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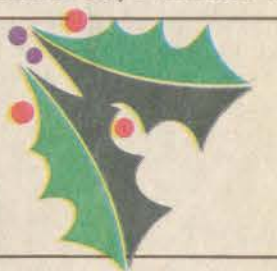
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luck on finals and
have a great break!**

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WEATHER

FRIDAY

Partly sunny with highs in the high 30s and lows in the 20s

WEEKEND

Saturday: Mostly sunny with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s

Sunday: Mostly sunny with highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s

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Ohhhh... Christmas tree



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Kaye Schendel of the Leadership Center, senior Lisha McLean and junior Ross Van Overbeke spent last Friday decorating the Christmas tree displayed in the Student Center. The tree is decorated every year by Student Center employees.

Rohde is hitting the road CAFES Dean is retiring after 18 years



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

UW-RF News Bureau

Gary Rohde, the long-time dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at UW-River Falls, has announced his retirement from the University.

The former Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture announced his decision to Chancellor Gary A. Thibodeau on Dec. 2 and informed the College faculty this week. The retirement will take effect on July 31.

"My association with the University has been a very rewarding and a professionally satisfying experience," Rohde said. "I have been extremely pleased and proud of my association with UW-RF since the mid-60's. It has been an honor to have served the past 18 years as the dean."

A native of Greenwood, Wis., Rohde earned his master's and doctorate degrees in agriculture eco-

nomics at UW-Madison. He joined UW-RF faculty in 1996.

For the next decade he taught classes, served as an extension marketing specialist and as assistant dean before he was tapped by the State Board of Agriculture and former Gov. Patrick Lucey to serve as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. For nearly six years Rohde headed the 800-member department, which is responsible for the state's agricultural programs and policies.

He returned to the University as dean in 1981 following the death of Dean James Dollahan.

At UW-RF, Rohde is responsible for overseeing the second largest undergraduate non-land grant agriculture program in the nation. With 14 academic programs, two laboratory farms and 70 faculty and staff,

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Student will toot her horn at Carnegie Hall

■ Sophomore Sara Giovanelli was recently selected to play French horn at Carnegie Hall with the National Youth Orchestra on Jan. 18

Max Date
Staff Writer

At this point of the semester, many college students are worried about taking 7:45 a.m. finals. Sara Giovanelli, however, has begun the process of realizing her musical dreams - performing at Carnegie Hall in January.

Giovanelli, a sophomore music education major, has been selected to play the French horn at Carnegie Hall with the National Youth Orchestra. She was one of 90 students selected from 350 audition tapes.

"I remember thinking to myself 'why?'," Giovanelli said. "This is something that is nationally known...I was like 'Mom, look what I got into!'"

Giovanelli submitted an audition tape, along with letters of recommendation from University Orchestra conductor Kristin Tjornehoj and UW-RF horn Professor Robert Brownlow.

"(Playing at Carnegie Hall) is every performer's dream," she said. "Every great performer has been at Carnegie Hall...I'm getting

really excited."

The reason that Giovanelli got started with the French horn seems to be a fortunate case of few options.

"The line for the French horn was the shortest," she said. "In middle school, everybody was signing up for band. The trumpet line was all filled, the clarinet line was all filled...I just went with the shortest line."

Giovanelli's family is very music-oriented; she has professional instrumentalists on both sides of her family.

"My family has a really large musical background," she said. "It really helped having parents that understood musical technique and quality."

At Medford Area High School, Giovanelli received 14 first place scores at the Wisconsin high school Solo/Ensemble Competitions. She also performed with the All State Band at Steven's Point, the Indian Head Honors Band at Eau Claire, as well as the Medford Area High School marching and pep bands. At UW-RF, Giovanelli is involved in Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the University Orchestra, as well as the musical arts committee.

Among her musical influences, she lists her family, her high school band director, all of the directors at UW-RF, and "every great horn player." She lists some of her favorite horn players as Barry Tuckwell and John Cerninaro. Sometimes she even finds herself critiquing the music that she listens to.

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Toy drive benefits local kids

■ Toys for Tots at UW-RF is sponsored by CAFES TV, the Agricultural Communicators of America and KARE-11 TV

Sarah Colburn
Editor in Chief

Some UW-River Falls students are trying to make the lives of area kids a little better this holiday season. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences television and the Agricultural Communicators of America have teamed together to help collect Toys for Tots.

So far the group has collected more than 200 toys, their 1998 goal is to raise more than 500 toys.

"We just did it on campus last year but this year we got a head start and did it through the community too," said CAFES reporter Jackie Gliniecki. "I was a little scared before Thanksgiving because the boxes were all empty."

"It sounds silly, but I feel like Santa Claus."

-Jackie Gliniecki

Since then, the community response has been overwhelming and the boxes are beginning to fill. To advertise the donation drive volunteers covered toy-collecting boxes in wrapping paper and hung up colorful signs on and off campus.

On Friday, Dec. 11, UW-RF students will travel to Minneapolis to volunteer at the big Toys for Tots drop-off tent. During their visit they will interview Belinda Jensen, KARE 11 meteorologist, about the role she plays in organizing the Toys for Tots drive. The first show will be aired Monday at midnight on CAFES TV.

Although there are many members helping with the toy drive it is still a lot of work. But Gliniecki said she enjoys helping others.

"It sounds silly, but I feel like Santa Claus," she said. "It's neat to see the generosity of the community."

Toys For Tots

RIVER FALLS DROP OFF SITES

- Chalmer Davee Library
- Dean's Office (210 Ag Science)
- TV Services (113 KFA)
- Student Center by Info Desk
- University Bookstore
- Perkins Restaurant
- Westconsin Credit Union
- Shopko
- First Federal Bank

Graphic by Jenny Murphy / The Student Voice

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHORT-TERM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES The American Scandinavian Foundation offers training opportunities for students who wish to temporarily live and work in Scandinavia. Training is available in the fields of engineering, computer science, chemistry and business. Most positions are located in Finland and Sweden. Work assignments are generally for eight to 12 weeks. Summer agriculture and teaching English positions for the 1999-2000 academic year are also available in Finland. Knowledge of Scandinavian languages is not required. Deadline is Jan. 1, 1999 for agriculture and business/technical placements, and Feb. 1, 1999 for teaching positions. Contact the American-Scandinavian Foundation for further details at (212) 879-9779 or the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall.

13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIRE, sale of fine crafts will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 from noon - 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with an art auction at 1 p.m. on stage at the Mabel Tainter Theater, Main Street, Menomonie. There is a \$2 admission, children 12 and under are free. For more information contact Nancy Blake at 715-962-3062.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for J-Term 1999 are now available from the Office of Financial Assistance. If you are enrolling for J-Term and want to be considered for financial assistance you must complete the application by Dec. 15, 1998.

DISCONTINUED TEXTBOOK SALE at Textbook Services from now until finals week. Textbooks are available in all subject areas at prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy.

HEPATITIS B VACCINE CLINICS ON CAMPUS! Hepatitis B is 100 times more contagious than HIV, but can be prevented by vaccination. For UW-RF students only, shots are available at \$15 each, but are free at this clinic if started before age 19 and completed before age 20. A series of three vaccines over six months is needed to be protected. Clinics will be held on Tues., December 15 and May 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center. Call Student Health Services at 425-3292/3293 with questions.

THE CHALMER DAVEE LIBRARY will be showing a display by Monique Godbout during the week of Dec. 6-13 in the large lighted case by the door to the serial materials. The display will be a tribute to Claude Monet showing pictures and information about the artist. If weather and space permits, there will be a large acrylic painting done by Monique in Monet's style next to the case.

SENIOR FINE ARTS MAJORS Brett Kallusky and Joseph Smolinski will be showing an installation titled "Illuminations" at the Harriet Barry Gallery on Dec. 6-13 in the Chalmer Davee Library. Gallery hours are Monday to Wednesday 7:45 a.m. to 12 a.m., Friday 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Scholarships

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY is accepting applications for scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year. The scholarships offered include: the American Society Scholars Program, the American Chemical Society/PPG Scholarships Plus Program and the American Chemical Society/ Bayer Scholars Program. Deadline is February 15, 1999. For further information or to obtain an application please contact the Chemistry Department or the Office of Financial Assistance.

FOREST HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP deadline is Feb. 10, 1999. Qualifications: sole criterion for selection is a paper written by the student on any aspect of forest and conservation history of Wis. Application materials/additional information available at Financial Assistance.

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP offers a maximum of \$5000 to sophomores and juniors. Students must be intending to pursue careers in environmental public policy and be Native Americans and Alaskan Natives who intend to pursue careers in health care or tribal public policy. Application deadline is March 15, 1999. For more information contact Donald Petzold in the Geography department for eligibility requirements at 425-3264.

THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION announces a fellowship program for young American researchers in professional, policy and public administration-related fields who want to develop a specialized knowledge of the Newly Independent States (NIS). The application deadline is Feb. 2, 1999. Information is available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall. Scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year. The scholarships offered include: the American Society Scholars Program, the American Chemical Society/PPG Scholarships Plus Program and the American Chemical Society/ Bayer Scholars Program. Deadline is February 15, 1999. For further information or to obtain an application please contact the Chemistry Department or the Office of Financial Assistance.

POLISH WOMEN'S CULTURAL CLUB of Milwaukee College Achievements deadline is Feb. 22, 1999. Applications and qualification information available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS scholarship deadline is Feb. 15, 1999. Applications and qualification information available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY: STUDENT SENATE meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE meets every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center.

HEY YOU! Are you looking for a place to release the tension of your classes? Come to Campus Crusade for Christ and find a place to relax and have fun. Anyone interested can go to Room 138 in Rodli Commons at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

WEDNESDAY: INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP meets every Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the International Room. For more information call Joe at 425-8950.

BUSINESS COMMUNICATION ORGANIZATION (BCO) invites you every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. for a fun, exciting, informal meeting. Contact Chrissy Timm at (651) 451-3246, Jen Jorgensen at 426-5086 or Faculty Advisor Barbara Werner at 425-4895 (KFA Room 270) for more information.

STUDENT PAGAN ASSOCIATION meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. in the Falls Room of the Student Center. Go past the information desk, take a right, it is the first door on the right, Room #162.

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.

Shaping tomorrow's professionals today

Agriculture professor receives award for excellence

Saramha Quaidoo
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Professor Terry Ferriss has received another teaching award to add to her collection. The newest arrival has not yet made it out of the box but she said she enjoys the recognition that she has received for her teaching.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) honored Ferriss for teaching excellence in the food and agricultural sciences. She is the first professor from the state of Wisconsin to receive the 1998 award for the North Central region.

The NASULGC includes 201 public research universities, land-grant institutions and many state university systems.

Every year, a person is nominated from each university and college with a food and agricultural program. UW-Madison, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville also submitted nominations.

She has been recognized many times for her exceptional teaching abilities and professional accomplishments. In 1996 Ferriss was chosen as the UW-RF Distinguished Teacher. She has also been a recipient of the American Society for Horticultural Science's Outstanding Undergraduate Educator Award, UW-RF Outstanding Teacher Award and the Bronze Award from the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation.

In addition, she is a four-time winner of the Woody Kalin Award from Pi Alpha Pi National, presented to the coach of the national championship in the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Evaluation Contest. She credits her accomplishments to her supportive colleagues.

"It's nice to teach where teaching is valued," Ferriss said.

Ferriss was one of 10 nominees selected from a total of 60 to receive the award from four regions in the United States. Two recipients are chosen from each region and two other professors are chosen above all the regions.

Ferriss said it is the attitude that she and the other nominees have towards their students that make them good at what they do.

"Good teaching is what is done to impact students directly," she said. "It struck me that what runs uniformly is that we (professors) care that the students are going to learn."

In her teaching, Ferriss focuses on helping students become competent professionals who will later shape the future of the profession.

"I believe students need to connect with people in the industry," she said.

During her 19 years at UW-RF, she has participated in course design, initiated five new horticulture classes, including one taught through distance-learning interactive television. She has incorporated technology into her classes including computerized greenhouse environmental control and landscaping systems and computerized production and cost analysis systems.

She says that her biggest challenge is keeping up with the rapid changes in the industry.

Ferriss believes new technology can be an effective way to get students involved.

"Hopefully people get to a point of



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice
Professor Terry Ferriss develops her students' interest in the agricultural sciences.

an insatiable want for learning," Ferriss said.

Providing valuable skills and opportunities for students is her teaching philosophy.

Ferriss received her bachelor's degree in horticulture from Colorado State University and her master's and doctorate in horticulture from the University of Minnesota.

As a freshman Ferriss thought she wanted to be a food technician.

Ferriss developed an interest in horticulture when she heard of a friend's development of a new kind of squash. She soon decided that food would become her hobby and plants would be her career.

In reflection, Ferriss said she has absolutely no regrets.

Former UW-RF employee gets top honor

Karen Timp
Staff Writer

For Hazel Fern, coming in second place was pretty darn good.

Fern was honored as Chartwell's second best customer service worker from more than 900 employees nation wide.

Family members and co-workers celebrated the award with a surprise reception for Fern last Friday afternoon in Rodli Commons.

Fern was nominated last spring for the "Be A Star Customer Service Award" contest from Chartwell's customer service promotion program.

Fern worked for the UW-River Falls Food Service for 17 years before she retired last June.

Chancellor Gary Thibodeau presented Fern with her award.

"Your service here at UW-RF did not go unnoticed," Thibodeau said when he gave Fern the award.

Director of Food Services Rafael Conde presented Fern with a \$1,000 check for her dedicated service to UW-RF and the community.

"This award shows that we care about customer service and our main purpose is to serve," Conde said. "That's what we're all about."

