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WEATHER FRIDAY

Windy with mostly cloudy skies; a high of 28 degrees and a low of 12 degrees.

WEEKEND

Saturday: Cloudy with a chance of snow; a high of 16 degrees and a low of -6 degrees.

Sunday: Partly cloudy skies with a high of 10 degrees and a low of -5 degrees.

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Three RAs fired over drinking incident

Sarah Colburn
News Editor

Three Grimm Hall resident assistants have been terminated as of Wed. Feb. 19 for violating the UW-River Falls underage drinking policy.

Chad Peterson, RA for 3rd east; Aaron Swartout, RA for 1st east and Jessica L. Smith, RA for the 1st and 2nd west wings of Grimm Hall, will no longer hold their positions on the UW-River Falls campus because of a drinking incident that took place on Sat.

Feb. 1, 1997 in Smith's room.

Peterson and Swartout are both 21 years old, and Smith is eight days away from her 21st birthday. Swartout's 19-year-old girlfriend was also present, but he said she was not drinking any alcohol.

"We were playing Trivial Pursuit and decided to drink some beers," Smith said.

According to the three RAs, Grimm Hall's professional staff member (formerly "resident director") Kendre Galanti found out the three were drinking from another resident assistant in Grimm

Hall.

According to a letter received by Swartout, Galanti made a recommendation about the situation to Terry Willson, associate director of the Leadership Center. Willson then made the decision to terminate the RAs. All three RAs appealed the decision to Carole Ryan, the director of the Leadership Center, who upheld the recommendation for termination.

The resident assistant-resignation/termination policy in the UW-RF Residential Living Program Staff Manual states that a

staff member may be terminated if he or she violates one or more University or residence hall policies. One of those policies has to do with alcohol.

"Any staff member is expected to follow any University, state or federal policy," Willson said. "Resident assistants are expected to abide by the same guidelines as all students. They have certain expectations from their supervisors."

Ryan was able to elaborate on those expectations. She said alcohol may impair RAs' abilities to do their jobs.

"Regardless if they (resident assistants) were on duty or off duty, in a residence hall situation they need to be able to respond to an emergency situation," Ryan said.

Ryan said she feels administratively the right decision was made.

"In this incident I felt the RA's certainly were in violation of University and residence hall policy and procedures and also state law," Ryan said.

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Look out, Ken Barlow; here comes competition

Penny Huntington
Assistant News Editor

Fourth- and fifth-grade students from Rocky Branch Elementary School might not look like your average meteorologists.

Some stand only 4 feet tall, but the weather data they collect and the instruments they use everyday might make you see them differently.

Since August of the present school year the students in Ann Elling's multi-age fourth- and fifth-grade class have been collecting and recording data from the weather station that is set up in their classroom.

A pole attached to the side of the school measures things like wind speed and rainfall, and the information is transmitted into the classroom and onto a computer.

As part of the fourth-grade curriculum, students are required to study the weather and its patterns. They learn about such things as dew point, barometric pressure, and wind chill.

Before the weather station was installed, the students experimented with their own versions of weather measuring instruments.

"We were using pop bottles for rain gauges and pingpong balls to measure wind gusts," student Alex Cobian said.

The weather project was funded through community and Parent-Teacher Association funds after a grant failed to pass. Students collect and submit data weekly to the River Falls Journal where it appears in the "School News" section.

section.

The project is run solely by the students, and Elling simply gives advice.

"We don't need a teacher to help us do everything," student Laura Haskins said.

Haskins said that the students

know how to use the computer so they can figure out and solve problems on their own.

"I'm like their manager," Elling says. "If they aren't doing their job I just make sure that they get to it."

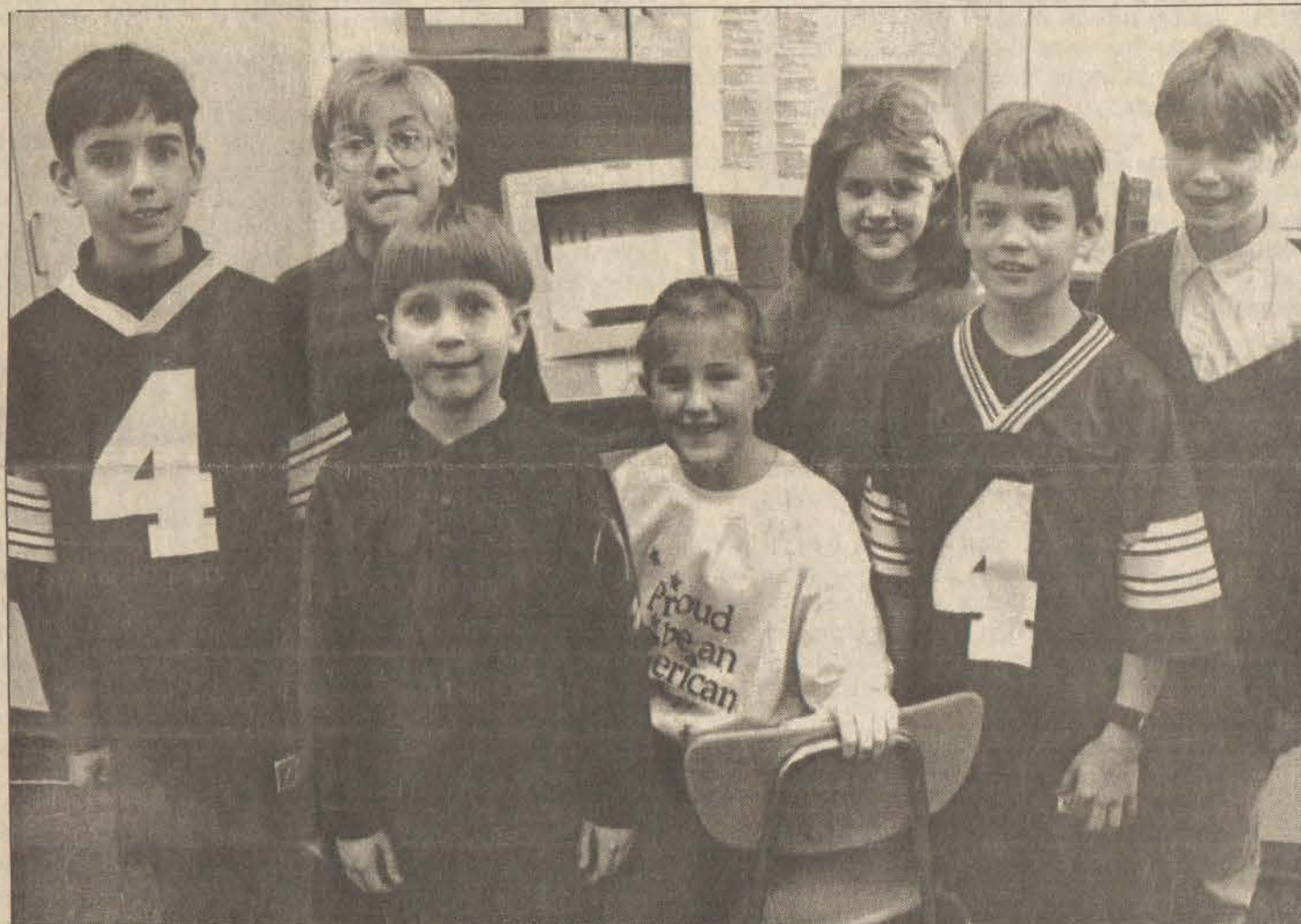
The students get telephone calls

from people who would like to know more about the station and weather, and it is their job to relay the information. They also answer questions from the public in their column in the Journal.

The morning announcements at Rocky Branch include a weather

analysis for that day and the previous day. The students take turns reporting the weather in the announcements and writing the report that is submitted to the Journal.

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Michael McLoone/The Student Voice

Giving meteorologists everywhere a run for their money are these students at Rocky Branch Elementary School. The fourth- and fifth-grade classes have a weather station they monitor for the River Falls area, and a few of them posed for the camera here. From left to right, they are: Matthew Miraldi, Karl Voelker (back), Alex Cobian (front), Laura Haskins (sitting), Whitney Toftness, Mike Popelka and Laura Muellner.

Political activist advocates education

Amy Carrell
Staff Writer

Her journey began in 1905 on her father's dairy farm in Hinckley, Minn., where she woke to greet 30 cows each day and where she found a passion for politics and hard work.

Nellie Stone Johnson, 91 years old and great-aunt of UW-River Falls student Kyle Olson Patterson, spoke to students Thursday, Feb. 13, in the President's Room of the Student Center in honor of Black History Month.

The event was sponsored by the African American Alliance.

Johnson spoke about how important education should be to everyone. She also touched on her role as an African American woman in politics and her involvement in the labor movement as a Democrat and a feminist.

"I do like politics," Johnson said. "And I think every young person should be involved in politics."

Johnson's first experience in politics occurred in

the early 1920s at the Minneapolis Athletic Club, where she worked as an elevator operator for \$15 a week. The club was built around a corporate structure and Johnson says it was a "not too radical place to play politics."



Nellie Stone Johnson

Johnson said. "We had a lot of pressure on us. My

Johnson operated the elevator that carried employees; it allowed her to effectively organize entry-level people into a union.

"Every employee for 15 floors was at my mercy for propaganda and why they should be organized into a union, what are their hold backs and what the good feature of organization is all about," Johnson said.

After Johnson received a pay cut to \$12.50 in 1924, she and a freight operator took action and formed Local 665 in Minneapolis.

"Between the two of us we had 90 percent of the establishment organized when the management woke up one fine morning,"

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Are college seniors ready for 'real world'?

Jonathan Tatting
Staff Writer

It takes more than passing grades to get a job in today's market. A major question that students, especially college seniors, must ask is if they are ready to enter the work force.

This was the main issue Friday when Philip Gardner, Ph.D. and Research Administrator for the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University, met with UW-River Falls staff to discuss what the present college system is lacking.

The module that Gardner wants to implement into college curriculums nationwide includes an increased emphasis on interpersonal communication, teamwork, applied problem solving, and self-management.

Students not only need an academic understanding, but they need the knowledge to apply Gardner's module, said Roger Ballou, UW-RF Dean of Students.

"Students that leave college without these necessary skills will have trouble in the work force," he said. "They're not as marketable."

Gardner pointed out that training for some of the most crucial interpersonal skills is being ignored or disregarded by universities. He said that many employees seem to be losing a sense of influence and initiative at the work place.

"It's about being able to negotiate conflicts within a group," Gardner said. "People tend to

See "Seniors" page 6B

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAWN HUSMANN SENIOR RECITAL Hussman will play the trombone and do vocals on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall.

PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVES Will be on campus March 5 and 6. An information table will be set up in the Student Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and a film seminar will be in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center at noon.

DISCONTINUED TEXTBOOK SALE Will be held in textbook services from now until finals week. Textbooks are available in all subject areas with prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy.

FALL CURRENT TEXTBOOK SALE If you want to purchase any of the textbooks you have checked out, bring them to textbook services between Feb. 17 and April 11 to receive a 20 to 40 percent discount.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences is sponsoring a logo design contest. The contest is only open to UW-RF students, a \$100 gift certificate to the bookstore will be awarded to the winner. Entry deadline is May 1, 1997. Contact Perry Clark at 425-3704 for more information.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND Applications for the Wisconsin in Scotland program for spring semester 1998 are now available in the Office of International Programs, 225 East Hathorn Hall. For more information call Dr. Yolanda Sewar at 425-4891.

LOCKET FOUND Professor found locket in parking lot F. If it belongs to you, contact the modern language office at 425-3121 or 425-3896, office located in 284 Kleinpell Fine Arts.

EVENTS

CAREER AND COUNSELING SERVICES WORKSHOPS
Mon., Feb. 24 - A job interviewing skills workshop will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center
Tues., Feb. 25 - A from college to career workshop will be held between 1-2 p.m. in the Presidents Room of the Student Center.
*A how career and counseling services can help you find a job workshop will be held from 3-4 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic room of the Student Center
Wed., Feb. 26 - A resume writing workshop will be held in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center from 10-11 a.m.
*A how to plan your career workshop will be held in the St. Croix room of the Student Center from 3-4 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 27 - A job interviewing skills workshop will be held in the St. Croix room of the Student Center

AUTHOR-ACTIVISTS ADDRESS COMMUNITY The River Falls Community Arts Base will host its quarterly meeting on March 1 at the Congregational Church in River Falls beginning at 2 p.m. Speakers will address the topic of sustainable culture. For more information contact the CAB hotline at 425-9033.

STUDENT READING SERIES Fourth reading will be on Feb. 21 at Brandy's from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The readings will run for an hour, with four readers, each having 15 min. a piece. An open mike will follow the scheduled readers. Sign up sheets for readers are posted by the English Department lounge or call (715) 273-6503 and leave your name, number and genre (nonfiction, poetry, fiction).

STUDENT ECONOMIC SOCIETY Meeting will be held on Tues., Feb. 25 in room 302 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE Meeting will be held on Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Croix room of the Student Center.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY Meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. in 331 AGS. Before the regular meeting there will be another meeting at 4 p.m. for MACHS, anyone interested in helping plan the convention UWRF will host in 1997.

