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Incompletes no longer making the grade

by Philip Paulson

All those I's on students' transcripts could turn to F's during this academic year, according to Mel Germanson, UW-River Falls registrar.

Germanson recently initiated a statistical study dealing with incompletes that, upon completion, will be presented to the Academic Standards Committee. He apparently feels that the policy regarding the issuing of "incompletes" is too ambiguous for him to take proper action.

The Academic Standards Committee originally presented a policy regarding incompletes to the Faculty Senate in 1966. It was later approved by the president of the then Wisconsin State University.

Not until this year, however, has the issue of incomplete grades been determined as a serious problem by the University Administration. The problem appears to be one of defining who is eligible for incompletes and the amount of time a student has to complete the course work.

According to Germanson, the policy states that course work must be completed within the first nine weeks of the next term of attendance unless the instructor arranges with the registrar for an extension of time. However, he added, this part of the policy has not been enforced.

Germanson said that it was verbally decided by the Academic Standards Committee in 1966 that the

Incompletes Grades Policy be loosely enforced.

Presently faculty members can issue incompletes to students by filling out an Incomplete Grade Form that contains the students' names, courses for which students were enrolled and reasons for issuing the incompletes. The form does not specifically provide for a date in which the student must complete the course work before the grade changes to an "F".

Germanson stated several reasons that incompletes are issued to students. These include: illness, marital problems, hospitalization due to an operation, emergencies such as a death in the student's family, jury duty, personal appearances in court and missed final examinations.

Dr. Richard Swensen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is also concerned about the policy.

"It was my request at the last meeting of the Academic Standards Committee that we discuss the most effective policy for grades of 'incomplete,'" said Swensen.

The committee requested that the registrar conduct a study to determine the number of incompletes and to determine if the policy detailed in the 1975-77 undergraduate catalog on pages 45 and 46 is legally binding.

In a memo to all faculty on Nov. 9, Swensen clarified the University policy.

He pointed out that problems have arisen due to some faculty members leaving the University with-

out providing instructions to their department heads on how students can remove their incompletes.

Germanson questioned if a University-wide enforcement of the policy of changing a student's "I" to an "F" after a certain amount of time was legal without consent of the instructor. He said that blanket enforcement might encroach on a faculty member's academic freedom.

It is unlikely that the Incomplete Grades Policy will be carried out before action is taken by the Academic Standards Committee. However, if the Academic Standards Committee urges the University administration to enforce the Incomplete Grades Policy, "a lot of 'F' grades will be given out," Germanson warned.

Rudolph goes straight

Santa shoots up

Santa Claus, of the North Pole, literally took a hit on his public relations swing through River Falls Tuesday. Claus stepped up to the gun and got his allotment of the swine flu vaccine just after meeting throngs of his fans in the UW-River Falls Student Center.

"It didn't really hurt that much, but I doubt that I will want to turn the other cheek," Claus told the **Voice** after receiving his injection.

Claus said he took the vaccine to make sure he can make his annual world-wide tour Dec. 24.

When asked if his reindeer will get the shot, Claus replied that all but Rudolph will be injected.

"They're not real sure of the side effects of the shot," Claus said. "And if it turns out that the deer contract atrophic rhinitis (curved snout disease in swine), Rudolph's nose could be off 15 degrees. Instead of landing in Bonn, Germany,

we could end up in Moscow, and that just wouldn't do."

The UW-Madison **Cardinal** reported Monday that Claus had died in a freak reindeer stampede, but Claus' appearance at UW-RF Tuesday proved that report false.

Claus was joined at the vaccination clinic by some 2,000 other persons, according to Helen Ensign, University health nurse.

Ensign noted that persons between the ages of 18 and 24 who received the vaccination must get a booster after Jan. 14. The clinic will return to the UW-RF campus sometime after that date, Ensign said. Persons in that age group must receive a booster since they are unable to build up enough tolerance to the influenza with just one inoculation.

Ensign also said that if a person was unable to receive the vaccine, the person could get a shot from Ensign at the River Falls clinic.



"HO! HO! HO! I'm ready to go," chuckled Santa as he takes every precaution preparing for his world trip in seven days. Photo by Dan Baughman.

ap news briefs

The World



BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank AP - Israeli troops fired their weapons to disperse West Bank rioters Wednesday and wounded a 15-year-old Arab boy, police said. The incident occurred during a one-day general strike in the troubled area.

Journalists who toured the area said the business strike, called to protest a new Israeli-imposed tax, was close to a total success. In the Gaza strip, about half the shops were reported to have closed in sympathy with the West Bankers.

Underlying the unrest is the Arab population's basic antipathy to Israeli rule, which has been in effect since the 1967 war. Demonstrations have been sparked by Israeli settlements in the occupied zone, the sequestration of Arab land for the Israeli military, or, in the current case, the imposition of a new tax.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina AP - A powerful bomb exploded Wednesday night at a Defense Ministry building in downtown Buenos Aires, killing at least 15 persons and injuring 30 or more, police sources said.

The sources said the bomb exploded on the third floor of the eight-story building, inside a movie theater where an army officer was delivering a lecture to an audience.

It was understood the victims included military men and civilians.

The latest deaths raised to 1,383 the number of persons killed in political strife this year.

MADRID, Spain AP - The post-Franco monarchy swept toward a decisive victory Wednesday night in its referendum on bringing representative government to Spain.

Citizens voted overwhelmingly to end four decades of dictatorship in an orderly 82 per cent turnout. A threat by radical leftists to kill a kidnapped adviser of King Juan Carlos within two days failed to disrupt the election.

It was Spain's first national referendum in 10 years.

LONDON AP - Britain's Labor government cut public spending by \$4.2 billion over a two-year period and raised taxes Wednesday in an attempt to cure the country's worst economic crisis in over four decades. But it delayed action until the New Year.

Bankers said the measures were too mild to have much effect, and the pound tumbled 1½ cents on foreign exchanges. Prices slumped on the London Stock Exchange.

The Nation



WASHINGTON AP - A special House panel said Wednesday that no Americans are still held captive in Indochina as a result of the war.

The House Select Committee on Missing Persons in South-east Asia recommended, however, that the United States press vigorously for as much information as possible on those whose fate remains a mystery.

PROVO, Utah AP - Convicted killer Gary Gilmore, sentenced Wednesday to face a firing squad at sunrise Jan. 17, called the judge a "moral coward" for refusing to order an immediate execution and said he would now seek his release from prison.

"You could set it tomorrow morning as far as I'm concerned. I'm ready," Gilmore said. He asked to be put to death Monday.

But 4th District Court Judge J. Robert Bullock ordered Gilmore executed Jan. 17. Gilmore said the latest delay was unreasonable, adding, "I will seek my release and my freedom in every court I can."

It was the third time Bullock had scheduled the execution of Gilmore, who was convicted of killing a motel clerk in Provo in July.

BOSTON AP - A shallow river of heavy industrial fuel oil poured into the sea Wednesday from the tanks of a 640-foot oil tanker around on shoals south of Nantucket Island and spread toward rich fishing waters.

The oil was drifting north-eastward away from land but toward the Georges Bank, about 15 miles away, one of the world's richest commercial fishing areas.

The Coast Guard, which earlier in the day reported the spill was 200 feet long and two feet wide, later acknowledged the spill had grown.

The ship's tanks were loaded with 7.6 million gallons of the heavy oil.

DULUTH, Minn. AP - A young Minnesota fisherman who had been missing for more than 24 hours on Lake Superior was spotted Wednesday afternoon, the Coast Guard reported.

A private aircraft spotted Clinton Maxwell, 23, drifting in his 18-foot commercial fishing vessel near Devil's Island, in the Apostle Island chain.

Maxwell had not been seen since Tuesday morning when he left his home at Beaver Bay, Minn., to tend some fishing nets, his father said.

Student activities

Senate okays tentative budget

by Dave Ralph

The Student Senate tentatively allocated \$194,550 for the 1977-78 student activities budget at its Dec. 14 meeting.

Senator Peter Nied proposed that \$500 be taken from the Black Student Coalition's, Native Americans' and International Students' budgets so that \$1500 could be added to the music budget. Nied stated that the Black Student Coalition, Native Americans and International Students don't deserve the budgets they've tentatively been allocated.

However, Nied's proposed revisions failed on a voice vote.

The tentative budget committee recommendations

will be sent to the organizations so that the organizations can respond to the Senate's budget allocation. Groups have an opportunity to write the Senate and make a ten minute oral presentation on Jan. 11, 1977, if they wish to try to get a different allocation.

The Senate passed a motion to have activities that qualify for regional or national events make a special request to the Senate for such monies. Regional or national competition travel expenses will no longer be included in regular budget requests.

In other budget action, the Senate approved \$2,500 for the Hagestad Union Board to be used for additional programming.

A temporary Emergency Transportation Service

(ETS) has been established through the cooperation of the Admissions Office and Student Senate. Paul Frye, from Hudson, is the volunteer driver and coordinator for the program. The Senate will arrange the times and dates for the service.