The award was as big of a surprise for Fern as the

reception was.

"I didn't expect this," Fern said. "My daughter and I were going to run up to Hudson to do some shopping. I even have my list."

Family members have kept Fern in the dark about the award for the past month. They were notified by Chartwells about the award.

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-Hazel Fern

"I've been lying for two days to keep her unaware of the reception," said Connie Gavin, Fern's oldest daughter.

Many of Fern's former co-workers were at the reception to surprise her and celebrate her achievement.

"She made work fun," said Tamara Southworth, a junior who worked with Fern last year. "Hazel always had a smile on her face."

Fern was well liked by her co-workers.

"I've enjoyed working with Hazel," said Eunice Vourwald, who worked with Fern in the bakery

department. "She's a very happy and congenial person."

Mary Van, another food service worker who knew Fern for 12 years, attended the reception.

"We had a lot of good times together," said Van. "She related very well to the students and they liked her."

Doris Trebus, a co-worker of Fern's for more than eight years was proud of Fern's award.

"Hazel was always friendly," Trebus said. "She would greet everyone. The kids just loved her. When she was gone, the students would ask 'Oh, where's Hazel?'"

The Chartwells' staff prepared all of the refreshments and set up the reception.

Fern is enjoying her retirement but misses work at UW-RF.

"I really enjoyed working with all the people on the food service staff," Fern said. "I was kind of like a mother to the students who were far away from home. I'd josh with them and try to get to know them by listening and talking with them."

Fern misses the people, working on campus and earning extra money.

Fern said, "I've been busy with sewing, reading, camping with my husband and spending time with my family."

Dean / Rohde retires

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it educates about 1,350 students each year.

In addition to his many administrative duties, Rohde also continued to teach classes, including agricultural law and cooperatives.

"I have a lot of very, very good memories of my associations with faculty, staff and employees at the University," Rohde said about UW-RF. "There's not one single thing that sticks out, but I've enjoyed many associations and friendships and maintained a good working relationship with organizations... There're a lot of good memories."

Rohde saw the College change its name from the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture, Foods and Sciences three years ago. Under his leadership, the College also began an agriculture alumni program about 15 years ago and improved the campus greenhouse, among numerous other projects he has been involved with over the past two decades.

Presently, he is coordinating his fundraising efforts to obtain \$400,000 in private sector donations for a proposed \$2.8 million Dairy Teaching Center at UW-RF.

Rohde's stewardship of agriculture issues in Wisconsin have earned him numerous citations.

At UW-RF he was recognized with the University's highest honor of Distinguished Teacher, received the Cooperative Builder Award from the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives, was awarded an Honorary Wisconsin FFA Degree, and was cited for distinguished service by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federa-

tion.

Thibodeau greeted Rohde's decision with praise for his leadership both in the University and for the Wisconsin agricultural community.

"For 18 years Gary Rohde has provided exceptional leadership as Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences," Thibodeau said. "He is recognized nationally as a leader in the broad field of agriculture and is considered a pioneer in the creation of cooperative and creative linkages between the University, agribusiness entities, and governmental agencies that impact on rural communities and people."

"Dr. Rohde has made lasting and critically important contributions during his tenure at UW-RF. He is a personal friend and colleague and I will miss his good humor, positive outlook and administrative skills. Of course, his ongoing leadership and involvement in many areas will continue to impact in a positive way on the University and on Wisconsin agriculture after he leaves the Dean's office. I wish him and Helen much happiness and continued success in the years ahead."

Following his retirement, Rohde will remain in the River Falls area and may be interested in some short-term consulting with regional agribusiness or governmental agencies, in addition to some part-time teaching activities.

"I've been thinking about this for the past couple of years," Rohde said. "After the past 18 years of being dean and serving to the state of Wisconsin, it's time for me to move on. And this is a good year for me to do it."

An education abroad

Students study across the seas

Sarah Doyle
Assistant News Editor

Visit Mexico, Greece, Australia or Scotland and get credit! These are just some of the countries offered by the Office of International Programs for students interested in studying abroad.

INTERIM IN MEXICO

According to Yolanda Dewar, coordinator of International Programs, 32 students will be traveling to Mexico in January.

This program allows students to tour Mexico for three weeks between Fall and Spring semesters.

This three part course has six classroom background sessions during the Fall semester for preparation for the trip.

The second part of the course is the trip itself. The trip will include touring Mexico City, Queretero, Guanajuato and Irapuato.

The last part of the course is a required 10-page paper.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND
Students can travel to Scotland to the University of Edinburgh to continue their education and live in Dalkeith Palace. Courses are taught by professors from the UW-System.

ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGE EXCHANGE

Another option to travel abroad is to visit Lancaster, England. Students can receive credit for attending classes at St. Martin's College and pay UW-River Falls tuition. Fields of study include education, health, art, mathematics, religious studies, social ethics and youth studies.

GREEK SEMINAR

A two-week tour of Greece in early summer is available for students interested in visiting the Aegean Isles, Crete and Athens.

MEXICO EXCHANGE

A one-to-one exchange with the Autonomous University of Guadalajara is available for students

interested in living with a Mexican family for either a semester or academic year. Students should have some knowledge of the Spanish language.

STUDENTS GO "DOWN UNDER"

Students can study at the University of Sydney and the University of Melbourne in Australia. Students majoring in Agriculture and Horticulture can choose Direct Exchanges with the University of Melbourne paying UW-RF tuition.

SEMESTER ABROAD

A final option is the study abroad program. Students develop a project which they research while in Europe for eight to 10 weeks within one European country.

Fourteen two-hour meetings are mandatory for preparation of the research project, orientation to European culture and preparation for independent travel. Once in Europe, the students will have a one-week

group stay in Paris. After Paris, students have eight to 10 weeks to research their topic; and during this period they can choose to stay with a host family. After the research, students will have four to six weeks of independent travel. After returning from Europe, students must write and submit their research projects.

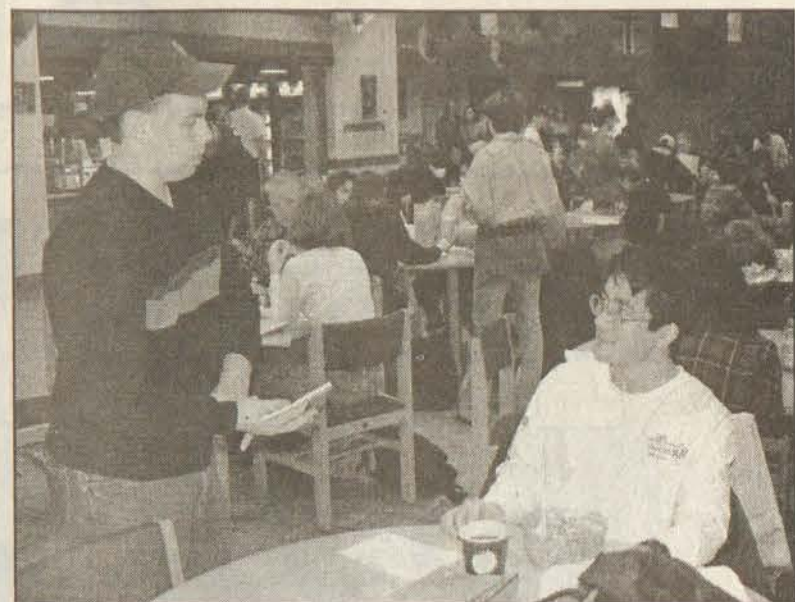
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students have several options to finance their international study. Resources available include personal funds, family funds, UW-RF financial aid and other sources of outside funding. Students can also choose combinations of these options. Financial aid may not be available to students who attend the campus of UW-RF, but eligibility could change if they choose to study abroad.

Information for these various programs was obtained from the brochures available at the Office of International Programs.

STUDENT SENATE

One semester down



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Student Senate President Mac Gupta discusses issues like tuition freezes and web registration with senior John Pesh.

Max Date
Staff Writer

After more than three months of weekly meetings, Student Senate capped off the semester with a "getting to know you" session.

The extra meeting took place on Wednesday afternoon in the nest area of the Student Center.

"The point of the meeting is (for Senate) to be more public," President Mac Gupta said. "It's so that we can take a more active role."

The session was a supplement to next Tuesday's mandatory Student Association meeting, held every semester. The Senate and Student Association meetings were supposed to be combined into one, but procedures taken to create the unified meeting violated the Student Senate Constitution.

Gupta said that Wednesday's session was different from ones in the past.

"(Previously) the Senate held this on Tuesday night like a normal senate meeting," he said. "This year, we decided to go to the people and talk

to them."

Gupta said the meeting led to more student input on issues than had been generated all year.

Last Tuesday, a motion was passed to increase the United Council mandatory refundable fee from 95 cents to \$1.35.

The fee will help pay for a new staff member, and technology updates. The fee increase will affect all schools in the UW-System, but only if three-fourths of the Student Senates in the UW-System pass it.

Other motions passed included appointing Maile Ilac to the Affirmative Action and Multicultural Advisory Faculty committee, as well as the Diversity Issues Student Senate committee. Dennis Paquette was appointed to the Student Organizations committee, and Mark Schrafels was appointed to the Special Technology committee.

Gupta said that overall, the semester in Student Senate went well.

"It's the first full Senate we've had in a while," Gupta said. "We're doing real good; working well with each other. Even with the mix of personalities, we're keeping it professional."

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-Mac Gupta

Camping for credit

■ Outward Bound takes college students out of the classroom and into the North woods

Ben Schmitt
Staff Writer

For many students cross-country skiing and dogsledding in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area are adventurous excursions far from their academic lives. But for students at Voyageur Outward Bound School in Minneapolis, these activities also fulfill part of their college degrees.

UW-River Falls students can enroll in a variety of wilderness courses, much like a study abroad program, and earn college credit toward their degrees.

According to a recent press release, Voyageur Outward Bound School offers students semester-length wilderness courses for academic credit. Students pay about the same tuition as their own college. Outward Bound also offers shorter, one to four-week courses, if time is an issue for students.

Rob Meany, Media Relations Director for Out-

ward Bound, said the semester courses, titled "Semester Odysseys," last anywhere from 49 days to 84 days.

"Along with these courses, which last roughly around a semester's length, we also offer shorter courses throughout the year," said Meany. "We have five different course sites around the nation."

Some of the courses offered include desert and alpine backpacking, sea kayaking, rock climbing and dogsledding, according to Meany. Specifically, the Winter Odyssey, which runs from January 10 to February 27, 1999, includes whitewater canoeing on the Rio Grande River, Texas, and desert backpacking in Big Bend National Park, Texas.

Through these courses, students can gain accreditation in many different career areas, according to Meany.

"We've had students who've gone on to careers in outdoor education, physical education and wilderness," Meany said. "Students have also become accredited in other disciplines, such as biology and geology. We also have a social work credit program, because a big element of Outward Bound is helping people and educating youth."

Meany said that students should set up a program of study with their academic advisers within a specific discipline. Required is also a contract

demonstrating how an Outward Bound course will help meet requirements for a particular major. Outward Bound has advisers who can help in creating a contract, according to Meany.

Meany said the tuition for a 49-day semester is \$4,700, and \$6,400 for an 84-day semester. To cover some of the costs, Outward Bound offers financial aid.

"We are a non-profit organization supported by individuals and corporations," Meany said. "Along with an admission form, students fill out an additional form stating how much they will need covered. We provide financial aid based on need."

Meany said that approximately 18 percent of Outward Bound students last year received financial aid. More than 200 students received a combined total of \$200,000 in scholarships.

He also said if students wish to work for Outward Bound, a good prerequisite is to take one of the semester courses offered.

"Educating youth is a big focus of Outward Bound," Meany said. "Taking our education courses provides that experience of teaching young people."

Voyager Outward Bound School is located in Minneapolis, and they are on the Internet at www.vobs.com. Students can obtain a brochure by calling (612) 338-0131.

Giovanelli / Carnegie Hall

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"There are always spots that you know could have been done better yourself," she said. "But then, some music just overtakes you because it's so well done."

Giovanelli has noticed also that being involved with music can be beneficial in other aspects of a person's life.

"(Music) becomes an integral part of life," she said. "It helps you to focus on really boring parts because you know that your turn is coming. You can take out your anger and all of your feelings on an instrument."

Musically, Giovanelli never expected to be at the level of Carnegie Hall by age 19. In fact, she didn't even initially plan to be involved in music as a career.

"I wanted to go into Pre-Med.," she said. "But I evaluated my situa-

tion and decided that I couldn't live without music in one way or another."

As it is, Giovanelli plans for a future performing career, supplemented by teaching when there are not enough performing opportunities.

Giovanelli received all of the parts for the concert two or three months ahead of time, which will be rehearsed with the Manhattan and New York Philharmonies ahead of time.

"We have to learn all four parts (for the concert)," she said. "When we get there, they decide who plays what part. We get two days of practice, and each day runs six to eight hours."

The concert will be held on January 18, and will include all four movements of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, also known as the Symphonic Pathetic.



