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FRIDAY

Snow and sleet with highs in the mid-30s and lows in the high-teens

WEEKEND

Saturday: Sunny with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s

Sunday: Partly sunny with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s

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Housecleaning

Skaters seek sweeps for NCHA crown

With wins in the next four contests, the Falcons can clinch the NCHA regular season championship

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

Believe it or not, sports' biggest contest of the weekend may have occurred Saturday night at Hunt Arena, and not Sunday afternoon in Miami.

Coming off a 3-2 NCHA loss to Bemidji on Friday, the UW-River Falls hockey team desperately needed a win on Saturday to earn a split on the weekend heading into this weekend's showdown against the NCHA-leading St. Norbert Green Knights.

The Falcons earned exactly what they were seeking on Saturday with a thrilling 3-2 win over Bemidji State Beavers at Hunt Arena.

"It was a monster win for us," Falcon head coach Steve Freeman said. "As for positioning for the playoffs, it gives us the opportunity to make a serious run for the NCHA Championship."

Currently, the Falcons sit tied for second place in the NCHA standings with 18 points. Meanwhile, the league-leading Green Knights have earned 24 points in the stand-

ings with two wins against UW-Stevens Point over the weekend. But this weekend's series with the Falcons is St. Norbert's final regular season series. Thus, a Falcon sweep over the Green Knights this weekend, and another sweep over an inferior St. Scholastica team on Feb. 12-13 would clinch the regular season NCHA Championship for the Falcons.

However, a tie or a St. Norbert's victory gives the Green Knights their second-straight regular season title.

As complicated as the scenario may be for a NCHA Championship, Freeman feels the Falcons gained a huge advantage for the NCHA tournament with Saturday's win over Bemidji.

"Regardless of what happens this weekend against St. Norbert, if we can get through the St. Scholastica series with two wins, Stevens Point can't catch us and Superior can't catch us," Freeman said. "That means we could be the hosts in the first two rounds of the NCHA tournament instead of having to travel to Stevens Point or Superior in the second round."

Perhaps knowing there was critical home-ice implications for the NCHA Tournament riding on Saturday's contest, the Falcons came out flying and took a demanding 3-0 lead into the second period on Saturday.

Defenseman Eliot Komar scored a short-handed goal on a wrist shot

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Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Falcon forwards Chris Burke (12) and Shane Fukushima (27) celebrate after Burke scores the game-winning goal in the second period of Saturday's 3-2 victory over Bemidji.

THE SHOTS

The Skinny:

The Falcons take on St. Norbert in a NCHA series, Friday and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

The Scenario: St. Norbert clinches the NCHA regular season title with one win or tie. Meanwhile, the Falcons need to sweep both the Green Knights and St. Scholastica next weekend to win the championship.

Falcons

- 15-6 overall record
- 9-3 NCHA record
- Ranked No. 2 in NCAA Div. III West Region

Green Knights

- 16-2-3 overall record
- 11-1-2 NCHA record
- Ranked No. 1 in NCAA Div. III West Region

Student Voice graphic by Jenny Murphy, Jason Egerstrom and Brandon Eytcheson

Ag students benefit from donations to UW-RF

More than \$360,000 was recently given to UW-RF from two sources; the money will be used to fund various agriculture scholarships

Jesse Sampair
Staff Writer

Wednesday may have been the deadline for paying tuition without a finance charge, but it is not too late for agriculture students to apply for two new scholarships. Recently two donations totaling \$361,000 were given

to UW-River Falls.

An endowment from Irving Gerhardt of more than \$1 million has been divided between UW-RF, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Madison and UW-Platteville. The money will be used to establish scholarships for students majoring in agriculture or conservation. UW-RF received about \$311,000 of the endowment.

Gerhardt taught agriculture in southern Wisconsin and lived in Madison before his death in the summer of 1996.

"I remember he was a strong supporter of higher education," said College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences Dean Gary Rohde. "Apparently, he decided to leave a legacy of money for agriculture to help students go to college and to help them meet their financial obligations."

A donation of \$50,000, given last summer by Clarence and Bertha Kuschel of River Falls, will finance scholarships for students majoring in dairy science, agriculture education, or

production agriculture.

The Kuschels grew up during the Great Depression. They owned and operated a dairy farm outside of River Falls before recently moving into the city to retire.

"My wife and I don't have any children of our own, so we might as well help educate a few others," Clarence Kuschel said.