Senator Deb Craig was elected to replace Mike Eytcheson as United Council (UC) Director for UW-River Falls. Craig reported that the UC directors approved funding for a UC public relations coordinator and tentatively approved the 1977-78 UC budget. The UC budget was tabled to the budget committee.

There may be an estimated 260 additional freshmen in the dorms next fall, according to Zopp. The Senate passed a recommendation to the Joint Housing Committee that one female wing be changed to a male wing. Prucha Hall suites be changed to double rooms and mandatory housing for freshmen and sophomores be eliminated to alleviate crowded dorms. This alternative plan would go into effect after resident assistants had been assigned room mates.

A motion to support the American Civil Liberties Union's position on the decriminalization of marijuana failed to pass because of a tie vote. Senator Dan Stoflet was absent when the vote was taken and President Doug Wendlandt cast the tie vote to defeat the motion.

Vice-President Bonnie Bratina introduced revisions to the Senate Bylaws which attempt to test recent court rulings related to the separation of powers between the Chancellor and student government. The revisions were tabled to Internal Operations.

Tentative Student Activity Budget*

ACTIVITY	76-77 Request	76-77 Allocation	77-78 Request	Budget Comm. Recommendations
Ag Advisory	4,243	1,600	1,685	1,600.00
Athletics			91,385	69,600.00
Men's	54,900	50,100		
Women's	20,000	17,200		
Cultural Commission	21,700	18,000	24,572	19,500.00
Drama	8,322	5,500	12,726	6,400.00
Fine Arts	6,117	5,500	7,371	5,800.00
Forensics	8,203	5,400	11,269	6,200.00
Black Student Coalition	2,606	1,900	3,535	1,900.00
Native Americans	3,000	1,400	4,000	1,400.00
International Students	1,879	1,300	2,483	1,100.00
Intramurals			5,814	5,400.00
Men's	2,272	2,300		
Women's	1,805	1,950		
Music	17,551	15,000	17,997	14,500.00
Prologue	1,650	1,650	1,900	1,900.00
Radio	6,139	5,500	7,155	5,500.00
Rodeo	8,728	6,700	11,417	8,000.00
Senate	18,855	18,600	16,455	15,500.00
Voice	23,005	18,400	24,875	20,000.00
Reserve				10,250.00
			\$244,641	\$194,550.00

*Final budget must receive Student Senate and Chancellor approval.

UW-RF in the long run ...

by Jay R. Benson

"There is only one alternative to planning and that's drifting. And when you drift, you usually wind up on shore," said Vice-Chancellor Richard J. Delorit.

Delorit has spent the last two years compiling information for his document on UW-River Falls entitled **Guidelines: Long Range Planning.**

The main purpose of the 157 page document is to provide guidelines to facilitate creation of plans that will allow UW-RF to adapt to changes in enrollment and

societal values during the next decade.

Each UW-RF academic department has been sent a copy and will make an assessment (using a form in the document) of its predicted enrollments, needs and adjustments for the next ten years.

Delorit expects the assessment forms to be returned to him before Christmas vacation. He hopes to have the long range plans for UW-RF organized by next fall. (Support services will receive assessment forms in March.)

The document itself contains historical background information on UW-RF from the records of the registrar, central administration or state agencies, graphs giving the breakdowns on the number of student credit hours produced per staff member in each department from 1966 to 1975 and enrollment predictions that suggest UW-RF will not decline in enrollment until about 1985.

It is a public document. But, since only 139 copies were printed, it may be difficult to locate one. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Delorit.

Demolition plans unmoved

South Hall put on national register

by K. D. Severson

Even though South Hall has been placed on the National Register of Historically Significant Places, it is scheduled to be torn down in 1978. South Hall was built in 1898, making it the oldest building on the UW-River Falls campus.

Dr. Ed Peterson, chairman of the history department at UW-RF, said that placing the building on the National Register "helps convince people that it is worth saving," but warned that without help from the administration, South Hall could still be torn down.

According to Dr. Peterson, the Board of Regents is more inclined to renovate existing buildings than to erect new ones.

The cost to renovate South Hall would be approximately \$750,000. A new building to take its place would cost approximately \$4-\$5 million.

Putting South Hall on the National Register will probably "make it easier to get a federal grant," said Ursula Peterson, president of the St. Croix Valley Historical Society. The federal grant would be a "matching" grant where the UW school system would put up 50 per cent of the money needed to renovate South Hall, and the federal government would put up the remaining 50 per cent.

Dr. Terry King, a history professor at UW-RF, said, "It's kind of an honor to have a nationally-known building. South Hall," he said, "is really the only obvious symbol of the old Normal school that still exists on campus."

Lowell Hanson, of the Gavic Architectural Firm in Spring Valley, has examined South Hall. "Structurally," he said, "it's not hazardous." He added that "some

improvements on the exitways" could be made.

Although the "interior of the thing is no architectural wonder," Hanson said South Hall is "a fine old-period building." He advised those trying to save South Hall to "find a purpose for South Hall and work with the administration on finding a long-term use for the building."

When South Hall was built, the wooden floors in the classrooms were permissible in all building codes. Now, however, they would have to be replaced with concrete floors "which" said Ursula Peterson, "would be expensive to be sure."

If South Hall is demolished, the offices and classes that are being taught there now would be taught in North Hall. Chancellor George Field said that the move to North Hall "might be inconvenient, but I don't think it will hamper the quality of education any."

King said that South Hall has "made it possible for each of us (history professors) to have our own office." He likes to teach in South Hall because some classrooms can hold as many as 60 students. No classroom in North Hall can hold more than 40 students. King called the building "flexible," and he likes the windows that can be opened. "It's not one of these sealed in places like the Fine Arts Building," he said.

If South Hall is torn down, no building will be put in its place. An open grassy area will be left for the students.

Proponents for saving South Hall blame Chancellor Field for not taking a strong, favorable position to save South Hall. Dr. Peterson said, "If the administration would be willing to assist rather than resist its salva-

tion, its continued use would not be that difficult." King said "I suspect he (Field) is probably the key figure," in saving South Hall. Ursula Peterson stated that, "South Hall belongs to the University, and no one can save it but the administration."

Field said that there would be many more obstacles in the way in the demolition of South Hall now that it is on the National Register.

Field denies that he has any choice in the matter. "The strong proponents," he said, "have not really analyzed" what is necessary to save South Hall. His responsibility, Field said, is to determine the academic priorities on the campus.

Before spending money to renovate South Hall, Field believes that UW-RF needs better facilities for agricultural engineering, industrial arts, food science and physical education.

He described himself as being "neutral" on saving or demolishing South Hall.



ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY of Christmas my true love gave to me 14 snow capped fence posts. Photo by Dan Baughman.

Pre-vet future brightens

Lucey knocking on doors

by Scott Swanson

The future may be looking somewhat brighter for Wisconsin's 400-plus pre-veterinary medicine students.

After vetoing legislation which would appropriate preliminary funding for a proposed \$35 million school of veterinary medicine in Wisconsin in October, Governor Patrick Lucey has contacted veterinary medicine school officials in other states in hope of increasing the number of Wisconsin residents accepted to attend such schools.

The Governor has requested formal talks with three veterinary schools asking that 10-15 Wisconsin applicants be accepted at Michigan State University, 8-10 at Iowa State University and 10-15 at the University of Illinois. These proposed enrollments would be contracted in 1977-79.

Presently, the only existing contract with another state is one with the

University of Minnesota which allows 17 Wisconsin students to attend the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota. Wisconsin pays \$14,500 each year for each veterinary student attending the school at Minnesota.

Harold Bergan, a Lucey aide, said that it was hoped that the Minnesota officials would agree to accept at least 35 Wisconsin residents which would double the current enrollment.

The Governor said that requirements for payments of certain federal aids under the Health Manpower Act included a provision that 30 per cent or more of the students entering veterinary medicine schools be from states without such schools.

Bergan who has contacted veterinary school officials in several states, said that the provision could brighten the prospects for Wisconsin enrollments in the other states' schools.

However, James Dollahon, dean of the College of Agriculture at UW-River Falls, said that, if successful, Lucey's actions would only be "a stop-gap measure." He said, "It would satisfy the situation to some degree, but it would not solve the problem."

Dollahon noted that the only way to offer such things as continuing education for veterinarians, extension classes and referral programs would be for Wisconsin to establish its own veterinary school.

There were 206 pre-veterinary students enrolled at UW-RF at the start of fall quarter, 1976, according to Dollahon, more than at any other UW campus.

He also noted that of 140 UW applicants to veterinary schools last year, only 22 were accepted; 17 at Minnesota and five at other veterinary schools within the region.

If the negotiations prove fruitful and all of the Governor's requests are met, 60-75 Wisconsin residents could continue their education in veterinary medicine. A veterinary school in Wisconsin would have increased the number of students accepted from the present 22 to about 80 students per year.

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editorial

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. And if the omens are right, students may be receiving something that will take them completely by surprise once they return from that generous holiday.

The University Academic Standards committee is studying the policy of incompletes on students' transcripts. The registrar's office will soon begin a study counting the number of credit hours on transcripts with the designation of "incomplete."