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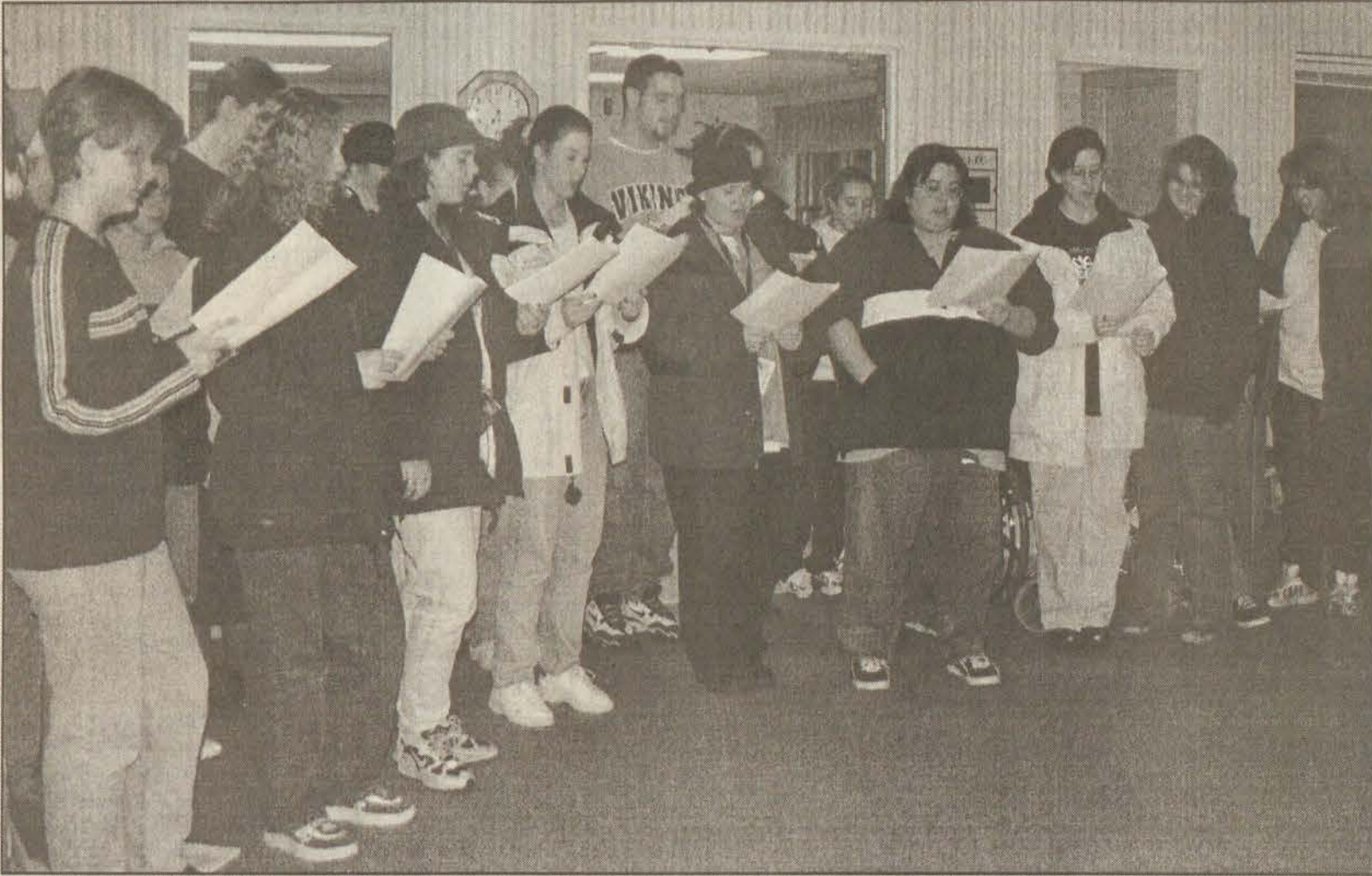
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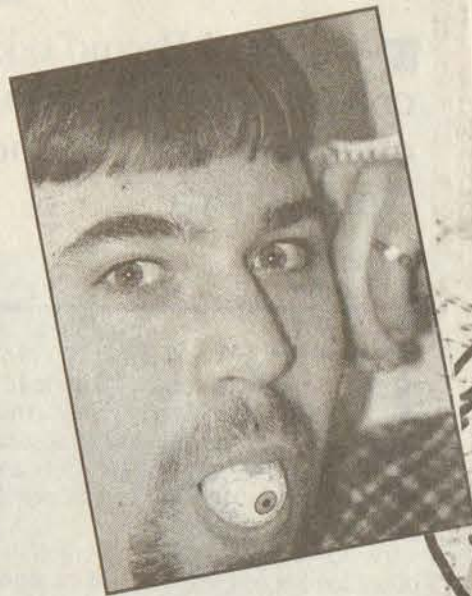
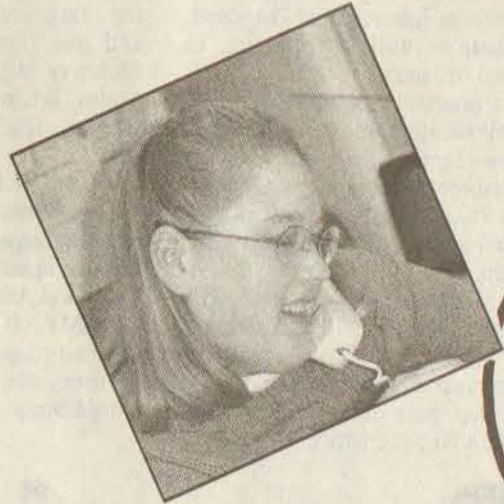
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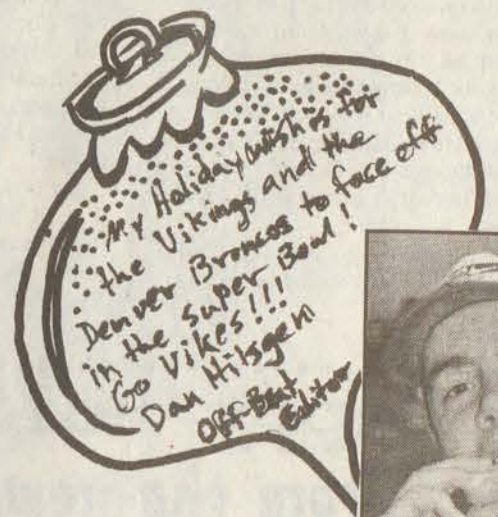
Melinda Domzalski / The Student Voice

UW-River Falls students from May and Prucha hall spent the day caroling for residents of the Kinnic Long Term Care facility.

Happy



I just want
a big
package!
Jen Murphy
Front pg. Ed.



My Holiday wish is for
the Vikings and the
Denver Broncos to face off
in the Super Bowl!
Go Vikings!!!
Dan Hirsigen
Off-Beat Editor

Sounds of the season

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

Regardless of the lack of snow, Christmas spirit was in the air at the William Abbott Concert Hall during the Holiday Concert performed by the Music Department on Dec. 5, 6, and 7. The Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Women's Chorus, Male Quartet and Brass Ensemble all participated in the festivities. The organist, Kathryn Moen, opened up the program with a few songs such as "Fantasy on Antioch," and "La Nativite." It has been part of the tradition having Moen perform during the Holiday Concert.

The Concert Choir, led by the new director, Grace Cajiuat, performed a lively song entitled, "Verbum Caro Factum Est" by Hans Leo Hassler which was an echoing song. They also sang "Touro Louro Louro," "Ding Dong Merrily On High," "Masters in this Hall," and "March of the Kings." This was Cajiuat's first Holiday concert here.

The Chamber Singers performed a song called, "Ya Viene La Vieja." They also sang a couple of verses of "Silent Night" in German circling around the audience holding candles near the end of the concert.

This year there is a new ensemble called The Male Quartet. It is made up of four men who sing the voice parts of Tenor I, Tenor II, Baritone and Bass.

"There were four of us that wanted to try out for the Women's Chorus, but Sarah Parks, Director of Women's Chorus let us do this instead," said David Reilly, member of The Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Male Quartet.

Reilly said Parks directs them and that they usually practice one to two hours per week. Parks said they would like to expand the Quartet into an ensemble. They are looking for more men who may be interested in joining.

The Male Quartet performed one song called "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming."

Another addition to the concert was the readings performed by three people. One of the songs that the Concert Choir sang, "Choose Something Like A Star," was performed by one of the readers, James Pratt, a Speech Professor. Other Readers were Mac Gupta, President of Student Senate, and Gordon O. Hedahl, Dean of Arts and Sciences. Hedahl's selection was a famous reading entitled, "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus."

The Women's Chorus performed two songs, "The Angel Song," and "Ave Maria."

The audience even played a big part in the concert. They were invited to stand and sing along with the choirs to many traditional songs such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Joy to the

World," and part of "Silent Night."

The last part of the Concert ended with the song "O Holy Night" performed by soloist Joy Schieb. She was accompanied by Lillian Tan, who played the piano.

Many students performing in the concert thought it went very well.

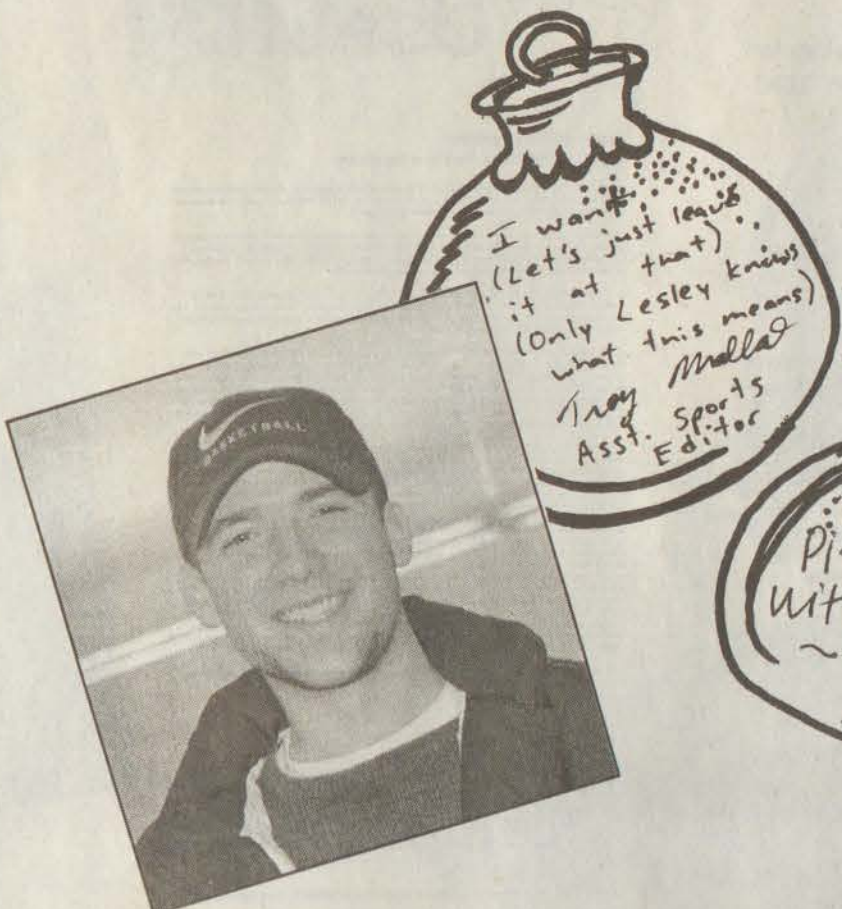
"I thought it was really fun," said Ellen Cramer, member of Concert Choir. "I liked the different variety of music that was performed."

Becky Chords also thought the concert was a success. "I thought everything went really smoothly," she said. "We all really put our hearts into it."

The directors also had positive comments.

"The concert featured so much of our department," Parks said. "The music and the students were a nice way to keep the University in a festive spirit."

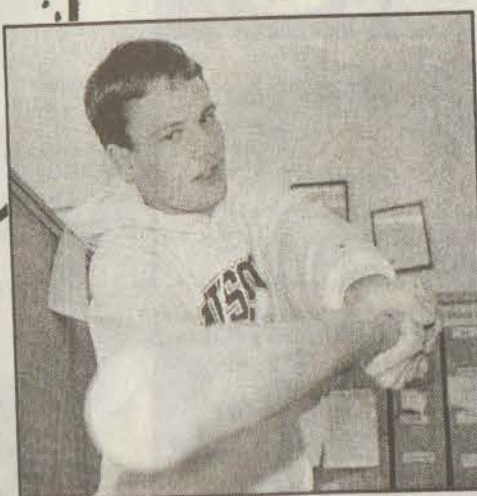
For those who would like to hear more holiday music, Grace Cajiuat said the Chamber Singers are holding a Wassail Party, which is a celebration of singing on Sat. Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room located in Kleinpell Fine Arts building. This is taking place instead of the Yuletide Feast. The Chamber Singers will still be performing songs and skits for free. A variety of music will be performed in French, Spanish, German, English and Latin. Some of the more traditional songs will be "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," and the Coventry Carol.



