together, second and third, behind UW-EC's Alison Eagles. Garin scored 9.1 and Mitchell had a 9.0. Kim Furan took a tie for fifth with teammate Cassie Arts at 8.8, and Tiffany Reber finished at 8.7 in a tie for seventh.

Mitchell won the bars with an 8.7 score, followed closely by teammate Erin Holly at 8.65. Garin finished fourth with 8.5, and Ashley Nelson took eighth with 8.2. Reber was 12th with 7.9.

Mitchell also took the beam competition, edging another teammate, this time Reber, at 9.1 and 8.9. Furan was fourth with 8.7 and Holly close behind in a tie for fifth with 8.6. Garin scored an 8.0 and landed an 11th place finish with Darla Moran tying.

Reber paced the Falcons in the floor exercise, taking a tie for second with a 9.2. Mitchell was fourth at 9.175 and Holly sixth at 9.0. Garin took a tie for eighth at 8.7.

Mitchell won the all-around over UW-EC's Eagles by a 35.975-35.4 score. Reber finished fourth with a 34.7 final, and Garin secured fifth at 34.3.

The Falcons next meet is the NCGA Regional meet at Gustavus Adolphus on Friday at 6 p.m.

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UW-RF to host youth baseball camps in Knowles Building

Sports Information

The 2002 UW-River Falls baseball camps will be held the next two Saturdays at the Knowles Building.

This Saturday is the Spring Training Camp for those in grades 8-12. The session I hitting and fielding camp will be from 9 a.m. - noon. The Session II pitching - catching camp will be from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$35 per session or \$60 for both sessions. Players are asked to bring their own glove, catchers' equipment, bat and running shoes.

On Saturday, March 16 a camp for those in grades 3-7 will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The focus will be on hitting, pitching and fielding. Cost is \$30 and participants are asked to bring their own bat and glove.

Contact Falcon baseball Coach Steve Hucke (715-425-0746) for more information.

THIS WEEK

In the Pros



March 8 @ 8 p.m.
@ Phoenix
Mar. 11 @ 7 p.m.
vs. L.A. Clippers
Mar. 13 @ 7 p.m.
vs. Houston



March 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
vs. Cleveland
Mar. 10 @ 2 p.m.
vs. Sacramento
Mar. 12 @ 7 p.m.
vs. Chicago



March 8 @ 7 p.m.
@ St. Louis
Mar. 10 @ 5 p.m.
vs. Columbus
Mar. 12 @ 7 p.m.
vs. Ottawa

NCHA

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goals and a team-high 12 assists for 18 points. She had one power-play goal and one game-winner.

Betker was fifth in scoring for the Falcons. She had four goals and 10 assists for 14 points. Katie Hiscocock scored one goal and two assists this year for three points.

UW-RF finished 13-11-3 overall and 8-6-2 in the NCHA and in third place. The Falcons reached the NCHA playoff championship game for the second straight year. The Falcons won the 2001 playoff title and finished second this year.

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tainty as to how early is too early for these athletes. Some are trying to go pro to get out of their environment and take care of their families. The question is, "Are they ready for the pressure emotionally?" They are if you look at Kevin Garnett and Kobe Bryant. They aren't if you look at DeShawn Stevenson. The jury is still out on guys like Kwame Brown and Eddie Curry. All of those mentioned have a high school education as their bare minimum.

On a final note, James has a 2.8 G.P.A. despite all of the pressures and hassle of going to Jay-Z concerts and lounging with NBA All-Stars. That's my take, I am out!

Dan Schultz is a junior majoring in journalism

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

March 8-14	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Women's Track	at NCAACHamp (Ada, Ohio)	at NCAACHamp (Ada, Ohio)					
Gymnastics	at NCGA Regional 6 p.m.						
Baseball			vs. Macalester 8:45 p.m.				
Softball							

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kady Kleven Women's Track (Sr., River Falls, Wis.)



Kady Kleven



Jacque Vezina

Jacque Vezina Hockey (Jr., Hudson, Wis.)

Vezina finished his season in a valiant effort. In the first game Vezina made 35 saves on 38 shots in a double overtime loss to number one seed St. Norbert College. He kept 18 of 20 shots in the second game against Stevens Point. In 148 minutes of hockey Vezina finished with a .913 saves percentage and had a total of 53 saves on 58 shots.