According to Rohde, both endowments will support about 18 scholarships in the \$800 to \$1,000 range each year. The money will become available to students in the fall of 2000.

Endowment money remains in the University's account for a year after it is handed down. The interest from the endowment accumulated during that first year supports the UW-RF Foundation. Interest accumulated during the second and subsequent years finance student scholarships, Rohde said.

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Splashing to class



Jenny Murphy / The Student Voice
With warming temperatures, snow has melted and students, including freshman Meghan Ercegovic, have had to tramp through puddles around campus.

Federal budget increases financial aid for students

Jennifer Eberspacher
Chief Copy Editor

Students who expect to receive financial aid in the future may want to pay attention to President Clinton's proposed federal budget for the fiscal year 2000.

Clinton released the budget last Monday, a budget that may have Republicans cringing should have college students feeling more optimistic.

The budget included a 3.9 percent increase in financial aid to students, bringing the total funding to \$52.1 billion. This increase would mean that more than 8.7 million students could receive grants, loans or work study assistance to attend college.

UW-River Falls director of financial assistance David Woodward called the increases moderate for post-secondary students. Most of the increases in educational funding will go towards high schools and elementary schools.

"The President has requested important increases in funding for higher education programs," according to U.S. Rep. Ron

Kind (D-Wisc.). "This budget, if passed by Congress, takes important steps toward ensuring equal access to a quality post-secondary education for all Americans."

The proposed increases in financial aid is part of an overall increase of funding for domestic programs, including increases in social security and the defense fund. The increases are due to the overall budget surplus the federal government is experiencing, said Mike Fahey, press secretary for Kind.

The budget still has to go through the House of Representatives before Congress can vote on it. The budget is expected to come before Congress by July, said Fahey.

Included in the higher education budget is a Pell Grant increase of \$125. The Pell Grant is already set to increase to \$3,125 next year. The additional \$125 would bring the maximum grant amount up to \$3,250.

The increase would mean that students

who already receive the grant could expect more money, and more students could receive Pell Grant money.

Every year Congress authorizes a dollar amount that can be used for the Pell Grant then a smaller amount is usually appropriated for the grant. In 1998-1999 Congress authorized \$4,500 for the grant but only \$3,000 was appropriated for it.

"I have never seen the Pell Grant hit the authorized amount," Woodward said. The extra money that never gets appropriated for the grant is used for other domestic programs.

The budget also includes a \$64 million increase for the work-study program. This increase would allow one million students the possibility of working their way through college.

"Work-study is a model program that

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION will be awarding \$1,000 grants to U.S. Students at Midwest colleges and universities to study abroad during 1999-2000. Grant Applications are due April 2, 1999. The competition is open to students in good academic standing with no previous abroad experience. Contact www.iie.org/midwest/grant or stop by the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall for information.

THE NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE program gives students the opportunity to exchange to one of 154 Universities within the United States and its territories while paying UW-RF tuition. Interested students should contact Mary Lou Bean, NSE Coordinator, 103 Rural Development Institute, 425-3256. The deadline to apply for exchange during 1999-00 is February 27, 1999.

UW-RF CONCERT/ PEP BAND has openings in all sections. No auditions required. Rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 129 Fine Arts. Instruments available if needed. For more information call W. Larry Brentzel, Director, 425-3183 or come to the next rehearsal.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND applications for the Fall of 1999 and Spring of 2000 are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall. Deadline for applications for Fall '99 has been extended to February 15, 1999.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS Study Spanish language and culture in Guadalajara, Mexico. Affordable 4 or 8 week summer sessions are available. Contact the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall, for information and application forms. Deadline for applications is April 20.

ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGE-LANCASTER EXCHANGE Applications for the St. Martin's College Exchange Program for Fall 1999 and Spring of 2000 are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall. Deadline for Fall '99 is April 1.

THE CHRISTOPHERS are hosting their 12th Annual Video Contest. To enter, students must interpret the theme, "One person Can Make a Difference." Past styles and genres include drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation. Awards include \$3000, \$2000 and \$1000 for the top three entries. Winners will also have their work featured on the syndicated television program *Christopher Closeup*. Students may enter more than once, but an official entry form must accompany each video. Applications are available by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017. The Christophers can also be contacted by calling 212-759-4050 or at their web web at: www.christophers.org.