Once the study is completed sometime after Christmas break, the Academic Standards committee will then have the needed evidence to act.

Problems have arisen with the policy of administering the incompletes, according to Richard Swensen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It seems that instructors are not giving the registrar instructions as to what should happen to that letter "I" once nine weeks have passed since the designation was granted. According to University policy, incompletes must be made up within the nine week period unless a special extension has been granted by the instructor.

If the Academic Standards committee decides that since the policy was created it must be carried out, many students will be receiving the unexpected grade changes. Obviously, instructors must be consulted before these grades are changed. Academic freedom must be maintained.

Incompletes can be granted to students for problems ranging from illness to jury duty, and according to the UW-River Falls admissions catalogue, "... in cases where the student's work is too poor for passing but good enough to warrant an opportunity to remove the deficiency." This last qualification seems to stipulate that the granting of incompletes is up to the instructor.

Whatever happens, a consistent policy must be decided upon so that students, instructors and the registrar know where each stands.

Hopefully, common sense will prevail when the Academic Standards committee meets at 3 p.m., Jan. 10 in the Faculty Senate Room of South Hall to consider the matter. As a student who may be affected, you may want to attend. But then, maybe you like surprises.

Have a restful and happy holiday season.

Jim Dickrell



MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Voice's intrepid band of editors, artists, production-copy crew, photographers, reporters and all of our bright frisky

staff assistants. Each of us wishes you the happiest, merriest holiday season ever. Photo by Randy Johnson.

letters

Big head on a little keg

To the editor:

I would like to thank the **Student Voice** for doing its part in relieving the economic slump by stimulating the demand for T-shirts. T-shirts? Yes, by giving so much publicity to Tappa Kegga Beer (TKB) last week, the **Voice** and its staff has done a wonderful job in creating an uproar over a completely worthless issue.

TKB, as were some predecessor organizations, was written as an "in" joke for student government (and, by the way, **Voice** editors) to be buried in a file for future Senates to laugh at. The purpose of the organization was determined by its name (would you rather have "I Phelta Thigh"?), and held no real danger except to give a few of us a good laugh.

It did no more to encourage drinking than any person who has liquor in his house, and quite possibly less. I am glad (or perhaps frightened) to see that

Student Senate can create, single-handedly, an alcoholic problem on this campus (I suppose that if we'd set up "I Phelta Thigh" we'd have been blamed for every birth in town for the next year).

But now, back to the T-shirts. The amount of publicity given to TKB last

week created a demand for membership, along with it a demand for a membership symbol. Mentioned as a joke, several T-shirts bearing TKB insignias have been purchased, and numerous people have "joined" now that they know about this organization. The most common comment has been

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Put the Christ back into X-mas

To the editor:

The fact that the "Christmas season" is annually launched with a 3-D audiovisual announcement of ritualistic greenery doesn't necessarily convict Christianity as hypocritical.

There must have been a rift between Christ's followers and the "tag-alongs" during the period of "expediency" you refer to, Mr.

Rothrock. Either that or a huge business incentive.

Customs such as this one seem to spring up out of a) ignorance and b) a basic, pleasure-seeking selfishness in most people. So it "seems to me" Christ was born in October.

Why clutter up Christmas with religion, you ask? Why clutter it up with paganism?

D. L. Larson

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TKB chugging along

To the Editor:

What started out as a joke has now become the largest fraternity/sorority on this campus. I am writing, of course, about Tappa Kegga Beer, TKB. This organiza-

tion was approved by the Student Senate last Tuesday (Dec. 7) evening.

The constitution and letter of intent to organize were written as a fairly good joke. We originally hadn't planned

on even submitting the constitution for approval. But, due to the opposition, we decided to try. The constitution is according to Senate guidelines. There is a very liberal non-discrimination clause.

Certain senators are to be praised or blamed for TKB. The whole thing started when members of the Senate got together and wrote the constitution. If there was anything wrong with our harmless actions on that day no one has yet been informed of it. Perhaps things got out of hand when we approved TKB, but its popularity has been proven.

Membership tripled

Jim Dickrell's editorial in last week's **Voice** publicized TKB. The **Voice** came out Thursday evening and by late Friday afternoon TKB membership had tripled. One chapter is beginning in Platteville and people from Superior are thinking about it.

We may have created a monster, but if we did, it will show us what our society is like, and maybe we will combat whatever "bad" is found in our monster.

TKB has helped bring out publicity that there is a drinking problem on this campus. I believe that as a result of TKB those persons fighting alcoholism and related problems will come out of the background and become more vocal. TKB may serve to show the stupidity of excessive drinking.

An economic boom

Whatever the philosophical and social implications involved in TKB, there is one thing for certain. The organization is an economic boon to T-shirt makers and breweries.

Whether you are for it or against it, TKB is here. Either join it or fight it, but don't just live with it. If you want to join come down to the Rathskellar any Friday afternoon.

A Charter Member of TKB
Mike Eytcheson



by John Brickner

It is rather nice that we have two ways of describing this time of year: Christmas or Xmas, depending on your frame of mind.

In a modern sense, we can take Christ out of Christmas and not miss much. After all, He wasn't born on Dec. 25. This traditional day of the pagan sun god was adapted since everyone was in the habit of celebrating then anyway. One rarely sees Santa Claus passing out gospel tracts, and Christmas trees don't grow in Jerusalem.

A recent critic stated he believes the Bible contains lies and pointed to the virgin birth as an example.

Thinking it a timely subject, I would like to discuss this topic briefly. His presupposition is that nature is governed by fixed laws, and he is right. Therefore, the virgin birth could not have occurred unless there existed something beyond nature which could interfere with her workings. He might claim modern science knows of no such thing. Again he would be right because science studies nature, and the question is whether anything 'besides' nature exists - anything outside of nature. How could you find that out by simply studying nature?

"All right," he may say. "Well I think the laws of nature are really like two and two making four. The idea of their being altered is as absurd as the idea of altering the laws of arithmetic."

"Just a moment," one might say. "Suppose you put a quarter into a drawer today, and a quarter into the same drawer tomorrow. Do the laws of arithmetic make it

certain you'll find fifty cents worth there the day after?"

"Of course," he'd say, "provided no one's been tampering with the drawer."

Ah, but that's the whole point. The laws of arithmetic can tell you what you'll find, with absolute certainty, "provided that" there's no interference. If a thief has been at the drawer of course you'll get a different result. But the thief won't have broken the laws of arithmetic. Now, aren't the laws of nature much in the same boat? Don't they all tell you what will happen "provided" there's no interference?

Now although many claim Christianity is a crutch, many more claim it is the ground to walk on. Even the great Voltaire wrote, "Just as a clock proves a clockmaker, so a universe proves a God."

Now if you consider this is a lot of folly, have a nice Christmas however you spell it, but at least consider the Christmas message, which applies to all men.

Just as presents under a tree are gifts, one's birth is a gift, existence is a gift, so the Christmas Story is a gift. The latter cost quite a lot to purchase and is found on, not under a tree. The only requisite, like all gifts, is acceptance.

...TKB joke

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that sure, TKB is a joke, but as long as "they" want to make something of it...

I would have rather seen it filed away as a joke as it was originally intended, and if the coverage given to the approval of most serious campus organizations had been extended to TKB, that's exactly what would've happened. I think I would have preferred it that way, but now it'll just take a little longer. But in the meantime, I'm getting a T-shirt soon.

My only regret is that people can't take a joke.

Bottoms Up!
Doug Wendlandt
TKB Charter Member

Editor's note: Your "completely worthless issue" of alcohol abuse on the college campus is unquestionably a more serious problem than you can envision through the bottom of a beer glass. Since you admit that TKB is a joke, I maintain my stance and say that it is a very sick joke.

A CHRISTMAS POEM FOR MY FATHER WHO DIED A LITTLE ON A CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

by Mark Bruner

most of us ho-ho-ho
'round holly-happy
yuletide tables
puddles of plum pudding
dripping off our dimpled chins

The Old Man sits
solitary with sullen
secret shadows
nerve charred & vacant eyed
in his living room foxhole

where are you now Old Man?
the Ardennes?
has Santa been there yet?

40 maculated
motionless winter days
foxhole cold
& lifeless as your gun's
oily metal cunt

& did you know
those 5 burnt boys
you pulled from that gutted tank?

tearless
& numb
you buried them all on Christmas Day
beneath a dog-tagged
Christmas tree

Season's Greetings came for you today
from an old unwormy army pal
"Charlie," the card asks,
"it doesn't seem like 32 years ago
does it?"

fat flesh worms & men maggots
join our Christmas dinner

war doesn't make good poetry Daddy
please try to cry

Christmas emergency transportation schedule

Date	Time departing Student Center	Arrival time at Hudson bus depot	Arrival time at International airport
Dec. 16	7 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	8 p.m.
Dec. 17	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	2:25 p.m. 7:25 p.m.	3 p.m. 8 p.m.
Dec. 18	10 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	11 a.m.
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Date	Time departing Student Center	Arrival time at Hudson bus depot	Approximate arrival time at International airport
Jan. 2	1 p.m. 7 p.m.	2 p.m. 8 p.m.	2:45 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
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United Council lists 1977 top priorities

by Joe Lauer

United Council (UC), on a unanimous vote, decided that students' rights under merger, collective bargaining by faculty, and landlord-tenant relations will be the top three issues it will fight for when the Wisconsin Legislature of 1977 reconvenes in January.

