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"College is Possible" campaign is launched to inform students of resources available for funding college.

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The winter season is upon us and so is the basketball season. The men's and women's teams hope to improve on last year's marks.

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Sports editors Jason Egerstrom and Troy Mallat debate the outcome of the Packers vs. Vikings game.

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Comedian Marty Putz entertains UW-RF students Wednesday night at North Hall Auditorium.

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Columnist Jason Childress tells readers how discrimination against homosexuals on campus feeds a national problem of violence.

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WEATHER

FRIDAY

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

WEEKEND

Saturday: Mostly sunny and breezy with temperatures in the low 40s

Sunday: Partly sunny and breezy with temperatures in the low 50s

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Spikers set team history

■ In the team's third ever trip to the NCAA Div. III Women's Volleyball Championship, the Falcons won the team's first NCAA Regional match

Dan Hilsen
Off-Beat Editor

History was made on the night of Nov. 13 when the UW-River Falls women's volleyball team won its first-ever NCAA Regional match 8-15, 15-3, 15-10, 15-6 against UW-La Crosse in the 1998 NCAA Div. III Women's Volleyball Championship.

"It's a significant step in the direction that we've been going," Falcon coach Patti Ford said.

Like Ford said, this is yet another step for the volleyball program in a series of steps, some already realized and others just awaiting beyond the horizon line.

"The program has been built from a 12-22 record to a 32-6 record," Ford said. "Not too many teams walk away with a 32-6 record."

Some of the more recent steps for the program up to this historic victory were the appearances in the NCAA Championship Regionals in 1995 and 1996. Both times the Falcons lost the team's opening match, which ended the Falcon seasons.

All four WIAC teams that received a NCAA Div. III national playoff berth to the NCAA Championship pool of 48 teams had played in the WIAC tournament the previous weekend in Whitewater. During that weekend the Falcons defeated La Crosse and fell to Whitewater in the WIAC Championship match.

After defeating the La Crosse Eagles at Whitewater in the team's first 1998 NCAA Championship Regional match, the Falcons would eventually duel Whitewater in the regional semifinals match that would determine who from the region would represent the Midwest Region in the quarterfinals.

"The whole weekend was dejavu," Ford said.

The Falcons were jittery when the team opened up the match against the Eagles with a 8-15 game loss.

"The team itself was a little rattled," Ford said. "They jumped out and had first game jitters and were over anxious."

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ALL-WIAC TEAM

HONORED FALCONS

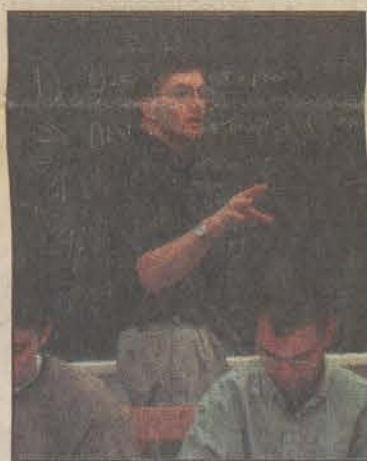
Melissa Mattson, a sophomore, led the Falcons with 405 kills. She posted a .326 hitting percentage, had 29 solo blocks and 109 assists and finished second in blocks.

Holly Olson, a sophomore, led the Falcon offense in 1998 with 1,601 set assists and 51 aces. Defensively, she finished fifth on the team in digs with 263.

Sara Tibesar, a senior, finished the season second on the team with 374 kills. She posted a .238 hitting percentage. She finished second on the team with 379 digs and third with 101 block assists, seven of them being solo blocks. She also tallied 37 aces on the season.

Graphic by Dan Hilsen/The Student Voice

Political prof calls the polls



"I was contacted by the Chicago Tribune and Newsweek magazine about three weeks before the election."

—Dave Schultz

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

With the recent election of Jesse Ventura as governor of Minnesota, UW-River Falls political science professor David Schultz has received national attention for his voice on politics.

"I was contacted by The Chicago Tribune and Newsweek magazine about three weeks before the election," Schultz said. "I made it into The Chicago Tribune, but not Newsweek."

Schultz said he noticed Ventura had high name recognition and very low disapproval ratings before the election, and this is what he told Newsweek and the Chicago Tribune.

"I felt he had the potential to do better than people thought," Schultz said. "Then two days after the election People magazine called. They had done a review of all the Ventura articles before the election and I was the only one who said he had any kind of a chance. I guess I was just in the right place at the right time."

Schultz has been involved in

politics for a long time. He worked as a city administrator in Binghamton, N.Y. for a few years. By the time he was 23 years old he had already worked on more than 20 political campaigns.

He then went to an anti-poverty agency where he worked as a housing and economic planner. During the Reagan-era he attended graduate school to become a teacher.

That is what led him to become a political science professor at UW-RF.

"Professor Schultz is really enthusiastic when it comes to politics," said Kathryn Houge, one of his students. "He always goes out of his way to find out about political issues and keeps himself informed. I think that probably shows why these papers and magazines are interested in what he thinks."

Along with teaching at UW-RF, Schultz is also the president and a lobbyist for Common Cause Minnesota.

"Common Cause Minnesota is part of a national organization,"

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Melinda Domzalski / The Student Voice

Senior Beth Eberhardt prepares smoked turkeys for the annual Food Science Club fund-raiser.

A gobbling group

Jenny Murphy
Front Page Editor

Some people feel like they work with a bunch of turkeys on a daily basis. But these students have literally been working for two weeks with a bunch of turkeys — 200 turkeys to be exact.

The UW-River Falls Food Science Club has been preparing 10 to 15 pound birds for their annual fund raiser. Turkeys can be ordered for \$20 through Falcon Foods in the Ag Science Building.

The club's 20 members, mostly Food Science majors and minors, have worked long hours, decked in hair nets and plastic aprons, in the meat processing and fruit and vegetable processing facilities in the Ag Science Building to ready the birds for Thanksgiving dinners. Turkeys can be ordered for either the Thanksgiving or Christmas holiday, some people purchase a turkey for each occasion.

The birds are not chased down and beheaded at UW-RF; however, the frozen poultry was bought from Jennie-O, a commercial processor in Willmar, Minn. But UW-RF students do the rest of the work — excluding baking

the apple pie and sweet potatoes.

The turkeys were thawed, cured and smoked last week. They were also packaged and slapped with a label that identifies UW-RF students as the preparers.

"They are fully cooked when they come out," said Rane May, one of the club's advisors. "They taste more like a ham than a turkey. If you compare one of our turkeys to one bought or ordered from a catalog, you'd pay \$45 to \$50 for the same thing. This is a good deal."

Not only is the sale a good deal for the consumer, the club raises all its money from the annual event. Proceeds go towards the club's yearly activities.

"It definitely works as far as a fund-raiser," said Food Science Club chair Travis Radloff, a sophomore. "When everyone can help out, it works well. And it's a great experience for newer members of the club — to get hands on experience in food processing."

The club could sell more than the 200 turkeys they prepare. But because of limited facilities and the limited number of hours each member can work, the line is drawn at 200, Radloff said.

And how is the final product?

"Umm...Delicious," he said.



What are UW-RF students thankful for?

"I'm thankful for grandma. My favorite memory is grandma running behind the tool shed with a shotgun and shooting the turkey we ate for lunch."

Dale Bailey, sophomore

"I'm thankful I have four tickets to this weekend's Packers and Vikings game."

Scott Berry, junior

"I'm thankful for the ground I walk on and the bed I sleep in. I'm going to my grandparent's and passing around the gravy."

Jessica Berg, freshman

"I'm thankful for having five toes on each foot."

Mark Bengtson, freshman

"I'm thankful for my family and friends. My Thanksgiving is the same every year: dinner with my family and board game tournaments all afternoon and going to the cheap movie theater with my sisters and cousin."

Jenna Miller, freshman

"I'm thankful for pizza and Case International. Geez, it's always the same."

Dan Newton, sophomore

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.

KNOW YOUR WORLD display series sponsored by the UW-RF International Club and the Office of International Programs will highlight a specific country each month in Davee Library. November will feature Japan.

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.

SPRING CURRENT TEXTBOOK SALE If you want to purchase any of the textbooks that you have checked out, bring them to Textbook Services during the Spring Textbook Sale, Sept. 28 thru Nov. 20, 1998 and you will receive a 20 - 40 percent discount.

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.

FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNEY co-ed "snow" football will be sponsored by the Recreation and Wellness Committee on Sat, December 5th at 10 a.m. There will be free food, prizes and awards. Sign-up in the Leadership Center by Dec. 1.

GRADUATING SENIORS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS who have had student loans at UW-RF are required to attend an exit counseling session. This session provides information you will need in order to repay your student loans. The sessions will be held in the Alumni Room of South Hall on Tues., December 1 from 2 to 3 p.m., Thurs., December 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. and Mon., December 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. You need to attend only one session. Failure to attend will result in a hold on your records. Call the Office of Financial Assistance with questions at 425-3141.

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.

FORD FOUNDATION POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS for Minorities. Deadline is Jan. 4, 1999. Application 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.

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.

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.

New building takes shape



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice

The new Teacher Education building is scheduled for completion on July 15, 1999. The estimated cost of the construction project is \$6.5 million.

Education students can look forward to attending classes in the new building next fall

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

The new Teacher Education building, which is scheduled to open next fall, is progressing.

A new education building is needed because the Ames building, which is currently in use, is old and is not set up for college classes. Years ago, the building was used as an elementary school.

The new building will cost close to \$6.5 million and is scheduled to be done on July 15, 1999.

The progress has many people in the education department excited about starting the next fall in the new building. But, there are some concerns about smaller office space and the possibility of some education classes not being offered in the new building.

Tim Thum, facilities manager on campus, said workers are still concentrating on the exterior of the building. Aside from running pipes and wires through the inside of the building, not much work has been done on its interior.

Thum said there has been a lot of effort put into the new building and it will certainly be an asset to the school.

The new building will be much more comfortable with better air conditioning and heating.

Thum said the old building doesn't have any air conditioning and the heating system heats it too warm.

Another advantage is that the building will be more organized and updated in the area of technology. There will be a bigger technological center with more computers for students to use.

However, Thum said there is the possibility that some areas of the new building, like office space, will be smaller than expected.

Professors and staff members are concerned about this issue but have positive things to say as well.

Mary Sempf, an employee in the main education office, said that everyone is looking forward to moving into the new building.

"Overall, I am looking forward to the new surroundings," Sempf said. "The technology will be better."

There will be new desks, file cabinets, chairs, and computers in the building.

Sempf said she was concerned the new main education office will be smaller and she will have to adjust to not having as much space.

Monsieur Florence, a teacher education professor, thinks moving into the new building is both positive and negative.

"It will be nice to move into a new building."

But moving into a new building also means determining office space and the actual moving process.

"My office space now is bigger than it will be

over there," Florence said.

Florence is also concerned with the possibility that some education classes may not be held in the new building. Some of the classes might be held in one of the other buildings on campus. The building could not accommodate all the classes.

The classrooms are larger in the new building so priority may be given to a professor with a bigger class size.

So-young Zeon, a teacher education professor, is concerned about using the facility 100 percent the way it was created to be used which is for education students.

"We want the ability to make the new space truly inviting for students," Zeon said.

Zeon is also concerned about office space, but is hoping that since she tends to be a pack rat, this will be a good opportunity to eliminate materials not needed.

Students on campus are also excited for the move.

"For all the time, effort and money that is being put into the new building, it will be great to take classes in the new building," said Steve Papp, an Elementary Education major.

ReAnna Johnson, another Elementary Education major agreed.

"I'm really excited about it," she said. "I think everyone will benefit from moving into the new building."

No decision has been made on how the old Ames building will be used.

FACULTY SENATE

Minor revised

Outdoor education minor changed to emphasize more of "Mother Nature"

Ben Schmitt
Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls Faculty Senate moved to accept a revision of the Outdoor Education minor on Wednesday. Larry Albertson of the Department of Health and Human Performance said the goal of the revision is to focus the minor towards outdoor education.

"The biggest change is the reorganization of the courses and their content," Albertson said. "We've tried to select courses that will provide students with an overall background of outdoor education."

According to a proposal by Albertson, the goals of the changes would simplify the structure of the minor, reduce the content duplication needed for individual activity courses and increase the number of applied field experiences. One change is listing PED 201, Outdoor Education Concepts and Skills, a three-credit course, to take the place of PE 334 and 330, both two-credit courses.

The Faculty Senate also approved a revised set of criteria for consideration of diversity courses at UW-RF. The revisions were previously

adopted and approved by the Academic Policy and Program Committee.

According to Brian Copp, Chair of the AP & P Committee, the new UW-System "Plan 2008" will remove the group "women" from the list of courses for the diversity requirement.

"Old courses will be grandfathered in, but any new courses must only address the other four categories," Copp said.