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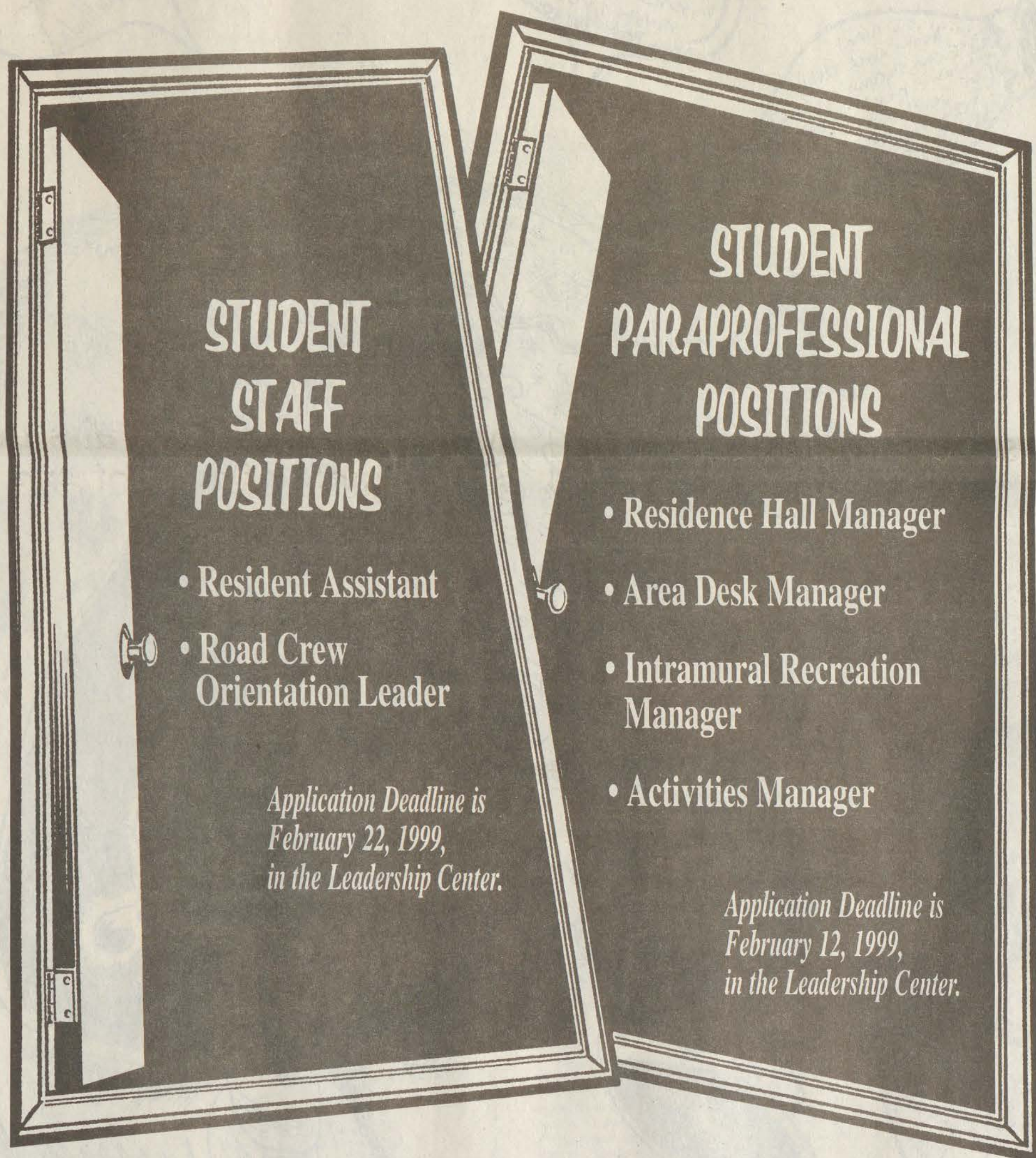
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Financial aid denied to drug offenders Regulation unfair to low and middle class

As some of you may know, a law was recently passed that defies reason and understanding. The law I speak of makes it impossible for a student convicted of even a minor drug offense to receive federal financial aid. Thus, a well-meaning kid caught with a small bag of grass could have his college education stripped from him. Committing a small victimless crime gives the government the right to keep us from education ourselves? Something has gone dreadfully wrong. Isn't education the best way to pull oneself out of an unfortunate situation? This law simply perpetuates the problem. It sends the message to innocent kids that they aren't even worth an education.

There are several unfortunate effects of this misguided legislation. It only serves to further the false notion that all drugs are the same and equally bad. Marijuana users should not be treated the same under the law as heroin users and if you can't see this, you've spent too much time in DARE class. Drugs are not all the same. Crack and Heroin are frightening substances

that pose a grave threat to society. Marijuana is safer than either, and probably a whole lot more fun, and is in no way even in the same ballpark as the aforementioned narcotics.

The second problem with this law is the inequality of its effects on the

This country is being run by a generation of former college drug users. Half of congress would be without a degree if their education had been taken from them because of a few late night bong hits in the 60's (at least many of them have the balls to admit they inhaled).

Jason Childress

"Thus, a well-meaning kid caught with a small bag of grass could have his college education stripped from him."



poor. Wealthier kids from more affluent families do not necessarily rely on financial aid to finance their education. Those from middle to lower class families do. A drug arrest means little to the rich kid while it would be devastating to the poorer student. This disparity is not just unfortunate, it's immoral.

Are they so out of touch now that they think the war on drugs needs to be fought in the financial aid offices of college campuses? The "War on Drugs" is rapidly becoming the "War on Youth." It's time we fight back and quit lying on our backs while we're beaten by the

narrow minded, self-righteous bastards who pretend to represent us. It's time we stand up and assert our right to earn an education despite our particular vices. Let us be judged by the quality of our labor and the strength of our spirit and not by what substance we chose to recreate ourselves with.

This legislation is wrong and to let it rest is to prostitute ourselves to a set of values we do not hold dear. Call or write your Congress person and tell them that you're tired of being the scapegoat of society's ills. Tell them that access to education is a right that should be independent of your personal life.

What's next, no real villains; those who are truly to blame for the societal problems that fuel the "War on Drugs."

Whatever your feelings about drugs, recognize that our generation is bent over and society is having its way with us. Let us scream out a unified "No." Let us come together as a generation and put a stop to this and take this world for ourselves. After all, we are the ones who will be haunting the halls of Congress and running this great nation in the near future and it's time that we have a stake in it.

EDITORIAL

Split finals week Approach too hectic to students

As the end of the semester approaches, students are racing to keep up with professor demands. Last minute papers, tests, group projects and presentations seem to be high on the list of class priorities.

In the midst of these assignments, finals week is sneaking up. Classes end Tuesday and students are expected to be ready for finals by Wednesday morning. While it is still a full week of finals, it is broken up over the course of two weeks.

This means students hand in their last assignments, take their last tests, make their last presentations and prepare to take finals the next morning. For many students their grade is heavily dependent on the grade they receive on the final. Let's just say STRESS!

Would it really be too difficult to hold the entire week of finals the week before Christmas? Many students use the weekend before finals to recover from the rush of end-of-semester assignments and prepare for the upcoming week.

This year's students will be missing out on some much needed breathing time. Anyone who has a final at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday morning can attest to that.

While it will be nice to have a weekend break after three days of finals, a lot of students will have already taken most of their finals.

The extra studying time would be most effective at the beginning of the finals.

Because it is the last weekend before Christmas, we can say goodbye to studying. It will be crammed with last minute shopping.

Another thing that has changed is the amount of time students have to check out of their dorms. The last final is held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Check out time for all residence halls is 6 p.m. that Tuesday. This means students who have a final that evening need to be moved out before their test begins.

For a lot of students this is going to create a problem. Many students living on campus do not have their own transportation and must rely on their parents or friends for rides home. For some parents it will be difficult to take off work in the middle of an already shortened work week in order to pick up their college student.

That's another reason why the weekend immediately following finals is nice. On the last day of finals, students used to have to only worry about packing and finding transportation home. Suddenly, studying for the last final exams has to find room into an already busy day.

So in this season of last minute shopping, testing and presenting, let's look forward to a wonderfully awful week of finals. Oh, and have a happy holiday season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recently, two of my roommates and I attended a Falcon Hockey game at Hunt Arena. Upon arriving there I was pleased to see several members of the UW-River Falls cheerleading squad. Like most people, I expected they would be getting the crowd psyched for the game and cheering on the players. Much to my dismay, this never happened. Instead, I got to listen to the opposing team's cheerleaders root for their team. To say the least, I was slightly upset over their lack of support for the athletes on the ice.

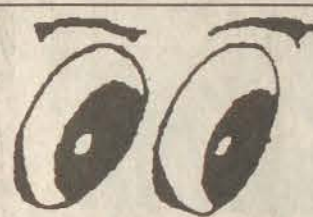
In addition, I am sure that the fans seated behind them in the stands weren't happy to have their view blocked by the girls who were in essence just holding up the walls of the ice rink. And considering the intensity of the checks and hits into the board at that night's game, I really don't think the boards need any support.

Melissa
A UW-River Falls student

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Making UW-River Falls better Complaints of mascot and spirit

For the last two and a half years I have been a happy resident and student of UW-River Falls. Aside from being located in Wisconsin and having to put up with the "Packer Parade of Looney Fans" preaching just how good their team is every time the team wins and hiding from everyone when the team loses, this is a good state to live in.

This campus and University, however, could be improved in a few ways.

1. Finals Week: I don't know how this University planned out finals week in the years prior to my choosing this school, but this year's plan has to be the worst idea yet. I'm sure students needs weren't considered when it was decided to begin finals week on a Wednesday. Luckily, this little fiasco doesn't effect me because I'm one of the lucky few students not to have a final in any class until Monday afternoon. (Sorry Dr. Schultz, I do consider your out of class paper a final, but papers are different. No insult intended).

Having finals start the day after the last class of the semester is not conducive to studying. Just watch, students grades overall will be lower on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday finals compared to the Monday and Tuesday finals. The weekend helps students prepare for their exams. So, please take a hint UW-

RF and revert back to having finals start on Monday.

2. School Spirit: UW-RF needs injection of school spirit. Roughly 5,000 to 6,000 students go to school here and many of them live on campus, but you wouldn't know it. Why you ask? Because every single weekend, barring Homecoming weekend when 90 percent of this student body

likes to drink all day and get plastered for the football game (cause heavens knows you can't enjoy a football game sober), the majority of the student body packs their suitcases and flees the UW-RF, "The Suitcase Capital of the World," for home.

Thus, how many students do you see cheering on the home crowd at weekend sporting events. The answer: Not many.

So I plead to the student body, support your fellow classmates in their sporting ventures and show your Falcon Pride.

3. Freddy the bleepin' Falcon: I chose this University because of it's journalism ma-

jor/departments and it's campus newspaper. If the sole factor would have been the school or team mascot, UW-RF would have been dead last on my list. Come on, a soft, plush and cuddly looking bird for a mascot?

A mascot is supposed to strike fear into the hearts of your opponents. Instead, children of alumni feel completed to cuddle up with and give a big hug to Freddy,

second only to Barney.

This university needs to kill off its current version of Freddy and update it to a 90's version. I suggest plucking half the feathers out of the costume so he is less fluffy. Also, turn his warm and friendly smile into a cold and mean looking scowl.

One more suggestion on Freddy the bleepin' Falcon. I can never get away from his welcoming buggy eyes no matter where I go on campus. It's like Big Brother is watching me. I think if someone would look hard enough in every building on campus they would find at least five Freddy clones. Talk about Freddy overload!!!

There are many things about this University that I love, but these three things absolutely must be changed.

Dan Hilsen

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What's coming up in campus entertainment?

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Platteville 78, River Falls 47Women's
Oshkosh 92, River Falls 60
River Falls 72, Platteville 60

HOCKEY

River Falls 1, Superior 0
Superior 6, River Falls 4
St. Mary's 6, River Falls 2

GYMNASTICS

River Falls 131.1,
Whitewater 130.625

TROY MALLAT

Troy's Christmas shopping guide

Ho, ho, ho and a bottle of rum. The Christmas season is upon us once again bringing yuletide joy to all boys, girls and Dennis Rodman. So what does the sporting world want for Christmas? It is better to give than to receive, so let's see what Santa has on his list this year.

Dennis Rodman: A brain. The man wakes up in a drunken stupor laying next to Carmen Electra with a ring on his finger. Then a month later wants an ennulement. You do the math. He's obviously a few dresses short of a wardrobe.

Viking fans: First off, you have to get them a head big enough to keep their egos in now that the Vikes are Central Division Champs. For a stocking stuffer, a box of tissue would suffice. They're going to need something to cry in....

The NBA: Although most people would give them a lump of coal. They deserve a labor agreement with a hard salary cap, so we can see the players where they rightfully belong (whining and head-bunting each other on the basketball court).

Dominique Moceanu: No one should be alone for the holidays, so she receives a new set of parents to replace the ones she divorced.

Randy Moss: A one way ticket to Baghdad. Let's see him catch bombs when they're of the nuclear variety.

Dan Dierdorf and Boomer Esiason: Knowledge of the game we call football. For guys who spent years in the NFL, the two Monday Night Football announcers have a knack for explaining the obvious and slamming each other on the air without really getting to a point.

Ricky Williams: The Heisman Trophy and a chance to play for an NFL team that isn't pathetic. The first present is a lock; the second is a stretch considering the first round draft pick will have to play for the Eagles next year.

Mo Vaughn: A good accountant. After becoming baseball's richest man by signing with the Angels, he'll need it, or he could eat himself into oblivion.

Shaquille O'Neal: Some singing and acting ability. He needs another career to fall back on if the season is cancelled. The movies and rap recordings he has now aren't going to cut it.

Mike Holmgren: A general manager/head coaching job somewhere far away from Green Bay. Everyone knows he's already packed his bags.

The Brewers: Pitching, pitching, pitching, pitching, pitching. Did I mention they need some pitching?

God: What do you get the Almighty who has and can do anything he wants. The only thing I can think of is the idea to tell Reggie White to play for another season. He tells White to do everything else. Why not give a present to football fans everywhere?

Happy holidays! I hope you get everything on your list.

Troy Mallat is a sophomore majoring in journalism

Pioneers no match for Johnson, Falcons

River Falls improves to 2-1 in the WIAC thanks to forward Missy Johnson's 34-point, 14-rebound performance against Platteville

Dan Hilsen
Off-Beat Editor

Wednesday night the Falcons fended off an aggressive UW-Platteville women's basketball team in a game that was more competitive than the 72-60 final indicated.

"It's always good to win a conference game at home," Falcon coach Dave Schuchter said. "You got to win your home games."