STUDENT READING SERIES "Come in from the Cold" will be held Friday, Feb. 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Library Breezeway. For more information contact Dr. Jenny Brantley or Kate Phernetton. A sign-up sheet is located by the English Department Student Lounge.

SCHOLARSHIPS

MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE Scholarship is sponsored by Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S./Canada. Deadline is February 12, 1999. Available to students majoring in public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics or business administration (with a focus on government or non-profit management). Applicants must also belong to one of the following groups: Black, Indian, Eskimo or Aleut, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information.

FRANK L. GREATHOUSE Government Accounting Scholarship, sponsored by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S./Canada. Deadline is February 12, 1999. Available to students majoring in accounting who are preparing for a career in state and local government finance. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information.

THE JOHN GYLES EDUCATION Scholarship is sponsored by the John Gyles Education Fund. Deadlines are April 1, June 1 and Nov. 15, 1999. Full Canadian or American citizenship and a minimum GPA of 2.7 is required. To receive an application, send a self-addressed envelope to: The John Gyles Fund, Attn: The Secretary, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Dr., Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G4.

WISCONSIN COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION Scholarship deadline is April 1, 1999. Applicants must be juniors or seniors in the 1999-2000 school year majoring in journalism, communications or political science. Application materials are available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION scholarship, sponsored by chapter #164. Deadline is March 31, 1999 and is available to females majoring in construction-related programs. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

AGRI-BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP sponsored by the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is February 19, 1999. Applicants should be in their second year of study in the agriculture/agri-business field and be a resident of Marathon County, Wis., attending a four-year college in the state of Wisconsin. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS SERVICE LEAGUE scholarship. Deadline is March 1, 1999. Applicants must have completed 12 semester hours of study, with a minimum GPA of 2.5, and must be women who are committed to advancement in military or other public service careers. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

ROYAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP deadline is Feb. 28, 1999. Applicants must be business or agriculture business majors and be a Royal Credit Union member. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

SCHOLARCHIPS FOR THERAPIST PROGRAM are sponsored by the American Business Club. Deadline is April 15. Applicants must be juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in physical, occupational or speech hearing therapy.

MEETINGS

STUDENT SENATE meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS is meeting this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Leadership Center Conference Room. The organization is open to both men & women interested in any communications field.

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.

STUDENT SENATE

New residence hall costs \$1 million more than expected

New campus additions discussed at Student Senate

Max K. Date
Assistant News Editor

For the second straight week, tensions rose as the Student Senate discussed whether or not senator Morgan Jindrich was capable of being the Office Manager of Shared Governance while maintaining her position as a senator.

Unlike last week, however, the issue was resolved. Jindrich will retain her senatorial position.

Arguments were made both for and against Jindrich staying on Senate.

Senator Jamie Kirkpatrick, Vice-President of Justice and Ethics, stated some reasons why Jindrich should be forced to resign.

She said that Jindrich might have a bias in counting votes, and would have a difficult time in taking meeting notes, while at the same time actively participating in the meeting.

Senator Jon Proehl responded to the claims, saying that the "Office Manager as Senator" discussions have become almost personal.

"We've come dangerously close to alienating Morgan," he said. "In the future, we should treat it as a position, not a person."

Senator Jason MacLean expressed the same sentiment towards the situation.

"This is not whether you like her there," he said. "Or, not whether you want her there. It's about whether you think she can do both jobs."

In the end, Senate decided that Jindrich could fill both positions and the motion accepting her resignation failed by a vote of 6-10.

New residence hall

In other news, Student Services

Center Director Bob Sievert visited the Student Senate to discuss both the prospective residence hall and the prospective large programming space.

Sievert said the initial \$8 million that was authorized last spring for a new residence hall on the east side of campus would not be enough. The figure was based upon estimates from a similar project at UW-Eau Claire. The project ran about \$1 million over the proposed budget figures 30 rooms had to be cut.

"We're looking at between \$2700 and \$3600 (per person per room) in the new residence hall," Sievert said.

"We've come dangerously close to alienating Morgan. In the future, we should treat it as a position, not a person."

-Student senator Jon Proehl

Sievert said if the lower end figure was used, the housing fee for the other nine residence halls would increase by \$187. If \$3600 was charged for the new residence hall, other students' fees would increase by \$108. The budget figures were based upon 98 percent occupancy.