The four categories for the diversity requirement include African-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics and Asians. In 1990, prior to "Plan 2008," the curriculum included the category of women.

Copp said the revised outline will include everything else from the old criteria in the earlier "Design for Diversity" program.

Another motion passed, which would allow the UW-RF Student Senate to write a letter to the Governor asking him to support full funding for improvements made to advising services on campus. This money would be available through the UW-System 1999-2001 biennial budget.

According to Bob Baker, Faculty Senate Chair, the UW System is requesting a total of four million dollars, with UW-RF receiving about three percent of the total.

All letters will be sent to the governor by November 21. Questions of where the money will go and who will decide how it will be spent still need to be answered.

Get ready for snow

Winter means business as usual on the UW-RF campus

Sarahma Quaidoo
Staff Writer

Now that the cold weather is approaching and everyone is lamenting over the short summers that are typical of Wisconsin, the inclement weather policy story has risen again.

Dean of Students Roger Ballou said it is impossible to handle hundreds of phone calls from students who are unable to make it to class when the roads are dangerous.

"We are not the principal's office," Ballou said.

Commuting students should contact their instructors if they are unable to attend classes. In many cases if the weather has made travel dangerous, instructors are also unable to report to work. Most instructors will excuse these types of absences, Ballou said.

"The decision to excuse a student from class is in the hands of a faculty member and the decision to close the school is in the hands of the chancellor," Ballou said.

The UW-River Falls policy paper says that it is unrealistic to close campus in spite of inclement

weather. Numerous vital sources need to be maintained such as security services, food services for residential students, power plant operations and snow removal.

Most of UW-RF students live on campus. There are approximately 2,000 students who commute from outside the River Falls area every day for classes, Ballou said.

If the weather is severe enough, classes can be canceled, campus can be closed to the public and all non-emergency personnel can be directed to leave campus.

If this occurs, according to the policy, procedure attempts will be made to notify local and Twin City news media.

However, everyone including faculty, academic staff and students are expected to make an earnest attempt to get to campus.

"We want students to use their best judgement," Ballou said.

Margo Lessard, Assistant to the Chancellor, said that three years ago was the first time in recent history that classes were canceled. Severe blizzard conditions made travel dangerous. UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire were also closed.

"This usually doesn't happen because of the number of students on campus," Lessard said.

She said that since most of the students live within a short walk or drive of the campus it is necessary to maintain "business as usual" because the school is a state agency.

Frogtown in black and white

■ Minnesota photographer Wing Young Huie shared his pictures with UW-RF students

Sarah Doyle
Staff Writer

Frogtown is a place many people don't want to visit. Located near the Minnesota State Capitol, the St. Paul neighborhood is known for its crime.

But artist Wing Young Huie photographed Frogtown for more than two years. Last Wednesday, he presented a collection of his slides in the Library Breezeway.

Huie took photographs of the people living in Frogtown and he listened to their stories. He was invited to observe their ceremonies. He portrayed these images and stories in his book, "Frogtown: Photographs and Conversations in an Urban Neighborhood" which includes 130 black and white photographs. Huie said when he started the project he didn't know where Frogtown was, although he unknowingly ate in many Asian restaurants in Frogtown.

"I knew Frogtown the way most people know Frogtown - by reading the paper," Huie said. "What I didn't know was that I'd been to Frogtown many times. It didn't seem like a dangerous place to me."

Although Hmong is the predominant ethnicity, more African-Americans, Europeans, Latinos and Native Americans are beginning to move in.

According to Huie, there is a story

that tells how Frogtown got its name. In the late 19th century, the community was a large swamp where there were many frogs. Another tale Huie told is there were at one time many French settlers in the area and Frogtown was just an ethnic slur relating to the French delicacy froglegs.

Whether these tales are true or not doesn't matter to the people who live there.

"It's not what people know," Huie said. "It's what they believe."

Huie said when he began this project, he was unsure what was going to come out of it.

Although he didn't realize it at first, the first person who said hello to him after he started this project was a prostitute. He said after that experience he ran over to a cafe on Grand Avenue and, feeling stupid, hid in a latte.

Huie photographed Frogtown because it is undergoing a lot of changes. He wanted to show those changes to the public.

"This is the way the world looks in a particular photograph," Huie said. "I didn't think in terms of ethnicity. I just thought, 'the world's changing.'"

Huie said the photos he took aren't his; they don't represent him. Instead, they represent the people of Frogtown.

"Once they [the photos] exist," Huie said, "I think they exist individually of the person who made them."

Huie took and developed around 10,000 pictures while photographing Frogtown. That's more than 300 rolls of film.

"I don't think it's important how many you take," Huie said. "What's



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice

Photographer Wing Young Huie talks to students and faculty about his two-year project in Frogtown.

important is if you take the right one."

Huie majored in news editorial journalism at the University of Minnesota. While there, he took an introductory class in photography, which sparked his interest.

Huie says the reason he chose this career is simple.

"I take pictures because I like to take pictures," Huie said.

Huie followed his friends' advice and bought his first camera in Hong Kong when he was 20-years-old.

"Basically, I'm a self-taught photographer," Huie said.

The photos Huie has published are in black and white.

"The first photographs that affected me were in black and white," Huie said. "I'm not very sensitive to color."

Huie is now working on a project in the Lake Street area in Minneapolis from the Mississippi River to Lake Calhoun including Uptown and the Phillips neighborhood.

"Frogtown was diverse, but it's nothing compared to Lake Street," Huie said. "It's not just ethnically diverse, but socially and economically too."

Huie moved into the Lake Street community because it's more practical and he also gets a better feel for the way of life of the residents.

Huie says these experiences have really changed his life.

"I'm a different person than I was four years ago," Huie said. "My world was pretty small. Now it's so much bigger."

College more affordable than people think

■ National campaign aimed at educating students and parents about more affordable ways of funding a college education

Ben Schmitt
Staff Writer

The Coalition of America's Colleges and Universities recently launched a national education campaign called "College is Possible."

The purpose of the campaign is to make the public aware of resources that are available to help pay for a college education.

"Our hope is to provide something less frightening for first-time college students," said Neel Lattimore of the Coalition. "The bottom line is, with good test scores and good grades, you can get into college."

Lattimore said that this campaign is a result of survey research conducted around the first of the year. Results showed that parents and students overestimated the costs of college by nearly 200 percent, and also underestimated the resources available to them.

"Catalogs don't write about the \$150 community colleges. They write about the expensive schools," Lattimore said. "It's not the media's fault; it's the colleges' fault for not promoting themselves."

UW-River Falls Chancellor Gary Thibodeau said that the information in this campaign is nothing new for the UW-System.

"UW as a system has been working to get this information out to colleges," Thibodeau said. "We need to continue and aggressively pursue this effort."

Thibodeau said the UW-System is a classic example for the message of "College is Possible," because it is known for its great educational opportunities at a low cost.

"There is great diversity in public higher education," Thibodeau said. "You can choose to attend an East Coast Ivy League school, a technical school or a UW school at a lower cost with the same quality education."

Lattimore said that some of its outreach goals include providing par-

ents, students and guidance counselors websites, links and a 1-800 number. These will help them in choosing colleges, payment plans, and to provide information on why college costs are rising.

The "College is Possible" homepage shows rising technology, facility costs, faculty salaries and student aid expenditures as factors influencing college tuition increases. The website also has an extensive resource link, where browsers can find books on choosing colleges, preparing for college, and choosing loans.

UW-RF Financial Services Director David Woodward said as of May 1997, the average student loan debt at UW-RF was \$12,300.

"This is very applicable to the general population," Woodward said. "About 67 percent of the student body at UW-RF borrows money for college expenses."

According to Woodward, there are many different lender repayment plans available, one of which is the direct loan consolidation legislation, which passed on October 7.

"Students who have borrowed since 1993 will have a 7.46 percent interest rate on their loans, slightly lower than the 8.25 percent rate," Woodward said. "Typically, on a \$12,000 loan over a period of 10 years, the monthly payments end up being \$110 to \$130 a month."

Woodward said the combinations of loan repayment plans are endless. He recommends the website usagroup.com, which lists many different plans.

Some of the possibilities, according to USA Group, include a level repayment plan, and an income-sensitive plan.

The level repayment plan allows the borrower to repay the loan in equal monthly payments over a period of up to ten years. USA Group refers to this plan as "the quickest and most cost-effective road toward paying off your student loan, minimizing your total interest costs."

The income-sensitive plan provides monthly payments that are adjusted annually based on the borrower's income, loan balance and interest rate. This plan must be renewed annually, "with payments being adjusted for up to five years."

Along with these websites, there is another website geared toward finding the best loan, nelliemae.com. Nellie Mae offers information for students thinking about graduate school, for parents, guidance counselors and financial aid officers. According to Carolyn Shanley, spokes-

aging their debts is our goal."

Nellie Mae's website shows browsers how loans work. It offers a glossary of terms, and even allows browsers to estimate their loan payments by entering the total loan amount, the interest rate, and the term length in months. Then, pointing and clicking on a calculator icon will show the monthly loan payment.

Nellie Mae also urges students to avoid using credit cards whenever possible, minimizing borrowing, avoid accumulating a bad credit rating and to start saving money as early

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-Neel Lattimore

person for Nellie Mae, this organization works through financial aid offices throughout the country.

"We want to offer students the best loans possible at the lowest interest rates," said Shanley. "Helping borrowers make smart choices in man-

as possible.

"We even offer incentives to our borrowers," Shanley said. "Those who pay on their loans for 48 months in a row receive a 2 percent interest rate reduction."

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■ New safety phones cost about \$40,000.

Saramha Qualdoo
Staff Writer

Twelve new emergency phones will be at various locations on campus by the end of the calendar year.

Jim Murphy of Facilities Management said that the contractors have completed the underground conduits for installation.

About a year ago the Board of Regents requested funding from the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Four of the blue light phones are funded by the parking account fund. The rest were funded through the health and safety account fund. The total cost for the phones is approximately \$40,000.

About four years ago, the first step the Board of Regents wanted to take to make UW-River Falls a safer place was the improvement of lighting on campus.

"Safety is something that is routinely examined," said Dale Braun,

campus planner. "We address safety in all our programs."

Murphy said the final step in the project is to make sure the campus community finds the blue light phones acceptable.

Two phones presently on campus are located south of Knowles on a walkway and west on Lot N behind Hathom Hall.

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"Having these visible phones is another awareness tool," said Priscilla Stevens, campus security director.

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Swing kids



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UW-RF students groove to the music at the Swing Dance held at Brandy's, in the Student Center last Wednesday night.

Schultz / A Political Prof

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Schultz said, "The Minnesota chapter has been around for about 30 years. We spend most of our time fighting with legislators about campaign finance reform and ethics in government."

Schultz said the Minnesota chapter has a state-wide membership of more than 5,000 people, and they are always looking for interns to help research and lobby.

Schultz said the group is lobbying for a ban on "soft money," which is money from national political parties to state candidates from the same party.

The group is also behind the passage of laws that make voting easier in states and many Freedom of Information Laws, which require lobbyists to disclose who they are giving money to

"David shows an absolute commitment to politics," said Todd Paulson, executive director of Common Cause Minnesota. "He participates heavily and is knowledgeable about the issues. He not only speaks about them, but he works with the system to make it better."

Paulson said that the Minnesota group has been receiving many calls from across the country regarding the recent election and the politics and personalities involved.

"The magazines and newspapers know where to go for the information," Paulson said.

Schultz said the media may have been the reason the results of the Minnesota governor election came as such a surprise to so many people. He also said money was the main factor in the loss by the two major parties.

"One story all Minnesota media has missed, is the role money played in the governors election in 1998," Schultz said. "The reason the two major parties were out of touch was because they refused to swear off special interest money. The Ventura campaign refused special interest money and showed how you can get people more involved if money isn't a factor in the election. Ventura's greatest legacy would be to undertake reforms that would limit the influence of big money in Minnesota politics."

Students fail the television test

Three UW-RF students failed to go a week without watching television

Jason Childress
Staff Writer

This is the time of year that college students are notorious for spending hours gazing at the television instead of going to class.

With this in mind, The Student Voice asked three students to go five days without watching television.

Every year there is an organized national "Turn Off the T.V. Week." Organizers challenge people to spend one week without television. The hope is that those who do will realize how much more full life is without the "idiot box."

People may spend more time interacting with others, exercising more, or become more productive students or workers.

The Student Voice wanted to see how UW-River Falls students would fare in this attempt.

The volunteers vary in age, major, and the amount of time they spend watching T.V.

The first volunteer, Leah Schell, a sophomore computer science major, said she watches no more than two hours of television in an average week.

"I don't think it will be very difficult to go without T.V.," Schell said. "Unless, like, the president is shot, or something happens to Bruce and Demi: you know, something major."