Also at the meeting the council "officially" welcomed the UW-Center System to its organization. Representatives from several of the junior colleges were present.

While making the priorities decision at its monthly meeting in Stevens Point

last weekend, the organization composed of student governments from throughout the UW system also decided that of the three issues, the most effort will be put toward the protecting of students' rights and responsibilities. This is commonly known as the "merger" issue.

The merger issue has been a topic debated over by the Board of Regents, UC and the legislature ever since the Wisconsin State Universities merged with the University of Wisconsin System in 1971.

The basic point of focus is section 3609.5 which defines the role of the student on campus. However, spurred

by a recent Supreme Court ruling which delegated "actual power" to students and their governments, the section has been questioned because of the supposed "ambiguity" of many of its terms. At the meeting UC defined the terms as it thought they should be regarded.

Collective bargaining by university faculty members was placed as the second most important issue that it will observe in the coming year. Collective bargaining, an issue that the Teacher's Association of the University of Wisconsin Faculties (TAUWF) has been fighting diligently over for the past several years, is important to

students because, as UW-River Falls Senator Joe Zopp said, "It may affect students' rights in the future." He said that the students have a great interest in how much freedom the teachers would get if the legislature granted them collective bargaining.

Acquiring a landlord-tenant relations act will be UC's third major priority. The issue, which involved landlords and tenants throughout the state, but specifically excludes dorms, fraternity houses, hospitals and other similar structures, is important to UC because of the large number of students who live off campus. "Hopefully the legislation would define and spell out what good tenants and landlords are already doing," said Zopp. "But there are a lot of students who are being ripped-off, even in River Falls, and this would protect them."

The three goals are similar, yet more clearly defined, than last year's goals, said Zopp.

In other action at the meeting, the 1977-78 UC

budget was announced, and UW-RF will be assessed \$2,072.40 for next year's dues--a decrease from this year's \$2,175 cost. The lowering is due primarily to Stout's added membership.

UC went on record favoring the centralization of a student loan and collection agency. Currently each campus has its own facilities, and it is estimated that this will save over \$50,000 a year in administrative costs. A report will be presented to the Board of Regents.

UC also discussed how strong its membership is. President Buff Wright stressed the importance of convincing Whitewater and Eau Claire, the only two state schools that are not members, to join. Wright said that she would be making a "diplomatic" swing of western Wisconsin in late January stopping particularly at Eau Claire.

The council also set up a committee to examine the number of study days that are being given on campuses before exams. It also voted to hire a public relations director.

VA puts reins on funds

by Roman Buettner

Due to the misuse of educational funds by students receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration, the VA plans to implement stricter regulations on the disbursement of funds in the future.

In a regulation that became effective this past September, the VA allows veterans only one quarter of academic probation. If satisfactory progress is not achieved the following quarter, benefits will be withheld.

The new regulations will affect 284 students at UW-River Falls who are receiving educational assistance from the VA.

According to Kip Panek, the veterans representative on campus, the problem originated because of overpayment of funds to veterans.

"Veterans were receiving benefits in some cases," said Panek, "even though they had dropped out of school."

Edmond Hayes, director of financial aids and veterans coordinator at UW-RF, said that the VA will solve this problem by initiating a new system of payments.

"The current system is called the 'advance pay

system and pays veterans at the beginning of the month," said Hayes.

"However, by September 1977, the VA will pay veterans at the end of the month they have just completed and they will make necessary adjustments for dropped classes, failures and incompletes," he said.

Panek said that another problem with overpayment

develops when a veteran, who is considered a full-time student at the beginning of a quarter, drops one or more courses making him a part-time student.

"In this case or in the event a veteran fails a class," said Panek, "there would be an overpayment unless there are mitigating circumstances such as illness or financial problems."

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MORE BEER IS ON TAP as soaking up the suds becomes an increasingly

popular activity at the Rathskeller. Photo by Scott Swanson.

Sales up 60 per cent Rathskellar patrons soakin' suds

by Kaye Schutte

The taps are flowing more than ever at the UW-River Falls Rathskeller. According to Bob Sievert, director of Facilities and Operations, there has been an increase of 60 per cent over last year's beer sales which is expected to bring in over \$18,000 before the end of the school year, compared to \$11,000 last year.

There has been an increase in beer sales every month since school started. In September '75 total beer

sales were \$1,090 compared to the '76 figure of \$1,783. October '75 showed total sales being \$1,690 to that of '76 which was \$2,215. In November of '76 total beer sales were \$1,962, which is a \$1,008 increase over November '75. The increase totals \$2,226 for the first three months of the '76 school year which is 59.6 per cent higher than at the same time in '75.

Total sales for the 1975-76 school year were \$11,532. Last years sales times the

59.6 per cent increase gives a projected increase in sales of \$6,873 for the 1976-77 school year. Sievert projects total sales for the 1976-77 school year at \$18,405.

Sievert attributes the sales increase to seven major reasons. He points out that there are more students on campus and the number of students in the Student Center each day is a lot higher. The traffic flow through the center is also a lot higher.

Another major reason is that the Rathskellar's facilities have been enlarged. There are more beers on tap this year than last year. There is also a larger seating capacity than ever before.

Thirdly, the installation of new equipment has made

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Deadline pressures budgeting process

"It's a toss-up which system worked worse," said Student Senate President Doug Wendlandt when discussing the new method of preparing the Student Activities budget compared to last year's method of conducting hearings.

Problems arose this year since the budget had to meet new deadlines to comply with a Central Administration directive. Budgets must be submitted to Central Administration by March 1, which meant a speed-up in the budgeting process of two months.

Activities and programs supplied budget requests to the Senate late in October. At least two senators were assigned to each budget request. Senators contacted the activities they were studying and were supposed to get in-depth reasons for budget-increase requests. The senators then had to give the Senate budget committee reasons why they recommended an increase or decrease in a particular budget.

Deadline for senators to submit their recommendations was Nov. 17. If the report on the budget a senator had been assigned to was not in by Dec. 7, that senator's pay was withheld.

"In theory, this should have been a better way," said Wendlandt. "Possibly Mike Eytcheson (Senate treasurer) and I didn't make everything clear to the senators."

Eytcheson felt there were several reasons for the

budgeting problems. The first was the lack of sufficient time to meet with activities to discuss the budgets, he said. Another problem was a lack of interest by senators, according to Eytcheson.

"I think the system would work next year if the senators would work," Eytcheson said.

Eytcheson also said that the budget forms must be revised to show what money had been allocated to what areas within a budget. In this way, a more meaningful determination could be made of where money is needed within a budget, Eytcheson said.

Wendlandt, agreeing that the method used this year did not work as well as expected, said "I think we will have to go back to something similar to the hearings."

Traditionally, hearings were held in the spring. Each activity would appear before the Senate to justify its budget request.

Wendlandt said that a combination of hearings and the method used this year might be used in the future. However, instead of stringing the hearings out over a period of three weeks, all activities would be asked to appear on one day.

"That way, we could get it over with in one shot," said Wendlandt. He added that the entire Senate would be required to attend this meeting.

Wendlandt also said that most of this is speculation, and nothing has been finalized.

"I'm just trying to get through with this budget," he concluded.

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Christmas around the world

by Roman Buettner

Gifts, church services, a Christmas tree and dinner with the family are all Christmas traditions in the United States, but in other countries, Christmas may be a month-long celebration or may be hardly celebrated at all.

The American method of celebrating Christmas is a combination of Christian religious tradition and the customs that were inherited from ancestors coupled with an insertion of ever-increasing commercialization.

Christmas is celebrated in western Europe much the same way as it is in the United States.

In England, the Christmas season is not as long and not quite as commercialized as it is in the United States according to Geoffrey Cooper, Cumbria, England, a senior at UW-River Falls.

"Christmas specials on TV are all shown within a few days of Christmas making it more of an occasion rather than having the actual day being a letdown in comparison to the way it is built up," said Cooper.

"Most commercial activities and sports come to a halt on Christmas Day," said Cooper, "but Boxing Day, the day following Christmas, (so called because of the clearing away of Christmas boxes) is a national holiday, and all Christmas sports are played."

Cooper said that families get together on Christmas Day as they do in the United States.

"Turkey and Christmas pudding are the special foods for that day," said Cooper.

"The Christmas pudding is a rich fruit-filled dish that has a sixpence in it making it dangerous, but fun to eat," he said.

"At the evening meal, we have Christmas cake and pull Christmas crackers, from which party hats and gifts fall," said Cooper.

In the Far East, Christmas is not a traditional celebration.