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Meeting on Thurs., Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Room of South Hall. Contact Richard Herod at 425-4154 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ROYAL CREDIT UNION BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP Deadline Feb. 28, 1997. Open to business, agricultural business or business education majors. Full and part-time students qualify and applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Deadline March 1, 1997. Students must have been employed for six months by a member of the WIGrocers Association, must meet other criteria as well. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for applications and more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN Deadline April 15, 1997. Limited to certain community residents. Must be a full time student, junior/senior or graduate student. For further information contact the office of financial assistance.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY:
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CLUB Meets first and third Tuesday of each month in AGS 337.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS Family of origin group meets 3-4:30 p.m. in 24 East Hathorn. Contact Gretchen Link at 425-3884 prior to attending and for more information.

THURSDAY:
WOMEN'S GROUP FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE Meets on Thursdays from 2-3:30 p.m. in 24 East Hathorn. Contact Amy White at 425-3884 prior to attending and 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.

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Leadership board re-allocates student fees

Jason Egerstrom
Staff Writer

Recent concerns over the segregated university fees prompted the Leadership Development and Programming Board to reallocate fees once again.

A board meeting was called following concern expressed by the diversity awareness subcommittee. Originally the subcommittee was allocated \$10,000. According to Francine Doolan, chair of the subcommittee, after planning for "Unity in the Community" they realized that all of the their funds would be spent on the annual celebration of diversity.

Four thousand dollars was reallocated to the subcommittee Monday. This will allow the subcommittee to plan other events besides "Unity in the Community."

To allocate the additional money to diversity awareness, \$4000 was taken from the leadership and training subcommittee, which is chaired by Karen Werner.

Werner believed that the funding for training Registration Orientation Advising (R.O.AD) crew members and other assistant training was to come from the leadership and training subcommittee. However, the funding for such training is claimed by an entirely different committee outside the Leadership Board, according to Werner. That is why she volunteered to move \$4,000 of her funds to the diversity subcommittee. Werner is now uncertain how much money she will need for the upcoming year.

The Leadership Board passed the funds transfer unanimously. The new allocations of student funds for the 1997-98 academic year were then passed. New allocations of the 10 subcommittees will be brought to Student Senate

Tuesday Feb. 25 for further ruling. If the new funding allocations pass through the Student Senate, they will then be sent to Provost/Vice Chancellor Robert Milam, who is sitting in for Chancellor Gary Thibodeau.

LACK OF THEATRICAL ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATION CAUSES CONCERN:

The Leadership Development and Programming Board expressed concern that the theatrical arts subcommittee is not yet represented.

Despite the lack of participation from theatrical arts, the Leadership Board has allocated \$15,000 to the subcommittee. The figure is based on last year's allocations, according to Kris Koch, Leadership Development and Programming Board chair.

Chris Emerson, chair of the entertainment subcommittee said the lack of a theatrical arts subcommittee is due to miscommunication.

"Students would come forward if they knew...They don't know they are getting money," Emerson said.

The Leadership Board said the theater advisers have been informed by Terry Willson, associate director of the Leadership Center.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY, SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS FROM EACH ACADEMIC COLLEGE:

After completing the allocations process, the Leadership Board would like to discuss membership of each committee, according to Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair

Kris Koch. Their concern is that each subcommittee is required to consist of students from each academic college.

This issue was put on hold because the Leadership Board was urgent to pass funding allocations for the 1997-98 year. The new allocations must now be passed by Student Senate and by Provost/Vice Chancellor Robert Milam.

The Leadership Board will start processing applications for funding soon after the allocations are

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-Chris Emerson,
chair of the entertainment
sub-committee

passed through Student Senate.

The Senate, on the other hand, did not discuss the new allocated funds at the meeting Tuesday. However, Senate President Grant Staszak said the funding allocations should be on the agenda for the Feb. 25 meeting.

SPECIAL SENATE MEETING CALLED IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAW:

Senate held a special meeting Feb. 13 to discuss three motions which were discussed and voted on at the Feb. 11 meeting.

According to Staszak, the special meeting was called because the motions were in direct viola-

tion of the Wisconsin state open meetings law. The problem was that the motions were added to the agenda without at least two hours notice.

One issue that created some discussion was a motion to allocate \$1,000 from the Shared Governance account to send one or two UW-River Falls students to a national legislative conference in Washington, D.C.

One senator, Dennis Paquette, was against the motion. Paquette was vocal in convincing senators to vote down the motion.

Paquette said it would be too easy for the person or persons selected to make the trip and not attend the conference. Paquette also mentioned a regional legislative conference in Madison may be more important to attend.

The motion failed 7-5, and Staszak expressed that he was pleased.

"It's more important to attend the state conference in Madison," Staszak said. "Washington DC. is important, but we needed more money."

The motion was rushed to a decision by Senate because a sign-up list was needed by Saturday Feb. 15.

IN OTHER SENATE NEWS:

UW-RF athletic director Connie Foster addressed the Senate Tuesday. She spoke about the athletic budget and answered any questions from the Senate.

Foster informed the Senate of serious talks concerning women's hockey being added as a varsity sport. According to Foster, a committee has been formed to gather data supporting the team and the data must be presented to Robert Milam by May 1.

Weather

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nal.

"It's very much like having a job," Elling said.

Even on weekends and holidays when there is no school, the students come in and collect data for their records. They are still trying to set up a system for collecting data over summer vacation.

Rocky Branch is the first elementary school in Wisconsin to have a site for measuring weather so accurately, Elling said. The information is easily obtainable from any computer that has access to the Internet. The latest information is posted on their Internet site at <http://www.aws.com/cgi-win/wx.exe?rvfls.obs>.

The students are still experimenting with an accurate way to measure snowfall, and each day they learn something new.

"We've learned that the National Weather Service basically guesses about the weather in

River Falls according to what it is like in the Cities," student Karl Voelker said. "We can get an accurate reading of the River Falls area right from our classroom without watching the news."

Elling said the information on the students' weather web site is continuously updated, and one can obtain such information as temperature, wind chill, precipitation, humidity and minimum and maximum daily averages.

"We've come a long way from the homemade weather instruments that we used to use," student Whitney Toftness said.

Eventually, as the students become more familiar with gathering weather, they hope to try forecasting.

"It's really hard to forecast weather because it is constantly changing," student Mike Popelka said.

The public is encouraged to write or call the students at Rocky Branch Elementary school with any questions regarding the weather, or to visit the web site.

CAMPUS SECURITY NEWS

Todd Schlerenbeck
Staff Writer

A rash of car vandalisms continued this week as perpetrators sought new and interesting ways to damage someone else's mode of transportation.

A car belonging to a Hathorn Hall resident sustained a broken window and damage to the driver's side door when someone threw a garbage can into the window. The vandalism was reported on the morning of Feb. 9.

A driver's side mirror was reported broken off of a vehicle in the E-lot. Damages were estimated at \$82.76, the crime was reported on Feb. 11.

A student's car O-lot suffered engine and car damage estimated at around \$2,000 when a suspect poured a quantity of sugar in it's gas tank. The police have named a suspect but charges have not been filed.

THEFT

A purse was reported stolen from outside of the Science building Jan. 31. The owner apparently left the purse on the ground near the entrance of the building while having a cigarette and the purse was accidentally left there while the owner was attending class. Upon returning to the sight, the purse was gone. The incident is under investigation.

A two-wheel hand cart was stolen from the Nelson Center Feb. 6. The cart was taken while a University worker was using it. The tracks from the cart led into the southwest entrance of May Hall, the cart has not yet been located.

Two watches were reported stolen from Karges Center while the owner was swimming.

A computer was stolen but no information was available at press time.

HARASSMENT

On Feb. 14 a Parker Hall resident reported harassing telephone calls to her room.



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Greece trip promises education and beauty

Anna Bolsjoll
Staff Writer

World travel is available through the UW-River Falls Greece Tour. The trip has been advertised at all UW-System schools and across Wisconsin as well as the twin cities.

Athens, Greece and the Acropolis are only some of the destinations to be seen while experiencing Greece.

The tour exposes the group to one week of classical sites including the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Acropolis, archaeological digs, the site of the original Olympic Games and others.

The second week of the 16 day trip will be spent touring Crete and the Aegean Islands, Santorini and Mykonos, and seeing the more contemporary side of the country.

The tour is in its 10th year, but this is the first year English professor Nicholas Karolides will not be heading it up. Geoffrey Scheurman, assistant professor of education, will be taking Karolides' place for the May 16-31 trip. Scheurman used to teach classes about Greece but has never visited. Because of this, Eric Schmidt, assistant tour di-

rector and 1995 alum will also be making the trip. Schmidt is the only person out of the eight attending so far that has made the trip before.

Schmidt said that the trip is "an event-of-a-lifetime." There are beautiful black sand beaches on the islands and spectacular historical sites to be seen over the course of 16 days.

The trip is an "opportunity not many people get," Schmidt said. "You find out what we take for granted here... their economic system is not as bright and hopeful as ours here."

Although the economic future of Greece may not be bright tourism and agriculture are the top industries.

"They are a beautiful people," Schmidt said. "The most beautiful place on earth is Santorini (Island). That, to me, is Greece. It brings modern and ancient together."

This tour can be taken for credit in several areas including geography, art, English and history. To obtain credit for the course a student must attend the five pre-tour seminars on Wednesdays starting April 9.

There are different requirements involved depending on

how many credits a student wants to obtain from the trip. For one credit, the student is to keep a journal, and for two to three credits, there would be some type of project involved.

The class may be added for this spring, summer or next fall for credit, according to Scheurman.

The trip is all-inclusive. The quoted price of \$3,175 will provide all airfare, taxes, boat fares, hotels, breakfast, most evening meals, airport fees and group gratuities.

Director of Financial Assistance, David Woodward said, "a study abroad program is one of the best experiences a student can get." There are loans and financial aid available for students who qualify, and the financial aid revision form to apply for those types of aid are available from the Office of Financial Assistance in 122 South Hall.

For more information about the tour visit the booth in the Student Center on March 4 or contact Scheurman at 425-3233 or 425-3230. The application deadline is April 4, 1997.



Submitted photo

Overlooking Thera on Santorini in Greece.

Johnson

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immediate boss was very adamant about not belonging to a union."

Although her boss told her she was going to be fired if her activities continued, Johnson kept on going. Local 665, which became one of the strongest unions in the United States in the area of the hotel and restaurant business, gave entry-level employees the advantage of collective bargaining. But this was only one of the first successes in Johnson's lifetime.

In the mid 1940s, Johnson became the first African American to hold public office in Minneapolis; she was elected the same year Hubert H. Humphrey became mayor. As part of the labor movement, Humphrey and Johnson formed the Democratic Farmer Labor Party in Minnesota.

"I came in from the labor side and Hubert Humphrey came in from the Democratic side," Johnson said.

Johnson's father, who once served on the school board in Dakota County, was a strong supporter of the Progressive Party in Wisconsin. Johnson said both the Progressive Party and the Democratic Party are based on many of the same liberal philosophies.

Because of the similarities, Johnson said, "I think it is important how you connect Minnesota and Wisconsin in progressive

politics, (with) good education and a good way of life."

Johnson, who firmly supports learning, geared her speech to students by stressing the importance of education.

"There is so much criticism right now on the basis of the failure of quality public education," Johnson said. "There are so many enemies in this country (of) public education."

In the 1920s, education was seen as a radical idea, but Johnson, whose mother was a school teacher and whose father was a school board member, says she knows what it means to get out there and work for better education.

"There is not the best education out there in the area of science and math for teachers, for women or for minorities," Johnson said. "A lot of women are doing this themselves, to themselves. I think we need to do something about correcting that."

Johnson connects her own background with the causes she has fought for in her life.

"You probably think, 'Who is this labor rights person standing up there, who is not the traditional person, spreading black history?'" Johnson said. "But I am. Because it's a way to look into the background of the farmers in the south many years ago, although a lot of them were slaves and sharecroppers."

With her strong background in farming and labor, Johnson shares a history with those farmers, especially as a racial minority.

"We need to put that history together," Johnson said. "There has to be some cohesion among all races."

The cohesion Johnson is talking about is through education, and all peoples learning what they want to receive in terms of health care, education and politics.

"We have to have some place to be educated as to what we want out of politics," Johnson said. "Basically I am a Democrat all the way."

Johnson speaks proudly of her party affiliation and says she has shaped her teachings by Democratic philosophy. Democrats do just about everything, Johnson said, to increase the "values of life."

Johnson has spent 11 years working on a National Democratic Committee and calls herself "very radical at that," although she admits the level of activism is not what it used to be.

As a feminist and one of the first women in the United States to serve on a Contract Negotiations Committee in Minneapolis in 1941, Johnson worked to pass a contract giving equal pay to women.

"I always felt good about that," Johnson said, "even though we seem to have this big cleavage out there between men and women from time to time."

Johnson has worked hard to obtain racial equity and gender equity throughout her lifetime. But she still says, "It's still a good 'ol boys world out there."

Planning committee reactivated

Penny Huntington
News Editor

The Reach for the Future Steering Committee presented a draft for a planning process at the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday. Because of this, the Long Range Planning Committee, which will make year-end recommendations to the University.

"Feedback is important and needed to make sure that everything is working the way that it should be," said Provost/Vice Chancellor Robert Milam. "We need it for the entire campus community."

The planning committee drafted

a process plan, and the Senate discussed its complications improvements. Members also discussed their views on the draft plans.

"It's encouraging that the Long Range Planning Committee is back and doing what it was meant to do."