The Falcons seemed in control with 7:41 left in the first half when junior forward Kelly Rambow sunk one of two free throws.

Then the Platteville Pioneers mounted the team's counter attack. By 2:43 left in the half, the Falcon lead had diminished to two-points with the score 31-29.

However, the Falcons finished the half strong by going on a 6-0 run that concluded with junior guard Steph Olson taking command of the offense, driving the lane and putting in a layup with nine seconds remaining in the half to give the Falcons a comfy 37-29 halftime lead. "I thought Steph played a very good first half," Schuchter said.

Olson scored eight of her nine game points in the first half.

The lady Falcons thrive on turnovers and the team had a feast with the Pioneers representing the main dish as the Falcons stole the ball 17 times in the game.

The stealing feast was spread around the Falcon table with Olson, sophomore guard JoLynn Sieburg, senior forward Missy Johnson and junior guard Bev Gefekke all taking a bite out of the Pioneers. Each contributed to turnovers that led to Falcon points, 13 points to be exact, that helped put the team in the lead going into the half.

"For one, as you can see when we play fast, although we may turn it over once in a while, its to our advantage because I just feel it wears teams down and we get good looks off it," Schuchter said. "When you can create opportunities off your turnovers you hope to finish those

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Platteville murders men's hoops

Falcons fail to attempt a free throw as the defending national champions cruise to an easy 78-47 conference win in Platteville

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The Falcon knew they had a tough task at hand: to beat the defending national champions on their home court. They had no idea it would be this tough.

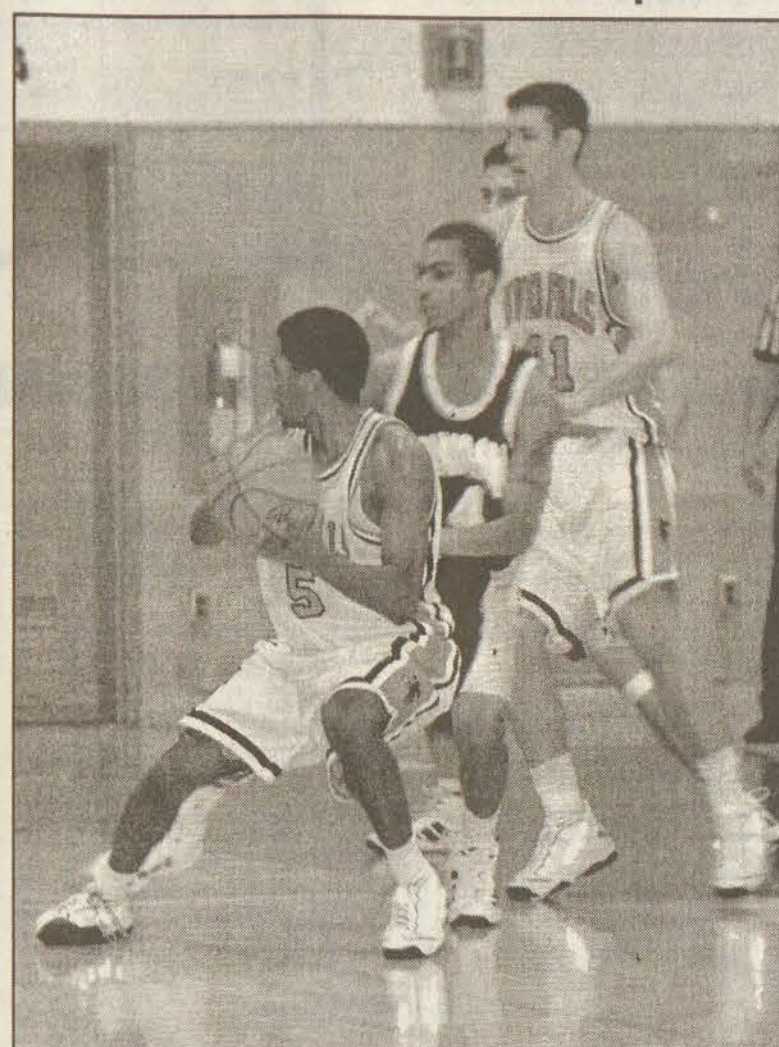
The Platteville Pioneers went on an 18-0 run midway through the first half and cruised to a 78-47 win against the Falcons Wednesday night at Williams Fieldhouse.

UW-River Falls was held to 41 percent shooting from the field and did not attempt a free throw the entire game.

Tony Fisher and Scott Leibmann each scored 10 points for the Falcons.

The victory extends Platteville's winning streak to 34 games.

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Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
Guard Tony Fisher looks to make a pass against Oshkosh Saturday night. Fisher scored 10 points on 4 for 7 shooting in the Falcons 86-64 loss to the Titans.

Skaters split with Jekyll and Hyde performances

Falcons earn a split with the top-ranked Superior Yellowjackets before falling to St. Mary's 6-2

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

Following a tough, physical series split with the No. 1 ranked UW-Superior Yellowjackets over the weekend, the Falcon hockey team played its sloppiest game of the season Tuesday, dropping a 6-2 non-conference decision to St. Mary's.

The Cardinals took advantage of a de-energized Falcon team by jumping out to an early 2-0 lead five minutes into the opening period.

Then, St. Mary's added two goals in the second period, one on the power play, and tallied two more in the third to take home the convincing 6-2 win.

"We are very disappointed in the way we played," Falcon head coach Steve Freeman said of his No. 2 ranked Falcons play. "We had so many positional breakdowns and we



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
Falcon forward Chris Burke (12) lifts the puck over the shoulder of UW-Superior goalie Tom Pink for the lone goal in the Falcons' 1-0 NCHA win over the Yellowjackets Friday at Hunt Arena.

lacked the physical play."

Despite being dominated on the scoreboard, the Falcons managed to outshoot the Cardinals 32-21.

The Falcons took seven penalties for 22 minutes, including a 10-minute misconduct called on defenseman Ryan Saverine in the

third period.

St. Mary's (5-3-1, 2-0 in the MIAC) was 1 for 5 on the power play on Tuesday. Meantime, UW-

River Falls (8-3, 4-1) had one power-play opportunity in the loss.

Shane Bengtson and Eric Yackel scored the Falcon goals.

Goalie Brady Alstead made 15 saves in taking his second loss of the season.

Alstead's performance wasn't as disappointing as the play of the defense in front of him. The Falcons allowed odd man rushes all night long.

Superior 6, Falcons 4

On Friday the Falcon hockey team went toe-to-toe with the physical, grappling UW-Superior Yellowjackets and earned themselves a 1-0 NCHA victory over the top ranked Yellowjackets at Hunt Arena. However, the consistent checking and aggressive play which filled the Friday's contest ceased to exist in Saturday's 6-4 Falcon loss, the team's first NCHA defeat and its first home loss this season.

The Falcons held a 4-3 lead entering the third period on Saturday before three third period Superior goals provided the Yellowjackets (7-2, 4-2) with the 6-4 win.

"They outplayed us in the third period on Saturday," Freeman said.

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Sallender, Hoag lead wrestlers

Two place 2nd at River Falls Open

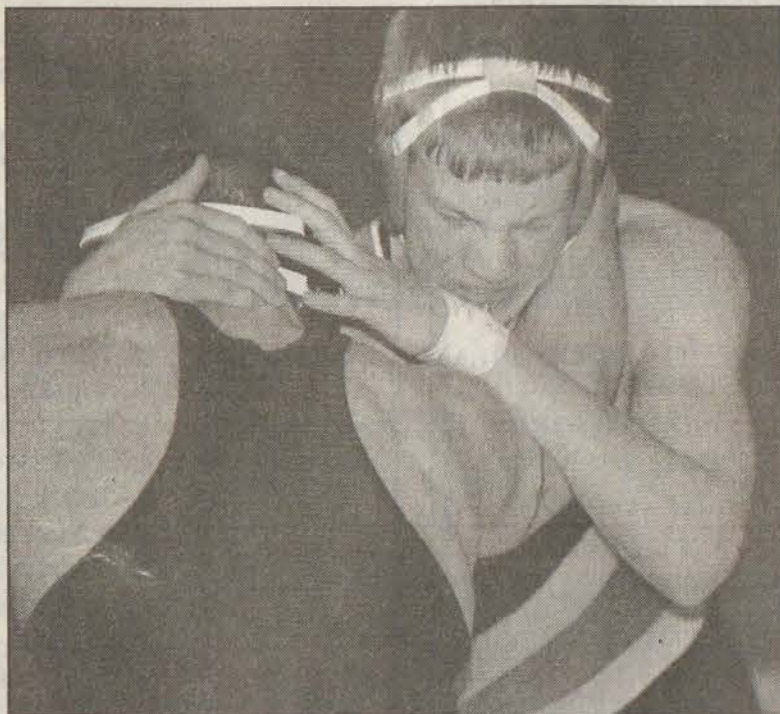
Sports Information

Bill Sallender and Ryan Hoag each placed second at the UW-River Falls wrestling Open held Saturday at Knowles Center.

Sallender, competing at heavy-weight, won his first match with a pin in 1:25. He won in the semifinals, 4-1. In the title match he lost 3-1. He now has 99 career wins.

Hoag, competing at 174 pounds, won his first match with an 8-5 decision and then won by a fall in the semifinals in 5:05. He lost in the title match on a technical fall at 1:45 to an Augsburg wrestler who was an all-American last year.

At 197 pounds Caleb Swenson lost his first match, 6-1, but came back to win his next four to place third. In the wrestle backs, he won by a fall at 1:53 in his first match, by a fall in 2:40 in his second match and 6-4 in the third match.



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
197-pounder Caleb Swenson grapples in Saturday's River Falls Open. Swenson lost the match, but took third place.

Gymnasts vault past Warhawks in opener

Sophomore Annie Renelt takes first place in the all-around competition

Emily Felling
Sports Correspondent

The UW-River Falls women's gymnastic team opened their season this past Friday with a close win at Whitewater with a score of 131.1 to 130.625.

Head coach Jean DeLisle is optimistic about the team and the rest of the season.

"Last year the team scored 124 at their first meet, so I was shocked to see us start off this season six points ahead," said DeLisle. "As a result, I think we have a bright future."

Annie Renelt from Lakeville, Minn., took first place in the all-

around, floor, bars and beam competition and fourth place on vault. "From what I saw last season, I know it wasn't Annie's best meet," said DeLisle. "Therefore, I am sure she will do even better in the upcoming meets."

Both Nikki Glunz and sophomore Angie Kimball are out for the season.

"I have 14 out of 15 women competing because Angie tore a ligament recently and Nikki did last season, so as a team we have to work together to make up for the loss," said DeLisle. "I know we can do it, because I have a group of very talented freshmen whose

only challenge is to get used to the rules changing from the high school to the college level."

The team will compete against Oshkosh and Eau Claire at home next Friday. The meet will start at 7 p.m.

"Oshkosh is outstanding and Eau Claire is very tough, but I know we will do our best," DeLisle said.

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

WIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L
Whitewater (5-0)	2	0
Platteville (3-0)	2	0
Stout (6-2)	1	1
River Falls (3-2)	1	2
Stevens Point (4-2)	1	1
La Crosse (3-3)	1	1
Oshkosh (2-2)	1	1
Eau Claire (4-2)	0	1
Superior (2-3)	0	2

WIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L
Oshkosh (6-0)	2	0
Whitewater (4-1)	2	0
Eau Claire (6-0)	1	0
River Falls (6-1)	2	1
Stout (1-5)	1	1
Superior (4-2)	1	1
Platteville (4-1)	0	2
Stevens Point (2-5)	0	2
La Crosse (2-4)	0	2

NCHA MEN'S HOCKEY (As of Dec. 7)

	W	L	T	Pts.
UW-Superior (7-2-0)	4	2	0	8
UW-River Falls (8-3-0)	4	1	0	8
Bemidji State (6-4-0)	3	2	0	6
Lake Forest (3-7-2)	3	4	0	6
St. Norbert (7-2-1)	3	1	0	6
UW-Stevens Point (5-3-1)	2	1	0	4
St. Scholastica (2-6-0)	2	3	0	4
UW-Eau Claire (5-6-0)	0	3	0	0
UW-Stout (3-10-0)	0	4	0	0

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	Dec. 11-17 1998	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hockey								Idle until Dec. 29
Men's Basketball			at Winona St. 7:30 p.m.				Hamline 7 p.m.	
Women's Basketball	at Valley City St. 7 p.m.		at Mayville St. 3 p.m.					
Wrestling								Idle until Jan. 6
Swimming			Luther 1 p.m.					
Gymnastics	Eau Claire 7 p.m.							

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MEN'S BASKETBALL— Tony Fisher (Sr., Milwaukee, Wis.) had two solid games for the Falcons. In the two games, he was 9-15 from the field, including 3-3 from three-point range and 8-8 from the line for 29 points. He had six rebounds, six assists and three steals.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL— Bev Gefek (Jr., Port Wing, Wis.) had the hot hand from three-point range in the team's two games last week. She was 6-8 against Superior and Oshkosh. In the two games she finished with 23 points. "She has really stepped up and come forward," Falcon coach Dave Schuchter said.

MEN'S SWIMMING— Tim Beach (Jr., Plymouth, Minn.) had his season best times in every event at the Titan Invitational. He finished with a 5:14.79 in the 500-meter free, a 4:50.83 in the 400-meter IM and a 2:16.59 in the 200-meter fly.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING— Rebekah Wagner (Jr., Burnsville, Minn.) had season best times in every event she swam at the Titan Invitational. She had a time of 1:10.03 in the 100-meter fly and a time of 2:39.45 in the 200-meter fly.