The second subject is senior Janelle Jordan. She said she watches between eight and 12 hours of televi-

sion per week, but added that she studies while she watches.

"I think it will be kind of tough to go without," Jordan said. "I sure hope there's nothing good on Oprah this week. I heard Bridges of Madison County is going to be on. I can't help but watch that, Clint Eastwood is such a hunk."

The third volunteer, junior Matt Puczek, said he watches television 40 to 50 hours a week.

"Television is my life," Puczek said. "I plan work around '90210' and 'Saved By the Bell.'"

Puczek said he can spend eight hours a day in front of the tube.

"I don't think I'll be able to go five days without television," Puczek said. "My set broke once and all I did for the three days until it was fixed was lay on my couch drinking Wild Turkey with the remote in my hand staring at the void in the entertainment center where my T.V. once was. I even cried."

All three students turned off the television on a Monday and the goal was to keep it off until midnight Friday. On Monday afternoon Puczek was already struggling.

He asked if it would be cheating if he turned his back to the television and simply listened to wrestling. He said he bought a book to read, but was disappointed because "Catcher and the Rye" didn't have enough pictures in it.

Puczek said he was equally disappointed that "Naked Lunch" had nothing to do with a topless diner.

The other two volunteers were doing better. Schell said that her Spanish homework made watching television the last thing on her mind.

Jordan said she had passed her time looking up pictures of Dave Matthews on the Internet.

"This isn't too bad," Jordan said. "I was never aware of how much I watched. The only thing I really miss



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

Junior Matt Puczek basks in the glow of his 19" television set.

is 'Moesha,' God I love that show."

On Tuesday, Puczek said he was close to a breakdown. In a phone call with the Voice he was confused and hysterical.

Tuesday was tough for the other two volunteers as well. Schell said she occupied herself in other ways.

"My friend and I have been hanging out a lot but she is crazy," she said. "She gets paid to chase hot air balloons around and shoot them out of the sky."

Schell questioned whether lack of television has some effect on mental health.

Jordan said that she had been busy reading George Orwell's "Animal Farm" to her cat.

"Four legs good, television bad," Jordan said.

By Wednesday, Puczek fell off the wagon.

"It was too much," he said. "I'm afraid of talking to my roommates and with no T.V. I had no choice. It was that bikini clad morning exer-

cise show on ESPN that finally did it to me. I am clearly destined to rot my life away in front of this infernal box. At least now things will get back to normal. I miss my Naughty Nurses and that silly Screech."

Wednesday afternoon, Jordan failed too. She said the Beanie Baby show on the Home Shopping Network was just too alluring.

"While I failed at this battle, it doesn't mean the rest of you cannot win the larger war," Jordan said.

Schell's downfall was much less dramatic. She said that once the other two failed, she did not want to be the only one left.

There you have it. College students (or at least three of them) are incapable of avoiding television.

While this is anything but a significant empirical study, it should make people think about their viewing habits.

Volleyball / Team makes history

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Realizing what was at stake, the team was able to quell those jitters and set out with a new attitude that shined through in the next three games.

"They woke up and said 'we will not be denied this,'" Ford said.

Familiarity with the Eagles offense by having played La Crosse a week earlier benefited the Falcons.

"We made adjustments from a week ago and shut down their top hitter," Ford said.

Leading the Falcons offensively was freshman Joy Nicholson with 17 kills. Nicholson received some major help from All-WIAC sophomore Melissa Mattson who racked up 14 kills. Setting up most of the Falcon kills was All-WIAC sophomore Holly Olson with 58 set assists.

The Falcons were able to dig the team's way out of trouble behind a strong four player defensive effort. When Olson wasn't setting up an assist she seemed to be scrambling for digs. She finished the match with a team leading 17 digs while senior Caroline Schwane came up with 15. Right behind Schwane in total match digs were Nicholson and All-WIAC senior Sara Tibesar with 14 a piece.

On Nov. 14, the following evening after the win over the Eagles, the Falcons faced a bird of a different nature. The Falcons faced the UW-Whitewater Warhawks for the right to move into the NCAA Div. III quarterfinals.

Early on in the match the Falcons were able to out maneuver the Warhawks and won the first two games 15-10, 15-9. This was the second weekend in a row that the Falcons had a two games to none lead over the Warhawks. The Falcons looked strong in the early goings.

The team was playing on the same court as the prior weekend, in the same building with the same atmosphere. And, as a result, experienced the same ending. The Falcons took a swan dive in the last three games of

the five game match and lost to the Warhawks 15-10, 15-9, 3-15, 9-15, 10-15.

"I have mixed emotions again," Ford said. "I was thinking to myself, 'it can't happen two weekends in a row.'"

But, alas, it did happen again.

Ford said the determining factors in the fifth and deciding game of the match were that Whitewater has been in 11 straight NCAA Championship tournaments and Whitewater was playing in front of a hometown crowd.

Compare those 11 straight Warhawk showings to three NCAA Championship tournaments in Falcon team history. Teams that have experienced the pressures of the single elimination tournament have a mental edge over those who are relatively new to the scene.

"When you go up against teams that have been there year in and year out they expect to win," Ford said. "Then you have the underdogs that hope to win. So there's a mental factor."

The match was well played on both sides of the net and the end result might have been different if the match had been played elsewhere, according to Ford.

"If it would have been in Karges (Center) it could have been a different story," Ford said.

The loss did effect the Falcon players.

"I think they took it very hard," Ford said. "All of a sudden you're just done."

The Falcon offense was led once again with a strong performance by Nicholson.

She finished the match with 18 kills. Olson finished the season with a 48 set assist effort, and for the second time in two days led the team in digs with 17. Nicholson was able to scrape up 15 digs while teammate Tibesar scrounged up 14 of her own.

The loss to Whitewater was disheartening for the Falcons, but by the team taking the next step and winning a NCAA Regional match for the first time, it has given the

team an added advantage in the recruitment of players.

"It's a big advantage for us in recruitment," Ford said. "Obviously we're looking for a higher caliber of athlete."

The win, on the same note, also makes the recruiting process tougher for UW-RF.

"It's a tougher task because we're going at kids who could go to a Div. II school where scholarships are offered," Ford said.

In recruiting those division II caliber volleyball players, the coaching staff will focus on showing the recruits the River Falls community and the educational programs offered at UW-RF among other things. Plus, coming off the schools first ever NCAA Regional win won't hurt recruiting either.

Just by looking at next year's returning group of players and not being able to factor in any future recruits, Ford is optimistic about the upcoming seasons.

"I would think we'd have to be a favorite," Ford said about possibly returning to the NCAA Regionals next year.

To do this the Falcons will have to plug up the two spots that seniors Schwane and Tibesar leave behind.

"We're not in a rebuilding year next year," Ford said. "We just have to fill two spots."

Ford voiced her expectations for next season's squad.

"Expectations should be to win a conference championship and regional championship," Ford said.

Not only does Ford already find herself looking ahead to next season, she also is looking at seasons beyond next year.

The goal for this team should be to go to the NCAA semi-finals sometime in the upcoming seasons, according to Ford.

"Now we've had a taste," Ford said. "We have all the tools. The sky's the limit for the returners."

A taste that will fuel the hunger of future Falcon teams to repeat this season and to take the next step.

STUDENT SENATE

The Student Voice gets \$14,000 from reserve fund

UW-RF campus newspaper will use money to update computer technology

Max Date
Staff Writer

The UW-RF Student Senate approved \$14,000 for improved equipment at The Student Voice, as well as voiced their collective support for a Security Advisory Committee on campus.

The \$14,000 will be used in the Voice office to improve computer technology, which has not been upgraded in several years. Editor Sarah Colburn said that the money, which is being taken from the reserve fund, will provide "the bare minimum for what we need to compete with other papers."

"The office is pretty much falling apart," Colburn said. "We have computers that are seven years old...our sports computer was on all summer long because we were afraid that it wouldn't turn back on if we shut it

off."

The Security Advisory Committee will consist of seven students, one security officer, and Director of Security Priscilla Stevens. The student composition of the committee will be one student from each of the four grade levels, two at-large student members, and a student to co-chair the committee with Stevens.

The committee was brought about because of concerns over security on campus. Senate President Mac Guptil hopes that the committee will increase campus awareness.

"This will get students working with security officers," Guptil said. "It should ensure that things get reported quickly and accurately."

Senator Sharaine Smith expressed the same sentiment.

"As a student, I want to know what's going on (with security matters)," she said. "I think that other students do too."

In the President's report, Guptil encouraged senators to vote for what they really believe and not just to go along with how everyone else is voting.

"If you don't believe in motions, I'd like to see objections," he said. "It will change the ways that (the senate) approaches issues."

In other new business, Matt Sweet was appointed to the Legislative Issues Student Senate committee, Honors Faculty committee, and the Athletic Faculty committee. Joseph Barbey was appointed to the Special Technology committee as well.

Theresa Zirbel was removed from the Affirmative Action committee, the Multicultural Advisory committee, and the Finance & Operations committee, and was added to the Diversity Issues committee.



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Homosexual discrimination is present on campus

The brutal death of Matthew Shepard is an atrocity you have all heard about. This man died because of who he was. He died because of hatred and fear. He died because of ignorance.

Sitting here, many miles from the situation, it is easy to write this off as a problem that does not affect us.

This is naive.

Our little community, with its pleasant streets and pleasant people, is just as much a part of it as anywhere else in the nation. This is not the open tolerant community we claim to be. Anyone with keen ears on National Coming Out Day became acutely aware of this. I heard comments from "faggots should be arrested for vandalism," to questions of when "national heterosexual day" is.

My answer to that is that the other 364 days of the year are devoted to heterosexuality. Homophobia and ignorance are alive and well in River Falls as well as the rest of the nation. They are contagious too. No one has the balls to be an individual and stand up for tolerance. It doesn't take much character to hurl insults at a community you don't really understand. Real character comes from standing up for what is right.

Religious leaders of late have taken to publicly decrying homosexuality and taking Bible passages out of context (a mainstay of religion) to back up their

points. They claim that homosexual lifestyles conflict with 'family values' and even say that homosexuals recruit the young for their 'perversions'. When you take these arguments and peel away the layers, what you are left with is what has been driving homosexual discrimination for decades; fear.

The fear of the unknown is a powerful force. Some use it as a catalyst for learning and experiencing. Still, others use it to fuel the fires of hate. Religious leaders have tapped

a dead guy. Yes, "it's all about the Benjamins." Many people are deathly afraid of the impact homosexuality may have on the vague "family values" they cling to so tightly. Religious racketeers see gay bashing as a way to draw these puritan bastards in and compel them to give generously. Don't forget hefty mortgage on "God's House" or the pastor's Cadillac.

To me, this newfound condemnation of lifestyle seems completely at odds with the expressed principles of Christianity. "Love thy brother," unless he happens to be an abortion doctor or a homosexual? Where does this fit in? Is hatred part of God's plan?

The problem is not just a symptom of religion though. Society in general seems to be consumed with blaming its ills on certain easily identifiable factions therein. Divorce, alcohol, increased work hours, stress and the education system can all be shown to have a definite causal relationship with the decay of the family. The problem is that we all have stakes in these. If we assign blame to these entities, we are accepting the blame ourselves. It is much easier to target segments of the population to blame. Homosexuals are an active group. They become our societal scapegoat. This is wrong.

The only way to solve this problem is with education. Formal education (in the form of diversity requirements and sensitivity training) help but often subjects are resistant. The only way to eliminate this ignorance is for parents to teach children tolerance. Through the generations we can cure the social disease of homophobia. If we can learn to find strengths in our differences, we will be able to evolve as a society. From River Falls to San Francisco to Rome, we must teach tolerance. Let it start with you. Have the balls to accept what you may not understand, and stand up for what is right.

JASON CHILDRESS

"I heard comments from 'faggots should be arrested for vandalism' to questions of when 'national Heterosexual day' is."



into this fear for two reasons. First of all, they seem to genuinely fear homosexuals (as well as any lifestyle outside of the June Cleaver sitcom pipe dreams of the past). Secondly and most importantly, religious leaders have taken to damning homosexuality for the most perverse of reasons driven by the intoxicating affects of greed.

Don't be fooled. Religion today is a racket, pure and simple. Its proprietors worship two gods; one in the heavens and one in the bank. Which ever one is the driving force in religion is open to debate. In the case of religious homophobia though, it is clear that the catalyst is flat and green and bears the likeness of

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EDITORIAL

Temporary housing violates rights of all

One to two weeks before fall semester started at UW-River Falls, certain students who registered later to live on campus were contacted by the University saying they would have to live in the study lounges of the dorms with five other roommates.

Since this was the students' first or second year at UW-River Falls, they were not allowed to try other off-campus housing alternatives, such as living in a house or an apartment.

Not only did these students have to struggle, living with five different personalities, they were told that they had no clue how long they would be living in this situation.