Facilities & Fees Board chair Dawn Schmidt said the new hall would meet Chancellor Thibodeau's request to keep 40 percent of the students in the residence halls, assuming that enrollment capped at 6,000 students. Currently, with enrollment projections, 140 extra rooms would be needed to accommodate the 40 percent. Sievert said the extra 100 rooms would be made into single rooms in the other residence halls.

Sievert said he believes the new dorm would be popular amongst upperclassmen, especially with a lack of off-campus housing within a close proximity of campus.

"There's not a lot of (off-campus)

availability," he said. "Any future zoning or planning ... will be on the fringes of town, but nothing close to town."

Sievert also said when the price of the new residence hall is mentioned, what isn't taken into consideration are things like heating, extra computer hook-ups or satellite.

A vote will take place either the 9th or 16th of February to increase the project to \$9 million.

Programming Space

The other issue Sievert spent time discussing was the possible uses and locations of an \$8.9 million programming space. He said options would be analyzed because of the needs of the Health & Human Performance department. Possible locations being considered are near Karges Center or between Knowles Center and Hunt Arena. Sievert said that since the money was authorized last year, all that's left is the wait.

"We're waiting for the campus, the system and the state to determine what's good for the campus," Sievert said.

The project will probably be moved back on the docket, from 2002 to 2004. This will allow for time to form an ad hoc committee to look at the needs of the Student Center.

Two Senate motions were passed on Tuesday:

- The following students were appointed to committees: Amy Sue Gaede, David Hohn, Brian Kuhl, Lisa Ollmann, Michael Cain (Campus Safety), Mandi Watkins (University Centers), and Dennis Paquette (Justice & Ethics)

- More than \$340 was allocated from the Shared Governance Account to Diversity Issues for the Woman's Leadership conference.

The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

A furry forecast

Sarah L. Doyle
News Editor

In the midst of a rainy Tuesday morning in Sun Prairie, Wis., Jimmy the groundhog failed to see his shadow signifying that "spring is right around the corner," according to Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce representative Carolyn Rusk.

Groundhog's day has been a long-time custom in the U.S. In 1887 in Punxsutawney, Pa. German farmers continued their homeland tradition of forecasting the coming of spring.

Phil, the groundhog was chosen to be the official mascot because there were not many of the European customary hedgehogs or badgers around.

Sun Prairie became the home of the groundhog 51 years ago during the Wisconsin centennial celebration in 1948. Wisconsin wanted to commemorate the various holidays of the year by giving different cities different holidays to celebrate.

"What better place to celebrate Groundhog's Day than on a sunny prairie?"

-Sun Prairie representative Coralyn Rusk

Jimmy is a seven year-old, seventh generation groundhog. Jimmy was named after Dr. James Weigen, a veterinarian who lived in Sun Prairie when the tradition began.

Since Sun Prairie has been keeping records of Jimmy's predictions, Jimmy has come out with a 79-80 percent accuracy rate.

Jimmy's prediction agreed with Phil from Punxsutawney but he has competition from the Minnesota groundhog that did see his shadow and is predicting six more weeks of winter.

Jimmy lives on a farm just outside of Sun Prairie and is licensed to be in captivity by the DNR.

Improved technology in high demand

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

Students will soon be able to benefit from a second group of Technology Enhanced Classrooms (TECs) the University is adding.

Several university classrooms underwent the first stages of remodeling last week as part of an effort to provide more (TECs) for students and staff.

According to John Nierengarten, Associate Director of Information Technology Services, on July 1, the state released

"The reason we decided to create more TECs was because of the high demand for more presentation technologies."

-Associate Director of ITS

John Nierengarten

project funding for the remodeling of the second group of University classrooms. "The first TECs were completed during the summer of 1997," Nierengarten said. "These rooms were 127 South Hall, 200 Ag Science, 271 Centennial Science Hall, and 281 Fine Arts."

The second group of TEC's will be 114 Ag Science, 211 Ag Science, 141 Fine Arts, 361 Fine Arts, 18 North Hall and B107 Fine Arts.