Cora Wong, a UW-RF junior from Hong Kong, said that Christmas is not a big celebration in Hong Kong.

"People in Hong Kong and other areas of the Orient celebrate the Chinese New Year much more because it is an eastern tradition, and Christmas is still a western tradition," said Wong.

"Families do gather on Christmas Day to have dinner, and the food is similar to that in America," she said.

"We also sing Christmas carols and hymns either in English or Chinese," she said.

Wong said that business districts are decorated, and children receive gifts on Christmas Day just as in the United States.

In the Middle East, Christmas is celebrated by Christians, most of whom are visitors or workers from other countries.

Hossein Sigari, a UW-RF sophomore from Teheran, Iran, said that 90 per cent of the people in Iran are Moslem and have their own celebration.

"The New Year celebration in Iran begins on March 21, and it is called 'the turn

of the year,'" said Sigari. "This celebration, which is non-religious, has been observed continuously for 25 centuries," he said.

Sigari said that there is a large number of Christians from the United States and western Europe in the large cities of Iran, and they celebrate Christmas much as they did in their homelands.

"In the cities, Christmas is a cross-religious celebration because every Christian family entertains or goes out to restaurants and clubs with Moslems, Jews or other religious sects," said Sigari.

In Africa and South America, Christmas is a month-long celebration.

Patrick Tom, a UW-RF senior from Hyo-Cross, Nigeria, said that Christmas is a very exciting time of the year in his country.

"It is a time for family reunions and a time to settle disputes between families and friends," said Tom. "There are more marriages during this period than any other time of the year," he said.

In Venezuela, the Christmas season lasts from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31.

Luis Gutierrez, a UW-RF graduate student, said that the entire month of December is a happy time for everyone:

Gutierrez, who is from Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, said that everyone plays special kinds of music called "Gaitas" and "Aguinaldos."

"Everyone enjoys the music by dancing to it or watching competition between student groups at high schools and universities," he said.

"Kids from eight to 13 visit many houses during the Christmas season playing 'Aguinaldo' music in order to receive gifts," he said.

Gutierrez said that giving gifts is important in his country.

"Government workers are given two weeks free pay," said Gutierrez, "and other company workers draw names and exchange gifts."

"From Dec. 15 to Dec. 23, there are 'Aguinaldo Masses' and people attend them at 4 a.m.," said Gutierrez.

"On Christmas Day, the children receive gifts from San Nicolas," said Gutierrez; "and everyone eats the traditional food, 'Hallaca' and fruits, vegetables and meats."

"People buy fashionable clothing for the Christmas season and decorate their houses and the doors of their churches," said Tom.

Tom said that on the morning of Dec. 25, people rise at 3 a.m. and attend church services.

"People meet with friends and take part in church services before dawn," said Tom.

"After church, there are traditional dances, and then all the children dress in costumes and proceed from compound to compound singing and collecting gifts," he said.

Tom said that the Christmas season also includes team and individual competition in boxing, soccer and singing.

"However, by Dec. 31, everyone has their house cleaned and ready for the new year," he said.



ALTHOUGH CHRISTMAS TREES may be slim picking nationally, this couple finds a wide selection in River

Falls as they get in the Christmas spirit. Photo by Dan Baughman.

Future crops threatened

Ax falls hard on Yule trees

by Dan Larson

Many Christmas tree farmers are finding themselves "out on a limb" because of mice, dry weather and rising costs in harvesting and transportation of the trees.

Louis Wakefield, proprietor of the Legion Tree Lot in River Falls considers himself fortunate.

Other than the rising production costs, Wakefield has had little trouble, although he's had a few trees stolen. He said, "There's bound to be some theft. The first couple of years here there was quite a bit."

His trees grown in Whitehall, WI, which is near Eau Claire, are periodically sprayed and sheared to avoid disease and twisting.

Wakefield has been selling Scotch and Norway pines, balsam firs and white spruces in River Falls for the last 15 years, and the sales have been substantial.

His prices for an average, six-foot tree range from \$3 to \$10, but taller trees sell for more. He sells 14-foot trees mostly to churches and schools.

Growing Christmas trees is a family affair for the Steigerwaldts of Tomahawk, WI.

Edward Steigerwaldt with the help of his four sons, grows trees and ships more than 5,000 of them annually as far away as Oklahoma.

"It's a risky business," Steigerwaldt said. "I've lost

100,000 trees to natural calamities in the past six years."

The Steigerwaldts tend, with apprehension, their 900-acre tree plantation, which has battled nature for 25 years. About 700 acres are being used for wood pulp and the other 200 are for Christmas trees, which include white and Scotch pine, white spruce and balsam fir.

A brush fire killed 26,000 of their trees in 1970. Winter weather claimed 50,000 in 1972 and the current midwestern drought may have cost him 32,000 seedlings.

Steigerwaldt's eldest son, Edward, Jr., said commercial hazards to the trees also include furriers trapping foxes. The foxes generally keep the mice population down, and without the foxes the mice run rampant and nibble the tree bark.

He added that such misfortunes represent about 50 per cent of the price of a typical Christmas tree once it has reached a retail sales lot.

"People fail to realize that in an average year, assuming that all trees survive, there still are a lot lost because some trees are twisted and unsuitable for market," he said.

"Then there is also the cost of transportation since the cost of fuel is rising," added Steigerwaldt.

Christmas trees have become a full-blown industry, with over 50 million families in the United States using either a real or an artificial tree.

According to recent studies, the public is evenly

distributed as to tree usage. One-third prefer a real tree, one-third choose an artificial one, and the other third have no tree.

Artificial trees have become increasingly popular as an alternative to live ones. Sales have doubled in the past five years to a projected 10 million total this year.

They can easily be assembled, taken apart and stored for the following year. Trees of the "stick together" variety sell from \$20 to \$120, depending on how "full" they look.

However, people have been led to believe that buying a PVC (plastic) tree is an ecological plus. Don Warning, vice-president of American Tree and Wreath (the nation's leading artificial tree outlet), said, "When customers buy an artificial tree, they aren't saving a live one. Real trees are grown and harvested like corn or potatoes."

Some ecologists believe that using natural trees conserves forests, preserves thin soil areas and saves energy. The tree may be used as a bird feeder, then cut up, with the needles being used for plant mulch and the rest for stovewood or even to make decorations.

Still, the future Christmas tree crops may be threatened. "Next year," Steigerwaldt noted, "I am not going to plant because the water table is too low. One of these years, we just won't have any trees to market."

"In this business, money does not grow on trees," he said.

Drug and Alcohol Committee established

Program to 'dry out' campus with education

by LaRae Kroeze

"With chemical dependency and alcohol being our number one health problem we need more education. We want to create an awareness among students and create a resource for them," stated L. Mandigo-Amundson, coordinator of the recently-formed Drug and Alcohol Committee at UW-River Falls.

The new program will be geared toward all levels of drug and alcohol problems, and will approach these problems with five major goals in mind.

They will strive toward general education of the entire campus. This the committee will try to achieve through seminars, films, speakers and literature.

"We want to promote the idea of drinking intelligently," explained Mandigo-Amundson. "This would be done through programming, literature, buttons, T-shirts and other methods."

The committee is planning to train a staff composed of students, faculty, residence hall staffs, hall council staffs, and people close to the actual drug and alcohol problem.

An alternative to discipline is another aspect of the program which the committee is looking into. An alternative to discipline would mean help for someone with a problem, as opposed to discipline when help is what the person needs most. The committee hopes to identify the person's needs through self surveys of the person needing help.

A long-range goal of the committee is to start a crisis intervention center in the Student Center or one of the residence halls. Trained students and a professional would be there, and persons seeking help could call or walk in.

Another long-range goal of the committee is a class offered for credit in drug and alcohol education.

The committee will be conducting a survey among students to find out their needs and what the students think is most important in programming.

The committee is also writing to other colleges and universities to attain any information they may have concerning drug and alcohol programs.

Training sessions for volunteers will begin in January.

The Drug and Alcohol Committee meets Monday evenings at 7:30 in the

May Hall Coffeehouse and is open to everyone.

Anyone interested in more information should contact L. Mandigo-Amundson, resident director of Johnson Hall.

Effective Dec. 17

PFM director resigns

by John Gillstrom

"I feel I can progress faster with another company. I knew Professional Food Management (PFM) was a growing concern, but I was looking to go to one with a broader range."

With this in mind, Bob Renner, director of food services at UW-River Falls, resigned Dec. 1. His resignation is effective Dec. 17.

Renner came to UW-RF in February 1976, after working in a similar capacity for Stouffer Food Service in Chicago. As director, he was in charge of the production and purchasing of food for Rodli Commons, The Cage, the delicatessen (The Country Store) and all catering on campus. In addition, he was in charge of planning the menus for The Cage and Rodli Commons.

Interviews for Renner's position are now being conducted by PFM and UW-



BOB RENNER

RF. Although PFM hires the replacement it must meet with University approval. David Reetz, director of auxiliary services, said that it is hoped that a replacement will be hired as soon as possible.