As a retribution, the students living with five or more roommates have been credited 73 dollars a month to their accounts and students living with four or less have been credited 50 dollars.

Now three months into the school year, students are becoming frustrated with how UW-RF has handled the residential living arrangements on campus.

Even students living in the regular dorms are starting to complain about having no separate space set aside for them to turn to when they need time alone to study.

It's nice that the University has compensated the students living in the study halls, but what about the students living in the dorms around them? What compensation has been given to the students losing their private study areas?

There have been rumors of a new residential hall being built on campus next year, but how is this going to help the over crowding of students this year in the dorms?

Why should UW-RF students suffer because the University is being selfish and greedy?

The only logical resolution for this situation would be for the University to have an open door policy to living on campus until they are able to provide each student with reasonable living space.

"What compensation has been given to the students losing private study areas?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students should find their anger for murder of homosexual college student

Matthew Shepard died on Monday 12, October 1998 from wounds sustained during a cruel beating at the hands of homophobic killers. Matthew was 21 years old, a college student much like ourselves. I have been in a daze since then, wandering this campus while trying to comprehend the rage I feel. Everywhere I go—in the cafeteria, on the main green, in the halls of our campus—people have been going about their business, getting to class, writing their papers, chilling out in coffee bars at night. That is good. It is important to all of us that we succeed. But something seems to be missing here. Something seems to be hidden, obscured and undefined.

Where is your anger? Where is your rage? I am a Resumed Education student; it is my first semester at Brown University. Five years ago, my roommate was viciously murdered in our home by two men who targeted him as homosexual. They came one evening when I wasn't there, tortured him with lit cigarettes, then beat him mercilessly with a hammer they had brought with them. He bled to death on the floor.

Naturally, the vicious murder of Matthew Shepard has really angered me, as it probably did you. Like my roommate's murder, Matthew Shepard was targeted because of his sexual orientation. We all may have our own ideas concerning what people should do in the privacy of their own home, but no rational person would agree that the way in which Matthew Shepard was tortured, then killed, was a reasonable reaction to his sexual orientation.

I ask you again: Where is your anger? Where is your rage?

Across this country, people have been talking about Matthew's murder and condemning this senseless act of violence perpetrated against one of our own, against a college student who had only begun to question himself and his world around him.

Though the tendency may be great, we don't have to look at Matthew's murder and what happened to him and say to ourselves, "Hey, he was queer. Let the queers deal with it." Regardless of our orientation, we can offer our support, voice our anger and breath on the flame of outrage that has begun to burn over Matthew's vicious murder. I do not advocate violence, I advocate dialogue.

"Why would I want to get involved? I've got midterms. I've got practice. I've got a relationship falling down the tubes."

Because it could happen to you, too. Which one of us doesn't have something, some thought or some opinion, some lifestyle or some look, that someone else might find reprehensible and focus their hatred upon us.

I am making a controversial argument here. I argue that we all have something to lose over Matthew's murder. We all lose our safety. We all lose our ability to walk in this world freely. We all lose that most precious peace of all; peace of mind. But most importantly, we stand to lose what makes us human, we stand to lose our dignity.

I am asking you to do something. I am asking you to do something, despite the fact that you are busy and that if midterms are here, and that there are so many other fun things to do.

I ask you to talk about Matthew. I ask you to speak to your friends and dorm mates, your professors and TAs and even with your parents. Speak of it on the steps of your buildings. Find out from each other what your feelings are. Discuss why Matthew died. Discuss what the loss of this one single life means to the rest of our own lives.

Let's open up the box that must contain your rage. The universities of this great country are filled with some of the brightest people in the world.

Let's try to see if there is anything that can be done. I am sure there is.

Darren M. Jorgensen
Brown University

Sympathy for columnist Padilla

Mr. Padilla, I too feel your pain, due to the rough hand life has dealt me. My father hails from the Galapagos Islands and my mother is a mongoloid from Antarctica. Apparently their love was not enough to produce a well adjusted child. Growing up ugly is very difficult, even for an idiot like me with only half a brain. Having rickets prevented me from participating in such childhood games like spin the bottle and kick the cow. Not that it mattered, as my feet had been slowly debauched by trenchfoot and were reduced to bloody stumps. I remember one specific episode in my formative years when my lazy eye was acting up. This caused me to strain and stretch to see the chalkboard, at that moment my wooden leg gave out. You can imagine my embarrassment as I came crashing down and my ringworm medicine flew out of my pocket.

Being a pathetic wretch of a human being that I am has really affected my love life. Trying to cover my chewed up dog ear is always difficult, and it seems women just don't want to hear about my scurvy and searing hemorrhoids. Why can't they see the real me? I too, have a crush on a beautiful woman. She's totally hot, and I long to delicately touch her in a very delicate way. She is so shallow though. All she can see is my rampant scabs and rotten teeth—not my inner beauty. When I do something romantic like hide in the backseat of her car or kidnap her dog she does something rash like calling the cops. What kind of message is she trying to send? I guess some people have a strange way of flirting.

I know it's love, though. She has perfect hair, luscious lips and long smooth legs. What else do two people need to fall in love? I may be a hunchback with a goiter the size of a small turkey, explosive diarrhea, blood flukes, an overbite, one lung, a heart murmur, blood shot eyes, hairy back, carpal tunnel, smokers hack, bladder infection, psoriasis, big nose, shriveled genitals, severe burns, leprosy, a shark bite, and a recently contracted case of albinism, but isn't she impressed with my Power Rangers action figure collection and swank apartment in my grandma's basement? Someday gorgeous chicks will see past our physical/mental shortcomings and love us for the upbeat, positive human beings that we are. Good luck and keep reaching for the end of the rainbow Anthony.

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JASON
EGERSTROM
&
TROY MALLATBattle in the baggy:
Pack vs. Vikes II

Once again, two mighty forces of nature collide when the Packers (7-3) head into the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome to face the Vikings (9-1) on Sunday. Here is what we believe is going to happen:

Jason: One word: AstroTurf. Two of the Pack's three losses came on cement surfaces in Pittsburgh and at Detroit. The third loss, of course, came at the hands of the Vikings at Lambeau on Oct. 5.

Troy: Here's a stat for all Viking fans who point to the Packers' dismal record on AstroTurf (By the way, they are 2-2 this year on plastic.). The Packers are 7-0 on Sundays this year and 0-3 every other day. Guess what, they're playing on Sunday.

J: The Packers can't stop Carter, Moss and Reed. The Pack will blitz Cunningham early and often to take Moss out of the contest as a deep threat. But the Vikes will be ready. The team has seen numerous blitz packages in recent weeks, specifically from Tampa Bay and New Orleans.

T: Yes, the Packers will blitz, but look for them to come from the cornerbacks. The thought being: If your cornerbacks can't cover wide receivers, you might as well send them in to bash Cunningham's head in. At best, Newsome and Williams have been inconsistent. At worst, they cover like a Speedo on Gilbert Brown. All I can say is that payback's a mother, and I'm not talking Carol Brady either.

J: The biggest difference in the Vikings this season is that they have two cornerbacks. Dewayne Washington couldn't cover a left-over hot dish if he was tin foil. Now that Jimmy Hitchcock has stepped in, it allows the Vikings take more chances defensively in trying to put pressure on Favre. The defensive pressure on Favre was so great in the Vikes' win at Lambeau that the NFL had to find a reason to punish the Vikes' defensive line for their effort. The league fined John Randle for wearing his usual game day make-up saying it violated league dress code.

T: The Packers have found two new weapons to slow down the Vikings defensive line. The first being tight end Tyrone Davis who is too big to be covered by safeties and too fast to be covered by linebackers. Davis caught a 60-yard touchdown last week where he outran a safety to the corner. One quick post to him and the Packers could score (We all saw their tackling against Tampa). If that's not scary, the Packers have also found what's left of a running game. Not having Travis "run into the pile" Jervy actually helps the Pack running game, as well as screens, blitz pick-ups, do I need to go on?

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Wrestlers
stumble
in dual at
Wesleyan

Falcon grapplers start season with a new head coach and 11 more wrestlers than last season

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

The Falcon wrestling team opened its season losing a dual meet at Dakota Wesleyan and finishing with three champions and a second place finisher at the Dakota Wesleyan Open held last weekend.

The Falcons will host the UW-River Falls Invitational at the Knowles Center for their first and only meet at home on Dec. 5. Action will start at 9 a.m.

In the dual meet with Wesleyan on Friday, UW-RF's Chris Hening won by forfeit at 125 pounds. At 133, Preston Rau lost, 11-0, and at 141, Josh Namchek lost 9-2. At 149, Jacob Houden lost a close overtime decision, 8-6, and at 157 pounds, Jerrad Perkins lost, 11-3. At 165, Brian Paulson lost a close 2-1 decision, and at 174, Ryan Hoag took an 11-5 win. At 184, Jeff Lambrecht lost, 7-5 and at 197, Caleb Swenson lost, 5-1. At heavyweight, Bill Sallender won, 5-3.

At the Dakota Wesleyan Open, Hoag won the 174-pound title, Swenson the 197-pound title and Sallender the heavyweight title. Hoag won 11-4 against Danny White from

See "Wrestling" page B2

Hockey avenges playoff loss

After beating Augsburg in an emotional home-opener, the Falcons dropped their first contest of the season Saturday at Gustavus

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

Falcon forward Bill Matzke scored the game-winning goal on the power play at the 1:16 mark of overtime to lift the Falcons over last season's playoff nemesis, the Augsburg Auggies, 3-2.

Last March, the Auggies came into Hunt Arena and swept the Falcon hockey team in a NCAA quarterfinal series. Friday, the Falcons avenged its playoff loss after the teams went head-to-head for the first time since last March in the Falcons home opener.

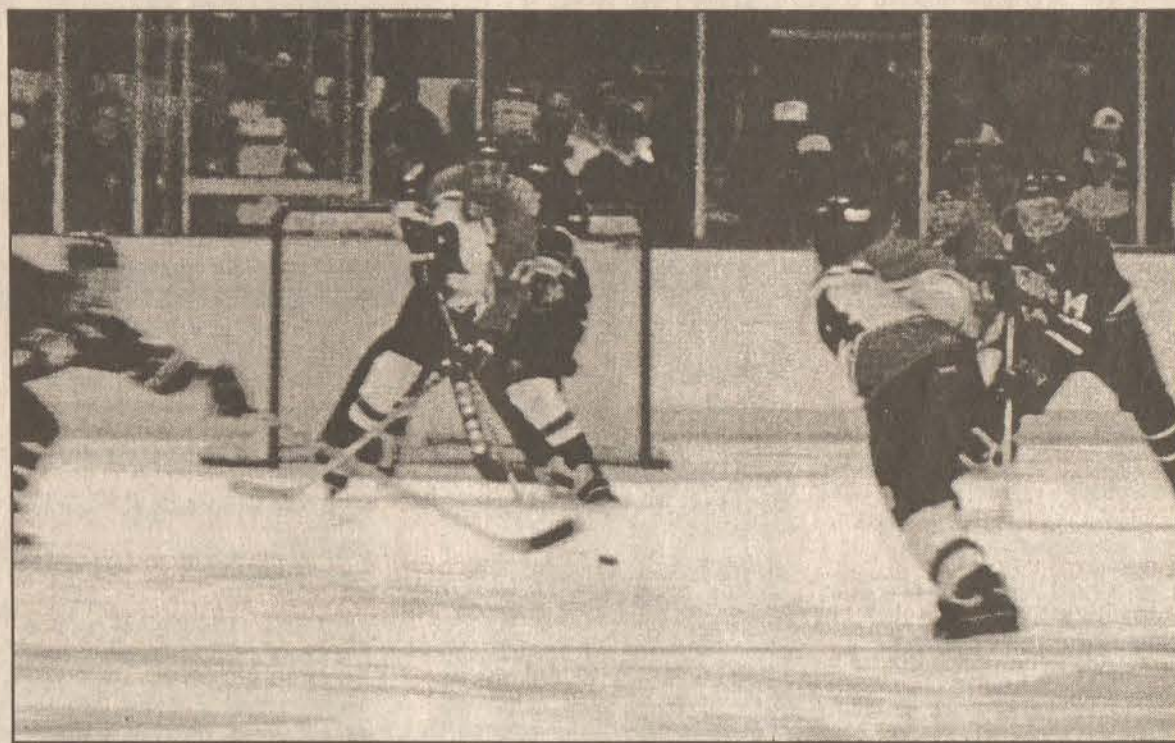
For the first two periods, the contest was a mockery of last spring's contest as Augsburg took an early 2-0 lead despite being out-shot 25-18.

"We played well in the first two periods despite being down," Falcon head coach Steve Freeman said. "We controlled play and played exceptional hockey, but they got a couple of bad goals."