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S HOCKEY

NCHA Standings	W	L	T	Pts
St. Norbert (18-3-2)*	10	0	2	22
Superior (15-5-2)**	7	3	2	16
Stevens Point (14-8-1)	7	4	1	15
River Falls (15-6-2)	6	4	2	14
Eau Claire (11-10-2)	6	5	1	13
Lake Forest (9-12-1)	4	8	0	8
Stout (10-12-1)	3	9	0	6
St. Scholastica (5-18-0)	1	11	0	2
*NCHA Conference Champion				
**NCHA Peters Cup Champion				
March 2 results				
River Falls	0	1	0	-1
Stevens Point	2	0	0	-2
1st Period				
13:55 SP - Brolsma (Strassman, Leahy) (pp).				
18:49 SP - Molski (Fricke)				
2nd Period				
01:09 RF - Johnson (Salmela, Stensrud)				

3rd Period

No Scoring

March 1 results

River Falls	0	2	0	0	-2
St. Norbert College	0	0	2	0	-3

1st Period

No Scoring

2nd Period

15:41 RF - Stensrud (Conboy) (delayed penalty).

16:51 RF - Carlson (Tappe)

3rd Period

00:10 SN - Wempe (Trann, Peterson)

12:14 SN - Ziedins

Overtime 1

No Scoring

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MENS

Gustavus Adolphus 146

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Hockey

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Freeman said, "but we couldn't put it away. It's a problem that's plagued us all season, not scoring in scoring opportunities."

Despite taking less than half the shots that the Falcons took, the Pointers set the pace in the first period, taking advantage of their first power play opportunity by scoring at 13:55. Mike Brolsma gave the Pointers the early lead, and they never trailed after that.

At 18:49 of the first period, Stevens Point made it 2-0 at the hand of Nick Molski.

The Falcons responded early in the second period at 1:09 when Jess Johnson scored even strength from assists by Mike Salmela and Evan Stensrud.

After that, however, the Falcons went dry in scoring, even though the Pointers had twice as many penalties by midway through the third period.

Vezina stopped 18 of the Pointers' 20 shots on goal; the Falcons got one by Bob Gould, out of 45.

"We're really pleased with the way we played, actually, so it's tough to accept — outplaying teams so badly and not getting a win," Freeman said. "We've been in a position to win every one of our 29 games. We are as good as any team in the country."

A conference call Sunday night revealed that if the Falcons had won Saturday they probably would have been in the tournament. Instead, St. Thomas and UW-Superior battled in a play-in game Tuesday to make the tournament.

"It's a bad situation for western hockey — we have only three teams in the tourney out of nine, and only one team in the west can end up in the final four," Freeman said.

In addition, he was disappointed that the winners of the NCHA and MIAC playoffs had to play a play-in game just to make the tourney.

But Freeman is optimistic about next year.

"We have all our players back next season. The future looks extremely bright for Falcon hockey."

All-NCHA yields one shy of WIAC in men's hockey

The WIAC picked eight, but only seven made the All-NCHA

Sports Information

Seven UW-River Falls men's hockey players have been named to the 2002 All-NCHA teams. Defenseman Adam Kragthorpe (Jr., Plymouth, Minn.) was named to the first team. Goalie Jacque Vezina (Jr., Hudson, Wis.), defenseman John Conboy (So., Silver Bay, Minn.) and forwards Rob Novak (Jr., Hayward, Wis.), Jamie Steinert (So., Maple Grove, Minn.), Josh Schlipp (Fr., Chisago Lakes, Minn.) and Jess Johnson (So., Bloomington, Minn.) were all given honorable mention.

Kragthorpe was named to the first team for the third straight year. He finished the season with three goals and 10 assists for 13 points. He had two power-play goals. He is an outstanding defenseman who can also

help the team in the offensive zone.

Vezina played in 27 of the team's 29 games and finished with a 2.06 goals against average and a .918 saves percentage. He had a 16-9-2 season record. His five shutouts set a single-season school record. Conboy led all Falcon defensemen in scoring finishing with two goals and 14 assists for 16 points. Rob Novak was sixth on the team in scoring with 10 goals and seven assists for 17 points. He had one power-play goal. Jamie Steinert was fifth in scoring for the Falcons with 10 goals and eight assists for 18 points. He had two game-winning goals. Schlipp led the Falcons in scoring with 17 goals and 12 assists for 29 points. He had three power-play goals and one game-winner. His 17 goals led the team. Johnson finished fourth in scoring. He had 11 goals and 10 assists for 21 points. He had three power-play goals and led the team with four game-winners.

The Falcons finished 18-9-2 overall and 7-5-2 and in fourth place in the final NCHA standings.