Renner said he handed in his resignation early so that PFM could have sufficient time to find a suitable replacement. He also felt that he needed some time off himself to "sort my mind... to try to find the position I'm seeking."

... Rathskellar

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possible a more diverse range of products. Wine was also added to the list of available items.

One of the biggest reasons for the sale increase is Happy Hours on Fridays. Sales have doubled on Fridays compared to last year.

"More students and faculty are taking advantage of this social hour," said Sievert.

Rathskellar student manager, Blaine Caskey, believes that students are making Friday afternoons into more of an "event."

"There are people sitting and standing all over the place and you have to come down early if you want to get a seat," said Caskey.

Disco hours have also increased sales. This is the first year where the disco idea was tried.

Also attributed to the sale increase are the coffee-houses on Tuesdays. More people are attending and sales have increased as a result.

Finally, there appears to be a better acceptance by the students to the Rathskellar facilities.

"We haven't promoted it as a strict bar like downtown. It's not strictly bar atmosphere, like a place to get drunk. Our sales have increased 60 per cent but that's not saying that students are drinking 60 per cent more," said Sievert.

The big sale items are potato chips, pop and beer. According to Sievert these are the items which take in the most money.

Patrons were asked what accounts for the increase in Rathskellar activity.

"It's bigger and there are more places to sit down. They always have music on," according to Rick Cobian and Dan Hernlem. "You can get your lunch in The Cage and come over here to get pop or beer. The atmosphere is very relaxing."

Pete Smith said, "It has good beer and it's someplace you can go and sit down for an hour. Where else can you go except upstairs?"

Jeff Jicinsky stated that people are more aware of the Rathskellar. "It's a good way to spend an hour and a good place to relax."

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BFA passes first stage

by Teresa Ducklow

A proposal for a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at UW-River Falls has passed through the first stages of examinations with few problems, and it is awaiting approval or rejection from the remainder of the campus committees involved.

So far the degree program has been approved by the UW-RF Arts and Sciences curriculum committee, and it was also ratified by Richard Swensen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"This is really just the beginning of the reviews" for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree, said Dr. Nicholas Karolides, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "From here the proposal will go to a joint meeting of the University Curriculum and Academic Policy and Planning committees," he added.

The meeting was held Thursday in the Faculty-Senate room in South Hall. From there, the program will go to the Faculty Senate and the Chancellor for approval.

"The central concern on campus," said Karolides, "is related to the overspecialization that this degree conveys in contrast to the conventional liberal arts degree."

According to Mary Barrett, chairperson of the art department, the BFA would allow students to concentrate their studies on more studio and art history classes rather than on requirements in other departments.

Currently, students at UW-RF can get a Liberal Arts art degree or a degree in Art Education.

To neutralize the high degree of specialization, additional credits in electives outside the major area, and supportive requirements including music, speech and the English 200 series are made compulsory.

However, according to Karolides, the added requirements are not as clear as they should be, and they will have to be worked out before the various committees stamp their approval.

Providing the proposal passes inspection on the

UW-RF campus, it still has to gain approval from West Central Wisconsin Consortium (WCWC). This committee is made up of representatives from UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire, UW-LaCrosse and UW-RF. Deadline date for the submission of the proposal is March 3, 1977.

Karolides, who serves on this committee along with Vice-Chancellor Richard Delorit, said that the tendency of WCWC is to "try to keep programs from duplicating."

Both Karolides and Barrett agree that the BFA program at UW-Eau Claire, because of its proximity, could be a possible deterrent to River Falls receiving approval for the program.

If the proposal is given final approval, "the BFA will presumably go into effect at the beginning of next year," Barrett said.

Organ recital set

A recital of organ music will be performed by Michael Perrault, instructor of piano at Upper Canada College, Toronto, Canada, in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building at 8 p.m., Tuesday,

Jan. 4. The recital is admission free and open to the public.

Perrault will present works by Buxtehude, Bach, Couperin, Vierne and Healey. Selections will be played on the University's new pipe organ, handcrafted for the Recital Hall.

Perrault is a native of Turtle Lake, WI, and graduated from high school there in 1965. He studied organ under Gerald Bales of Minneapolis, MN, and for three years attended the UW-Eau Claire, where he studied under Jerry Evinrude. Later he studied under Douglas Bodle at the University of Toronto, Canada, and graduated from that institution in 1974. Perrault has instructed at Upper Canada College, a private boys school, for the past three years.

Prologue authors needed

The 1976-77 **Prologue** is now accepting contributions from UW-River Falls students and faculty.

Prologue, UW-RF's creative literary magazine, is accepting original manuscripts now through March 1, 1977 for possible publication.

Poems, short stories, essays, drawings, photographs, jokes, puns, paradoxes or any combination can be contributed.

All contributions should include the author's name, address and phone, in case changes or modifications need to be made and approved.

Manuscripts and artwork may be submitted to Lois Heilborn (264 Fine Arts Building) or Dan Larson (429 McMillan). Entries will not be returned, but may be picked up after **Prologue's** publication in spring quarter at a location to be designated later.



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Tuesday, January 4th at 9 p.m.: Hope Folk practice at UMHE House.
Wednesday, January 5th at 7 p.m.: Faith Singers practice at Ezekiel Lutheran, 202 So. 2nd Street

If you are interested in joining in a group discussion, please watch for these opportunities starting in January:
Monday, January 10th at 8:30 p.m.: Scripture Study with George Gleason in the Newman Chapel.

Tuesday, January 11th at 7:30 p.m.: Leadership techniques for Small Groups, led by Curt Nyberg, at Luther Memorial Church, 4th and Cascade.

Thursday, January 13th at 8:30 p.m.: Values and personal decision-making led by Bill Montgomery at the etc House, 423 East Cascade.

Interested in question on vocations and ministry? Thursday, January 13th is the day to talk with a Roman Catholic Nun at the etc House; also group meeting at 7 p.m. at the UMHE House, 143 E. Cascade.

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by Bridgette Kinney

Even Cowgirls Get The Blues. By Tom Robbins.
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Tom Robbins' second novel, **Even Cowgirls Get The Blues**, is a social-philosophical book that takes as its theme the myth of objective consciousness. Which is to say, that Robbins deals with new meanings for old words such as "reason," "reality," "progress" and "knowledge."

Even Cowgirls Get The Blues is a staccato paced novel that intricate plot evolves around the thumbs of a certain Sissy Hankshaw. Sissy's thumbs, one of those bizarre congenital anomalies that science can't explain, are considerably larger than ordinary thumbs. Rather than degrading or denying her oversized, deformed digits, Sissy creates a mystique around them, builds a lifestyle around them, introduces them to the poetry of motion.

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Where and how does one begin to understand a figure as complex as Tom Robbins? (Perhaps the fact that he is an admitted magic mushroom freak living in the rain-forests of Washington state will serve as a starting point.) His writing embraces poetry and fiction, literary and social criticism, psychotherapy, political theory, education, religion, science, economics and magic.

Whatever the subject matter, Robbins writes with a style that tickles its way to being taken seriously. There is wit, there is satirical bite, there is the power of vivid imagery, but most of all, there is magic in each of Robbins' characters.

The complexity of Robbins' vision, which, as a novelist's vision must, spreads itself out to grasp human character whole and without illusions. No one in a Robbins' novel is ever set down as an angel of a fool, a devil or a wise man. Rather, Robbins plays the splendors and follies of his characters against one another. It is the unpredictability of people and nature, i.e. the magic, that Robbins is concerned with, rather than science, logic, the precision of numbers or predictability.

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15 goal tally

RF icemen clear Stout in 2-game series

by Linda Eklund

A 15-goal tally for two nights helped the UW-River Falls hockey team shoot by UW-Stout Friday, 7-5, and Saturday, 8-2. The two wins boosted the season record to 3-3.

Saturday night, the Falcons gave an "excellent performance," according to RF coach Don Joseph, as they skated their most consistent game of the season.

Winger Paul Harbinson scored the only goal in the first period of Saturday's game, and Brano Stankovsky netted the only Falcon second-period goal. Stout added one goal to their cause in the second period.

RF ripped open for six goals in the third period, compared to Stout's one. Tom Crouch pocketed two points, while Dick Novak, Greg Cosgrove (first goal of the year), Mike Macpherson and Harbinson each scored one.

"We've been playing that way (Saturday's game) in certain spots over the season being inconsistent. The goalie, forwards and defensemen would play well at times, but Saturday night, play was consistent throughout the game," according to Joseph.

In Friday night's contest, 15 penalties were called on the Falcons and 18 on Stout. The penalties led to three Falcon power play goals and two for Stout.

Randy Kivi led RF with two goals, one on a power play in the first period. Novak added his first goal of the year to the first-period total, and the Bludevils also scored one.

Two quick Stout goals in the second period, one on a power play, gave the Bludevils a quick lead. But two goals by Stankovsky and one by Kivi ended the second period with a 5-3 RF edge.

The third period also held two Stout scores. RF also scored twice in that period on power plays by Jim Youngbauer and Jerry Meier.