Augsburg forward Shane Spears managed to open the game's scoring on a long slap shot from the red line that somehow eluded the grasp of Falcon goaltender Brady Alstead. About eight minutes later, Auggie forward Chris McLeod gave Augsburg a 2-0 lead on a slap shot from the right circle that beat Alstead low.

McLeod's scoring opportunity was set up after the Falcons turned the puck over deep in its own zone.

But just as the team did last week-



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Falcon defenseman Eliot Komar rips a slap shot on goal as teammate Jared Anderson screens Augsburg goalie Ryan McIntosh in the Falcons' thrilling 3-2 overtime victory Friday at Hunt Arena. Komar recorded an assist in the Augsburg contest while Anderson scored two goals in the Falcons' 4-3 loss at Gustavus on Saturday.

end at Eau Claire, the Falcons were able to come back with a strong third period by scoring two goals to send the contest into overtime.

Falcon forward Jeff Bernard picked up a rebound after an Eliot Komar slapshot from the point fell loose in front of Augsburg goaltender Ryan McIntosh. Bernard deposited the puck and cut the Falcon deficit to 2-1. The goal came on the power play, the first of two tallies the Falcons managed with the man advantage on Friday.

As the Falcon power play kept the team within striking distance, the Auggies, playing in its first game of the season, appeared to be tiring.

Meanwhile, a fresher Falcon team with much more depth than it had last spring, went to work.

Freshman forward David Almquist scored his second goal of the season with 10:25 remaining to tie the contest at two. Almquist was set up nicely on a great passing play by fellow freshman forward Carl Boben, who found Almquist alone in the slot.

"We got goals from three different lines again on Friday," Freeman noted. "Our depth will make a difference as the season goes on."

The play of the game, however, wasn't a goal. It was a penalty. With 1:01 remaining in regulation and the contest tied at two, Augsburg forward David Olson rammed Eliot Komar into the boards from behind. Olson was assessed a 5-minute major penalty for checking from behind and was

given a game misconduct for the infraction.

With the Falcons power play running effectively early in the season, Freeman was confident that the Falcons would come out with a win over the Auggies once the major penalty was called.

The penalty put the Falcons on the power play for the remainder of regulation time and carried into the 5-minute overtime period.

"There was no question in my mind that we were going to win when the penalty was called," Freeman said. "Before the overtime period we told the guys to be patient and not rush their shots."

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Football rolls in season finale
Team rushes for season-high 585 yards in win

The Falcon rushing numbers in Saturday's win boosted the team to the NCAA Div. III rushing title for the second-straight season

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

The Falcon football team had nothing to lose in Saturday's season finale against Bemidji in the Metrodome on Saturday. At least that's what the results indicated: a Falcons halfback pass for a touchdown, a blocked punt, a fake punt attempt, numerous long scoring plays and a 45-14 non-conference triumph over Bemidji.

The Falcons clinched a share of the WIAC Title with a win over UW-Whitewater Nov. 7, but because they are sharing the championship the team will not earn a national playoff bid. So the Falcons knew entering Saturday's contest that it was their last in 1998.

Falcons head coach John O'Grady

was worried that the Falcons may not play up to par. He hadn't had the time to fully prepare for the contest last week and thought that would catch up with them.

"I had a busy week with people calling and recruits visiting," O'Grady said. "I was worried about the 8 p.m. scheduled start. I don't like guys sitting around all day anticipating a game."

However, those thoughts of doubt were erased quickly after the Falcons' first possession, a 95-yard scoring drive.

The Falcons capped the drive with a score when halfback Michael Grant took an option pitch from quarterback Randy Johnson, then pulled up to throw a 29-yard scoring strike to wide receiver Matt Kleinbrook down the right sideline. The score was Kleinbrook's lone touchdown of the season and gave the Falcons a 7-0 lead.

They never looked back. As unlikely as the play call on the opening score was, the Falcon offense won the game in its traditional fashion.

By running. The team rushed for a season-high 585 yards and scored on long touchdown runs of 81, 47, 66, 40 and 68 yards. Three Falcon rushers broke the 100-yard barrier.

O'Grady was surprised by the

Falcons success in running the football.

According to O'Grady, Bemidji head coach Jeff Tesch is familiar with defending a wishbone offense from some time he spent coaching in North Dakota. Clearly, however, the Beaver players weren't as familiar as many of the Falcon ball carriers went untouched down the sidelines for scores.

"Speed on the turf," O'Grady said of the Falcon success in running outside. "We have fast halfbacks. Speed is the difference in those

his backup, Cory Mueller. Johnson scored on a 40-yard option-keeper down the left sideline on the second play of the fourth quarter while Mueller's came on a 68-yard run identical to Johnson's.

"We knew they played a base defense and we face that all of the time," O'Grady said of the team's success in running the ball. "Randy audibled into several of those big plays."

Defensively, cornerback Tim Sukalski intercepted his fourth pass of the season in the Falcon end zone to prevent a potential Beaver score in the first quarter.

Defensive tackle Josh Vollrath added a blocked punt on special teams.

The Falcons kept the Beavers off balance by attempting a fake punt in the second quarter.

Falcon Broc Threinen took the direct snap from center from his position between the center and the punter and ran left with the ball.

However, he slipped trying to make a cut and fell short of the first down.

"I'm glad we did it," O'Grady said. "It kept them off balance. They are very aggressive on punt blocking and they had to think twice about bringing 10 guys for the rest of the game after we attempted the fake."

The win makes the Falcons 4-0 in the Metrodome under the tutelage

"Our guys are starting to think they're pretty good. We have a bunch of young guys who beat a pretty good Division II team..."

-John O'Grady, Falcons head football coach

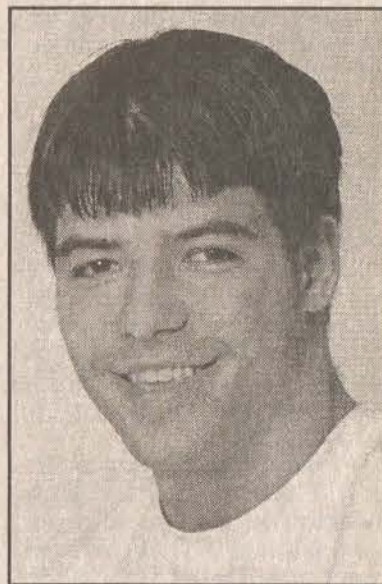
plays."

Halfback Taylor Hall was one of the most efficient Falcon ball carriers on Saturday as he rushed for 157 yards and two touchdowns on runs of 81 and 47 yards, on six carries.

In addition to his first quarter touchdown pass, Grant gained 117 yards on the ground, including a 66-yarder for a touchdown, on eight carries.

Meantime, fullback Ryan Lins ran for 115 yards on 25 carries.

Also scoring for the Falcons was starting quarterback Johnson and



Taylor Hall

of O'Grady and it helped the Falcons post a 7-3, 5-2 record. Last season the Falcons finished 5-5.

O'Grady likes the improvement he has seen from his team over the last season, but realizes the future remains bright as the Falcons return 10 of the 11 defensive starters.

"Our guys are starting to think they're pretty good," O'Grady said. "We have a bunch of young guys who beat a pretty good Division II team in Bemidji. We'll have a very good team for the next two years as long as we make as much improvement over the next year that we did last year."

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SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

WIAC FOOTBALL (Final Standings)

	W	L	T	Pct
River Falls (6-3)	5	2	0	.714
Stevens Point (6-2)	5	2	0	.714
Whitewater (6-2)	5	2	0	.714
*Eau Claire (7-2)	5	2	0	.714
La Crosse (4-4)	4	3	0	.571
Stout (4-5)	3	4	0	.429
Oshkosh (4-5)	1	6	0	.143
Platteville (1-8)	0	7	0	.000

*Eau Claire received bid for NCAA Div. III Playoffs

WIAC VOLLEYBALL (Final standings)

	W	L
Whitewater (32-5)	8	0
River Falls (32-6)	6	2
Stevens Point (21-12)	5	3
Stout (22-14)	5	3
La Crosse (23-14)	5	3
Platteville (21-13)	3	5
Eau Claire (14-18)	3	5
Oshkosh (8-29)	1	7
Superior (10-20)	0	8

NCHA MEN'S HOCKEY (As of Nov. 15)

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

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Nov. 20-26 1998	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hockey	Stout 7:05 p.m.						
Men's Basketball	at Shenandoah Tourney 88.7 FM	at Shenandoah Tourney 88.7 FM			North Central Bible 7 p.m.		
Women's Basketball	AT&T Challenge (at River Falls)	AT&T Challenge (at River Falls)			at Viterbo 7 p.m.		
Wrestling							Idle until Dec. 5
Swimming		WIAC Relays					

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL—Offense: Center **Chris Graunke** (Sr., Clayton, Wis.) had another solid game in the win over Bemidji State. The 6-1, 255 pounder's blocking helped the Falcons rush for a season-high 585 yards and 614 total yards. **Defense:** Linebacker **Ben Kolstad** (Jr., Green Bay, Wis.) helped the Falcon rush defense limit Bemidji to just 14 points. The 5-10, 170 pounder led the Falcons with 10 solo and two unassisted tackles. He had one tackle for loss, and he broke up a pass. **Special Teams:** Kicker **Dan Toninato** (Fr., Green Bay, Wis.) had another good day of kicking in the win over Bemidji. He kicked a 29-yard field goal and made all six extra points. The 5-10, 172 pounder also did well on all of the kickoffs.

VOLLEYBALL—Falcons **Caroline Schwane** (Kasson, Minn.), **Sara Tibesar** (St. Paul, Minn.), and **Linda Schoenrock** (Finlayson, Minn.) ended their River Falls volleyball careers by making it to the regional finals. "Each one of them all had different dimensions they brought to the team," said Falcon head coach Patti Ford. "You have to put your hats off to them as really building the character of the group."

WRESTLING—**Ryan Hoag** (Jr., St. Croix Falls, Wis.) opened his season in style winning all four matches he wrestled. He won his 174-pound match over Dakota Wesleyan wrestler Danny White in Friday's dual meet, 11-5. He then won the 174-pound title in the Dakota Wesleyan Open. He defeated White again in the championship match, 11-4.

HOCKEY—Forward **Bill Matzke** (Sr., Bloomington, Minn.) scored two goals and two assists in two games last weekend. On Friday, he scored the game-winning goal in overtime to help the Falcons to a 3-2 win over Augsburg. On Saturday, he was involved in every goal in a 4-3 loss at Gustavus Adolphus. He had a goal and two assists.

SPORTS SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL Saturday's results River Falls 45, Bemidji State 14 Score by Quarters River Falls 14 3 14 14—45 Bemidji State 0 7 0 7—14 Scoring Summary: 1st quarter 8:38 RF-Kleinbrook 29-yd pass from Grant (Toninato kick), RF 7-0 5:03 RF-Hall 81-yd run (Toninato kick), 2nd quarter 9:11 BS-Meyer 1-yd run (Forga kick), RF 14-7 0:13 RF-Toninato 29-yd field goal, RF 17-7 3rd quarter 10:48 RF-Hall 47-yd run (Toninato kick), RF 24-7 3:58 RF-Grant 66-yd run (Toninato kick), RF 31-7 4th quarter 14:24 RF-Johnson 40-yd run (Toninato kick), RF 38-7 2:59 BS-Woodford, 11-yd pass from Morie (Forga kick), RF 38-14 1:41 RF-Mueller 68-yd run (Toninato kick), RF 45-14 VOLLEYBALL Friday's results (Regional semifinal) River Falls 8 15 15 15 LaCrosse 15 3 10 6 River Falls kill leaders: Nicholson 17, Mattson 14 River Falls assist leader: Olson 58. Saturday's results (Regional final) River Falls 15 15 3 9 10 Whitewater 10 9 15 15 15 River Falls kill leaders: Nicholson 18, Klassen 12. River Falls assist leader: Olson 48. HOCKEY Friday's results River Falls 0 0 2 1—3 Augsburg 0 2 0 0—2 Second period: A- Speort, 7:21. A- McLeod (Fulton, Tallackson), 15:51. Third period: RF- Bernard (Sampair), 3:28 (PP). RF- Almquist (Boben), 9:35. Overtime: RF- Matzke (T. Nelson), 1:16 (PP). Shots on goal: RF 12-13-19-2—46; A 6-12-5-0—23—20; Saves: RF- Alstead 21; A- McIntosh 43. Saturday's results River Falls 1 1 1—3 Gustavus Adolphus 2 2 0—4 First period: RF-Matzke, (Anderson, Cullen) 4:21. GA-Hoolihan, (Grabow, Puder), 5:36 (PP). GA-Johnson, (Hoolihan) 12:32. Second period: GA-Tuccitto (Grabow, Hoolihan), 1:34. RF-Anderson (Matzke, T. Nelson), 9:43. GA-Grabow(Tuccitto), 16:33 (PP). Third Period: RF-Anderson (T. Nelson, Matzke), 6:34. Shots on goal: RF 13-9-16—38; GA 19-8-2—29; Saves: RF- Musta 25; GA- Moseley 35. WRESTLING Friday's Results Dakota Wesleyan 23, River Falls 12 125-Hening (RF) received forfeit. 133-Kyte (DW) major dec. over Rau, 11-0. 141-Lanka (DW) defeats Namchek, 9-2. 149-J. Grindstaff (DW) defeats Houden, 8-6 OT. 157-Ewing (DW) major dec. over Perkins, 11-3. 165-T. Grindstaff (DW) defeats Paulson, 2-1. 174-Hoag (RF) defeats White, 11-5. 184-Childs (DW) defeats Lambrecht, 7-5. 197-Wagner (DW) defeats Swenson, 5-1. Hwt.-Sallender (RF) defeats Ebert, 5-3. Saturday's results Notable finishes Dakota Wesleyan Tournament 1st- Ryan Hoag 174 lbs. Caleb Swenson 197 lbs, Bill Sallender Hwt.
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Football / 10 Falcons earn WIAC honors

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ALL-WIAC

Offensively, the Falcons lose three talented seniors: left tackle Richard Grabarski, center Chris Graunke and quarterback Randy Johnson. "You're not going to replace those guys," O'Grady said. "If we can come close, that's all we need." Meantime, the Falcons' 585 rushing yards on Saturday earned the team its second-straight NCAA Div. III rushing title. The Falcons averaged 393.3 rushing yards per game.