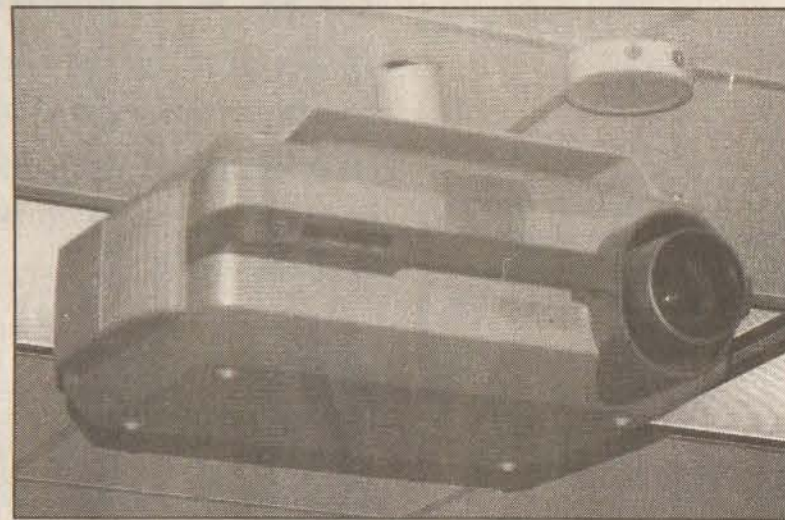
TEC's contain multimedia and presentation equipment. The classrooms will include large or

motorized screens, ceiling-mounted video projectors for both computer or video projections, locked cabinets to store computer and electronic equipment, Mac and PC computers which share one monitor, a VCR, wall-mounted speakers with stereo sound systems and document cameras. Laser Disk

players are optional. Another benefit to this technology is it allows teachers to access the network server with the computers in the classrooms, Nierengarten added.

With the exception of the document cameras, the classrooms are expected to be completed by February 15, Nierengarten said.

"The reason we decided to create more TECs was because of the high demand for more presentation technologies," Nierengarten said. "For teachers, being able to hold a class in one of these classrooms has been very hard. There is a lot of competition and demand for scheduling. It



Melinda J. Domzalski / The Student Voice

New projectors are just one example of the new technology being used in classrooms.

is also very difficult to hold smaller classes in these rooms because the larger class needs come first."

The projected cost of the technology for the second group of TECs is estimated at \$24,000 per classroom.

"The money was appropriated by the state building commission's budget," Nierengarten said. "They recognized the need for it and set it aside for new electronics and technology equipment."

CAMPUS SECURITY

shortly after being admitted.

- Two students were cited for underage consumption of alcohol on Jan. 31. John M. Ark, 20, was cited in the T Lot. Maxwell L. Jasper, 20, was cited in Hathorn Hall.

- Damage to a door in Stratton Hall was reported on Jan. 24.

- Vandalism was also reported on the gas pumps at Facilities Management on Monday at 10:47 a.m.

Ben Schmitt
Front Page Assistant Editor

Wednesday afternoon a male student passed out near the entrance to Chalmer Davee Library in the B Lot. An ambulance came for him, and he was brought to River Falls Area Hospital. He was released

The Beer Meter

Weekly drinking total: 2 tickets

Semester drinking total: 13 tickets



*Underage consumption tickets for UW-RF students

A safer campus



Jennifer Eberspacher / The Student Voice

Fourteen new emergency phones stations were recently installed on campus. Dial tones still need to be set up, but the stations will be operating sometime this week, said Jim Murphy, planning engineer for Facilities Management.

They didn't start the fire

■ UW-River Falls students earn credit while playing with fire

Ben Schmitt
Assistant Front Page Editor

A one-credit course in wildfire suppression will offer UW-River Falls students a chance to build their resumes and earn Department of Natural Resources firefighter certification. These students will learn that being a firefighter means being on call 24 hours a day to battle rural fires.

"Wildfire Suppression Training" will be taught in two different sections, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Both sections began this week and will be held for two more weeks. They also will meet one Saturday in April for a final exam and field test, where students will test their skills in a prescribed burning.

One student said she took the class to build up her job resume.

"We talked about hazardous substances, safety and how to assemble a shelter," said UW-RF conservation major Polly Loiler.

UW-RF forestry and environmental science professor Dr. Michael Kaltenberg will be teaching the course.

"We've improved the course from basic training to a course that meets federal requirements for wildfire certification," Kaltenberg said. "Now, the course offers training in three different areas."

Kaltenberg said students will learn how the administrative

process works in an emergency, wildfire behavior and the safety aspects of wildfires. Foresters from the DNR teach this part of the course.

Kaltenberg said the class isn't supported by the University, but by the DNR.

"The DNR provides us with information booklets on fire behavior and the firefighting equipment for the prescribed burns that we do."