-Rik Seefeldt

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In other business, Faculty Senate President Don Leake drew attention to a budget message/legislative update submitted by the UW-System. Leake expressed concern about a collective bargaining bill that provides

certain rights and protections extended to other state employees.

The bill argues that faculty and staff should have the opportunity to decide to unionize. Many argue that this is the only way to provide academic staff with job security and competitive salaries.

"I wouldn't worry about this one; I don't think it will go anywhere very fast," Leake said in response to concerns over the bill.

The meeting ended after the name change of two majors. The Physical Education major will be changed to Health and Human Performances, and the Non-Certifiable Physical Education option will be changed to Health and Human Performance Studies.

The changes will be made only to the name of the major, and the curriculum for the classes will remain the same.

Drinking

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According to Peterson, Swartout and Smith they did not expect to lose their jobs over this drinking incident because there was a similar incident in October.

"In the other incident there were no real consequences for us," Smith said. "The first incident, not having been documented, opened the door to other incidents."

Peterson said he agrees.

"I was shocked it was such a big issue," Peterson said. "Previous knowledge of similar incidents involving RA's have never gone this way."

Although administrators believe this situation was handled well for all concerned, some Grimm Hall residents are still upset.

Two petitions started by Grimm

Hall residents have circulated the hall in the past weeks. The first petition lacked legal wording and was re-written. The second petition was started and students obtained signatures in support of retaining the resident assistants' jobs. At last count each petition had approximately 28 signatures from wing members.

Kristi State, a wing representative for 2nd west in Grimm Hall was one of the students who started the petition to give the three RAs their jobs back.

"Some of us think it's harsh to ask them to quit their jobs," State said. "I definitely think they broke some rules but everybody makes mistakes; they deserve a second chance."

The petitions were submitted to Ryan at or before each RA's individual appeal session took place, according to Peterson.

"They (administration) didn't take into account the residents' feelings," Smith said. "Their voices were not as heard as they could have been or should have been; they were barely acknowledged."

In an attempt to offer options to students, Galanti sent a letter to all residents of the affected wings. The letter offered residents the option of moving to a different residence hall if the frustration of the situation was too great for those currently living on the wings.

All three RAs must be out of their rooms by Sunday, Feb. 23. They can either move within Grimm hall to a different wing, or may be considered for assignment to another hall.

Peterson, Swartout and Smith said they felt a loss of staff unity after the incident.

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"I felt like I was in high school again, with cliques — us three, and then the rest of the staff," Swartout said. "It was like they thought 'If we don't have to spend time with them, we won't. If we don't have to see them, we won't.'"

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Honesty loses out to the pressures of life

I overheard my daughter telling a friend a lie the other day. It really disturbed me that she did it because I knew her friend would know it was a lie, and their friendship had to change if the friend couldn't trust my daughter to be honest.

I guess everybody lies. I think of myself as honest, and I am not always totally honest with everyone. My concern with my daughter has to do with her reluctance to admit to a lie even when faced with the truth. I became doubly concerned about the consequences of the path she is following when I encountered someone who probably has gotten by with lying as a youngster and now has moved into adulthood thinking dishonesty is acceptable.

I was working at the library, and I believe a student tried to steal a book. The alarm at the door went off as this student walked through, so we requested that this person come to the desk. Upon searching the bag the person was carrying we discovered a large art book. When we attempted to check the book out we discovered the bar code had been partially ripped off. I was so uncomfortable about calling

security, which is what I was supposed to do, that I simply confiscated the book and let the person leave.

I didn't do anyone a favor by my action because this person "got by with it" and still hasn't learned a lesson. Stealing from a library is depriving everyone of the opportunity to read the book or magazine you steal. It hurts everyone. Most of all it hurts the liar. When my oldest daughter was in 4-H she designed a calligraphy wall hanging that said "Lies: A lie is like a two headed nickel! Heads you lose." I have that plaque hanging above my office desk. It is so true.

My honesty has actually gotten me into trouble here at the University. At one time I was in a class that required me to do a rough draft of a paper and come in to go over the paper with others in my peer group. I had completely forgotten the due date of the rough draft until shortly before class. I chose to come to class without it because I thought it would be better to honestly tell the professor I hadn't finished the paper than to pretend to be sick and miss the class altogether. The professor humiliated me in front of my group and gave me

unreasonable criteria for completion of the paper. The other person in my group who had not finished in time simply pretended to be done and escaped without any ramifications. Had I been 20 again I might have learned the lesson that honesty doesn't pay. Fortunately I am not 20 and one

inspiring!

In 1994, the sisters collaborated with Hearth to write another book. This was "The Delaney Sisters' Book of Everyday Wisdom," which I referred to earlier. In it, Bessie Delaney quotes her mother as saying, "If you tell a lie, you must ask yourself what

PATTI WARRINGTON

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professor's reaction is not going to affect my value system. I know that forgetting is a human trait, and I am oh-so-human.

I'm reminded of a quote from a delightful book called "The Delaney Sisters' Book of Everyday Wisdom." Bessie and Sadie Delaney are two women of color who are 108 and 106 years old. They are active, intelligent ladies who collaborated with Amy Hill Hearth in 1993 to write a memoir of their lives. It is called "Having our Say, The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years." The story these remarkable women told was so

you're afraid of." When I talk with my daughter about her lies, I try to keep that in mind and ask myself "what is she afraid of?"

There is so much pressure to succeed in this country and this world that many people have felt the need to lie to preserve their lives as they are. Honesty is often not rewarded in our culture, and some dishonesty is actually bred by accolades for the liars. I hope my daughter doesn't buy into that value system, but I know that ultimately it will be her choice.

Recreation hour breaks idleness in prison

"Mr. Cotton, Mr. Cotton are you going to recreation today?" the guard asked as I sat eating a bowl of cereal. It was 6 a.m., the official start of another day, and I was thinking about what I could do to make it pass quicker and to fight the always-present detrimental effects of idleness.

"Yeah," I answered not looking up from my bowl.

One way I knew for sure was to go to recreation every day for the one hour allowed all prisoners in Waupun's segregation unit, known as the Greenhouse.

I finished my breakfast, set the tray on the food trap for the guard to pick up and then began my daily warm-up routine. I had long eliminated more complex stretches because of the confining conditions of the cell and had adopted pacing and a couple of sets of toe touches. As I finished and checked the weather through the cell-hall window located across from my cell, a guard appeared to escort me to outside recreation. I take a deep breath, then stick my hands out through the meal trap to be cuffed. The guard expertly cuffs them. He unlocks the cell door lock and

releases me from my prison cell. In silence we walk down the tier toward the outside recreation cages following numbly a routine we have completed hundreds of times before. I step back to allow him to open the outside door, which reveals a clear blue sunny, sky.

What a beautiful day, I think as I stepped past the threshold to the outside. My elation is quickly quenched as I again recognize the 10 foot fence, topped by a billow of barbed wire that makes up the outdoor recreation cages, the arena where inmates in Waupun's segregation unit do daily battle with the demons of idleness. Now it is my turn to engage in combat, and I enter the cage with confidence. The door is shut and locked. I stick out my hands, and the handcuffs are removed. I remove my T-shirt and long pants and conduct my exercises wearing shorts and prison issued cloth sandals with cloth soles.

As I sit on the pavement and touch my head alternately to each knee I think how little armor I wear to battle. On the streets of Milwaukee I would have the lat-

est name brand gym outfits including the latest style of Nikes. Now, I am in my underwear and cotton shoes as I strive to win over idleness. I begin to jog, slowly at first then picking up speed in an oval within the cage. I concentrate only on my pace as the sun shines down. Small beads

The guard appears, officially ending my workout. "Looks like you got a good workout today," he says as I walk boldly around the cage to retrieve my clothes. "Yeah," I respond simply, "arms and upper body work tomorrow." Handcuffed again, I begin my return to my prison home. With

TONIE COTTON

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of sweat form on my now shining black skin. As my breathing and heart rate quicken, I think about the hours, days, months and years I still have to complete. I reason that if I don't meet my exercise goals today, I cannot reach my release tomorrow. I quicken my pace. Suddenly I began running lightly, feeling nothing but delicious energy bursting through my body. Another 15 minutes I remain free, the stress and tension drained from my body.

my parting glance at the barbed wire cage, I realize that I've once again done battle with my prison demons and won.

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Editors note: This is the third of a four-part series of columns submitted by Tonie Cotton, a Wisconsin State Prison inmate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student Pagan Organization disturbed by flyer attacking religion

This past Monday, Feb. 10, a flyer was distributed in the Student Center that directly attacked the Student Pagan Organization and most other religions in general. This flyer was highly opinionated and completely uninformed. Although I realize that religion can be a very inflammatory subject, I feel it necessary to counter this attack with a few basic facts. The publisher of the flyer suggests that everyone should feel revulsion toward a Student Pagan Organization. I can't help but wonder, why? In most cases, this reaction is caused by a lot of misconceptions about Paganism and Witchcraft. There is an amazing diversity of Pagan religions, many of which have the same basic moral fabric as Christianity. It is because of this diversity that I found the Student Pagan Organization. We were formed to help spread an understanding of different religions and to promote campus religious diversity. The flyer states that "Paganism

is as old as Babylon of Mesopotamia. But it has been already proven a folly." First, if you truly want to date Paganism, it is much older than Babylon. By most peoples definition of Paganism, Aristotle and Socrates were also pagans. Secondly, and perhaps more important, I would be greatly interested in how all Pagan cultures have been proven to be "folly." If there is such proof, by all means, list it so we can see for ourselves.

However, you must also keep in mind that there are plenty of people with all kinds of proof that Christianity is "folly" as well. Inevitably, religion is always a matter of belief and faith.

The author of the flyer then asks "Why 'join forces' with those who have worshipped gods made of stone?" I find a great many faults with this one line. First of all, although we encourage people to come to our meetings if they want to, either for curiosity or companionship, we have never suggested that any-

one "join forces" with us in any way. We do not actively recruit for something that is often a solitary practice. Secondly, what exactly did the author mean by "worshipped gods made of stone?" There are two possibilities here. Perhaps the publisher of the flyer is suggesting that our gods are literally made of stone. Although some religions may worship nature, that is as far as it goes. No religion I know of bows down before amethyst, and proclaims devotion to the stone as god.

If, however, the publisher was suggesting that we make use of religious icons made of stone, that is indeed sometimes true. However, we do this in the same way as other religions make use of a crucifixion cross or a Star of David as a religious icon. The fact that we prefer stone or wood rather than bronze or gold simply shows a stronger connection to nature.

I find it particularly interesting that the publisher of this flyer

doesn't attack only our organization but all Christian organizations that don't adhere to their particular beliefs.

I'm not going to defend either the Bible or Christianity because I don't believe in either. However, I do believe that the publisher was wrong to attack all religions in this way without even attempting to discover the facts involved. This is especially reprehensible because the publisher accuses the Student Pagan Organization of luring people to "join forces" with us and then proceeds to do that exact thing.

If anyone has honest, open questions about our organization, I would be more than happy to talk to them. I simply find it discouraging that such closed-minded, unenlightened, uneducated thinking exists on a college campus where we are supposed to be learning.

Scott W. Guyant
President of the Student Pagan Organization



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75-year-old Milwaukee man shoots wife, self

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A 75-year-old man with terminal cancer apparently shot and killed his 73-year-old wife who suffered from multiple sclerosis and then turned the gun on himself Sunday morning, police said.

Dead are Harry and Irene Rutkowski, police said.

Police were called to a home on Milwaukee's southside around 7:30 a.m. Sunday after the couple's daughter found the two dead. Lt. Dennis Marlock said Rutkowski called his daughter around 7 a.m. and told her to come to the house.

Rutkowski had been diagnosed with cancer last fall and was undergoing chemotherapy. Ms. Rutkowski had lived with multiple sclerosis since 1979 and used a wheelchair, but neighbors told the Milwaukee *Journal Sentinel* that she still was able to get up and around.

The couple's son, Paul Rutkowski, said he last saw his parents Saturday night and nothing seemed out of the ordinary. "They were spirited, good people," he said. "They always had a positive outlook on things, and they both seemed happy."

Paul Rutkowski said his parents never kept a weapon in the house and he did not know how a .38 Intra Arms Special five-shot revolver got in the house.

Two envelopes labeled "Last Will and Testament" were found on the kitchen table of the two-story Cape Cod home, police and medical examiner's records said.

The couple had four children.

Miller and Busch to battle for Summerfest gap

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Miller Brewing Co. is expected to battle with its major competitor, Anheuser-Busch Cos. of St. Louis, to fill the gap at Milwaukee's Summerfest now that Pabst Brewing Co. says it is pulling out.

Anheuser-Busch, the nation's largest brewer, is interested in playing a role in Milwaukee, where hometown brewers like Miller, the No. 2 U.S. brewer, and Pabst have held sway. But Miller also is interested in adding the Pabst Showcase to the five entertainment areas it already operates at Summerfest, the festival grounds at the city's Lake Michigan shore, said Michael Brophy, a Miller spokesman.

"We were one of the founders of Summerfest, and as such we believe we're part of the family," Brophy said.

Pabst's decision to end its long sponsorship of Summerfest came after months of turmoil. The brewery closed its Milwaukee plant in December after 152 years in the city.