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Tales from a bathroom spy

A column by Kevin O'Brien, who has gone to a place where men are not seen, only talked about

When I sat down to write the third installment of my "poop trilogy," I decided to focus on something that could possibly enlighten my readers, not just disgust them. Originally, I was going to conclude my series with a disturbing tale from my days working in a retirement home involving a lactose intolerant woman and a glass of two percent milk. Instead, I have decided to tackle one of the most heavily debated and least understood topics in human history: what women really do in the bathroom. Not only does this pay homage to Women's History Month, it also somewhat fits into my current theme of bathroom blunders. One night at Rodli Commons during my freshman year, I got into a nasty food fight with one of my friends from high school, Kate. Frosting and gravy were our main weapons, but on the way out of the cafeteria, my friend grabbed a handful of mashed potatoes and held it behind her back as she waited for the perfect opportunity to strike. Just as we were descending the steps to the main floor, she smashed the carbo-loaded ball of fluff into my face and smeared it over my eyes. In a frenzy of panic and embarrassment, I abandoned all thoughts of revenge and scurried in the general direction of the bathroom. Unfortunately, since I was not completely familiar with the campus yet

and had potatoes obscuring my view, I wandered into the women's bathroom at a short sprint. Unwittingly, I had opened the door to a world that most men can only speculate about... To my surprise, there were no secret rituals involving lipstick or roundtable discussions about men. All I saw were three female students, two of them washing their hands at the sink and one of them coming out of the stall. They didn't scream or lunge at me with fistfuls of toilet paper; they just froze and



stared at me with utter amazement and more than a little curiosity. All I could muster was a short and squeaky "Oh, I'm sorry," before I spun myself around and darted through the door and across the hall to the correct facility. Outside, my friend was lying on the carpet, crying with laughter, and celebrating the greatest food fight victory since Diane got hit in the face with mashed potatoes in the Cheers Thanksgiving special. I never forgot the looks on their faces, and apparently they never forgot me either. Just this semester,

I met one of the unlucky women who happened to be in the powder room that fateful night. And in the interest of balance and fairness, I have decided to interview her about the incident. The following is a transcription of what happened from her point of view: Me: What was your first reaction when I walked in with mashed potatoes all over my face? Jenn: I think my initial reaction was "What just happened?" Me: Now honestly, should guys be worried when their girlfriends or dates go to the bathroom in pairs? Jenn: They probably will talk about the guys. When you are all dressed up, you may do your hair or something. But you will always talk about the guys you are with, since you're all in there at the same time. So, there you have it guys. From my brief glimpse into the female alternate universe, I discovered very little about what is said or what happens. It's kind of like in "Toy Story" when all the toys go limp when they sense an adult coming. Ah, well, at least I survived to tell my tale....Check ya later. E-mail me if you even give a damn at ko58@uwrf.edu. Shameless Plug: Check out my "Boss DJ" radio show on Sat. from 4 to 6 p.m. on 88.7 FM WRFW. The Ramones and Talking Heads tribute was postponed until this week's show.

'Suicide Machines' should stop for fuel

Megan Stevens
Music Reviewer

When the Suicide Machines played last Monday night at the Quest, I expected the room to be much more crowded than it was. I have been to three of their shows, and the last two were totally packed. It could be that this particular show was on a Monday night. Not that I mind having some breathing room, but I still felt weird. I'm not used to such small crowds. The first band I saw was the Distillers. I think there was another band before them, but I didn't catch it. The Distillers were alright. They sound kind of like a cross between Rancid and Hole. Which would make sense, as singer Brody Armstrong is married to Tim Armstrong, the lead singer for Rancid. I was not familiar with the Distillers, and I did not think they gave the best musical performance. I have since heard some of their non-live music, and it's decent. I don't know if it was the sound system, or the fact that they screamed their songs, or if it was where I was standing, but they honestly sounded awful. I couldn't even make out any of the words to their songs. They did have tons of energy, and so did the kids that knew what their music was like beforehand. Maybe I'm just getting old. Sick Of It All played next. This is another band that I

don't know, and I really didn't care for their music, but they also put on a good show. The fact that they too had enough energy to go around and then some was a major asset. They were even cool enough to let kids come onstage and stage dive. I've never seen a band do this, and I thought it was very cool. The crowd even got a pretty good pit going off and on. However, the music was still hard to hear, and I didn't know any of it anyway, which probably didn't help. I really went to see the Suicide Machines, and I thought they were good, but not as good as the past two shows I had seen. This time I moved down onto the floor, and the sound quality was much better. The Machines played the same music they've been playing for four years, which gets kind of boring, but they were fun. They also let everyone stage dive and come onstage to sing along, which is rarely seen. I think the show would have been a lot better if there had been a bigger crowd. The people that were there had a lot of fun, and if the space had been more intimate (such as the 400 Bar), then it would have been much more fun. But energetic bands and a small but energetic crowd in a huge room equals something missing. It was fun, though, and it was nice to see the Suicide Machines again after two years. Maybe the next time they make it to Minneapolis, they'll have some new songs and more fans.