Freshman Kurt Welch played the last half of the game in goal for the Falcons Friday and the complete game Saturday. He filled in for Jerry Rulli, who was injured half-way through the second period in the Friday night match. The injury was not serious.

"There are never any good reasons for so many penalties," commented Joseph in reference to the high number of penalties calls in Friday's match-up. "They demoralize a team because we have to use eight or nine players to kill the penalty and everyone else sits on the bench. It takes away ice time from the other players."

Stankovsky, with eight goals and two assists, and Meier who has three goals and seven assists, lead the team with 10 points each so far this season.

Meier, who came to RF last year, is co-captain of this year's squad along with Mike Cadwell.

Although it is early in the



DICK NOVAK (17) pursues the moving puck as the Stout goalie brushes it away in UW-RF's 8-2 victory Saturday

night at Hunt Arena. Photo by Dan Baughman.

season, Meier feels that the team has a good chance for a NAIA berth, as the team has more talent than ever.

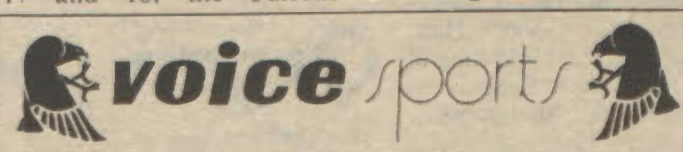
One thing Meier stressed is a team effort in hockey.

"It's not the people who score all the goals who should be in the light, but the people in the shadows who set up the goals," Meier stated. "It's not a solo shot, but a team effort."

Novak and Stankovsky are presently on Meier's line, and he cites them both as "one hell of a hockey player."

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18, the Falcons

tangle with Augsburg for a weekend series. The Augies are one of the two unbeaten teams (Gustavus is the other, who beat RF 8-2 Dec. 7), and Joseph looks for a tough series.



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RF cagers lose; win streak halted

by Scott Wikgren

2-0 WSUC record

The UW-River Falls basketball team ran into a "buzz-saw" Monday night at UM-Duluth and lost 99-89 breaking the Falcons' four game winning streak.

Duluth shot an amazing 77 per cent from the floor in the first half and run up a 63-41 halftime lead. "We just ran into a buzz-saw," said Falcon Coach Newman Benson. "Their shooting didn't give us a chance to get any rebounds in the first half, so we couldn't run."

The Falcons caught fire in the second half, outscoring Duluth 48-36, but that still left them 10 points short at the final buzzer. "We just ran out of time," said Benson.

Larry Pittman netted 23 points to lead Falcon scorers, while Tom Hansen contributed 19 points, and Dan McGinty scored 18 points.

UW-RF had run their win streak to four with a 81-80 overtime win over Northland College Saturday night. Hansen hit two free throws with six seconds left in the overtime period to provide the Falcon victory.

"They went to a zone early in the game, and we didn't run the offense like we should have," commented Benson. "We were rather lucky to have won."

McGinty led the Falcons with 30 points, his highest total as a college player. He also added 12 rebounds.

UW-RF remained undefeated in conference play (2-0) by defeating UW-Stout 81-68 last Thursday in Karges Gym.

The game started slowly as both teams displayed cold shooting and committed many turnovers. Hansen finally put the Falcons ahead 21-19 with a three point play and UW-RF never trailed again as they got their running game untracked in the second half.



**LARRY PITTMAN
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McGinty initiated most of UW-RF's fast breaks as he pulled down 20 rebounds. He also scored 16 points to support Pittman's 23 points and Hansen's 16 points.

Host Auggies

The Falcons next contest is Thursday night when they will be hosting Augsburg College at Karges Gym.

"Augsburg is a fine, well coached squad," said Benson. "They have all the ingredients to be a good team—size, quickness and good shooting."

"Their conference plays a good brand of basketball, and Augsburg will provide good competition," he added.

Benson expects Augsburg to be looking for the fast break whenever possible, which is also UW-RF's style, and thus he thinks it will be a running game. Tip-off time is 8 p.m.

Sport Scope

Men's Basketball

Thursday, Dec. 16 hosting Augsburg, 8 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28 and 29, Christmas Tourney at Kearney, NB.

Thursday, Jan. 6 at Carleton

Monday, Jan. 10 hosting Bethel, 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 6 hosting Mankato, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 10, at U of M, 6:30 p.m.

Hockey

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18, series at Augsburg

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7 and 8, hosting St. Scholastica, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Swimming

Friday, Jan. 7 hosting Macalester, 4 p.m.

Wrestling

Saturday, Jan. 8 at Bemidji

Wednesday, Jan. 12 hosting St. John's, 7:30 p.m.

Intramural News

Intramural schedules for independent, resident and women's league basketball can now be picked up in the intramurals office, 101 Hagestad Union.

Entries are due for: hockey Jan. 5 and play begins Jan. 6; wrestling Jan. 11 and matches begin Jan. 15; freethrow Jan. 12 and play begins Jan. 21.

Refer to the intramural handbook for rules, regulations and eligibility.

Kelly Bleich was the intramural handball champ.

Women five rip Stout; 3-0 conference mark

by Janet Krokson

The UW-River Falls basketball women gathered up a pair of wins in recent play downing UW-Milwaukee, 50-38, and UW-Stout, 66-32, to set the pace on a flawless 3-0 victory march.

The win over Milwaukee Dec. 10 gave the Falcons momentum for a confident season as the RF squad proved its winning potential over one of the toughest contenders in the women's buckets league.

The Falcons put 40 per cent of their 58 shots on the scoreboard and held Milwaukee to a meager 22 per cent of 72 attempts at the hoop to display a strong defensive game over the tall Milwaukee five.

The RF women also pulled down 54 rebounds while Milwaukee yanked in only 22 as Esther Moe grabbed 17, Sue White, 11 and Linda Jensen 10.

Leading scorer

Moe led the RF scoring attack with 18 on the board, while White put up another 14 for the Falcons.

Other contributors to the RF score were Jensen with eight, Judy Stelter with four, and Jayne Scheithauer, Lori Walker and Sue Schreiner with two apiece.

In action Dec. 14, the Falcons capitalized on 86 chances at the bucket for 66 points and held Stout to a slim one-fourth of 64 attempts.

The RF bench was cleared for the Stout contest, and every Falcon put up some points for the victory, while 11 were also successful rebounders in the game.

RF pulled in 45 rebounds, while Stout got their hands on only 25.

Moe again led the scoring game with 14 while Judy Stelter put in 11 and White sunk 10 for the Falcons.

Moe featured

Moe, number 12 in the Falcon jersey, is the only returning starter for RF this year and has led the Falcons in scoring and rebounding thus far. However, she attributes many of her statistics to the "strong, unified team" she runs the courts with. "We have a lot of talent on the squad this year," she believes, "and we are striving for unity—that is the most important thing for a successful team."

"Very good season"

Moe anticipates a "very good season" this year for the Falcons, and she attributes much of the winning potential to the strong bench. "We have a whole benchful of good substitutes this year, and that should give us an advantage in a number of ways," she speculated.

Moe, an eight-year veteran of the courts, shared "Most Valuable Player" honors last year with Pat Callen and took the award alone the year before. One of her most prized accomplishments was a spot on the second team All-Conference last year, as she was picked one of ten in the entire roster of RF opposition.

The shortest center in the conference at 5'10", Moe contends that she has advantages over taller players in a number of aspects. "I play taller than I am," she said. "I can jump better, because I have to do it more often than a six-footer, and I feel quicker than some of the taller players. I can't depend on height, so I make up for it in other ways."

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VIEWPOINT

by Linda Eklund



When Santa stopped in to get his swine flu shot Tuesday, he meandered up to the Student Voice office, in search of his fleeting reindeer, who had disappeared from the roof.

Naturally, I herded him into my office, to find out if he had received my Christmas list. However, he was in no mood to discuss gifts, with lost reindeer imprinted on his mind. He also said another matter was bogging his brain, and he wanted to know if it was at all possible that I knew what was going on in the sports world at River Falls. I said probably not, but it hasn't stopped me in the past. He retorted, "I know that--I read your column, but since no one else is around, I had no choice."

Santa went on to explain that he had received a letter from the UW-River Falls athletic department (postage due), listing some of the items the coaches wanted for Christmas.

"To start out with, some guy named Don Page wanted eight outdoor tennis courts, four indoor tennis courts and five handball courts. Have you any idea what such a load would do to my sleigh and reindeer? They say they are overworked and underpaid as it is, and I'm always getting heat from the 'hoof union' about cruelty to animals. What should I do?"

I tried to calm Santa and explain to him about the tight athletic budget here at River Falls and how more facilities are needed to house the growing number of athletic enthusiasts.

Santa nodded in agreement. "But, you can see my position. Do you think he would settle for two tennis nets and a racketball paddle?"

"And then," Santa continued, "the men's swim coach asked for a baby shark." He explained that he wanted to raise the shark himself, teaching it the proper skills of swimming. Then, he'll bring the shark to the pool. "It's the only way to really improve times," he said.