MINNESOTA

Human error cause of chemical plant explosion

BLOOMING PRAIRIE (AP) — Investigators say human error caused the chemical plant explosion that killed a man last month. Elf Atochem plant manager Mark Heldt said at a news conference Friday that an investigative team concluded that two valves that should have been opened were closed. When the manufacturing process did not proceed as usual, workers did not realize the malfunction was due to the closed valves, investigators said.

Heldt said none of the employees at the plant face discipline in the accident. He said the team has made recommendations to address the findings of the investigation, including a comprehensive training program related to the controls for all plant employees.

The Jan. 23 explosion killed Bruce Weiss, 32, of Blooming Prairie, and injured two other workers.

The plant has been closed since the blast. Heldt said company officials are not sure when the plant will resume production.

NATION

Acupuncture, yoga at San Francisco jail

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The lights are dimmed and the sweet sounds of jazz waft through the room. A dozen women sit motionless, acupuncture needles protruding from their ears.

The aroma therapy begins. Health worker Muin Daly speaks gently to each woman — How are you? Did you sleep OK? — offering cotton balls dipped in Lebanese orange blossom scent for sniffing.

The women wear identical clothing — the standard issue orange outfits of the San Francisco County Jail. On the other side of a large, thick window, a deputy watches to make certain the healing needles don't become weapons.

These blissful women are participants in an innovative jail program that offers acupuncture, yoga, meditation, "detoxifying" herbal tea, aroma therapy and group counseling. Many are drug addicts trying to get clean. "All these approaches help reduce the craving for drugs," said Sheriff Mike Hennessey.

Hennessey, who has never tried yoga or gone under the needles himself, decided to bring acupuncture into his jail after reading about a similar program in Dade County, Fla. Three years ago, the sheriff's department contracted with Acupuncture and Recovery Treatment Services to offer a program to the incarcerated.

The tea, the meditation, the aroma therapy, the yoga — all that followed the onset of the ancient Chinese needle therapy, according to sheriff's spokeswoman Eileen Hirst.

About 125 men and women in San Francisco's County Jail receive acupuncture and 10 women participate in the yoga/meditation program. It's all voluntary, but participants must also be involved in at least one other jail program, such as substance abuse, anger management, parenting or high school equivalency.

WORLD

Marine sentenced for assault in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A U.S. marine was sentenced to five and a half years in prison Tuesday for assaulting and robbing a 56-year-old female bar owner in Okinawa.

Cpl. Brian Bergen, 21, of Connorsville Ind., was found guilty of conspiring with Cpl. Jeremy T. Wright, of Stillwater, Okla., to rob the woman at her bar last Sept. 11, a court official said.

The attack, which occurred in Ishikawa, about 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) southwest of Tokyo, came almost exactly a year after the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl by U.S. servicemen on Sept. 4 1995.

Public school distribution of free Bibles provokes legal controversy

Vicki Smith
Associated Press

A stack of Bibles on a table in a West Virginia school is ground zero in the latest legal battle over separation of church and state.

They're making a federal case over the Bibles, which were donated by businesses to be provided free to schoolchildren in Buckhannon, W.Va. Opponents say it could go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Bible giveaway is the work of the Rev. J. Edward McDaniels, who remembers that when he was in the fifth grade the Gideons came into his classroom handing out Bibles to anyone who wanted one.

Between McDaniels' childhood and adulthood, federal courts in Indiana and New Jersey ruled it is unconstitutional to distribute Bibles in public schools. The rulings are not binding in every state, but many school districts abide by them.

"I object to the fact that the Gideons are not allowed to do that, but that's a fight that's bigger than me," McDaniels says.

So McDaniels, pastor of Christian Fellowship Church in Buckhannon and a health and physical education teacher at Buckhannon-Upshur High School, recruited businesses to donate the books, then asked the Upshur County school board for permission to set up an unstaffed table providing free religious material. Students would be free to stop or pass on by.

McDaniels saw it as a logical compromise. In December 1994, the school board agreed.

But Jeannie O'Halloran of Buckhannon was among those who objected.

"I was appalled. It just didn't

feel right," she says. "I don't think Bibles need to be distributed in school."

O'Halloran is a Quaker and her children get their religion at home.

"Religion definitely should start at home, not in the schools," she says.

She and others turned to the American Civil Liberties Union chapter in West Virginia, and plaintiffs were recruited for a lawsuit to stop the giveaway.

U.S. District Judge Irene Keeley in Clarksburg, W.Va., ruled last September that Bibles could be given out on school property provided they were not forced on students. School officials had to post a disclaimer saying they didn't endorse the practice of religion.

It was the first time a federal court had upheld the distribution of Bibles in a public school during school hours.

Last fall, children in 12 schools took home about 1,800 Bibles.

The giveaway touched off a legal battle that has been fought in other courtrooms around the country. This time it could reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It definitely has the potential," says Steve Green, legal director for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State in Washington, D.C., a 50,000-member group that opposes religious activities in schools.

"The earlier cases were a lot

clearer. This is hazier and a closer question. And those are the kinds the court takes."

But first, there will be a decision this spring in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, binding on West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, and North and South Carolina.

"Many school administrators would see this as a middle ground, a way to get people off their backs without crossing the line," Green says.

Line drawing is what we're all about. Where we feel the line should be drawn is the front door of the schools. Americans United is among three national organizations that filed

friend-of-the-court briefs on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union last month in Richmond, Va., where the appeals court is located.

"They had businesses who donated Bibles and wanted to distribute them. And they had students who wanted them. Great. Put them together," says Hilary Chiz, director of the West Virginia Civil Liberties Union.

"But don't do it in the schools. Use the churches. There are more churches than schools in Upshur County, anyway."

The dispute pits two constitutional rights against each other: the right to practice religion and speak freely of it and the mandatory separation of church and state. In this case, the schools are

the extension of government.

Siding with the school district are the conservative American Center for Law and Justice of Richmond, Va., and the Rutherford Institute of Charlottesville, Va.

Institute attorney David Melton says the courts have ruled that school officials cannot participate in or sanction Bible giveaways.

"This is a closer question," he said of the Upshur case. "The school wanted to be neutral."

Melton says the plaintiffs' goal is to remove all traces of religion from public schools.

"The purpose of the Constitution is to place restraints on government, not the individual," he says. "The ACLU is trying to silence the religious community. They, in this case, are the ones who are attempting to ban a book."

Federal courts have ruled that students can give Bibles and religious literature to each other. And anyone can legally distribute materials in public areas such as malls, parking lots or the sidewalks outside schools.

Mary Pat Peck, a taxpayer with no children in the schools, is a plaintiff in the case. A lector in a Roman Catholic church, she is deeply religious but equally committed to the separation of church and state.

"We have plenty of evidence around the world about how disastrous it is when government does take a role in religion," she says. "Look at the Middle East, Northern Ireland, Bosnia."

"If you go back and read the Scriptures, read them with an open mind. God has said over and over to us, 'It's bad to entangle religion with politics.'"

Albright: Korean tensions cause for concern

Terrence Petty
Associated Press

BONN, Germany (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Monday she is "very concerned" about tensions between South and North Korea over two defectors from the North, one of whom was shot in Seoul over the weekend.

"The Korean peninsula is of strategic importance to the United States," Albright told reporters during a stop here on her first tour of European capitals since taking office.

She said, "We are concerned about events on the Korean peninsula. We want to make sure there will not be any further exacerbation of the incidents."

Unknown assailants on Saturday shot defector Lee Han-young, a nephew of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's first wife, outside a friend's apartment in a Seoul suburb. Doctors told police he is brain dead.

South Korean police have blamed North Korean agents for the shooting and said the attack was connected to the defection of Hwang Jong Yop, a designer of North Korea's guiding philosophy of self-reliance, who has been holed up inside the South Korean consulate in Beijing, China, since last Wednesday.

North Korea claims rival South Korea kidnapped Hwang, 73, and has threatened to retaliate.

Albright said the two incidents "underline the importance of trying to establish a dialogue" between the two Koreas.

Dairy farm loss has financial impacts on rural community

FALL CREEK (AP) — As struggling dairy farmers in this western Wisconsin village leave the business, their neighbors and local merchants wonder how it will affect them.

At least eight dairy farmers, all from a 10-mile radius of Fall Creek, a community of 1,100 in Eau Claire County, are selling off their dairy herds. They are turning to cash cropping, raising cattle for beef or a job in town.

Todd Stittleburg sees the stress on farmers' faces after he calls on those who buy feed from the Augusta Farmers Union Co-op, which has a mill in Fall Creek.

"They tell me 'I'm working my butt off, and then the milk check doesn't cover the bills.' And they don't have an outlook that sees it get any bet-

ter," Stittleburg said. "Some of these guys just don't see any light at the end of the tunnel."

The dairy struggles are not only felt by farmers.

Larry Swain, a community development specialist at the UW-River Falls, has studied the spending habits of rural residents.

Farmers appear to spend between 50 and 90 percent of their money locally, compared to 30 to 35 percent from other residents in the surrounding countryside, Swain said.

"You lose one farm, and you have to attract the equivalent of two to three other residences," Swain said. "It puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the local economy."

Studies at the University of Minnesota indicate that for every farmer who goes out of business, one person in town loses his or

her job; for every 10 to 12 farmers who shut their operations down, a business follows suit.

"You look at it and you know that farmers spend their money," said Joe Zeilemeir, 59, who is leaving dairy farming after nearly 30 years in the business. "We upgrade our equipment, we make improvements. We put it back into the community."

While some farmers are successfully adapting to other types of farming, others are still succeeding in the dairy business, Stittleburg said.

The cooperative has actively looked to produce products like specialty feeds that will service their changing clientele, he said. "They struggle, and we struggle, to find out how to be successful," he said.

Exxon appealing Valdez ruling

Jlm Clarke
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Exxon Corp. on Thursday signalled its intention to appeal the \$5.3 billion judgment it faces for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Exxon is asking the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review the standards U.S. District Court Judge H. Russel Holland used in determining the \$5 billion in punitive damages.

Exxon also said it objects to instructions Holland gave the jury during the 1994 trial and to the \$6.75 billion letter of credit the judge is requiring Exxon to post. It also is appealing the way Hol-

land calculated some of the compensatory damage awards, which thousands of Alaska fishermen and natives are in line to collect.

The Exxon Valdez spilled about 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound in March 1989 when the tanker went aground on Bligh Reef.

Exxon has said since it lost the civil trial that it would appeal the matter, so Thursday's announcement came as no surprise.

In a prepared statement, Exxon Chairman Lee R. Raymond called the judgment excessive and unwarranted and said it should be set aside or substantially reduced.

But Brian O'Neill, one of the lead attorneys representing fishermen and other plaintiffs, said

the appeal was part of a longterm Exxon strategy to delay paying the award.

"They sprang frivolous motion after frivolous motion after the jury came in to delay (payment), and they'll do the same thing in the appeals court," O'Neill said.

Interest on the award, is accumulating at a 5.9 percent annual rate and already has topped \$38 million.

O'Neill said he expects the appeals process to last at least 18 months.

The matter now heads to the appeals court in San Francisco, where a judge will be assigned the case. Briefs have not yet been filed.

SPORTS

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Football could learn from electric model

Since the Cheddar-Heads won that trophy with a silver football on it, it's not as apparent here, but there is an increasing disenchantment with the business of sports.

Free-agency, salary caps and disloyal players are a few things that have changed the game over the years.

But there is a football alternative that contains none of this-electric football.

The game itself is simple. With the flip of a switch, the table-top game vibrates, and its inch-tall plastic players are set into motion.

All NFL teams are available for electric football, and they are extremely loyal. Players cannot be traded, namely because it's nearly impossible to scrape the paint off. Maybe Green Bay ought to try applying some Krylon to Brett Favre before he bails out of town.

There also is no salary cap in electric football. Actually, there are no salaries at all. The plastic players are content to work for room and board, which comes in the form of a nice cozy shoebox.

Minnesotans have been griping about the sterile Humpty Dome and the Vikings have been talking about maybe needing a new stadium.

Not in electric football. A domed stadium would be impossible since you wouldn't be able to set up your players. And just like at Texas Stadium, the lack of a roof allows the Lord to watch football without obstruction.

Football fans also are quite aware of the trash-talking that goes on during an NFL game. It's become a joke.

In the entire history of electric football, a player has never been heard trash-talking. They are remarkably good sports. They line up every play and go about their job without a need to take a verbal shot at the opposition. Maybe Michael Irvin should play more like his electric football counterpart.

Come to think of it, the electric football version of Irvin has never stuck his arm out to signal "first down," and a Packer has never, ever done the over-done dive into the crowd.

Deion Sanders recently signed a contract with the Cincinnati Reds to resume his two-sport career and some wonder where his priorities are. The plastic Sanders has his priorities in order and will never try to play baseball.

River Falls' football coach John O'Grady would also appreciate electric football. You see, the field is always dry, and the outcome of a game will never be influenced by mud.

For all the reasons that electric football is better than the live version, there is one that stands above all others-I can ensure the Vikings win every game.

Chad Urdahl is a senior majoring in journalism.

"Maybe Irvin should play more like his electric football counterpart."



Jennifer Eberspacher/Student Voice

Falcon Chad Meschke puts up a shot against Oshkosh in his team's 71-56 loss at Karges Center.