WRESTLING— Heavyweight Bill Sallender (Sr., Holman, Wisc.) placed second at the UW-RF Open held Saturday. He won his first match with a pin at 1:25 and then won a 4-1 decision in the semifinals. In the finals, he lost 3-1. He now has 99 career wins.

GYMNASTICS— Annie Renelt (So., Lakeville, Minn.) took first in the all-around and also placed first in the floor exercise, uneven bars, and balance beam events against Whitewater. She finished with an 8.0 on the bars, an 8.4 on the beam, a 9.0 in the floor exercise and had a 33.8 in the all-around.

SPORTS SUMMARIES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday's results

River Falls	35	29—64
Oshkosh	43	43—86

River Falls leading scorers: Been 11; Fisher, Ptacek 10

River Falls leading rebounders: Becker, Ptacek 5

Wednesday's results

River Falls	20	27—47
Platteville	40	38—78

River Falls leading scorers: Fisher, Liebmann 10

River Falls leading rebounder: Ptacek 8

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday's results

River Falls	27	33—60
Oshkosh	41	51—92

River Falls leading scorers: Loeblein 14, Rambow 10

River Falls leading rebounder: Johnson 8

Wednesday's results

River Falls	37	35—72
Platteville	29	31—60

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 34; Olson, Sieburg 9

River Falls leading rebounders: Johnson 14, Schley 7

HOCKEY

Friday's results

River Falls	0	1	0—1
Superior	0	0	0—0

Second period: RF- Burke (Martinson, Benedict), 8:29.

Shots on goal: RF 5-8-6—19; S 8-12-7—27; Saves: RF- Alstead 27; S- Pink 18.

Saturday's results

River Falls	2	2	0—4
Superior	2	1	3—6

First period: S-Gryan (Wiggins, Chelios), 5:06 (PP). RF-Komar (Sampair, Bernard), 6:49. RF-Martinson (Sampair, Cullen), 12:14 (PP). S-Gryan (Drouin, Chelios), 15:51 (PP).

Second period: RF-Bernard (Sampair, Saverine), 5:03. S-Wiggins (Bell, Wagner), 8:40. RF-Matzke (Yackel), 15:19 (PP).

Third Period: S-Barker (Johnson, Pitocia), 4:07. S-Matushak (Wiggins), 7:46. S-Johnson (Pitocia), 20:00 (EN).

Shots on goal: RF 8-14-8—30; S 12-18-13—43; Saves: RF- Alstead 37; S- Pink 26.

Tuesday's results

River Falls	1	0	1—2
St. Mary's	2	2	2—6

First period: SM-Kronebusch (Sato, Moore), 4:46. SM-O'Connor (Knutson, Noble), 4:16. RF-Bengston (Fukushima, Boben), 4:56. Second period: SM-Mackey (Manchester, Gallatin), 2:03 (PP). SM-Redpath (Manchester), 2:48.

Third period: SM-Knutson (Manchester, Trotter), 1:43. RF-Yackel (Matzke, Anderson), 2:54. SM-Stinson (Knutson), 10:08.

Shots on goal: RF 12-6-14—32; SM 5-8-8—21; Saves: RF-Alstead 15, SM-Hennen 30.

WRESTLING

Saturday's Results (River Falls Invite)

Notable finishes
2nd- Ryan Hoag 174 lbs.
Bill Sallender Hwt.
3rd-Swenson 197 lbs.

SWIMMING

Saturday's results (Titan Invite)

Men's Team

1. Green Bay	600
2. Eau Claire	528

3. Gustavus Adolphus	417
4. Oshkosh	227
5. Whitewater	212
6. River Falls	144

Women's Team

1. Eau Claire	631
2. Green Bay	573
3. Oshkosh	373
4. River Falls	234
5. Whitewater	195

GYMNASTICS

Friday's Results

River Falls	131.1
Whitewater	130.625

Notable finishes

Renelt - All around champion

Women

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plays."

In the opening five minutes of the second half the Falcons defense looked sloppy and the offense didn't look much better by making ill-advised passes that were stolen and picked off by the Pioneer defense.

With 14:45 left, the score 43-40 in favor of the Falcons, the team got a sudden charge and turned on the offensive juice by going on a 16-5 run that concluded on a layup by Johnson from underneath the boards for two-points with 6:53 left in the game.

Leading the Falcons on offense was Johnson with 34 points in 36 minutes. She was fouled often underneath the boards and sank 12 of 13 free throws. She also dominated the boards with 14 rebounds on the night.

With her 11 field goal performance Johnson became the third highest lady Falcon in team history for most field goals made in a career. She passed up former Falcon Mary Johnson (1982-86) who had 511 career field goals. With 521 career field goals made, Johnson is only five away from moving up the list to the second spot.

"Tonight Missy Johnson ... carried us," Schuchter said. "Our guards didn't shoot the ball as well tonight, but we stressed the last two days getting touches for Missy. She's able to finish."

Leading the Falcons in steals was Sieburg with four in 26 minutes of action. She also led the squad in assists with four.

Oshkosh 92, Falcons 60

The Falcons did not measure up very well to UW-Oshkosh, which is the WIAC's women's basketball measuring stick because of the team's unblemished WIAC record last year. The Falcons were handed a decisive defeat 92-60 on Dec. 5 in what Schuchter called a "hostile environment" to drop the team to 6-1, 1-1 in the WIAC.

"It was a game where I felt Oshkosh came right out and took it to us," Schuchter said. "I think the

stat you have to look at is defensive rebounding."

The Falcons were just plain out-rebounded. Oshkosh finished the game with 51 total rebounds and the Falcons finished with 28. The Falcons didn't get many second-shot opportunities due to the team only being able to come up with 9 offensive rebounds. Oshkosh was able to grab most of the rebound opportunities away from the Falcons by grabbing 40 defensive rebounds.

Oshkosh jumped to a 12-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game and had a 20-4 lead over the Falcons with 11:14 left in the first half.

"We responded really well to a poor start," Schuchter said.

Then the Falcons began to chip away part of the Oshkosh lead. The Falcons were able to pull within six points at 22-16 with 7:24 left in the game on a layup by Sieburg. This is the closest they would get and Oshkosh began to pull away for good.

The Falcons also only made 21 of 65 shots from the floor compared with Oshkosh's 34 of 63 performance.

Leading the Falcons in scoring was senior guard Jodi Loeblein, who had 14 points in 27 minutes of play. Fellow forward Johnson came up with eight rebounds in 31 minutes of work to lead the Falcons.

The Falcons will try to put together another winning streak on Friday at Valley City State at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at Mayville State at 3 p.m.

One key to future Falcon victories is the needed improvement of team rebounding.

"We talk about weak side rebounding and yet we fail to get into position to grab long rebounds," Schuchter said.

Hockey

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"We gave up a couple of bad goals and were caught out of position and they capitalized."

In the final period dominated by the visiting Yellowjackets, UW-RF didn't record a shot on goal until the halfway mark of the period. Meanwhile, the Falcons were outshot 43-30 in the contest.

The loss will leave a sour taste in the Falcons' mouths having blown a one-goal lead at home.

"We missed out on an opportunity to put them behind the eight ball," Freeman said of where a Falcon win would've put the Yellowjackets. "They would've had three (NCHA) losses this early in the year."

The Yellowjackets also managed to come out on top despite the absence of one of its top players, Jeff Glowa, who suffered a concussion in Friday's 1-0 Falcon win.

Despite losing Glowa, the Yellowjackets simply needed a win more than the Falcons on Saturday to force a series split.

"Whenever you have two good teams playing there are going to be many splits," Freeman noted. "Whenever you get beat on the first night (as Superior was) you have lots on the line on the second night."

Despite suffering the team's first NCHA loss this year on Saturday, the Falcons did get a solid performance from Alstead, who made 37 saves while taking his first loss of the season.

The Falcons trailed 1-0 in the first before Falcon defenseman Eliot Komar scored on a long wrist shot that was mishandled by Superior

goaltender Tom Pink. Komar's goal, paired with a Corey Martinson power-play goal at the 12:14 mark, provided the Falcons with a 2-1 lead. Martinson got behind the Yellowjacket defense near the Yellowjacket blue line where he was set up nicely with a backhanded pass by Sampair.

Later, Superior added a power-play goal of their own to tie the contest at two after one.

But Jeff Bernard gave the Falcons their second lead of the game at 3-2 at the 5:03 mark of the second period. The seesaw matchup continued to sway momentum when Superior tied the contest at three at the 8:40 mark of the second period.

However, Bill Matzke scored a power-play goal at the 15:19 mark to recapture the lead at 4-3. The Falcons then collapsed in the third, allowing two goals to surrender the lead to the Yellowjackets. Superior forward Clint Johnson then added an empty net goal with no time remaining for the 6-4 win that earned a series split.

Each team took six penalties for 12

minutes and each was 2 for 5 on the power play. Falcon Jesse Sampair added three assists in the losing effort.

Falcons 1, Superior 0

Meanwhile, the Falcons took the series opener on Friday with a thrilling 1-0 win in a defensive, hard-hitting battle.

Alstead made 27 stops and earned his first shutout of the season.

Chris Burke scored the game's only goal on a rebound flurry in front of the Superior net at the 8:29 mark of the second period.

The Falcons then stymied the Superior offense with a tight-checking defensive scheme for the remainder of the contest.

Superior took 8 penalties for 27 minutes in the contest including a 5-minute major and a game misconduct handed to Tim Walsh in the first period after he checked Saverine from behind.

Dec. 29, the Falcons will skate with St. Thomas in a non-conference contest at Aldrich Arena.

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Falcon women ride Johnson

■ The Falcon women's basketball team looks to star senior forward Missy Johnson for points, rebounds and, more importantly, leadership

Sports Information

How can one say enough about the impact Missy Johnson has made for the Falcons? She is the leading scorer, the leading rebounder, a team captain, and the player that every team the Falcons play against all year will key on.

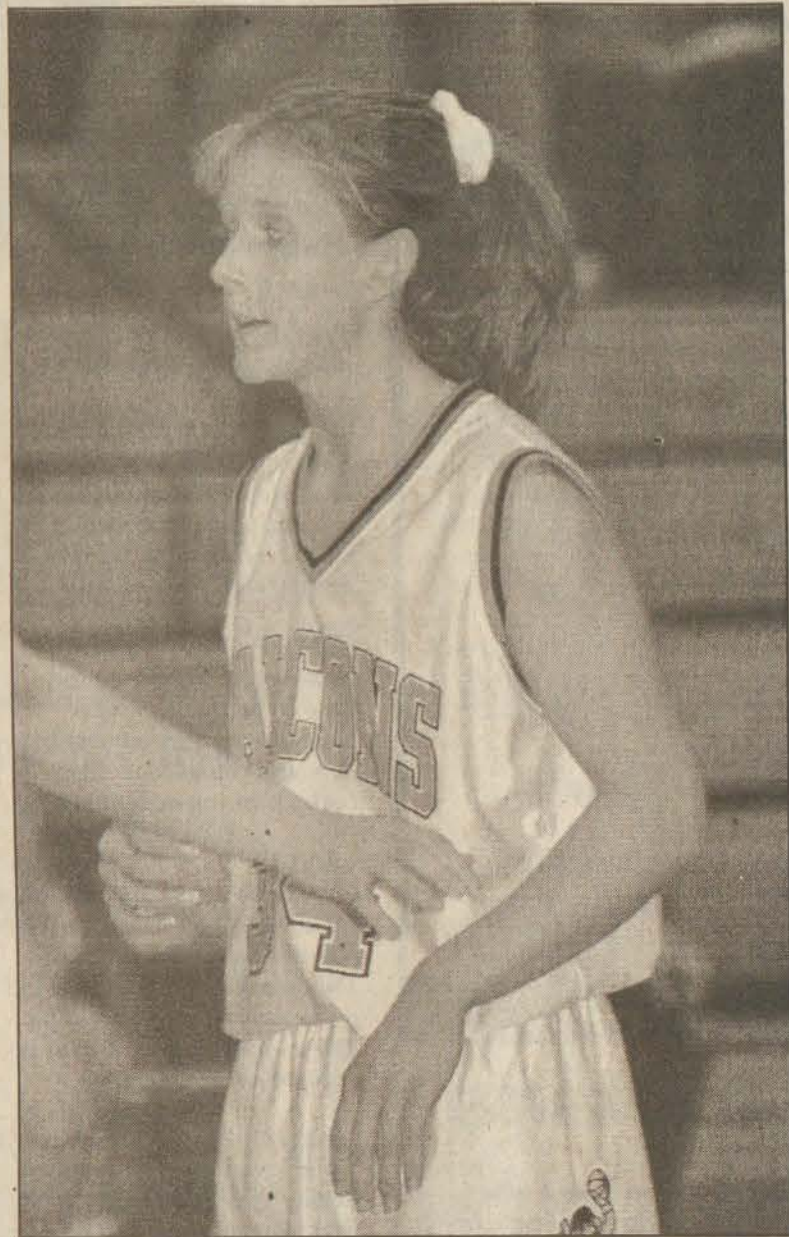
Everyone asks how she can be so dominant in the post when she is only 5-10 and, relative to her opponents, very small. Coaches scream across the gym at their post defenders as she scores between two of them. Teams have all five players sink on her when she touches the ball, yet she continues to be poised and score when the opportunity arises.

Johnson is left-handed and has a very quick shot release. She varies her post moves so often that the defending post players aren't sure whether she is going to take it strong to the basket, fake twice then look to score, or just reverse pivot for a shot. She continues to improve her ability to step out to the perimeter to look for scoring opportunities, hopefully by Christmas she will be as comfortable 15 feet from the basket as she is at eight.