Ice, Ice Baby!!!



Molly Montag
/The Student Voice

The women of Sigma Sigma Sigma performed to the music of Vanilla Ice on Wednesday in the Lip Sync Competition. This is just one of many Winter Carnival Events happening around campus this week, and it will come to an end Friday night at Brandy's for the Royalty Coronation.

Horoscopes

Jenny Cullen and Kevin O'Brien
Staff Psychics, who got all the signs right this time

-Zodiac
graphics
by Katey
Hoyt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You need to stand up for yourself. People walk all over you. You need to start kicking some ass. It doesn't matter what people think of you. Trust me, it's fun being a b*tch and it's even more fun when guys run from you when they see you. Especially if you are a lesbian; if you're not...scratch that and make up your own horoscope for the week.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You would think that if a person had a job they would actually know what they are doing. Or maybe not. Don't get frustrated with someone you come in contact with who probably performed a lot of sexual favors to get where they are at. Instead, just perform more than they do. Way to get a head in life.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Maybe instead of complaining about things you don't like, you should get off your ass and do something about it. You complain about everything under the sun like you are so great but you are so lazy that you never do anything about it. Don't take everything so seriously (especially on the offbeat page) and you'll feel a lot better.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

We know that back in junior high zits were a bad thing, but it's 2002 baby and they are totally back in. First of all, your face glows so people can see you at night and second, your freaky stalker will leave you alone for a while.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Mid-term exams are just around the corner, and yes, you are going to get off your duff and start attending class. Playstation may be a fun way to spend your time, but you should always save just a few minutes to skim your reading assignments. If you are trying to cut corners just remember that movie versions aren't always the most accurate recreations. Just check out Leonardo DiCaprio's portrayal of Romeo to see what we mean.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Your plan of asking that special someone out on a date will go great as long as you don't stall too long. Remember, it's not official until you use the words "I was wondering if you would like to go out with me to....(insert activity). You and that person may be hanging out a lot, but don't let yourself get saddled with the "just friends" relationship. Take the leap now or you may miss your chance.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Look for a romantic connection with a Cancer who you have been getting to know lately. If you are not sure who this person is, start asking your friends and acquaintances what their birthdays are until you find the person who was born between June 22 and July 23. It may seem a little arbitrary to choose your next mate based on their birthday, but trust us, the Zodiac is never wrong in the romance category.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You've been so tired lately that you forgot to put on underwear. You'll think twice before doing that again because your jeans left you with a nasty rash and now they smell kind of funny. For your boyfriend's/girlfriend's sake, don't forget to wash them next time.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

The world doesn't revolve around you; it doesn't matter what you think. Pay attention to other people and what they actually have to say and maybe people will actually enjoy conversing with you for once. You talk about boring things that nobody really cares about anyway. Try it once and you'll become the most popular person at UW-RF.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

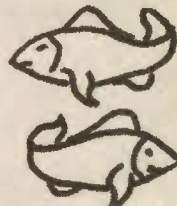
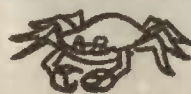
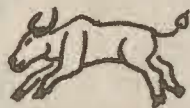
March Madness is almost upon us, but make sure you are careful about picking your choices for the Final Four this year. If you blew all your money last year on outlandish bets, maybe you just sit back and write down some statistics. And, oh yeah, never assume that a female can't pick a winner; making that mistake could cost you a lot of money and pride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Does the word "save" mean anything to you? Despite what Monopoly may have taught you about "bank errors in your favor" you don't get to keep the money and spend it on booze and fast food. It all comes down to a basic law of personal banking: the numbers on your ATM slip don't necessarily translate to money in your pocket.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Keep your head out of your ass this week. Your proctologist is getting tired of performing emergency surgeries. Also, your neurologist is more than a little confused when you ask him to get rid of that odor coming from your ears. Doctors and medical technology can only go so far; remember, stupidity is usually a choice.