Men's hoops hits road, beats UW-L

Jim Little
Assistant Editor

After 11 years as head coach of the Falcons men's basketball team Rick Bowen usually knows what to expect of his team before they even hit the floor.

Wednesday night Bowen liked the vibes his players were giving off.

"I could feel they were ready to play," Bowen said. "I could tell they were focused."

Whatever they were carried over to the court as the Falcons picked up a 78-63 WSUC road win over La Crosse.

"We went into the game with a great attitude," said a extremely satisfied Bowen. "We played well."

A layup by Matt Chitwood four minutes into the first half gave the Falcons a lead they would never lose. La Crosse, who as a team only shot 36 percent for the game, could not keep up with the hot hands of the Falcons who shot 54 percent for the game.

Other ingredients which added up to a Falcon win besides the good shooting and attitude were the ability of the Falcons to get to the free-throw line and the equal distribution of scoring.

The Falcons continued their recent success from the free-

throw line as they hit 15 of the 21 freebies they were granted. Perhaps most important was the fact that for the first time all season four Falcons scored in double figures.

Chad Meschke had 15 to lead the team and Tony Fisher had 13. The other two Falcons in double figures were Matt Chitwood with 12 and Cory Berseth with 11.

The effort, which Bowen said was perhaps the best performance of his team all season, was a sharp contrast to the Falcons 71-56 defeat at the hands of Oshkosh on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The Falcons entered that game with upset on their minds and led the 15-5 Titans 32-28 at halftime. However, Oshkosh would rebound and completely blow the Falcons away in the second half.

The Falcons only managed 19 points in the second half compared to 43 by the Titans. The most damage came from the eight three-pointers Oshkosh knocked down in the half.

The Falcons now stand at 4-9 in the WSUC and 10-12 overall. They will host second place Platteville on Saturday and Bowen thinks his team is up to the challenge.

"That would be a huge upset," he said. "I think we can do it."

Wrestlers host WSUC tourney

Jason Egerstrom
Assistant Sports Editor

UW-River Falls wrestling coach Byron James will be coaching in his 38th WSUC Wrestling Championship Tournament Saturday when the Falcons host the 42nd annual event at Knowles Center.

Coming off a 44-0 defeat at the hands of Augsburg College and a disappointing season overall, the Falcons come into the tournament as an underdog.

"I hope to hell it gets over...it's a headache," James said.

Despite the disappointing season, UW-RF fans who attend will have the opportunity to see Falcon Kieth Johnson, a two-time All-American, wrestle at the 142-pound weight class.

The Falcons have won the tournament 11 times under the leadership of James. However, the last championship came back in 1988.

James said the clear favorites coming into the tournament include defending champion Stevens Point and LaCrosse.

The Pointers have established themselves as the powerhouse of WSUC Wrestling the last couple of years by stealing four of the last of the last five WSUC titles.

Pointers senior Bret Stamper won the tournament at the 150-pound weight class last year and

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In final seconds, women beat the buzzer, La Crosse

Jim Little
Assistant Editor

Wednesday night's WWIAC matchup between the Eagles of La Crosse and the Falcons was about as close as they come.

The game saw nine separate tie scores but Falcon guard Stephanie Olson's jumpshot with two seconds remaining erased the final tie and gave the Falcons a 64-62 victory, their fourth in their last six games.

"It was an exciting game," said Falcon head coach Dave Schuchter in the understatement of the century.

The second half began with the score tied at 29. About half way through the second set Nikki Fennern hit a three-pointer to give the Falcons a 46-40 lead.

However, La Crosse would battle back and with just over four minutes remaining they had tied the score at 55.

Jessica Green's foul on La Crosse's Jessica Edwar put her on the free throw line with nine seconds remaining and the Falcons holding a 62-60 lead. Edwar would hit both free throws to tie the game.

That's when Olson took command.

Schuchter called a play which involves a clearing out of all

players in the offensive zone allowing Olson a chance to take the opposition one on one to the basket. Olson did just that and nailed a five-foot jumpshot to win the game.

As exciting as it was, none of it would have been possible without the play of Falcon Forward Missy Johnson.

Johnson seemed to be the only Falcon who could get a shot to fall all night. In fact, Johnson hit 16 of the Falcon's total 25 successful shots from the field and ended up with 39 points in 38 minutes.

For good measure Johnson grabbed 19 rebounds as well.

Schuchter knows he has something special in Johnson, who is only 5'9" tall but plays the inside as tough as anyone in the conference.

She's a very unselfish player who feeds off her teammates," he said.

"It's a compliment to the team to see how successful Missy Johnson has been."

The win puts the Falcons at 6-7 in the conference and 11-11 overall. Last season the Falcons only managed eight wins all season. The Falcons will travel to Platteville on Saturday to try and keep their hot streak alive.

Hockey splits, lands in fifth Blugolds, NCHA playoffs next

Chad Urdahl
Sports Editor

The Falcon hockey team took on St. Scholastica with hopes of gaining some momentum heading into this weekend's playoffs.

The Saints had only two wins all season and it looked like a chance for the Falcons to string together a couple of wins. After a 5-0 win Friday, the plans seemed to be coming together.

Then came Saturday. After taking a 3-1 lead in the second period, St. Scholastica scored three-straight goals and stole a 4-3 win.

"In the pregame meeting (Saturday) I talked about how tough it would be," Falcon coach Steve Freeman said. "It was the last game of their seniors' career. I thought our preparation and focus was poor."

Mike Schauer and Corey Martinson each scored first-period goals to build a 2-1 lead for River Falls. That lead expanded to 3-1 on a Brian Wilson goal, but that was all the offense the Falcons could muster.

The Saints pulled within one goal at the end of the second period, then scored twice in the third to go ahead 4-3.

The Falcons pulled goalie Jeff Heil in the game's closing minutes in favor of an extra attacker, and it appeared Shane Bengston had tied the game 4-4. The referees saw differently and disallowed the goal because the net

was knocked off its moorings prior to the goal.

"We didn't play well enough to win," Freeman said. "That was a non-factor; we deserved to lose."

Heil had 22 saves in Saturday's game, and Dave Lyons made 24 saves for the Saints.

As poorly as the Falcons played Saturday, the team played that well on Friday. Schauer and Bengston each scored first-period goals to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead.

Jesse Sampair scored the lone goal in the second period, and then Schauer and Sampair scored again in the third period to record the 5-0 win.

Falcon defenseman Brad Nelson also had two assists Saturday.

Heil had 24 saves for the Falcons, and Jamey Boots made 44 for the Saints.

The inconsistent play of the Falcons last weekend has been the team's story the second half of this season.

"It's been a learning experience," Freeman said of his first year at the Falcons' helm. "We'll see if the lessons pay off in the playoffs."

The split left the Falcons in fifth place in the NCHA, and Eau Claire will come to town for the first round of playoffs this weekend.

"I expect a tremendous effort from our players," Freeman said. "We've talked about the playoffs all year, and it's that time al-

ready."

Freeman said the inconsistency of his team will be forgotten once the puck is dropped for playoff hockey.

"We are going to put that behind us and get in the playoff mode," Freeman said. "It's a brand-new season. We'll have short, intense practices. It's all about being disciplined and playing with heart in the playoffs."

Freeman also said he is unsure of the status of senior forward Scott Bachinski for this weekend's series. Bachinski received a concussion several weeks ago against Stevens Point, and then was given a second one two weeks ago against St. Norbert.

A trip to a St. Paul doctor revealed no extensive damage, but that his first concussion probably hadn't healed when he suffered the second.

Bachinski has seen limited practice time since his second concussion, and Freeman said the decision will be left up to the doctors.

"It's a medical and a personal decision," Freeman said. "We're obviously a better team with him in the lineup, but his health and welfare are the most important things. I'd like to use him in at least a limited role."

The Falcons and Bachinski will both try to erase headaches of the past when the playoffs roll around Friday and Saturday at Hunt Arena.

FALCON SPORTSBOARD

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	Falcon Open 6:30 p.m.						
		Platteville 7:00 p.m.				Superior 7:00 p.m.	
	Eau Claire 7:00 p.m.	Eau Claire 7:00 p.m.					
	WWIAC WSUC (at Oshkosh)	WWIAC WSUC (at Oshkosh)					
		LaCrosse 6:30 p.m.					
		WSUC Meet 9 a.m.					
		at Platteville 5:00 p.m.			at Superior 7:00 p.m.		

SPORTS SUMMARIES

Men's hockey
River Falls 5, St. Scholastica 0
Friday, Feb. 14 at St. Scholastica
Scoring by periods
River Falls 2 1 2 - 5
St. Scholastica 0 0 0 - 0
Scoring summary:
First period: 1, RF, Mike Schauer (Jeannette, Matzko) pp, 6:57. 2, RF, Bengston (Ryan Alstead, Sampair), 8:00.
Second period: 3, RF, Jesse Sampair (Nelson, Smaza), 2:57.
Third period: 4, RF, Schauer (Nelson, Coakley) pp, 2:04. 5, RF, Sampair (Benedict, Gripenberg) 6:13. Shots on goal: RF 12 14 18 - 44. SS 9 2 13 - 24. Goalies-Heil (RF) 24 saves, Boots (CSS) 39 saves.
St. Scholastica 4, River Falls 3
Saturday, Feb. 15 at St. Scholastica

Scoring summary:
St. Scholastica 1 1 2 - 4
River Falls 2 1 0 - 3
Scoring summary
First period: 1, RF, Shane Bengston (Sampair, Ryan Alstead) 6:09. 1, CSS, Lee Caton (Jokela) 13:57. 2, RF, Corey Martinson (Jeannette, Benedict) 14:54. Second period: 3, RF, Brian Wilson (Ryan Alstead, Lundeen) 6:47. Third period: 2, CSS, Joe Nosan (Erickson, Beck) 17:06. 3, CSS, Doug Chos (Beck, Erickson) 10:28. 4, CSS, Caton (Friday) 13:44. Shots on goal: RF 14 10 3 - 27. CSS 7 8 11 - 26. Goalies-Heil (RF) 22 saves, Lyons (CSS) 24 saves.

Men's Basketball
Saturday, Feb. 15 vs. Oshkosh
Scoring by halves
Oshkosh 28 43 - 71
River Falls 32 24 - 56
Leading scorers: RF-Meschke 20, Chitwood 11. O-Ruedinger 22, Harding 19. Leading rebounders: RF-Chitwood 7, Berseth, Meschke 4. W-Clark 10, Ruedinger, Harding, Aslakson 5.
Wednesday, Feb. 19 at La Crosse
Scoring by halves
River Falls 38 40 - 78
Stout 33 30 - 63
Leading scorers: RF-Meschke 15, Fisher 13. LC-Veasley 22, Simpson 16. Leading rebounders: RF-Chitwood 9, Berseth, Meschke 4. LC-Tracy 7, Veasley 6.
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Oshkosh
Scoring by halves
Oshkosh 35 43 - 78
River Falls 23 39 - 62
Leading scorers: RF-Rambow 21, Schley 10. O-Spo0 20, Warnke 16.

Leading rebounders: RF-Schley, Rambow 6. O-Warnke 8, Lachecki 6.
Women's Basketball
Wednesday, Feb. 19 vs. La Crosse
Scoring by halves
River Falls 29 35 - 64
La Crosse 29 33 - 62
Leading scorers: RF-Johnson 39, Olson 9. LC-Edwards 19, Stancevic 12. Leading rebounders: RF-Johnson 19, Green 8. LC-Edwards 13, Stancevic 5.
Wrestling
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Augsburg
Augsburg 44
River Falls 0
118-Henry Gerten (A) tech fall Chris Ban Dyk (RF) 17-0.
126-Brian Jones (A) def. Keith Johnson (RF) 6-4.
134-Jamie Larkin (A) maj. dec. John Gienza (RF) 18-5.
142-Wade Johnson (A) fall Chris Morel (RF) 2:05 (1).
150-forfeit/forfeit.
158-Jesse Bakalyar (A) won by forfeit.