Another letter from Judy Wilson asked for 20 Esther Moes, 40 pairs of sneakers for the track team and new skirts for the women's field hockey team.

"Sneakers and skirts can be filled, but, it's hard to convince people to be replacements for Esther Moe at River Falls. Santa just doesn't have the power he used to," he sighed.

Another request came from basketball coach Newman Benson. "This one the elves and I just couldn't figure out. He asked me for a 14-foot center to be dropped upon River Falls before the rival Eau Claire game on Jan. 26. Now why would he need such a tall player?" said Santa.

"Oh, maybe it's to combat the two 7-footers on the Eau Claire team," I offered.

I then took the opportunity to ask him about my gifts. Suddenly, Santa sprang out of his chair and said, "I see my reindeer across the hall, at the Student Senate office."

At this time, I jumped up too. "Hey, they're feeding the reindeer with athletic budget requests."

As Santa bounced over to the Senate office, I quietly sighed and ripped up the letters.

Walz dives to continued success

by Joe Lauer

When high school football standout Barry Walz came from Williamsville, NY to River Falls in 1973 he wanted to join the Falcon gridgers on Ramer Field. Little did he know that his fame would come, not on the field, but in the pool as a diver.

"I had never dived before," said Walz thinking of his first days at UW-RF. "I was just swimming around in free swim one day. The swim coach was there and asked to see me dive. So I did."

And so Walz, despite being selected as a first string all-area defensive safety as a senior in his native region of western New York, took up diving.

After three years of learning, Walz has jumped off to no doubt the best start of his career this year. On Dec. 3 in the team's first meet of the season his required dives scored a total of 153.35 points--his personal best score ever. Four days later he followed up the performance in a meet by breaking his personal optional diving record with a total of 243.50 points. He

said that the quick improvement is a little unusual for a diver.

"Normally a diver doesn't peak until after Christmas when he's had a lot of time to practice," said Walz. "I don't really know why I've started so well. I began practicing as soon as school began, but I hadn't practiced a lot during the summer or anything. I think I just have a lot more confidence than before."



BARRY WALZ

Swim coach Mike Davis has been especially pleased with Walz's performance this year. He said that Walz's best dive has probably been the forward two and one-half tuck but that a recent dive he learned--the reserve one and one-half pike--may soon become his

best. Davis said Walz has a lot of potential.

"I think Barry's going to have his best year ever," said Davis. "I think beyond a doubt that he's one of the best divers in the conference. He's got a ways to go, but he's the kind of individual who can put it all together."

This year is Walz's last year of eligibility as a swimmer. Yet despite this, Walz, a sophomore, said that it will not be his last year of varsity sports. He is going to try to make next year's football team in the sport where he began.

Swim Results

Despite Walz's diving and a "very good" fifth place finish by the squad's backstroke relay team, the Falcons finished last in the conference relay meet held at Eau Claire last weekend.

Bob Treadway, Steve Trace and Tim Hein teamed up to swim a 3:11.57 in the relay. Walz scored 158.65 points in optional diving which was good for sixth place. One of the only other bright spots was the swimming of Brad Brown who swam a 51.2 in his leg of the opening medley relay.

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Inconsistent gymnasts 2nd in quad

by Nancy Dietz

The UW-River Falls women's gymnastics team placed second to a very strong UW-Eau Claire team at a quadrangular meet in Milwaukee on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Eau Claire accumulated 114 points to River Falls' 91.7. Oshkosh had 86.75 and Milwaukee earned fourth place with 69.43.

"It wasn't a very strong meet for us," said Coach JoAnn Barnes. "As a team we are still shaky."

This was the lowest score UW-RF has received in the three meets this year. Barnes felt each individual gymnast competed better in at least one event than ever before, but they still received lower scores.

Sue Stevens received fourth place in the vault with

a score of 7.2. This is the lowest score she has received, but Barnes considered it her best vault of the year.

Inconsistency is the young River Falls team's biggest problem, said Barnes.

Maureen Potassek, a freshman, has been the most consistent performer on the balance beam. She earned a 5.5 for a fifth place in Satur-

day's meet and has performed on the beam without a fall in the last two meets.

Stevens and Potassek also executed their best floor exercise routines of the year, according to Barnes. Stevens received a 6.9 and Potassek a 6.2.

Stevens was the highest placing UW-RF gymnast in the all-around competition. She placed fifth behind four Eau Claire gymnasts.

Barnes said Eau Claire looked very good, and she felt they will be strong contenders in state competition. She also added that Eau Claire has been competing since Nov. 1, while River Falls didn't start until Dec. 1.

UW-RF meets Eau Claire three more times in competition.

"We can catch up with them," Barnes said.

The gymnastics team will have no official workouts over Christmas vacation. Some of the gymnasts will be working out with their high school teams at home.

Barnes felt the team could use some time off. The women started practice the second week of September and they had double workouts over Thanksgiving vacation.

Gymnastic meets are scored by judges. Each routine is rated on a scale of 10 points. Composition and difficulty comprise five of the points. This rating does not vary between meets. Four points go toward execution and amplitude. This is the rating of technique and how well the gymnast performs the skills. If a gymnast falls the points are subtracted

from this area. General impression is worth one point.

A team score is made up of the four top scores in each of the four events. The four events are balance beam, uneven parallel bars, vaulting and floor exercise.

Teams qualify for regional competition by earning 118 points at a meet. UW-RF is in a strong region, according to Barnes. Seven teams from this region qualified for national competition last year.

The gymnastics team competes in Mankato, MN on Jan. 15. UW-RF has never beaten Mankato and has the disadvantage of meeting them away from home.

"Working on your own equipment makes a big difference," said Barnes.

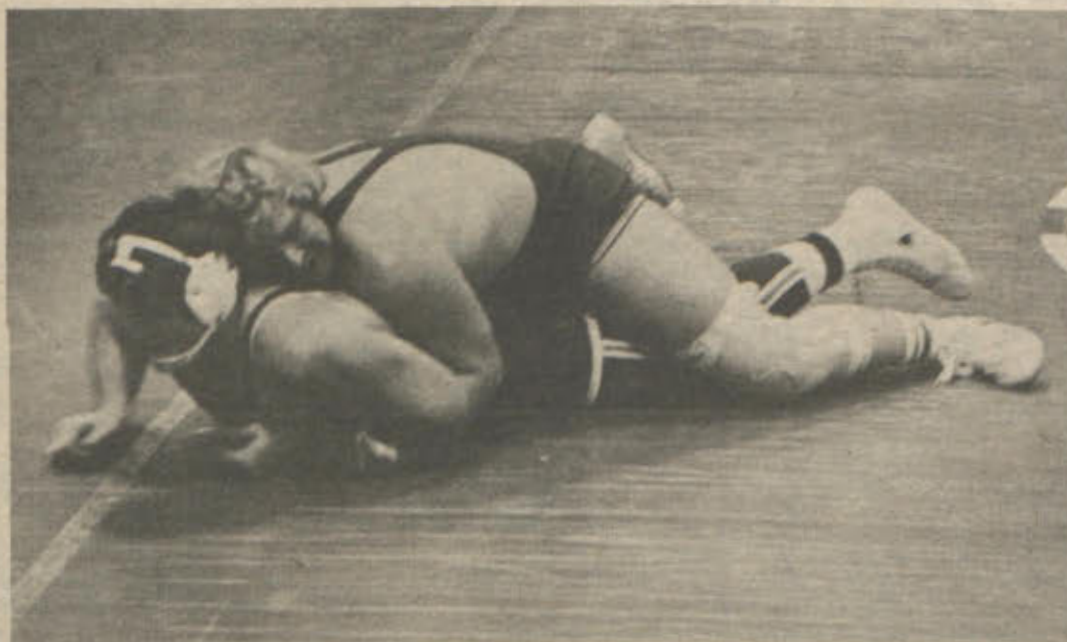
Grapplers slam Eau Claire, 51-2

The UW-River Falls wrestling team opened its dual meet season Dec. 11 by stomping UW-Eau Claire 51-2 in the initial WSUC meet for each school.

Scoring pins for the Falcons were: Mark Miley (142 lb.), Dan Hager (158 lb.), Mark Sontag (190 lb.) and Bruce Tonsor (Hwt.). Hager had the fastest pin at 31 seconds.

Major decision winners were: Nat Pope (134 lb.) and Dave Wahlstrom (177 lb.).

The Falcons return to dual meet action Jan. 8 when they travel to Bemidji in non-conference action.



FALCON HEAVYWEIGHT BRUCE TONSOR (top) picks up some riding time as he controls his opponent in

Wednesday night action at Karges Gym. Photo by Scott Swanson.

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Winter Carnival's Coming!

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Featuring a Yukon Jack Contest - Panning for Gold
Eskimo Pie Eating - Human Igloo and much, much more

"Cryan Shames" in Concert February 2

Softball in the Snow Tournament starts January 24

All material will be in the Winter Carnival Booklet available soon after Christmas vacation.

Live, on our State - February 3 - "the Gong Show"

If you think you have talent, try out for our show
More information will be coming
so stay tuned to this paper for further news!!!

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