FALCONS EARNING HONORS

First Team:	Second Team:	Honorable Mention:
Rich Grabarski OT	Randy Johnson QB	Justin Lerfald G
Chris Graunke C	Michael Grant KR	Matt Roerig DT
Michael Grant RB	Ben Kolstad all-purpose	Brian Katlack DB
Joe Green DE		Tim Sukalski DB
Ben Kolstad DB		

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Wrestling / Numbers rise

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DW, Swenson defeated Tony Wagner (DW) 4-1 after losing to him the previous day, and Sallender beat Justin Ebert (DW) 8-3 in the championship matches. Perkins finished second at 157 pounds losing to DW opponent, Clay Ewing, who was named Outstanding Wrestler of the Open, 20-4. Numbers on the team have over tripled from last year's numbers. According to head coach Lindy Johnson, the team now has 16 wrestlers compared with five at the end of last season. But Johnson thinks the team still has a long

way to go. "We're trying to get those numbers back up," said Johnson. "We ideally would like to see about 30 kids out." Johnson is in his first full year as head coach after taking over during mid-season last year. The team has already had a resurgence of youth into the program. Seven of the squad's 16 wrestlers are freshmen. Johnson says the key to building the program is to keep these young wrestlers in the program for the full four years. Then keep adding quality wrestlers.

Hockey

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Matzke scored on the power play on a mad scramble in front of the Auggies net just over a minute into the overtime period. The non-conference win came in the Falcons' first real test of the season and the importance of the contest to the players was obvious when the team piled upon Matzke after he lit the red light with the game-winner. "There was a lot of incentive for us to win," Freeman added. "It was our first home game and the players were highly motivated after they (Augsburg) knocked us out in the playoffs last year." The Falcons pressured McIntosh, the Auggies goalie, all evening by firing 46 shots on net. McIntosh's performance in last season's play-off loss carried the Auggies into the semifinals and he continued to impress on Friday. "We felt we had many opportunities," Freeman said of the Falcon offensive pressure. "I was beginning to wonder if (McIntosh) was going to hold us off again like he did in the playoffs last year." Meanwhile, Alstead made 21 stops for the Falcons on his way to earning his third victory of the season. "The atmosphere on Friday was great," Freeman noted of the Falcons home-opener. "It was a great game and it was fun. Hunt Arena was rocking."

Gustavus 4, Falcons 3
While a late Auggies' penalty boosted the Falcons to victory on Friday, penalties prevented the Falcons from maintaining its unblemished record in a 4-3 loss at Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday. "It was a bitter disappointment

the way we played," Freeman said. "We were sloppy. We weren't ready to play. We made as many good plays as we did on Friday, but we also made as many bad plays." Two of which were penalties. Forward Jeff Bernard was called for a crucial 10-minute misconduct penalty and defenseman Peter Cullen was whistled for a 5-minute major. Both cost the lackadaisical Falcons, according to Freeman. "We had an emotional let down from the Augsburg game," Freeman explained. And we talked about that in Saturday's pre-game meeting." The Falcons managed to get things going in the third period when forward Jared Anderson scored his second goal of the contest at the 6:34 mark to cut the Falcon deficit to 3-2. Matzke had opened the scoring in the first period before three unanswered Gusties' goals gave the hosts a commanding 3-1 lead. "We played like we we're desperate in the third," Freeman noted. "We dominated them in the third, they never got the puck out their end." The Falcons outshot the Gusties 15-2 in the third and managed to put up one goal. But it wasn't enough and the Falcons dropped its first game of the season. Backup Falcon goaltender Brad Musta made 25 stops and took the loss for the Falcons. "The loss on Saturday takes away from the win on Friday," Falcon forward Corey Martinson missed his fourth straight game with a deep thigh bruise on Saturday. And defenseman Ryan Saverine sat out the contest due to some sore back muscles he aggravated in the second period of the Augsburg game. Both are questionable for the Nov. 19 non-conference contest at UW-Stout. The Falcons play host to the Blue Devils Friday at 7 p.m. at Hunt Arena in another non-conference contest.

Rivalry

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J: Robert Smith is more productive at home. The Packers will focus on a passing attack that found more holes in it's defense than the cheese their fans wear on their heads. Smith will break a few long plays as well as a more-involved David Palmer. T: Reggie White (Viking fans insert bigot joke here.) (Packer fans insert foot into Viking fans' behinds just for being stupid.) will play a bigger role in Sunday's game. He will be able to use speed moves he wasn't able to on the wet Lambeau Field surface. No, I haven't smoked an AstroTurf joint. It will be easier for White to provide pressure if he doesn't have to rely on his signature "hump" move (get your mind out of the gutter). Predictions: J: This is a must win for the Packers if they hope to win the Central Division. A loss would put them four games back as the Vikings would also receive the tie-breaker for having beaten the Pack twice. One would believe that the must-win situation would put the Pack on top. But any game against the Packers are must-win games for the Vikings and the Vikings' intensity will show they are ready. Having a two-game lead entering the contest allows the Vikings to take some chances in trying to dictate the style of play. The running game plays a huge factor on Sunday for both teams as the Vikes dethrone the Pack with a thrilling 31-28 win. T: As Kenny Mayne would say, games aren't played on paper; they're played inside TV sets. If this game was played on paper, the Vikings would win hands down because of the Packers woeful secondary. LeRoy Butler and friends have been waiting seven weeks for redemption. They will make a couple big plays, and the Packers will win a close one, 28-27.

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Life after Meschke Men search for scoring

■ The Falcons try to replace the team's fifth-leading scorer in school history as it enters the 1998-99 campaign

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The UW-River Falls men's basketball team hops aboard a Washington D.C.-bound jet this week to begin their 1998-1999 season. The Falcons will play two other teams in what is essentially a basketball showcase at Shenandoah (Va.) University. The first game is Friday afternoon, with the second on Saturday afternoon.

Like last season, this year's Falcon men's squad faces a lot of questions and uncertainties as they open the season. Last year, people wondered how the team would perform after their top big man quit and a promising young shooting guard transferred. This year, people wonder how the team will do without graduated star guard Chad Meschke and All-Conference forward Jason Beeler. The team put to rest those questions last season, finishing 14-11 - a reverse of the team's record the previous season. The answers to this year's questions will come only as the season moves ahead.

"Right now, we have more questions than answers," head coach Rick Bowen said. But after three weeks of practice, that is typical.

As mentioned, one of the biggest questions about the team is who will replace Meschke. He finished last season in fifth place on the all-time school scoring list. Some might say he can't be replaced. Juniors Nic Been and Chad Coss seem to be the likeliest candidates. Both had solid sophomore seasons. Been is a returning starter, and Coss got a lot of minutes off the bench. So far this season, Bowen says both are shooting well and doing what's expected of them.

The elder statesman of this year's bunch is senior guard Tony Fisher. The Milwaukee native has been a guy to count on since his freshman year. Fisher was one of the team's most consistent players last year, averaging nearly ten points and four assists per game. Watch his quick hands; Fisher should get plenty of steals this year. In addition, his leadership and court savvy will be mainstays in his game this year.

After a great freshman year, Pat Ptacek has a heavy load on his shoulders. Many are looking for him to take over the star role Meschke left behind. Ptacek averaged just over eleven points and five rebounds a

game in a season where he was thrust into the starting center spot.

Senior Casey Werner will help alleviate some of the stress on Ptacek down low. Last season was the first in a Falcon uniform for Werner after he transferred from Worthington (Minn.) Community College. He averaged nearly fifteen minutes a game off the bench. If there's a person on this year's team that could possibly do the little things Jason Beeler was known for, it would be Werner. With Werner potentially getting more minutes down low, it could free up Ptacek to do more work on the outside, where he has a soft shooting touch and good moves to the basket.

An exciting addition to the backcourt is senior transfer Lamar Westberry. This is actually Westberry's second go-around with the Falcons.

Several years ago, Westberry came to UW-River Falls out of De La Salle High School in Minneapolis. Things initially didn't work out, so he played a couple years at Fresno (Cal.) Community College, then transferred to Hawaii-Pacific University. Westberry is now back with the Falcons for his final season. He is extremely quick, agile, and flashy. Bowen says the main area for Westberry to work on is keeping himself under control. He must play within the Falcons system.

The freshman class Bowen brought in is, in his words, one of his best athletically and academically. Highlighting that group is 6-8 center Scott Liebmann of Milwaukee Lutheran High School, the same school, incidentally, that Fisher came out of. Bowen is excited about his size and abilities, and thinks he may be able to contribute in games right away.

Guard Kent Becker of Hayward is another freshman spoken of highly by Bowen. Becker averaged seventeen points a game in his senior season of high school ball.

Conference play will again be tough this season. Much like recent history, the big guns of the WIAC — UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater, and UW-Stevens Point — will be expected to play top-flight, nationally recognized basketball. The Falcons were picked by the league coaches to finish seventh out of nine teams.

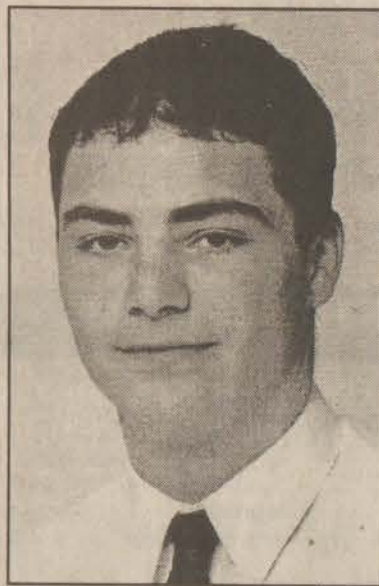
An exciting new addition to league play this year is the conference tournament, much like the ones used in the Big Ten and other major conferences. Bowen originally came up with the idea years ago, and has now been amended into conference rules.

"It's great for basketball in the state of Wisconsin," an excited Bowen said. "Every regular season game now means something. One loss could be the difference between a home game and a road game (in the conference tourney)."

Coaches of the top teams in the conference, like Platteville and Oshkosh, have complained that the



Tony Fisher



Pat Ptacek

tournament is a waste of time and potentially dangerous to their teams. They say they have everything to lose and nothing to gain from the tournament. Their reasoning is that a sparkling regular season by one of their clubs, and a loss in the conference tournament, could ruin their chances at an NCAA tournament berth. But Bowen counters, saying the conference tourney could actually help get more teams in the NCAA's. He made the example of team with a perfect record getting beaten in the conference tourney by a team with a handful of losses. Do you think that team with the previously perfect record will sit home for the NCAA's, while the team that beats them gets the automatic bid and the only conference representation? Most likely not, he said.

Well, there's a lot to look forward to in this men's basketball season. How will the team respond to questions of inconsistency and star power? Who will replace Meschke's points? Beeler's toughness? How will the WIAC tournament work out? Stay tuned.

Building on potential Women return four starters

■ With a roster that contains no player over 6-feet tall, the Falcons have moved toward a new ball-hawking defensive scheme

Dan Hilsen
Off-Beat Editor

The UW-River Falls women's basketball coaching staff is expecting big things from a shorter than average roster that returns a strong nucleus of players from last year's team.

Realizing the team's overall lack of height, especially at the forward and center positions having no player listed as taller than six feet, the Falcon coaching staff made designing a new system that meets the strengths of this year's team one of the main focuses.

"Everybody knows and is going to see that we are not big," fourth-year head coach Dave Schuchter said. "So it's our job as coaches to design a system that utilizes our strengths."