Given the success the senior from Minnetonka, Minn. High School has achieved statistically on the court, it would be easy for her to become selfish and concerned about her own performance and awards. Contrary to what may be a more natural reaction, she has never strayed one bit from the Falcon team concept.

Everything she does is to better the team. She practices hard daily, always looks for ways to get better, challenges herself to perform and contribute even with the other team keying on stopping her, and she does everything she can to be her best each game so she can help the team win. Johnson knows she may not lead the team in scoring every night, but she will contribute whatever she can to help the team be successful whether it's scoring, rebounding or defending.

She'll do her best, and what more could a coach ask for?



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Falcon women's basketball star Missy Johnson is one of the top inside players in the WIAC despite her lack of size. Currently, Johnson is the Falcons' fourth all-time leading scorer and by the end of this season she could rank second on that list.

Johnson has a very quiet and reserved personality when people first meet her.

She isn't very vocal, she's very soft-spoken and doesn't look intimidating in the least. She's one of the smallest post players in the WIAC, but hands down, she's one of the best!

Her numbers speak for themselves. Johnson's career high scoring game came against UW-La Crosse when she netted 39 points in 1997. She also had 19 rebounds in that contest, also a career high. The 39 points is second all-time at UWRF and the 19 rebounds places her fifth.

Coming into this season Johnson had scored 1,158 points, an average of 15.4 a game. She is sixth in career scoring and could finish as high as second before the year is over. Her

scoring average right now would place her fourth all-time.

She has 573 career rebounds and has averaged 7.6 a game. She will finish in the top four in career rebounding and right now is fifth in career rebounding average.

She has been named to the first All-WIAC team the past two seasons. She led the WIAC in scoring as a sophomore and was third last year. She was named the conference's Player of the Week once as a sophomore, three times as a junior and already once this season. Johnson was third in rebounding in the conference in 1997 and was third in field goal shooting last year. She has been the team's MVP the last two seasons.

The Falcons had three players in double-figures led by Nic Been's 11 points. Tony Fisher and Pat Ptacek each added 10 points.

The game was especially disappointing for River Falls, considering the good feelings heading into it. "We felt we were very prepared and focused and Oshkosh took us out of our game."

Another puzzling aspect of the game against Oshkosh was something that plagued the Falcons in Superior also. It was the inability to convert many close range shots that resulted from fastbreaks or offensive rebounds. Several times against Superior, the Falcons missed point-blank shots, and it was something that seemed to follow them like a bad stench.

Coach Bowen said there were no excuses for misses like that. "Nothing went in, whether it was from fifteen feet or from two feet."

With the loss, the Falcons drop to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the WIAC. River Falls takes a break from their conference schedule to travel to Winona State on Dec. 12 and host Hamline Dec. 17.

■ Head men's basketball coach Rick Bowen welcomes eight new recruits to his program in 1998, only two will be red-shirted

Sports Information

Falcon head coach Rick Bowen believes that the 1998-99 freshmen basketball recruits, as a whole, form one of the best units in his 13 years at UW-River Falls.

Bowen says that though there have been recruiting classes which might have had better individuals, this team has more players with high potential.

"I love this class. Not so much because of any one individual but because of the talents of the collective group. I like where they are from: Cumberland, Hayward, Shell Lake, Chippewa Falls, Elk River (Minn.), and our third Milwaukee Lutheran player along with one each from Iowa and Chicago. We are going to red-shirt Todd Schrankel and Joe Ott. Both have a great future, but they must get stronger. I want them to be playing when they're 22, not 18. How good is this group? Could be outstanding. Everything depends upon them working hard and sticking together."

So who are they and what do they think about their choices to be Falcons?

Three of them come from the north via the Highway 63 pipeline. Brian Mathison of Cumberland, 6-2, 190 pounds and Kent Becker of Hayward, 6-0, 180 pounds, feel River Falls offers them the best opportunity to play college basketball. They, along with Schrankel of Shell Lake, 6-7, 195 pounds, chose River Falls because it is close to home.

Brian Mathison

Mathison averaged 18 points per game; was a member of the All-Conference and All-District teams and was his team's Most Valuable Player as a senior.

Kent Becker

Becker, named All-Conference his sophomore through senior years, averaged 17 points and six assists per game as a senior. He played in the Wisconsin and the Red Cross All-Star games.

Todd Schrankel

Schrankel, who once blocked 18 shots in a high school game, made the All-Conference team and scored 350 points as a senior.

Joe Ott

From the east comes Ott of Chippewa Falls, last year's Big Rivers Conference Player of the Year. He

says the small class sizes at UW-RF and the size of the community were factors in his choice. Ott averaged 19.5 points and 10 rebounds per game and made 95 percent of his free throws during his senior year. He earned a 4.0 grade point average in high school.

Scott Liebmann

Liebmann, 6-8, 235 pounds, of Milwaukee Lutheran High School, liked the highly regarded environmental program at UW-RF. Liebmann made 65 percent of his field goal attempts, scored nine points per game, and was his team's leading rebounder as a senior. He follows former Falcon Brian Menzel and current Falcon senior Tony Fisher from Lutheran High School.

Chris Stimmler

Stimmler, 6-2, 204 pounds, hails from Elk River, Minn.. The honesty of the coaches influenced him:

"I was impressed with how open the coaches were with me before and during my visit. I felt they were being honest with me," Stimmler said.

Stimmler was twice named to his All-Conference team and was his team's MVP as a senior. He averaged 15 points, six rebounds, and three assists per game during his final year. His team was in the Minnesota state tournament both his junior and senior years. He made 40 percent of his three-point field goal attempts and 79 percent of his free throw attempts as a senior.

Edmund Johnson

An academic reason affected the choice of Johnson, 6-5, 210 pounds, of Indianola, Iowa. River Falls is "one

of the best schools for elementary education," he said.

Johnson averaged 19 points and nine rebounds as a junior and 17 points, 11 rebounds while a senior. He was named second team All-State in basketball, first team All-State in football (as a tight end), and was a three time state qualifier in track.

Tim Duncan (No, not that one)

Traveling the greatest distance to be a Falcon, Duncan a 6-1, 190 pounder from Marist High School of Chicago, claims he likes the small-town atmosphere and feels, "comfortable with the kind of basketball played here."

Duncan averaged 15 points a game (once scoring 43 in a game), was named one of the top 50 guards in the Chicago area by the Chicago Tribune, and was an All-Conference player.

All agree that the biggest differences between high school and college basketball are that college players are stronger and quicker, practices are longer and harder, and the pace of play is much faster.

Jeff Berkhof, Bowen's chief recruiter, believes that this class can be special.

"This class includes players at each position, from point guard through center. Now they need to stick together, have patience while they learn, and work hard every day."

Falcon basketball fans should have a good time in the upcoming years watching to see whether the coaches' optimism is justified.

Men

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Oshkosh 86, Falcons 64

Great senses of joy and glee filled the bus on the ride home last week after the UW-RF men's basketball team defeated UW-Superior in overtime in its conference opener.

That finish, as well as excellent practice sessions which followed it in the ensuing days, seemed to send the Falcons rocketing into their next battle with UW-Oshkosh at Karges Center on Saturday night. But liftoff was halted. After the closing buzzer sounded, the contrast to the previous closing buzzer was unmistakable. Instead of glee, the feeling was one of supreme disappointment. The Titans walked off the Karges Center floor with an imposing 86-64 victory over the Falcons.

Probably the biggest problem of the night for the Falcons was making shots. All told, River Falls shot just 37 percent, making 21 of 58 shots. On the flip side, Oshkosh made 56 percent of their shots.

"We shot poorly. We played poorly," Falcon head coach Rick Bowen said after the game. "Nothing seemed to go in, and it affected everything else we did."

Oshkosh was sizzling from all over the floor. They have a nice mixture of talented big men and gifted guards, and they put them all to use. Brad Clark, the Titans' all-conference junior forward, led all scorers with 19 points. He was one of four Titans in double figures.

The Falcons' strategy going into the game was to key in on the Oshkosh big men, in particular center Keith Meyer, and do as good a job as possible of keeping the ball away from them. But when the Falcons did that, Oshkosh was able to pass the ball back outside, where the Titan guards nailed perimeter shot after perimeter shot. "(In turn,) that forced us to stretch our defense; that left him (Meyer) open inside. That's a can't win situation," Bowen said.

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Matty's Choice Awards

Since the end of the year is here, it seemed an appropriate time to announce the Matty's. These are awards given out by me for the best and worst entertainers of the year. Of course, since I am the judge, they are all slightly biased. The categories include best acting performance, best supporting acting performance, best movie, best song, best album, best singer, and best TV show. The Matty's also have negative categories such as most annoying, most pretentious, least talented, and finally, someone who should retire before ruining their career.

The winner of our best non-gender specific acting performance goes to Warren Beatty for "Bulworth." It was an impressive performance by a good actor that no one has seen since "Dick Tracy." By looking at the ticket sales for "Bulworth," no one has still seen him.

The Matty for best acting in a supporting role has to go to Bill Murray. If you didn't see "Wild Things" then you missed one of the best movies of the year. Bill Murray shows that he can play a serious role as well as being the best comedic actor of all time.

The best movie Matty goes to "Saving Private Ryan." That isn't a big shock to anyone. The way that Steven Spielberg shot this movie was so incredible that you felt like you were there.

Turning now to music, the Matty for best album has to go to R.E.M. for "UP." The only albums that were in the running were Cypress Hill, Kiss and Pearl Jam. They were not in the same league as R.E.M. though.

The best song was "Closing Time" by Semisonic. This song is so good that I would just set my stereo on repeat and listen to it over and over again. I also did this with "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It," but that's because every once in a while even I have bad taste.

The best singer has to be Eddie Vedder. He shows why Pearl Jam was the biggest band in the world for a couple of years, especially on songs like "Do the Evolution" off of the album "Yield." This was their best album since "Versus."

There is only one show worthy of Matty left on TV now, and that is the X-Files. This is starting to look like it will be their best season yet. South Park is a distant second, but how long can they be funny? You can only get shock-value laughs for so long. Without Cartman that show dies, and I heard that his contract is coming up soon.

Now comes the fun part where I get to rant and rave about celebrities that suck.

First, the Matty for most annoying goes to Bill Maher from Politically Incorrect. This guy is like Ross Perot with his yapping. He actually had the balls to call Mark McGwire pretentious. He gives out the "get over yourself" awards, and I think he should give one to himself.

If I didn't have two better candidates for most pretentious, Bill Maher would have probably also won this Matty. However, there is a tie for this Matty. Oprah Winfrey and Leonardo Di Caprio. I don't think that I have to say much more than their names to get the point across, because even their names sound pretentious. I hope that one day Leo goes on Oprah's show and they fall in love. It wouldn't last, though, because either Oprah would squish him to death in bed, or she would get too



MEDDLING MELINDA

Dear Roommate,
You sound like you are in a very sticky situation. If I were you I would first try to figure out whose friendship you value the most.

Another thing you should try to figure out is how you would feel if one of your friends knew your boyfriend was cheating on you and decided not to tell you.

Before you tell your friend about your roommate, I would first suggest to you to tell your roommate how you feel. Is there some way you could convince her to come clean or break up with him?

If you feel you need to tell your friend the truth, confront your roommate and tell her what you are planning to do and why.

Before you do anything, just remember to do what you think is the best in your heart. Nobody can hate you for being a person who cares deeply for her friends.

-Meddling Melinda

Happy Holidays
UW-RF
P.S. Don't forget to write over winter break!

Dear Meddling Melinda,
Last night when I returned from visiting a friend, I found my roommate kissing some guy in our dorm room. The problem I have is that she is cheating on her present boyfriend, who happens to be a very good friend of mine. Actually, I was the one who set the two of them up at the beginning of the year. I feel like it is my responsibility to tell him about my roommate's affair. But I keep wondering what will happen after I tell him. Will I lose him as a friend? Or will my roommate get mad and want to move in with someone else? Or what happens if I don't tell him and he finds out that I knew all along and never told him? Either way I feel like I am going to lose both of their friendships. What do you think I should do? Should I tell or should I keep it a secret?

-Concerned Roommate

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"There are postmark collectors in Germany (and) Japan," town postmaster Sandra Collignon said.

"We choose by what is the catchiest design," Collignon said. "But there can't be too much detail or else it's not going to print."

This year's postmark was designed last spring by Renee Gelarden, now

a freshman at the University of Southern Indiana in nearby Evansville.

"I'd planned on doing it for a few

"The postmaster started answering children's letters (to Santa) before 1920, and that's what got the word around," Collignon said.

"We're the only post office with the name Santa Claus," Collignon added. "Now, there is a Santa, Idaho, and I think they get some, too."

The post office will issue the postmark through Dec. 24. It's free, but all cards and letters must be stamped to be processed. To receive it, packaged greeting cards and letters should be sent to: Postmaster, Santa Claus Station, Santa Claus, IN 47579-9998.

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years," Gelarden said. "To have my name on it, design it and to have it go all over the world, that's pretty motivational."

Heritage Hills art teacher Gary Morrison said the students do not receive cash or prizes for their efforts. Instead, they win an artist's dream: immortality for their work—even if only in the pages of a collector's stamp book.

During an average month, workers at the post office will sort fewer than 15,000 pieces of mail. But word of mouth over the years has created more and more holiday demand for postmarks issued in the town with the special name.