Improv lightens lunch in Falcon's Nest



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

Freshman Casey Anderson assisted members of "Mission Improvable" with a skit Thursday during the lunch hour in the Falcon's Nest.

Teresa Schmitt
Co-Photo Editor

The Student Center Falcon's Nest echoed with laughter Thursday afternoon where "Mission Improvable," a group of six men, performed for about 200 students eating lunch.

The group, "Mission Improvable," mimicked the name Mission Impossible, calling each other agents as they performed. The group did many stand-up jokes primarily through acting out scenes.

To start off, one of the "agents" went to another room where he couldn't hear what was going on, while the other agents spoke with the audience.

The men took four everyday activities people do and replaced them with other items. For example, one activity was biking; the bike was replaced with a toothpick and the helmet with broccoli.

When the other agent returned the others acted out the replaced items of the everyday activity and the agent guessed what was going on.

Most students liked the performance enjoying the change from the other forms of entertainment the Entertainment Committee has sponsored.

"It's very unique and different then the usual comedian or hypnotist," Senior Ron Burandt said. "It's definitely a new scene."

Like comedians and hypnotists, Mission Improvable also engaged the students in the performance.

Freshman Casey Anderson volunteered to act in one of the scenes where he and the other agents acted as though they were at a nude beach sunbathing.

"I really enjoyed participating," Anderson said. "I wish there was some kind of improv group here on campus."

Hitting the right keys



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

Concert pianist Arlene Goter impressed an audience at Williams Abbott Cocert Hall in KFA on Sunday, March 3.

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'Soldiers' wins very few battles, loses the war

Paul Broz

Movie Reviewer

We Were Soldiers," starring Mel Gibson, intends to pay homage to military heroism but delivers a very strong antiwar message that is clearly unintended.

For such a simple-minded film, the movie manages to evoke a complex series of reactions. The movie frustrates with its unrelenting sentimentality, but it impresses with its overwhelming combat sequences. The messages in the combat sequences are so powerful that it invokes the opposite message than what the producers intended.

Mel Gibson plays Lt. Col. Hal Moore, who in 1965 took on 2,000 enemy Vietcong soldiers with only 400 of his own men in the first major battle between American troops and the Vietcong. The film pretends that the national soul-searching this war caused - along with the anti-Vietnam films like "The Deer Hunter," "Platoon," and "Apocalypse Now," - never happened.

The movie is focused on celebrating the heroism of everyday men. "We Were Soldiers," sidesteps the messy question of why we were in Vietnam in the first place. "Soldiers" also goes out of its way to humanize the North Vietnamese soldiers as equally heroic individuals who were just on the wrong side of the fight.

"Soldiers" is written and directed by Randall Wallace. It's from the book Moore wrote with journalist Joseph Galloway (Barry Pepper). Moore and Galloway's point was that people "(were not) sensitive enough to differentiate between the war and the soldiers who were ordered to fight it."

This film's sincere brand of retro revisionism and depoliticalization is going too far in the opposite direction, and Wallace's wholehearted embrace of the extremes of cominess in the film's noncombat sequences are certainly nothing to be applauded.

Wallace, who wrote Gibson's "Braveheart" as well as the recent flop "Pearl Harbor," has such an irrepressible passion for sappy situations and dialogue. The gee-whiz soldierly camaraderie he fondly depicts gets tiresome fast, as do the scenes of Moore's idealized American family life with wife Julie (Madeleine Stowe) and five of the cutest kids you could ever find.

Mel Gibson is on cruise control, as he has

rarely been challenged (or wanted to be) since he made "Braveheart" back in 1995. He gets out his best George C. Scott impersonation from "Patton," and grunts and squints throughout the film. He is tough, brainy, and charismatic, but Gibson is short on substance, not style. Other officers such as Bruce Crandall (Greg Kinnear) and Jack Geoghegan (Chris Klein) are underused and probably for the better because they are not the most deep of skilled actors.

The movie fails on many fronts. Plot, character development, and dialogue are all disappointments. Heroism and courage are not the words that come to mind after witnessing what is seen in the movie, but rather one big terrible waste. We feel the pointlessness of these deaths and the awful devastation felt by both sides. Especially because we cannot forget what this film prefers to avoid knowing, that bravery and self-sacrifice without reason are not cause for celebration, rather that this is one of the saddest, most regrettable actions in human history. On a scale of 1-10, I give this film a 4.

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