167-Justin Hahn (A) maj. dec. Ryan Hoag (RF) 9-1.
177-John Moore (A) maj. dec. Eric Zinck (RF) 15-6.
190-Dan Lewandowski (A) fall Jason Ackerman (RF) 2:20 (1).
Hwt-John Pena (A) fall A.J. Zinck (RF) 1:58 (1).
Women's indoor track
Saturday, Feb. 15 at Bowlus Invite
Eau Claire 181
UMD 142
River Falls 124
Stout 94
Superior 11

CONFERENCE STANDINGS						
NCHA Hockey (regular-season final)						
Team(overall)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
St. Norbert (20-6-1)	16	4	0	32	94	52
Stevens Point (16-7-2)	14	5	1	29	88	50
Bemidji (21-6-2)	14	5	1	29	107	63
Superior (16-6-2)	13	6	1	27	85	54
Falcons (16-9-0)	13	7	1	26	77	56
Eau Claire (10-14-2)	7	12	1	15	78	106
Stout (9-16-0)	6	14	0	12	75	103
St. Scholastica (7-16-1)	3	16	1	7	45	95
Lake Forest (4-19-1)	1	18	1	3	48	117

WSUC Men's Basketball (through Feb. 19)				
Team (overall)	W	L	PCT	Offensive leaders
Whitewater (21-1)	12	1	.923	Whitewater.....75.2 ppg
Platteville (21-2)	12	2	.857	Stout.....64.8 ppg
Stevens Point (17-6)	9	5	.643	Oshkosh.....64.3 ppg
Oshkosh (16-6)	8	6	.571	Falcons.....62.0 ppg
Eau Claire (13-9)	6	7	.462	Defensive leaders
Stout (10-12)	4	9	.308	Platteville.....50.4 ppg
Falcons (10-12)	4	9	.308	Stevens Point.....59.6 ppg
Superior (8-14)	3	10	.231	Oshkosh.....60.9 ppg
La Crosse (10-12)	2	11	.154	Whitewater.....62.0 ppg

WWIAC Women's Basketball (through Feb. 19)				
Team (overall)	W	L	PCT	Offensive leaders
Eau Claire (20-2)	12	1	.923	Stout.....79.5 ppg
Oshkosh (21-2)	12	2	.857	Eau Claire.....72.9 ppg
Stout (15-7)	11	2	.846	Oshkosh.....72.5 ppg
Stevens Point (15-6)	8	6	.571	Stevens Point.....66.1 ppg
Falcons (11-11)	6	7	.462	Defensive leaders
Platteville (10-11)	5	9	.357	Oshkosh.....53.6 ppg
La Crosse (8-14)	4	9	.308	Eau Claire.....55.6 ppg
Superior (4-16)	1	12	.077	Stevens Point.....63.7 ppg
Whitewater (7-15)	1	12	.077	Stout.....65.5 ppg



FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Guard Chad Meschke scored 20 points in each of the Falcons' two games this week. He shot 7-14 from the field against Stout and 7-19 against Oshkosh. Meschke also connected on 4-9 three-pointers for the week.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Forward Kelly Rambow had two big games for the Falcons last week as the team beat Stout and lost at Oshkosh. Against Stout she scored 15 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and had 5 assists. At Oshkosh she scored 21 points and had 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal. In the two games she was 12-29 from the field, including 5-11 from three-point range. She was 4-14 from the free-throw line.

WOMEN'S TRACK: Runner-Karrienne Wold placed first in four events for the Falcons. She won the 55m hurdles, the 200m hurdles and the high jump and was a member of the 4x200m relay team which placed first. Field-Sarah Peterson finished first in the triple jump with a leap of 11.07 meters, which was a personal best and a provisional qualifying distance for the NCAA Div. III national meet. She also placed fourth in the long jump, fourth in the weight throw, and was fifth in the 55m hurdles and fifth in the 600m.

GYMNASTICS: Michelle Becker had two solid meets last week. Against Whitewater on Friday, she won the vault with an 8.6 and the beam with a score of 8.6. She had a 5.95 on the bars and an 8.15 in floor exercise. She scored a 31.3 in the all-around and won that competition. "Her overall performance on Friday night and her overall consistency made her our Gymnast of the Week," Falcon coach Jeanne DeLisle said.

Women's track at Bowlus

Falcon Open and WWIAC come next

NHL trims expansion list

The Falcons women's track team placed third in the five-team Warren Bowlus Invitational held Saturday in Menomonie.

Eau Claire won the team title with 181 points followed by UMDuluth 142, River Falls 124, Stout 94 and Superior 11.

UW-River Falls will host the Falcon Open Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Knowles Center. The following weekend the Falcons are at the WWIAC championships at Oshkosh.

"Some good things happened Friday," coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner said. "The conference meet will be tough, and we should be in the middle of the pack."

Karrienne Wold finished first in three individual events to help lead the Falcons. She won the 55 hurdles (8.92), the 200 hurdles (30.48), the high jump (1.6 meters) and was a member of the 4x200 relay team, which placed first in 1:51.5.

Sarah Peterson also had a big meet. She finished first in the triple jump, with a leap of 11.07 meters, which was a personal best and a provisional qualifying distance for the NCAA Div. III national meet. She also placed fourth in the long jump (4.71 meters) fourth in the weight throw (12.41 meters); she was fifth in the 55 hurdles (9.79) and fifth in the 600 (1:51.49).

Jenny Oscarson placed second in the 800 (2:23.86), and Mel King was third in the 1,000 (3:12.86). Wendi Hovet placed fourth in the 5,000 (19:58.07), and Cara Gustafson was fourth in the high jump (1.5 meters). Lynn Krentz was third in the weight throw (13.52 meters), and Christa Vertigen was fourth in the shot put (39-0.5 meters).

tion before the committee meetings began on Tuesday.

George Shinn, the owner of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets, had made his pitch for a team for Hampton Roads at NHL meetings on Jan. 14 in New York.

"The NHL has overlooked a good market, because the area is definitely ready for major league sports," Shinn said in a statement Wednesday.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said Hampton Roads was largely eliminated because of market size. The league could name expansion sites this year.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to bring this process to a conclusion in the next few months," Bettman said.

"As long as we're in a position before the summer to put this all to bed, there will be enough time for teams and applicants to react and get things done."

The NHL told backers of the Hampton Roads team that the market was not unified politically and geographically, making it difficult to develop a centralized fan base, said Tom Ward, vice president of marketing for the Hornets.

Gymnasts split

The Falcons split in two dual meets last week with Hamline topping UW-River Falls 141.15 - 129.725, and the Falcons beating Whitewater, 123.75 - 119.78.

Friday the Falcons host La Crosse at the Ames Gymnasium with action starting at 6:30 p.m.

"We had a really good meet on Friday," Falcons coach Jeanne DeLisle said. "We didn't have a very good meet on Wednesday night although the scores don't reflect it."

Wrestling

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is one James expects to do well again on Saturday. James said a couple of Stamper's teammates could also be successful. Including All-American junior heavyweight Perry Miller and Sophomore Jaime Hegland.

The LaCrosse roster is also stacked with talent. According to James, fans can expect two Eagle All-Americans to do especially well. Matt Morel, who is the brother of Falcon sophomore wrestler Chris Morel and junior

Against Hamline Michelle Becker finished with a 32.7 in the all-around to pace the Falcons.

Against Whitewater Becker had an 8.6 and Sonja Heyda an 8.3 in vaulting. On the bars, Carrie Janzen finished with a 7.35, and Randi Deal had a 6.7. Becker led the Falcons on the beam with an 8.6, and Deal led the Falcons in floor exercise with an 8.6. In the all-around, Becker finished with a 31.3 and Deal with 30.9.

Jeff Birschbauch.

Whitewater is the favorite to finish third, according to James. Derrick LeVake, a junior heavyweight and Phill Byrd, a sophomore, are two of the Warhawks' best, according to James.

Platteville's best, according to James is senior Joe Puetz, who took second place in the 177-pound weight class.

Representing the best of the Oshkosh Titans, according to James, are freshman Aaron Kahle and senior Justin Selby.

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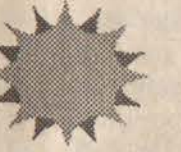
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WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly Cloudy and Windy High 28/Low 12	Cloudy with a chance of snow High 16/Low -6	Partly Cloudy High 10/Low -5	Sunny and Breezy High 15/Low -1	Partly Cloudy High 17/Low 5

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

February will feature well above normal temperatures, with record highs possible in the latter half of the month. February 17-22 will be sunny and unseasonably mild, February 23-28 mild, rain and snow.

TEMPERATURES

	High	Low
Average	27	9
Record	55	-21
	(1981)	(1966)
Yesterday	37	19

PRECIPITATION

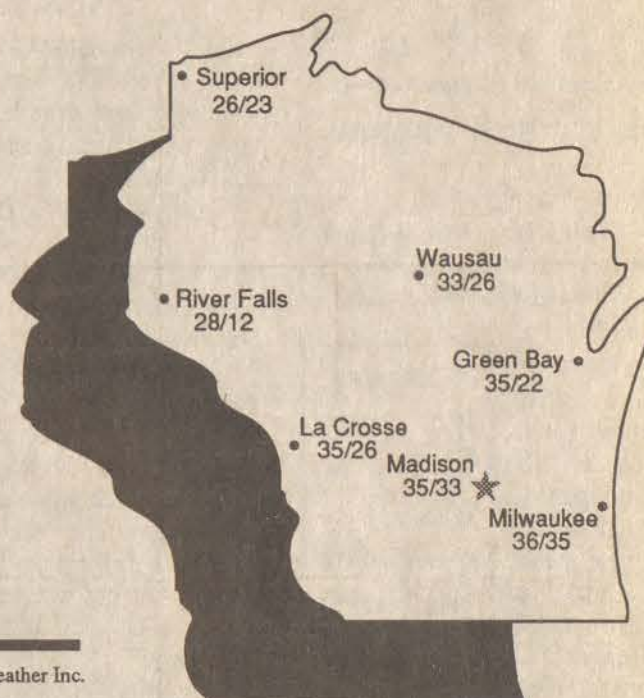
	Actual	Normal
Yesterday	—	.23"
This Month	9.95"	6.65"

SKY DATA

Length of day:	10hr. 40 min.
Sunrise	7:06 a.m.
Sunset	5:46 p.m.
Moonrise	4:29 a.m.
Moonset	5:57 p.m.

WISCONSIN WEATHER

Friday, February 21, 1997



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Farmers wish cranes would stay mainly in plains

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Sandhill cranes are eating away at Wisconsin crops, and wildlife officials are urging compensation for farmer losses.

In some cases, the tall wetland birds have made smorgasbords of sprouting corn, potatoes, alfalfa and soybeans. The damage is estimated at tens of thousands of dollars each year.

The state Department of Natural Resources is asking the Legislature for \$321,000 in 1998 and 1999 to reimburse farmers for damage from cranes and beekeepers for damage from bears. While people appreciate the beauty of the birds, "a flock of them can damage several acres of young plants in a very short time," said Laine Stowell, DNR wildlife damage specialist.

"Some have said there should be a hunting season on cranes," Stowell said. "We don't think that's the answer."

Wisconsin has only about 12,000 sandhill cranes. Hunting them in the fall would not eliminate the rogue birds that damage crops in the spring, Stowell said.

Most of the corn damage is done by groups of young male or female cranes that have not formed nesting pairs. These birds fly into fields on spring mornings and pluck tasty plants and seed corn from the soil.

"The cranes are causing a real problem," said Dan Poulson, president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

Statewide the crop damage done by cranes is slight compared to \$37 million a year in damage done by deer. Under a DNR program financed through hunting licenses, farmers can be compensated up to \$5,000 per incident for deer damage.

The sandhill crane legislation will be introduced in about six weeks by Rep. DuWayne Johnsrud, R-Eastman.

Pesticides may deform frogs

ST. PAUL (AP) — Since schoolchildren found frogs with malformed and missing legs in a southern Minnesota wetland in 1995, deformed frogs have been reported in more than 180 sites in Minnesota and in scattered places in several other states.

Officials in Minnesota and elsewhere have begun to monitor the situation in case what's harming amphibians could affect humans. Government agencies and universities have proposed spending more than \$1 million this year on frog collection, analysis and public information in the Upper Midwest.

There have been several recent developments: Canadian scientists in Quebec have associated likely exposure to pesticides with a large number of frogs with partial or missing legs or digits studied in the St. Lawrence River Valley.

In the latest Journal of Wildlife Diseases, researchers wrote that in 1992 and 1993 they found deformities in 106 out of 853 frogs collected from 14 farmland areas, primarily ponds and ditches near sweet corn and potato fields. They found only two deformed frogs out of 271 taken from 12 "pesticide-free" environments.

National Wildlife Health Center scientists in Madison, Wis., have found bone, cartilage and jaw deformities in some Minnesota frogs. Kathy Converse, a wildlife disease specialist at the center, said results so far raise the possibility that estimates of the number of deformed frogs may be too low.

"What we don't know is whether there are worse deformities in frogs that don't survive at all and that we never see," she said.

A California researcher studying Minnesota frogs has not seen evidence yet that deformities are linked with parasites, as other researchers have reported.

"At this point we have found abnormal frogs with parasites, and we have found abnormal frogs without parasites," said Stephen Goldberg, herpetologist and biology professor at Whittier College. "It's too early to pin anything down."

Goldberg and others raise another possibility: different types of problems such as eye deformities, multiple limbs, internal abnormalities and missing or partial legs may each have distinct or different combinations of causes.

Preliminary research by a Uni-

versity of Minnesota cell biologist and cancer expert, Robert McKinnell, shows major problems in the internal organs of deformed frogs that he collected last summer.

Much of the research in 1997 is aimed at discovering when abnormalities occur during a frog's life cycle.

Several scientists agree that the most frequent deformities missing, partial or extra legs probably occur early on, when the frog is a tadpole and its limb buds are just forming.

Judy Helgen, wetlands biologist for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, said researchers need to study frog eggs, which could be affected if adult frogs were exposed to certain contaminants and passed along any kind of "chemical burden" to their offspring.

David Hoppe, herpetologist and biology professor at the University of Minnesota-Morris, has several deformed frogs in hibernation that will be used in breeding trials this spring. He also has collected frog eggs to raise in different water samples to determine whether the deformities "are a function of the eggs or of the water" in which they grow.

Bald eagles could re-route airplanes

DENVER (AP) — Federal wildlife and aviation officials are close to an agreement that would re-route jets from Denver International Airport to avoid flying over roosting areas of bald eagles.

Planes flying over the east side of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal have driven about 30 of the federally protected eagles from their roosts in a grove of tall cottonwood trees along First Creek.