Horoscope Forecasts

Melinda Domzalski
Assistant Off-Beat Editor and
your forecaster for the future



ARIES (March 21-April 19): Good luck is on its way. By the time this weekend is over, everything in your

life will have changed. Tonight would be a good time to go out with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There is a blizzard headed your way. Watch out for ice and slippery situations. Stay away from people with bad reputations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Next week will be a good time to be daring and courageous. Try something new and dangerous, like rock climbing or fencing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Christmas is just around the corner and you haven't even begun to shop for gifts. This weekend would be a good time to start shopping. The more you give the more you are going to get.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Your loved one has a wandering eye. It's time to kick that vagrant lover out of your life, because as soon as you get rid of them a new loved one will arrive.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): You can't teach an old dog new tricks. So why are you still in that rundown relationship? It's time for you to open your eyes and start seeing this person for who they really are, an old dog with no tricks at all.

LIBRA (September 23-October 23): You have got problems. Financially your life is about to take a turn for the worse. Even your love life is about to crumble apart. If you're smart, you will stay home tonight.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 21): Your love life is about to take an awkward turn. A loved one from the past is going to call you or write a letter. Just remember to be strong and kick that person to the curb.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): A friend of yours is in need of your help. Watch out because you may be the problem. Be honest with the people you love before you lose them.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 18): Within the next few days, your love life will start sizzling. Your body will act like a magnet. Everyone will want you. Just make sure you don't rush into anything permanent. Keep your options open.

AQUARIUS (January 19-February 18): Your love life has been in the slumps for the past week. Go out tonight and spend some time with friends.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Watch out for deceiving loved ones. It might be time for you to start looking for a new love interest. You may want to confront a friend or a family member before breaking up with a loved one.

Cryptogram

This message can be decoded by transferring the numbers into letters. Submit decoded messages to the Off-Beat section in 213 South Hall with your full name and class standing. Winners will be announced in next week's issue. This week's clue: A Christmas movie.

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"POINTS OF VIEW"

"What would you like to find under the tree this holiday season?"



Liz Rasmussen, sophomore

"I'm getting a plane ticket to go visit my sister in Arizona. I'd say a car but I don't think it'd fit under my tree."



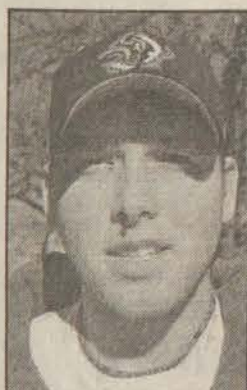
Michael Gugala, senior

"I would like a Canon Rebel. My friend took his to Europe and it made really good pictures."



Ann Sicard, junior

"I want a brand new cellular phone."



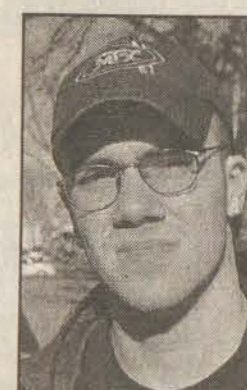
Chris Schmitt, senior

"I want good grades, a good report card."



Mary Sandelands, sophomore

"To sound cheesy, I want quality time with my family."



Aaron Hanson, freshman

"I would like a present, a big present, anything useful that's big."

An afternoon with two artists

Adam Benedetto
Off-Beat Columnist

This week the art exhibit "Illuminations" by UW-River Falls seniors Brett Kallusky and Joseph T. Smolinski will be shown in the Chalmer Davee Library gallery. The works by Smolinski are transparent photos that are lit from behind. Their overall effect is dramatic lighting similar to that of stained glass.

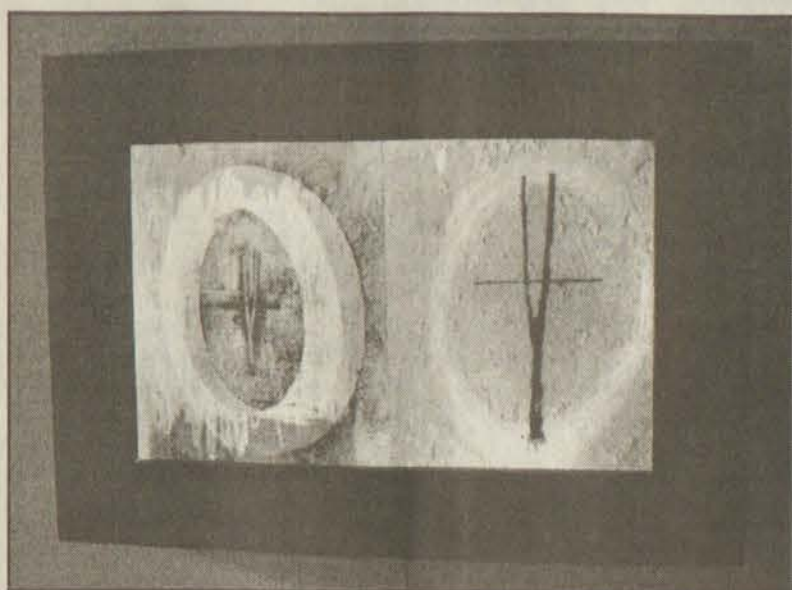
Kallusky's works are presented by a revolving slide show that contrasted positive and negative black and white images of a pinhole camera. The use of light in the show is a fresh use of the gallery space in the library. Illuminations will be showing from Dec. 6 through 13.

The following is a question and answer interview with the artists.

Q: What is your work about in this show?

Kallusky: It's an exploration of form and space with the camera itself being the principle basis of form. The camera is the basis of the form* and the idea.

Smolinski: In other works I try to portray a sense of light that emanates from the work. In this show the light actually does emanate from the piece. Light is the common motif.



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

This is an untitled work of art by Joseph Smolinski resembling a stained glass look.

Q: Why did you use the library gallery for this exhibit?

Smolinski: We felt it was our duty. (Laughs.)

Q: Well, are there any advantages to having a show in the library?

Smolinski: A lot of people who don't go into the K.F.A. go into the

library. So more people see it.

Kallusky: It gets a better turn-over.

Q: Which artists influence you?

Smolinski: I don't think we're old enough to answer that.

Q: Can I ask you a strange question?

Kallusky: Sure.

Q: What is the art manifesto that this art department seems to embody?

Kallusky and Smolinski look at each other, shrug and laugh.

The gift of giving takes over
A Minnesota DJ gives gifts

WILLMAR, Minn. (AP) — A local disc jockey was exposed Tuesday evening as the tuxedo-clad man who called himself a "Christmas Angel" while trying to make the holidays brighter for shoppers in this west-central Minnesota city.

Mike Dworak — dressed in white and sporting white gloves, mirrored sunglasses and a beard — rode up to several businesses in a white limousine Saturday to pay for purchases for other shoppers.

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His identity remained a secret until Tuesday evening, when Dworak, a DJ at radio station KWLM who goes by the name Mike Dee, admitted to The West Central Tribune that he was the mystery man.

Dworak said another person is providing the financial backing for his acts of kindness, but he said there was never a plan to promote his employer.

However, the station did publicize the "Christmas Angel" story to other news organizations.

Dworak said the station would re-

lease more information Wednesday.

"It was just nice to go out and do things for people and watch their reactions—that's the spirit of the Christmas Angel," he said.

A Lake Lillian woman came across the then-anonymous Dworak while she was buying a coat at Herberger's, where he showed up riding in a white limo and said "Merry Christmas."

"He just really brightened our day and added to our Christmas spirit," an unidentified diner told KWLM. "I'd like to thank him. He just really shocked us."

Other shoppers ran into Dworak at Target and Cashwise Foods, and he also bought matinee tickets for children waiting to get into movies.

He visited the Willmar Target store twice, spending around \$100 in cash

each time, said Target spokesman Chris Simon. Both times he was "in and out in 10 minutes," Simon said.

"He's a real friendly guy," Simon said. "He goes through the store and greets people."

Garberich said her encounter

has already made a change in how she is approaching Christmas.

"I wish everybody that comes in contact with him would do something special for someone else," she said. "That's what I'm going to do now. I'm going to purchase some gifts for a nursing home in town here."

The man also picked up the check for lunchtime meals at McMillan's restaurant.



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Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English



A few weeks ago I begged people to send me mail. Realizing that people send Santa Claus millions of letters, and seeing how he doesn't even exist and I do, I thought maybe if I promised to come to people's houses dressed in a red outfit and give them presents, I would get mail. Low and behold people sent me mail!!!! (Remember all fiction is a form of the truth!) I love mail. Even junk mail is a treat. So to thank all of those people, I put on my best red outfit which consisted of a tu tu I found in the trash, a big red spiderman cape (I never knew he wore a cape), and a pair of red Winnie the Pooh galoshes. Of course, no outfit is complete without a hat so I went out and found a giant pirate hat. It wasn't red but I didn't think anyone would be offended. So after wiring a pair of moose antlers to my 1981 AMC sun-baked blue Concord I cruised over to Andrew Bergquest's house. But not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Quietly I kicked in the door and went into the kitchen. The low, low scoundrel hadn't left me any cookies!

Andrew had asked for a book called "Amusing Ourselves To Death" which I bought at the locally-owned Bookpress Bookstore (located next to the movie theater in downtown River Falls). He also asked for the book "No Depression" and I had that one for him too! Because Andrew hadn't put up an X-mas tree I didn't know where to put the gifts so I taped them to his cat. He'll find them

there. Then, with a twitch of my nose and a pinch of the cheek I screamed, "And as Jesus said to the shepherd, 'Let's get the flock out of here.'"

Talk about amusing ourselves to death.

Now I'm hanging out at the typewriter in my glowing outfit all set to give Sarah Reber her present. Sarah asked me to "do this whole campus a huge favor and put something in your article

"I've never seen the Teletubbies but my friend Damon told me that the pink one carries a purse and that he is sometimes.... well, let's just say Damon likes to cuddle his favorite Teletubby at night before he goes to sleep."

about what we can do about tuition increases." HO! HO! HO! That's an easy one!

Writing to that stinking-lousy-Republican Tommy Thompson by email is a good place to start. Here's the address: wisgov@mail.state.wi.us. (While you're at it insult him and his evil staff personally. I'm making it my New Year's Resolution to launch a big loogie onto his head.) You can also contact Paige Steel at 425-3078 who is the Legislative Issues Director. Or students can

contact the United Council of UW Students about their Tuition Freeze Campaign.

And as Jesus said to the shepherd, "Let's get the flock out of here."

Now, I was in a certain bar a few weeks ago and one of my fans said that he was too busy to write but would really appreciate me mentioning that children's programming is rather strange. HO! HO! HO! another easy gift.

I've never seen the Teletubbies but my friend Damon told me that the pink one carries a purse and that he is sometimes.... well, let's just say Damon likes to cuddle his favorite Teletubby at night before he goes to sleep. What that means I have no idea. But cheers to love! May the egg nog always be spiked!

My red outfit seemed to warrant a more public showing so I took off to Cub Foods and bought a bottle of Ketchupano. For those of you who don't eat good food,

wasn't the only thing they got. They also get free use of my column to organize and advertise a campus-wide streak.

Lastly, my former editor, Brandon Eytcheson, asked me to do his laundry. There are some things that are so demeaning I will not do them, even in a fictional Christmas column!

Let me remind you, Mr. Eytcheson, that Christmas is not about people overextending themselves for people they hardly like. It is a time to give from the heart. Go out and buy that one you love some bath and body lotion or some cheap Sears necktie. O man!

Maybe Mr. Eytcheson's right. Maybe X-mas is simply a capitalist dream preying off of America's all-too-willing attitude to bow down to Christian customs. Mr. Eytcheson I give you a big salute for taking advantage of the system but not this columnist.

To you Mr. Eytcheson, I give you some X-mas advice. Go down to the Bookpress Bookstore and buy David Sedaris' book "Holiday on Ice" there are very few things that will make anyone laugh harder. It tracks the authors short employment in Bloomingdale's Santa Land where he worked as an elf. After reading it, I fully understood why there are more suicides around Christmas than any other part of the year. I'm willing to bet that most of the suicides are elves and mailmen.

Merry Christmas Everyone! I encourage any of you who don't like Christmas to go out get really drunk and go caroling making up words as you go and including the word 'blood' a lot. If people still invite you into their homes, drink all their beer, do all their drugs, steal their children for big money in the black market and warn them about the screwheads. And for God's sake don't forget to wish them a Merry X-mas!

P.S. I'd like to extend a big "WELCOME HOME" to Cara, Ryan, and the rest of the students coming home after a semester abroad!

Matty's

Continued from page B4

jealous of all the moron teenage girls that worship the scrawny pansy.

On to the next Matty before I become so angry that I lose track of what I'm doing. The Matty for least talented goes to the cast of "Friends". If you want to argue about that one than you need to watch the show. I've seen more talented actors on the USA network.

One last Matty goes to Harrison Ford. This one is called the retire now before you lose all your credibility Matty. What is with these terrible movies lately? He

went from Han Solo to Ann Heche's dumb boyfriend in a movie that I walked out of. Who would have ever thought that you would ever want to walk out of a Ford movie? In "Air Force One", where he played the president, he was so cheesy that I wanted to walk out but felt a loyalty to him, so I didn't. I wish I had now.

All in all it was a weak year to try and keep yourself entertained, but there were a few bright spots so don't give up hope. Next year may bring better movies, and better music, but don't count on any TV shows. That's OK because TV rots your brain anyway.

Matt Kondracsek is a senior majoring in political science.

Entertainment Calendar

friday	monday
Masquers and University Theatre presents "Sylvia" at the Sanford Syse Theatre located in KFA at 8 p.m.	Gallery 101 student/Faculty scholarship sale in gallery
The UW-River Falls Symphonic Wind Ensemble presents "A Winter Concert" at the William Abbott Concert Hall in KFA at 8 p.m.	tuesday
saturday	wednesday
Masquers and University Theatre presents "Sylvia" at the Sanford Syse Theatre located in KFA at 8 p.m.	thursday
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