The new system will focus on transition offense, playing up-tempo and creating turnovers defensively with multiple defenses.

"That's been a big focus this year because we've never changed defenses much," Schuchter said.

In past years, the Falcons primarily played a man-to-man style of defense.

"This year's going to be different," Schuchter said. "We're going to throw multiple things at teams to keep them guessing."

The creation of turnovers on the defensive end of the court enables teams to immediately go into transition offense. The Falcons had JoLynn Sieburg — the WIAC leader in steals — on the team last year as a freshman. She also set a UW-RF single season record with last year's 107 steals. Sieburg will play an important role in this new system of play.

"It's just paramount," Schuchter said about Sieburg's stealing ability. "I mean, it may be as critical as anything else because we need to create turnovers and if we're creating turnovers, that means we have a chance to be in transition offense. So we can get up and beat teams down the floor."

With this new style of Falcon basketball Schuchter stresses the point that the team will have to play with intelligence when on defense to avoid getting into foul trouble.

Even with this new style of play and the shorter than average roster, Schuchter says he believes this is the best team he has coached here at UW-RF.

"Everyone on our team is set to go and win a conference championship," Schuchter said. "That's the dream and that's the mind set that we are focusing on."

The Falcons return four starters from last years 15-10 team (9-7 in the WIAC), complete with the experience of playing along side one another.

"There's no substitute for experience," Schuchter said. "Being able to understand and know what your teammates are doing definitely helps you with finding the open player and communicating verbally and visually on the floor."

Schuchter hopes to tap into that experience and said that "everyone needs to know that the focus of our team is around our returners."

1996-97 and 1997-98 first team all-WIAC forward Missy Johnson will provide senior leadership for the Falcons. She qualified for last years honor by averaging 17 points and 7.3 rebounds a game.

At the other forward spot is junior

Running the offense this year will be junior guard Stephanie Olson. She averaged 9.3 points last season and also averaged 3 assists a game.

Sieburg, the Falcon defensive spark, enters her sophomore season of play. As a freshman guard she averaged 7.3 points, 3.2 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 4.2 steals a game.

"She's the crafty player," Schuchter said. "She may bring a little bit more scoring to our team."

Other notable returners from last season are sophomore guard Mara Reif-Wenner and junior guard Bev Gefeke.

"Probably the most improved player in our program right now is Mara Reif-Wenner," Schuchter said. "She may be the fastest player in the conference."

Schuchter also said Gefeke has improved from last year.

"She's going to be a parameter outside scoring threat for us and I think her ability defensively is improved," Schuchter said.

New to the team this year is senior transfer Jodi Loeblein and a five player freshmen recruitment class.

Loeblein transferred from Illinois State. According to Schuchter she can shoot the three, is a great ball-handler and can create scoring opportunities for herself.

"She is what I would term a student of the game," Schuchter said. "She knows how to play. She's been taught well. . . . So that experience — being at a division I level — she knows what to expect and what she brings to our team is experience, offensive ability and leadership."

Learning from the returners and getting their first up-close glimpse of college-level basketball will be five freshmen. The first freshman recruit to stick out and grab Schuchter's attention was guard Abby Nelson.

"She's an instinctive point guard," Schuchter said. "What we like about her is that she comes in with a solid understanding of the game."

The other four freshmen recruits are forward Melissa McKernon, forward Andrea Long, forward Tara Wakefield and guard Sarah Pollock.

The Falcons will open the season this weekend when the team hosts the AT&T Challenge on Friday and Saturday. The Falcons, Northwestern, Minn., Edgewood and Mayville State will take part in the Challenge. The Falcons play Northwestern at 8 p.m.

Looking past the season, the next stage is the new WIAC post-season tournament.

"I'm excited about it cause it gives the kids another opportunity to play, and it also rewards a team who happens to be playing very well at the end of the season," Schuchter said. "But what I like about it is it really brings to the forefront what this is all about. It should be for the players. And actually it's a treat for the fans."

UW-RF's women's basketball fans will be treated to a new style of basketball that will be performed by a strong nucleus of players returning from last year's squad and a few newcomers.



Missy Johnson



JoLynn Sieburg

Becky Schley. Last year she completed the season averaging 6.3 points and 3.3 rebounds per game.

Junior forward Kelly Rambow also will be looked at to play a lot. Rambow was able to finish last season averaging 7.6 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

"I think two of our big keys this year are having improved years from Becky (Schley) and Kelly Rambow," Schuchter said.

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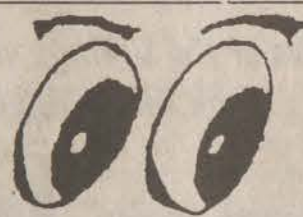
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MATT KONDRAKSEK

A night with God

Last week my columnist counterpart (Monica Manske) wrote a column calling Tori Amos a goddess. I'm not here to debate her on that, but I am willing to offer another living, breathing human to worship, as opposed to the traditional gods that we all know about. Last Thursday I had my third opportunity to see George Carlin, one of the most intelligent and entertaining men to have ever lived. He has impressed me every time that I have seen or heard him, and that should say a lot since I own every comedy album you can get on CD and seven hours of his comedy specials. I also own three albums on vinyl, a poster, his book and a T-shirt.

This time, I would have to say, was the best of the three times that I've seen him live. Not only was the material new but I had front row seats (thanks to my Mafia connections). Also, it was a much smaller theater that I was seeing him in and it seemed more intimate. The two times I previously saw him was with thousands of other people, and this time I was three feet from the stage and there couldn't have been more than 500 people there. This was exciting of course, but it wasn't the key to the night. The key was, of course, his comedy and there were many new parts of it.

He came right out and told us that he was getting ready for his next HBO special in February and that much of his performance was rough and we were his guinea pigs. There was still some of his comedy that I had seen, that others did not know. This is simply because I am a crazed fan. Most of it was new to me as well. For example, he performed a new addition to his piece on Snapper lawn mowers. He explained why the name Snapper is not a very good name for a lawn mower because of an alternate meaning of the word snapper. He also talked a little bit about his book, "Rain Droppings," which has been on the best seller list for more than 35 weeks now. It is a very good book which consists mostly of his thoughts in note form, and although it is not straight out of his routine, it is still very funny. He suggested that we steal it from the library.

He only performed one piece that was completely familiar and he started off the show with it. This was his piece about advertising and how it was all B.S. He says in this piece that not only is advertising full of B.S., but that everybody in an authority position is full of B.S. He also calls organized religion the all time champion of spreading B.S. He is known for not being fond of organized religion but this was the all time biggest attack that I have seen yet.

Another thing that Carlin is known for is his love for language and how he feels that he can show how the little expressions and sayings that we say everyday can be so funny.

He considers what he is doing a form of performance art. It's not just comedy, it is an artistic but entertaining take on everything from religion to politics to bodily functions. No one will ever be able to do what he does with the English language, although many have tried. Jerry Seinfeld, among others, have used the same ideas and in some cases the same jokes in order to get a laugh. I feel that one day people will look back and say Carlin

See "God" page B6



MEDDLING MELINDA

help me.
Anonymous

Dear Meddling Melinda, Two weekends ago, I met this guy at a party. As the night went on we ended up kissing and somewhat making out. Since that weekend we have been seeing each other on and off. But last night something happened and I'm not sure what to make of it.

My friends and I went to dinner last night at Rodli's on campus. As we were looking for a table to sit at, I noticed him sitting across the room with a couple friends. As I walked by him to get to the table we had chosen, he didn't even say hi or acknowledge that I was alive. I really didn't know what to make of it at the time. But then later on last night he came over to my room and we spent some time together, mostly making out. My roommate is incredibly mad at me because I didn't even bring up the issues to him on why he didn't say hi. I feel like the biggest jerk. How can you tell if a guy likes you or if he is just using you? Please

Dear Anonymous, I hate to be judgmental, but making out with a guy at a party is not a good way to start a relationship. If you're looking for a real love, you shouldn't advance physically before becoming emotionally attached.

Before you see this guy again you need to ask yourself what you are looking for in a relationship? Do you want a commitment, or do you want to see other people? From what you are telling me this guy does not have any respect for you. Is that

what you want? My advice to you is to stop being so shy and confront him about how you feel. Tell him what you want and if he wants something less or more than what you want, then you know it's time for you to move on to the next guy.

The only way you are ever going to be able to tell if someone really likes you, in this kind of situation, is by opening up and asking the other person what they want and feel.

-Meddling Melinda

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The UW-RF Poet Society

"Willey Hall"
by Steven D. Carlson

I look out with a searching for perpetual gladness
The window is rather dusty . . .
I think to myself, but I can still see the sky
And a blind alley at 4:00 pm.

You see these words contain my soul,
But rhetoric is the skeleton and mist its only contents.
In a divergent reality, I'm probably happy.
Slaying dragons, my eyes directed towards the sun.



"Depressed"
by Diana M. Dahlk

I let the tears fall from my eyes,
into the river that is so wise.
It's the stillness in the breeze,
that frightens me with its tease.
My mind is left to wonder,
to quiver while it ponders . . .
On how life is meant to be

-dragon-

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Singer Tori Amos bares all in her latest album

Beauregard Bureau
Freelance Writer

Virgins always get backstage, no matter what they've got to say. If you love enough, you'll lie a lot. I guess they did in Camelot, mama's waiting on my front lawn, and I pray, yes I pray for Jackie's strength." - Jackie's Strength.

Personal tragedy, psychologically disturbing images, and explicit metaphors packed with double meanings are pumped into the lyrics of Tori Amos's new album, and I like it. I like her new band even more.

The music is strange and mystical. It seems to almost run in polar opposites. While "Spark" is desperate and violent, and "Hotel" was haunting, "She's Your Cocaine" seems calm and self-assured. Each song seems to have its own soul.

Tori Amos, like Billy Joel, has made a solid career in music, and has a lot of personal experience to pull her psychological imagery from. Early in her career she was a victim of rape, and she is an ardent crusade for young women's rights. She has reported both in interviews and press releases on some of the first hand cases of rape and assault she hears from fans who write her in desperation. This comes through in her music.

In my opinion, this is her best album in a while. Not that "Boys for Pele" or "Under the Pink" weren't good. I, however, did find myself skipping over some of the more repetitive songs to get at "Talula," "Yes Anastasia," or "Blood Roses." I think "From the Chiorgirl Hotel" bares a lot of Tori Amos's soul, perhaps as much as "Little Earthquakes" did. "Hotel" is as poignant as "China, Spark as Winter." I have never heard music like Tori Amos's before. She, like Enya, can not be fit into a genre. As fans of this album will corroborate, her music and her strength is its own style.

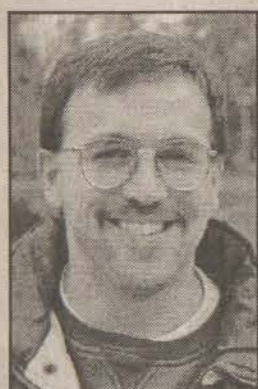
"POINTS OF VIEW"

"This Sunday is round two of the Vikings vs. Packers in this close Central Division race. What team will get stuffed and look like a bigger turkey to bring in the holiday season? Why?"



Summer Martin, senior

"Packers, of course, because the cheeseheads deserve to be eaten."



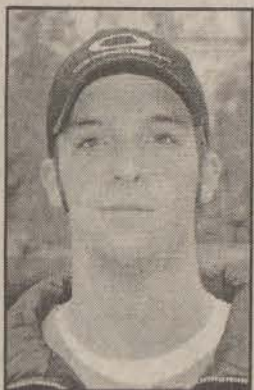
Grant Weir, junior

"The Packers are going to win because they have to win to win the Central Division. They're more desperate than the Vikings are."



Jess Smith, senior

"Vi-Queens are going down. The Vikings are definitely over confident because they beat the Packers already and they're expecting to beat them again."



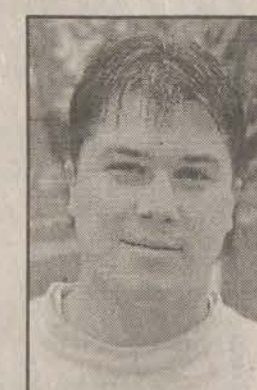
B.J. Kavitz, freshman

"The Vikings will win because its at home and I'm from Minnesota, so I gotta say the Vikings will win. They have the determination. If the Packers can be beat once, they can be beat again."



Jenna Hanson, freshman

"Packers. Brett Farve is ugly and looks like a monkey."



Ben Isenberger, senior

"Vikings, Robert Smith is due to get hurt. He was due to get hurt about week 2."

Comedian performs interactive comedy

Pictured below is Putz stretching a Stretch Armstrong. He used the prop as a belt and in a imitation of a guy in cold water.