Federal officials hope a proposed flight corridor about a quarter of a mile north of the eagle habitat will solve the problem and avoid further violations of the Endangered Species Act.

"We hope to have it before the end of February," said Ray Rauch of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Air traffic controllers have been caught between the birds and homeowners angry about aircraft noise since the \$5 billion airport opened in February 1995. To mollify residents north and south of DIA, the Federal Aviation Administration has directed many of the east-west runways' 195 daily arrivals and departures out

over the arsenal.

"We were overflown by Stapleton flights for years, too," Rauch said of Denver's former airport to the south, "but they did not fly over the roost site."

Rauch said the proposed new route would still allow departing jets to use airspace over the rest of the 27-square-mile arsenal, about three miles from DIA, as they maneuver to gain altitude.

Officials hope to start rerouting the jets before the end of February.

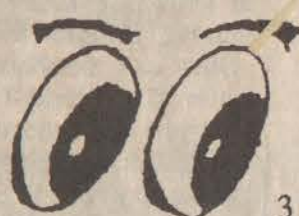
"We recognize our responsibility under the Endangered Species Act to avoid harm to the bald eagles," said FAA Regional Administrator Larry Andriesen. "We will be devoting every effort to a change proposal that fulfills that requirement while minimizing impacts on operations at DIA."

Until DIA opened, as many as 57 bald eagles would perch in the First Creek cottonwoods between mid-October and mid-April.

"This winter, there have been zero birds on the historic roost site sometimes," Rauch said.

For a different point of view see what Chad Urdahl has to say.

See Chad's column on page 1B.



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CHRISTY NELSON

The King of Papas?

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, pigs flew, hell froze over and, perhaps most unthinkable of all, pop star Michael Jackson became a father.

Jackson and his wife, Debbie Rowe, became the proud parents of a baby boy (whose name has not yet been released) at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Cal., late Wednesday night. Last semester when

Madonna gave birth to her daughter, I wrote about some of the things little Lourdes could expect from her childhood with Madonna as her mommy. Now, wanting to give equal time to equally eccentric, sexually ambiguous pop stars, I thought I would examine what might be in store for baby Jackson.

As much as we would like to hope that the child will have a nice, normal upbringing, I think most people would agree that there is little to no hope for that in this family. Beginning way back with the conception of this baby, there was scandal. Tabloids insisted that their sources, which claimed that Jackson and Rowe conceived the child via artificial insemination, were quite accurate, while the couple maintained that the claim was untrue and that they did it the old fashioned way. I'm starting to get a visual, so I'll move on.

After the couple announced her pregnancy in November, they wed in Australia, less than a year after Jackson's divorce from Lisa Marie Presley. So let's see, so far we have a child who was conceived out of wedlock, possibly from a test tube, and born to a recently divorced, billionaire pop singer and his plastic surgeon's nurse, and taken from the hospital to live in a place called "Neverland." Oh yeah, this kid is going to be very well adjusted.

Then of course you have to consider the fact that his father is an accused child molester, which doesn't exactly bode well for his parenting skills. A little tip for the baby—avoid inviting friends over, no matter how much daddy begs. It's for the best.

O.k., on to the extended family. Grandpa Jackson has been accused, by just about every member of the dysfunctional Jackson clan, of being abusive. Now, who knows for sure if you can honestly believe a word any of them say, but even so, Joe Jackson actually gave his children names like Tito and LaToya, which is close enough to abuse in my book. Stay away from Gramps.

While we are on the subject of Michael's tabloid monopolizing siblings, I think we had better look at the threat these nuts pose to the newest Jackson. First of all, the four members of the now defunct Jackson Five that are not his father—that is Tito, Jermaine, Randy and, uh, Doc—are all has-beens who would be lucky to get a spot on Ricki Lake, let alone a singing gig. I guess that could be a source of pride to the baby; knowing that his father was the true adhesive for the brotherly band. Still, I think he should be warned. I'm afraid your uncles will do any-

"Please, if you know what's good for you, you'll bypass the whole 'I got your nose' phase."

Angela Charlton
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Lidia Vitkovskaya turns a small tin tag around in her wrinkled fingers, stroking the faded number carved into it: 1052.

During World War II, that was her identity, her prisoner number at a Nazi concentration camp.

"It became a part of me," says Vitkovskaya, 71.

But after the war, she never told people she had been in a camp, and hid the tag in a cellar at her home in Kiev, fearing the anti-Semitism that pervaded the Soviet Union. The Nazis tattooed numbers on most prisoners' wrists, but she was among the lucky ones who escaped that branding.

Now, after decades of silence, Vitkovskaya and many other Holocaust survivors in the former Soviet Union are speaking publicly for the first time about their experiences for a video archive project launched by Hollywood director Steven Spielberg.

Spielberg's Shoah Visual History Foundation has gathered 24,000 videotaped interviews with Holocaust survivors since 1994, part of an ambitious \$95 million project that has spanned more than 25 countries.

While the bulk of the filming has been in the United States and Canada, the project began shooting recently in the former Soviet republics despite difficulties in tracking down survivors, some of whom are still reluctant to speak.

The project, spawned by Spielberg's Oscar-winning movie "Schindler's List," has no commercial aims. When it is completed it will be made available to schools and libraries around the world.

"It gives these people a voice and creates a more complete picture of what really happened during the war," says Anna Verkhovskaya, who coordinates the project in eastern Europe.

The foundation hopes to record at least 2,000 interviews over the next year in Ukraine, which has

an estimated 4,000 Holocaust survivors. The country's Jewish population—about 500,000 out of a total of 52 million—is one of the largest in Europe. It was home to 2.7 million Jews before the war.

Most Ukrainian Jews detained by the Nazis were executed and of those taken into custody, only a small number survived. Even before the Nazis arrived, Ukraine had a history of anti-Semitism, dating back to pogroms and persecutions in czarist times that killed or forced out Jews.

After the war, Soviet authorities accused some Holocaust survivors of collaborating with the Nazis or of being corrupted by years in the West. Many were sent to gulags in Siberia, where conditions were often little better than those in the Nazi camps.

As a result, some Holocaust survivors in Ukraine and other former Soviet republics are still reluctant to discuss their experiences, either because they find it painful or because they don't want others to know.

Some of those who agreed to give interviews for Spielberg's project refused to allow camera crews into their apartments, worried that neighbors would learn of their past.

But Vitkovskaya was ready to tell her tale.

Flipping through snapshots before her filmed interview, she points to one of her writings on a school blackboard. "Eighth grade. Two weeks before the war started," she says.

Four years later, in 1943, 18-year-old Vitkovskaya was studying in her family's communal apartment when Nazi officers came to the door. For reasons unknown, they took only her, leaving her mother and younger sister behind.

Vitkovskaya was taken to a camp in Halle, Germany, where she and several hundred other women from Ukraine worked in factories building appliances.

"We had nothing. They even took away our hope," she says, her wavy white hair falling in her eyes. "We didn't know if we

were really still living in this world."

She describes hungrily devouring moldy chunks of bread and washing in putrid water.

On April 22, 1945, the Soviet Red Army liberated her camp but then sent its inmates to work at a Soviet military hospital nearby. It was six more months before Vitkovskaya was able to return to Kiev.

"My mother hadn't heard from me in two years," she says, swallowing back tears from remembering her homecoming. "I can't describe that moment."

For decades she kept quiet, working as a bookkeeper in Kiev, where she lives with her daughter and 10-year-old grandson.

But time is running out for many Holocaust survivors. One elderly Ukrainian was scheduled for an interview in December, but died the day before he was to be filmed.

"We were devastated. Yet another memory has been lost," says Anya Yudkovskaya, an interviewer for the project.

Singled Out RF style



Mark Danielson/The Student Voice
Kieth Ekholm anticipates meeting his date while Lam Truong coordinates the action.

Students to perform 'The Scarlet Letter' at RF

Brandon Eytcheson
A&E Editor

The University Theatre will be presenting a contemporary version of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" March 6-8 and 13-15. The play is being directed by Meg Swanson (from the UW-RF speech communication and theatre arts department) and the script was written by playwright Phyllis Nagy.

The performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Blanche Davis Theatre of the Fine Arts building. Ticket prices are \$6 for non-students and \$3 for students.

The play is based on the famous novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne. The story is set in a Puritan community in Boston around 1760 and is about a woman named Hester Prynne. She is condemned for committing adultery and has to wear a red letter "A" sewn into her clothing. The tale is told from the perspective of Hester's

daughter, Pearl, as though she was looking back upon the events of her origin.

"It's true to the book in terms of the story parts," Swanson said. "I take a lot of pride in using this piece."

Erik Paulson portrays the Rev. Dimmesdale and was impressed with the way the script was written.

"It's like Shakespeare. There are a lot of words to think about," Paulson said. "I feel invigorated after every rehearsal."

In a recent press release Swanson stated "This new adaptation remains true to the dark romanticism of the original, while fusing it with contemporary sensibility. Playwright Phyllis Nagy is remarkably sensitive to Hawthorne's metaphors and remarkably skilled at evoking them dramatically. It is a brilliantly written piece."

Swanson said that the three lead roles are played well by a "tri-

angle" of actors and actresses. The main characters are third-year student Joel Anthony as Chillingworth, second-year student Gwen Heyn as Hester Prynne and fourth-year student Paulson as the Rev. Dimmesdale.

"I've been quite pleased with the way everyone has come together to make this brew," Swanson said. "I was able to find actors (and actresses) that had something to unique to offer each role."

The participants in "The Scarlet Letter" have been rehearsing five days a week since the semester began.

"People couldn't even believe that we rehearsed on Valentine's Day," Swanson said.

"We work hard; that's the prime thing," Paulson said. "I think Meg (Swanson) has been real supportive in helping us with our roles."

The March 6 performance will be followed by a question and

answer forum.

"Michael Barrett will facilitate the Q & A session, and the UW-RF Honor Society will host a post-show reception," Swanson said.

People are encouraged to stay after the show and ask questions. All of the cast and off-stage personnel will be available to answer questions from anyone.

"It's a great opportunity to get to know the actors (and actresses)," Swanson said.

Other cast members performing in "The Scarlet Letter" are third-year student Sarah Barsness as Mistress Libbins, fourth-year student Raymond Egan as Master Brackett, first-year student Jennifer Kinney as Pearl and first-year student Joseph Smithwick as Bellingham.

"I hope that people come to see (the performances)," Swanson said "The actors (and actresses) have been giving their hearts to this and it's good material."

Robeson tale coming

The Mixed Blood Theatre Company will present its stirring production of Paul Robeson at UW-River Falls on Friday, Feb. 28. The biographical play begins at 4 p.m. at NH Auditorium.

Admission is free, courtesy of the African American Alliance.

Mixed Blood's presentation of Paul Robeson covers all facets of the multi-talented black American's life. All-American football player, attorney, Broadway and film star and headliner of enormously popular concert tours worldwide, Robeson saw his career come to a grinding halt because of his refusal to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Founded in 1976, Mixed Blood Theatre tours out of a historic firehouse theatre in Minneapolis.

Warren C. Bowles, the actor

featured as Robeson, has been a member of Mixed Blood's company since 1977. The first Black actor to play the title role in CYRANO DE BERGERAC, Bowles has also performed Off-Broadway, and with regional theatres throughout the country. He also tours for Mixed Blood in shows based on the lives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson.

Top Five

FILMS

1. "Star Wars," Fox
 2. "Dante's Peak" Universal
 3. "The Beautician and the Beast," Paramount
 4. "Jerry Maguire," Sony
 5. "Scream," Miramax
- (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

TV

1. "ER," NBC
 2. "Seinfeld," NBC
 3. "Friends," NBC
 4. "Naked Truth," NBC
 5. "Single Guy," NBC
- (From Nielsen Media Research)