Melinda Domzalski/ The Student Voice

Comedian Marty Putz promoted audience interaction Wednesday night. Pictured above is Putz on stage before he threw a stuffed animal cat at the audience member using a net.



Pictured to the right is Putz in his sumo suit.



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PURE RADIO FOR THE MASSES

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

A big-time comedian doesn't make the trip to UW-River Falls very often, so the Special Events Committee had to settle for Marty Putz to perform at the North Hall Auditorium last night.

Actually, Marty Putz is a well-known comedian who has performed on such TV shows as "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Magic Hour." Putz is also a regular on the Comedy Central show, "Make Me Laugh."

The near-capacity crowd was treated to Putz's unique props and practical jokes as well as a marshmallow war.

Putz performed last Wednesday night in the North Hall Auditorium.

Putz didn't get his start in comedy, though.

"I was a really good ***** magician and people laughed," Putz said. "So I went into comedy."

Putz's bizarre bits have earned him an appearance on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." He says that will probably be his favorite gig.

Putz also has an HBO concert in the works.

To start his act, Putz pulls a giant clown head out of one of his huge trunks. He turns a crank on the side and a small box pops out of his head. He explains that it was his favorite toy as a child, a box-in-the-jack; he was dyslexic.

This starts the long discussion about toys that he has with the rest of the audience.

"After Strawberry Shortcake lost her virginity, did she smell

like nothing?" he asked.

Don't get him started on the Easy-bake Oven. "Yeah, let's bake a cake with a 30-watt ***** lightbulb," he said.

Visual comedy was Putz's strong suit, though. He launched a stuffed cat from a "cat"apult into a waiting net attached to an audience member's head.

"Don't get an attitude," he said to the member. "Or else I'll put a bowling ball in there."

He also pulled out a stool sample that consisted of a small chair in a jar, giant antlers saying he used too much "mousse" in the morning and moth balls (use your imagination).

Putz owns two rather interesting sport coats. One is made of wood-bead seat cushions and the other is composed exclusively of duct tape.

To end the show, Putz gave everybody marshmallows. He then baited them to throw them at him. Once they did, Putz broke out the heavy artillery. First, he brought out a bazooka that was specially

equipped to shoot marshmallows. Then, he added a remote control toilet paper gun that is concealed in a speaker box. Finally, a giant water cannon shoots the crowd.

Most of the audience was impressed with his comic genius. "It was really funny," said freshman Becky Heinn. "He acts like a little kid."

Another student agreed.

"The show was very interesting," said Amy Sue Gaede. "It was great sitting in the front row, getting wet and getting pelted with marshmallows."

"The show was very interesting. It was great sitting in the front row, getting wet and getting pelted with marshmallows."

Amy Sue Gaede, UW-River Falls student

Semi-tragic 'Armageddon' is for all audiences

Kathryn Houge
Reviewer

"Armageddon" is a movie that talks to all audiences. As a semi-tragic - some might say that it has a happy ending - film, I rate it as four out of a possible five asteroids.

The asteroid is the size of Texas, and when it hits, not even bacteria will survive. A group of oil drillers, led by Harry (Bruce Willis), will save the world by placing a nuclear bomb 800 feet in the asteroid. This is after unforeseen showers of rocks, ranging from the size of softballs to Lincoln Town cars, wrecks downtown New York, Paris and other cities.

With all these disaster films, how many times has the

Chrysler building lost its top now?

The movie has a bit of everything: science, space, adventure, and a love story, plus parent-child rebellion. It even managed to include two shoo-em-up scenes. Harry chases his future son-in-law around the oil rig with a shot gun; a "Fargo" kidnapper and "Desperado" sidekick goes berserk with a freestanding machine gun after landing on the asteroid; he's happy to get the best seat for watching the end of the world.

When Russian's see this film, I wonder if they will be a little offended. The Russian hero that hooks up with the American drill and astronaut team seems a bit incompetent on MIR. I like his comment about American spaceship parts; "It's all made in Taiwan." His method to get the ship to start is very resourceful.

The special effects are really well done. High quality animation brings the disaster film to a new level. Comic relief is smoothly integrated; most of it sounds like everyday life humor necessary for survival. And the soundtrack, including Aerosmith, ZZ Top, and Jon Bon Jovi, is awe-inspiring (I owned and memorized most of the soundtrack before I went to see the movie).

I cried a little, even before the end. Obviously, not everyone survived. I was on the edge of my seat when the crew was in the asteroid and I was surprised how much space helmets went through before breaking.

The love story is nice, the father-daughter forgiveness even better, and the action, humor, and special effects keep all involved. This is a film just about everybody can enjoy.

Vampires have thirst for blood over sex

■ Anne Rice's seventh book, "Pandora," gives vampires a new look and feel

Kathryn Houge
Reviewer

"Pandora," the sixth of Anne Rice's seven-book Vampire Chronicles, is a good read.

The physical appearance and feel of the book itself is a new experience. The story grips the reader in the same fashion as Rice's other books have. Also, a very exciting unknown is left for the reader to discover in the next book.

For steadfast Anne Rice fans, I give this book a rating of four out of a possible five wooden stakes, and for non-Rice fanatics, I rate it as three out of a possible five wooden stakes.

The original hard cover version of "Pandora" isn't much larger than the average paperback in a Rainbow Foods checkout line; it's slightly longer than such a paperback, with shiny Autumn scenes along the vertical edges, framing the black background.

"Pandora's" true character is found within. The crisp pages aren't the stark white, exactly cut pages of other fashionable novels of this century. Instead, the pages are cream in color, with the outer edges unevenly bound to create a handmade-paper, self-bound journal effect. It truly draws the reader into the story; a

first-person journal tense. Pandora begins writing in a 20th Century Paris cafe after David, the latest "child" of the ever-famous LeStat, gives her two sturdy, leather-bound books to "tell her story."

The daughter of a wealthy, first-century BC Roman senator, Pandora was not the usual subservient female. She was politically active and had a will not to be trifled with. After nightmares of death caused by sunlight, she encounters Marius, a gentleman she remembers from youth. Recently returned after a journey of many years, he is now only seen after sunset. In her curious nature and the mutual attraction the two feel for each other, Pandora discovers that Marius became a vampire during his travels. She begs him to bring her across, telling him that she was a vampire in a past life, forced by treachery into the sunlight.

Anne Rice reveals through historical research, and incorporates it into her characters. She evokes images of characters in dress and setting, including jewelry, hairstyles and servants, just as she does with the contemporary dress and setting of characters in the present. It's an evocative tale.

At the time of her conversion, the character Pandora, has sex on the brain: I found that characteristic almost irritating. At first she is frus-

trated because vampires are unable to fulfill lust in human fashion. However, she soon discovers that blood lust is all the more powerful and fulfilling.

Vampirism is Rice's main controversial subject, but sexuality ranks a close second. A key point of Anne Rice's Vampire Chronicles often misinterpreted by casual readers is that vampire sexuality is different than mortal human sexuality. The issue of homosexuality does not exist for vampires in Rice's Chronicles. The gender of a vampire or human no longer matters to a vampire; bloodlust is the replacement for sex.

But, "Pandora" lacks the Vampire Chronicles' usual controversial bite.

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In the movie version of "Interview with the Vampire," age and what could be mistaken for homosexuality are played down a lot. In the movie, the little girl, Claudia, is about 12, three times the age she is in the book. Also, Antonio Banderas plays Armand, leader of the Theatre Des Vampires in Paris. He should actually be in a relatively small, auburn-haired, 17-year-old body from the middle steppes of what is known as Russia, according to "The

Vampire LeStat." It appears that - to soften the blow of American outrage in the use of children - ages are altered.

The closeness of Rice's male vampires often is mistaken for homosexuality. Armand's (Banderas) face got really close to Louis' (Brad Pitt) face in one scene of the film "Interview with the Vampire." In the book, they lived together for a while. Rumor of a movie sequel runs rampant. If it happens, I don't know how the screenplay writers would handle the third book, "The Queen of the Damned." It would make Christian Slater (the reporter in "Interview with the Vampire") and Banderas (Armand) "lovers." That might make

up for the controversy "Pandora" lacks.

Finally, the exciting unknown left for the reader to discover in the next

book: the fate of the vampire Armand. According to the fifth book of the Chronicles, "Memento Mori," Armand supposedly commits suicide to honor God. LeStat and David see Armand explode when he exposes himself to sunlight. In "Pandora," Pandora and David discreetly discuss the rumor of one who is supposed to be dead. Perhaps the seventh and latest addition of the Vampire Chronicles, "The Vampire Armand," will tell the tale.

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Adam
Benedetto in the
Bell View

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Light seems to slow down under gravity.
The apparent slowing of light is linked with the slowing of time.
The bending of light means that gravity warps space.
The combined effects on time and space double the bending.
The bending and slowing of light by the Sun are measurable.

-Nigel Calder, "Einstein's Universe"

There was a time when light was stubborn and not flexible like it is now. It was rigid back then and you noticed it at night because the universe looked clear and crisp. When the snow fell on Earth, the moonlight (it was much stronger too) would burn through the flakes. The whole sky blossomed with spears of light, as if thousands of white fence posts had been dropped from the heavens.
That was when winter nights were truly exciting. Things moved faster than they do now because space wasn't curved either. The women were faster—The cars were faster—O the very speed of lust was faster!
I've heard Picasso claim that the fastest way to get from point A to point B is a curved line. But he's a lustful romantic, and lustful romantics love curves above all things.
Of course, you say, Einstein wasn't a romantic and he claimed the same thing—Relatively speaking of course! I'm not denying any of those new finagled



ideas. They simply weren't true then, even if they are now. I was there, a witness, and I can assure you that when light and space were still stubborn in keeping their sharp pathways, things were much faster.
But there was something missing. Not a "thing" per se, but an inspiring energy. There were no first cause arguments, no first mover concept. Things were parallel and infinite in their relationship to each other, or, they were perpendicular and shared a single fleeting moment of unity and a single focal point of touching and that was all. Maybe to make it more clear; the universe was either like unrequited love or a one night stand. Either "this" or "that", but no entanglements.
Why do I bother talking about those old days? Why reflect on the speed of the straight lines when I was still young. Everybody understands, don't they? Even today, practically speaking, it's faster to run a straight line than it is to run in circles. So you know what I mean.
Yes! back then you really had to stay atop of things. But then, come to think of it, things were easier to keep straight (so to speak) because straight lines

never tangle.
"How did it change?" you ask. Why is the universe ordered like a big bowl of spaghetti now? Well, if you ask the scientists of your generation they'll tell you about big bangs, black holes, and the invention of gravity. But none of those things have to do with what really happened. I prefer to think it was an exercise in ownership that bent things all out-of-whack.
You see, before she came along, all of the light in the universe went all over, bouncing and ricocheting off the moon, the earth, the ice of Pluto. In fact, no one knew where the light even came from. It just moved and all of us shared it. Because nobody owned it there

Despite all this, what was really strange, was that it never gave off light! That's what kept me watching.
The moon would glow bright on the opposite side of the sky and NOTHING! nothing would bounce off the new gigantic orb.
In truth I fell in love with it. The way it could carry on as if none of us and none of our light existed, fascinated me. It hung there in modest dress of complete black, gently enormous and supple. On the edges of the oceanlight I would drink wine and look at it for hours. There was nothing like it. Never had I seen anything so dark! Then one night, after I finishing two or three bottles of wine, I went swimming.
While I was floating I looked up at the black orb— And made a wish. A wish I never let out of my heart, let alone my mouth! I wished that all the light in the universe would condense upon this dark orb so

that I might see it clearly in its entirety.
With that unspoken wish everything changed. You can forget your explanations of blackholes, your breakdowns in mathematics— put your Theories of Relativity aside and explain it with my theory of love. Because the second I made that wish the globe started collecting light and today it owns it all! The sun, as we call it now, she made the light hers by merely wanting it! And now at dawn, like a plant, my cells gravitate in whimsical circles, bending in blind love, drinking in each slow second she has created.

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were kinds of lights- Earthlight, moonlight, snowlight, oceanlight and all types! O if you can even imagine how beautiful it was. Even skin gave off light!
Then one day there was an enormous dark globe that appeared on the horizon. What was strange, was then, and perhaps isn't now, was that it didn't move! It stayed right in one place and never budged. Because it was still, everyone started to judge motion by it. None of us knew what that meant then. None of us could hardly guess that it would change our whole idea of where we were in the galaxy. Later it would change people's concept of where God was! And where man fit into the cosmic order! Sure, I ramble! But can you see how it changed everything!

God

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was really the most important figure in comedy of all time.
I hope that this has given you another option besides Tori Amos to see as a human deity, and I say this not as a knock on Tori Amos, (I have two of her albums myself)

but just as an option to those of you who are looking for something else.
One more thing. If you have never heard anything he has done before, but want to, then pick up his CD "What Am I doing in New Jersey." It is his finest work ever.
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Entertainment Calendar

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