ALBUMS

1. "Gridlock'd" Soundtrack, (Death Row)
 2. "Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt (Trauma) (Platinum)
 3. "Evita" Soundtrack, (Warner Bros.)
 4. "Falling Into You," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
 5. "Secrets," Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum)
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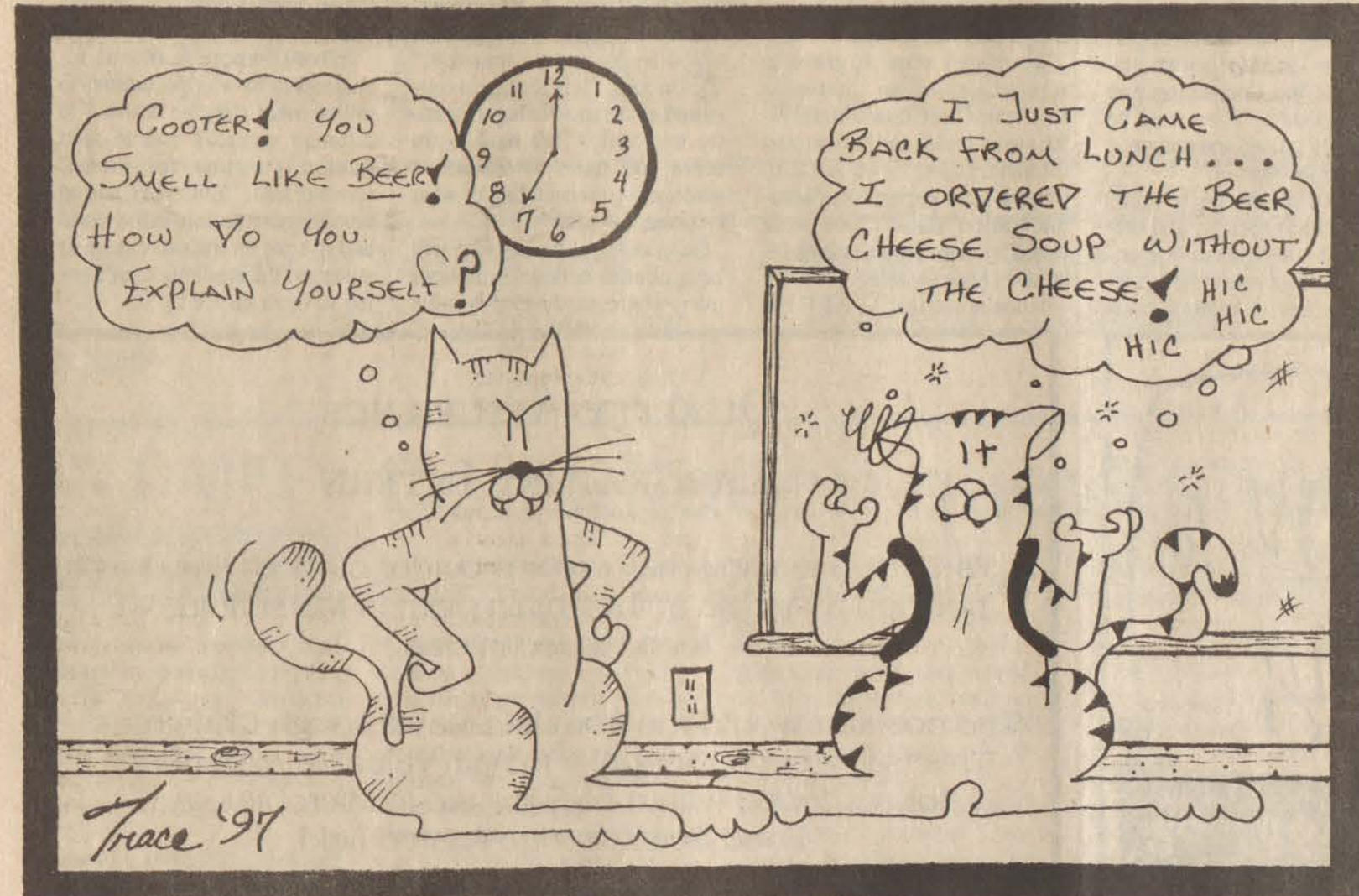
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thing to get back into the spot light, and they already tried using your father to gain stardom. Refuse any and all offers they might throw your way, especially if they involve any of the following phrases: "The New Jackson Five World Tour," or "This product is so amazing, even the New Jackson Five uses it."

While the baby's aunts are just as screwed up and attention hungry, they seem to get enough press without my help, so I'll move on to Godmother Liz Taylor. Listen kid, first of all, if she ever offers to feed you, fight it tooth and nail. I guarantee she'll pull that "one for you and four for me" trick. Secondly, never ever except any marriage or dating advice from Godmom Liz. She is really not that good at that whole area. But, should it come down to getting your advice from your mom, dad or Liz, better go with Liz. I mean, your mom was dumb enough to marry your dad and your dad prefers small boys, so she really is the lesser of three evils.

My final word of advice for baby Jackson involves playing a traditional child/parent game with his dad. Please, if you know what's good for you, you'll bypass the whole "I got your nose" phase. You just might come back with it.

Christy Nelson is a senior majoring in journalism.

Weird ideas and odd people

Shark petting pool?

BLOOMINGTON, Minnesota (AP) — Underwater World at the mall of America has a new attraction: a petting pool for sharks. "There's really no danger of being bitten," says aquarium spokeswoman Michelle Biesiada. "They actually seem to like being touched."

Shark petting pools are popular at other aquariums across the country.

Underwater World's pool lets visitors touch nurse sharks and Arabian bamboo sharks. The species are known for their docile temperaments. The aquarium has seven petting sharks, no more than a foot long, and rotates them from the display to a resting area so they get breaks.

A shark specialist at the petting pool helps visitors feel comfortable as they dip a hand in the tank and stroke a shark's back. The specialist also makes sure the sharks aren't being teased or tormented.

"The only area that we try to keep hands away (from are) their faces" Biesiada said. "Sharks don't like to have their faces touched."

Sexy Service

RICHMOND (AP) — "Customer service" took on a new meaning for a Chesterfield County man

who tried to call a department store for some help with an order.

Instead of a phone representative from Hecht's, the man got a sultry-voiced woman promoting a telephone sex line.

"Hi, sexy. Thanks for calling the Pleasure Club Hot Line. You can connect to hot, horny, willing girls right now," the recorded message said.

The man said that he was trying to reach Hecht's service department Friday to cancel an order for a bed he placed two weeks ago at its Chesterfield Town Center store.

"It's ironic that I am canceling an order for a bed on Valentine's Day and get this line," the man, who asked that his name not be used, told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "I figured if (Hecht's) can't satisfy you in one way, then they were willing to satisfy you in another way."

Hecht's wasn't amused. Spokeswoman Nancy Chistolini said an outdated form listing a former toll-free number was to blame.

"We changed the number and the forms in our quest to offer better customer service," she said. "But all of the forms didn't get removed, and somebody bought the old number. We're not happy about this."

Hecht's sent a memo to store managers Friday reminding them to discard the old forms.

Man needs a hand

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A man's hand was ripped off at the wrist Friday during a game of tug-of-war at a company picnic.

Stanley Harris, 21, had rope wrapped around his wrist during the tug-of-war between teams of 25 adults each.

A hard tug by the other team severed his hand. Harris was his team's anchor, last in the line.

Paramedics stopped the bleeding, and he was rushed to Erlanger Medical Center, where doctors were attempting to reattach the hand Friday night.

Hospital spokeswoman Deborah Goad said Harris was in fair condition.

The picnic was held by Gold Bond, which makes pencils and other office supplies.

Crazy Barber

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Charles Gibson nearly fainted when he looked down and realized his barber had bitten off his thumb because he had backed out of a \$5 haircut.

"There was nothing there," he said through tears Tuesday. "He just literally chewed it off."

"I told him, 'Look what you've done! Look what you've done!' Then he spit it out and ran away."

Doctors were unable to reattach Gibson's right thumb.

Charles Smith, 30, who gave

'It's in the stars'

Associated Press

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Timing seems to be very good, so it's best to take advantage of promoting a business idea or career advancement. Devote a majority of your efforts to job interests, and you'll be amazed at just how much is accomplished.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Misleading news about those close to you may arise. Be on guard and make no decisions until you have all the facts straight. Self-interest will motivate you, although you may be torn between wanting to excel in a particular matter, or share the spotlight.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Travel is in the works, so make sure to plan your itinerary carefully, creating some time for pleasure. You'll come up with an idea concerning business or relationship interests that may sound great, but don't expect everyone else to share your interest.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) Your view of the immediate future will benefit your ability to firm up romantic ties and encourage supervisors at work to have added confidence in you. This dependability you portray inspires faith into those who surround you. Guard against poor judgement.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) Try to modify your views, if necessary, to ensure peace on the homefront. Displaying a defensive attitude may produce actions that may be regretted later. You may have to deal with a few headstrong individuals, and an argument is inevitable.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) You may be in the mood to have things your own way, but it may not be the best of times to insist on it. Back off if someone seriously challenges you. Some inside information may make it possible to put a few extra dollars in your pocket, possibly real estate.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) A few of your ideas are impractical, but that doesn't

mean you need to give up completely on them. It's time to capitalize on your gregarious nature and push ahead with any projects involving your career path — the more supporters you can gather, the better.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) There may be an unexpected message coming your way that may momentarily throw you off balance both emotionally and financially. Make sure to keep the lines of communication open with family members. Financial advice is suggested regarding any new investments.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) If you use your imagination, there may be a delightful romantic surprise just around the corner for you. There may be confusion in regards to a social or romantic date that may cause frustration earlier in the week. Good vibes are developing for future career goals.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) You have a chance to strengthen an important relationship, which signals success for any long-range dependability. Try to keep a tight rein on your temper and reactions to others. If you speak before you think, feelings may be hurt and explanations will be difficult.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) Your timing seems to be off, and it may be difficult to reach someone you've been trying to get ahold of. If you do, the conversation may not be what you expected. You may also have to readjust your thinking or re-evaluate your goals, a major decision is close at hand.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) Now is as good of time as any to learn to become thrifty. Think before you part your hard earned cash. You have a few far-out ideas and opinions, and if pressed on others will only cause confusion and maybe hostility. Don't push your luck by saying or doing anything foolish.

Gibson said Smith grabbed a straight razor from his barber kit and demanded the \$5. Gibson said he refused, and the two began fighting.

"I grabbed him to keep (him) from cutting me," Gibson said. "When he bit down on me, all I was thinking about was that razor. If I didn't hold him, he would put three or four slices in my face."

"It was painful to get bit, but it was either that or get cut by a razor," he said. "Which would be worse?"

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Seniors

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avoid conflict. To justify and to persuade are lost skills in colleges." Though Gardner supports active classroom involvement, he suggests that more learning is needed outside a campus environment. "Just getting experiences in different environments and differ-

ent contents is what's really missing from the traditional curriculum," Gardner said. "Mentoring is really the key. The faculty needs to validate the importance of mentorships and be the ones to engage students beyond the classroom." When "practicing" is held in the classroom, the faculty have their own responsibilities. Students who graduate will leave with the knowledge they received from

their professors. "Students need feedback regarding their level of efficiency in these areas," said John Hamann, director of the Counseling and Testing Center. "They will be more easily trained and competitive in the job market." The issue of change is a key element in our society, and colleges and universities are included. College researchers, faculty, and administrators must

work with the students to keep improving existing curriculums and getting internships. "I wouldn't want to graduate without getting an internship first," said Cara Gustafson, a UW-RF senior health and human performance major. "It would (also) prepare us to improve our communication skills if we were tested by class presentations instead of book material." Ballou noted that UW-RF has

already progressed and is working parallel with Gardner's views. "Each of the three colleges (at UW-RF) has a new initiative," Ballou said. "It is to make a concerted effort to offer higher quality internships. We have to try more and more to broaden a student's understanding of what it means to work." Gardner hopes his ideology will be applied to college institutions everywhere to develop a more

balanced and prepared student for an increasingly competitive work force. "What's important here is for students to have opportunities to utilize what they've learned in different contexts and to start having a venue for them," Gardner said. "Even if I come up with the best module in the world and it's not on the same page as students, the students aren't going to show up for it."



Sign Up Now for Fall Housing

Registration Information For 1997-98 Room Assignments at UWRF

February 3
Room contracts and contract agreements may be picked up at the hall or Residential Services Office during normal hours.

February 10 & 11
A current hall resident may reserve a space in his or her present room by returning a signed contract agreement to his or her hall desk between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Also, hall residents may sign up for the single room waiting list lottery between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

February 12 & 13
A current hall resident may reserve a space in his or her present residence hall desk between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

February 19 & 20
A current hall resident whose living area is being changed may reserve a space in any residence hall by returning a signed contract agreement to the Regents Room, Student Center, from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

February 24
(5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
To alleviate long lines, and to provide a more convenient time so students won't have to miss

classes to sign up for a residence hall room, sign-up for current UW-River Falls students will be held in the **Regents Room, Student Center** from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This includes any resident who missed the initial sign up period.

Any current student may reserve a space in any hall by returning a signed contract agreement to the **Regents Room** during the above stated hours.

February 25 thru February 28
(8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.)
Any current student may reserve a space in any hall by returning a signed contract agreement to the **Residential Services Office** during the above hours. This would include any resident who missed the initial sign-up period.

For those students who are required to live on campus and turn in a contract agreement after 3:30 p.m. on February 28, your contract will be dated and filed with all the new student agreements.

For those students who are eligible to live in housing of their own choosing and turn in a contract agreement after 3:30 p.m. on February 28, your contract will be dated and filed at the end of all the new student agreements.

Just a Reminder!
Residential Services **IS** enforcing The Board of Regents policy that 1st and 2nd year students live in the residence halls.

Single Room Waiting List Sign-Up:
To be eligible for the Single Room Waiting List Lottery, you must be currently residing in our residence halls and have a signed contract agreement on file for the 97-98 year.

February 11 (10:00 - 11:00 p.m.) Single Room Waiting List Placement

QUALITY ASSURANCE LABORATORY INTERN

Figi's Gifts, a leading mail order provider of food gifts, has a position available at their main plant in Marshfield, WI for a lab technician.

The position would run from late May through Christmas. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience for someone with a background in Microbiology, Food Science, or a related field.

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Figi's Human Resources
Attn: Ron Herman
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Marshfield, WI 54449



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BANQUET SET-UP PERSON. Flexible hrs, Apply in person, Hudson House. 1616 Crestview Dr. Hudson.

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SUMMER CAMP JOBS - WISCONSIN LIONS CAMP Life-guards and counselors. Instructors for Swimming Boating, Tripping, Ropes Course, nature. Maintenance and Kitchen positions. Nurses and Dietician. Earn over \$1,700, and an enjoyable career related experience. WISCONSIN LIONS CAMP, 3834 County Rd. A, Rosholt, WI 54473. (715) 677-4761.

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