According to Kaltenberg, students will take their final exams during the Saturday class, and then students go outside and are put to the test with a field burning. This is usually done on private property, which is rotated every three to five

Kaltenberg said in its first year, the classes were held in Eau Claire. Conservation crews notified him about the course and told him to bring some students with him. But because the DNR foresters live in Ellsworth, Wis. and Durand, Wis., it became easier to hold the course at UW-RF.

"As far as interest is concerned, the classes fill up quickly," Kaltenberg said. "Three years ago, there were 60 students, wall-to-wall, and last year we had 45. This year, I'm trying to cut my Tuesday and Thursday classes to 20 people each."

According to Kaltenberg, certified students are connected with the DNR. When there is a wildfire,

the DNR receives the first call. Then they notify selected crew leaders, and the crews organize transportation after hearing from their leaders. He said crews get calls

"We've improved the course from basic training to a course that meets federal requirements for wildlife certification."

-Professor Michael Kaltenberg

years to allow for an increase in brush vegetation. This growth allows for something to burn, but the weather is the number one factor for the prescribed burn to occur.

"Last year, with the guidance of the DNR, we were ready to burn a piece of private property, then we got rained out," Kaltenberg said.

The DNR demands a certain level of competence in its firefighters, and because of this, students must earn a B or better in the course. The course is generally made up of students from various majors. Some students take the course just for fun, whereas they don't need a B. Kaltenberg said that generally students seeking wildfire certification are biology majors.

from Cumberland, Spooner and Fairchild, Wis., sometimes stretching the driving time to over an hour.

Kaltenberg said these duties pay, and drivers get reimbursed for gas money.

"It's been a lot of fun," Kaltenberg said. "It's hands-on experience that looks great on a resume. The DNR has been generous, but in return, they are looking for trained crews to assist them."

Kaltenberg said that some students have gone on to careers in wildfire management, and have even traveled out west to fight fires.

Loiler said she might want to fight wildfires after she graduates from the University.

Education receives top honor

■ National council accredits College of Education

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

In December of 1998, the UW-River Falls College of Education and Graduate Studies achieved accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Chancellor Gary A. Thibodeau said the reaccreditation was another indicator of the college's national reputation.

NCATE is the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education. NCATE relies on outstanding educators and public members to develop strict standards for teacher preparation and determine which schools of education measure up to them.

NCATE standards expect accredited schools of education to ensure that subject matter, content and teaching techniques are of top priority to the institution.

They also emphasize school district collaboration to ensure that candidates can use technology in

instruction and prepare teacher candidates to teach students from diverse backgrounds.

The School of Education is also required to design a conceptual framework for each program that is based on current and established research and best practices.

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes NCATE as the professional accrediting body for schools, departments and Colleges of Education.

Professionals from the education community including teachers, school specialists and teacher educators carry out all on-site visits, document reviews and accreditation decisions.

There are about 1,300 colleges and universities involved in teacher education but only approximately 500 are accredited by NCATE. Those accredited institutions produce two-thirds of the nation's new teacher graduates.

"Accreditation is a massive assessment of the school," said Assistant Dean Terri Crotty. "A team of professionals came in to look at everything. They talk to the students, the professors, the syllabuses of each class, the course work, evaluations..."

Crotty said having the school accredited means that the students are assured of a quality program and that the faculty meets the high

standards for teaching.

"To me personally it means the successful end to about three years of work," Crotty said.

Wisconsin is a partnership state with NCATE and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction conducts joint NCATE/DPI teacher program reviews.

The DPI liaison, Bob Demuth commended the college for its efforts to examine the education program in the context of the new Wisconsin Standards for Teacher Development and Licensure.

David Pepi, associate professor of teacher education describes the goals of the College of Education on the UW-RF web page.

UW-RF candidates are well prepared to assume the roles for which they have been trained. Faculty members were cited for teaching students the instructional techniques they will actually apply in the classroom when they assumed K-12 teaching positions.

The College of Education and Graduate Studies is one of 57 teacher preparation programs that received either initial or continuing accreditation by NCATE's Unit Accreditation Board in its most recent round of decisions.

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taken off of a face-off, just above the left circle. Komar's shot beat Beaver backup goalie Matt Anderson to the glove side and the Falcons earned a 1-0 lead with just under two minutes remaining in the first period.

Anderson was playing in place of Beaver star goaltender Adam Pavlatos, who injured his groin early in the third period of Friday night's 3-2 Beaver win. Anderson made five crucial saves in Friday night's third period and was named the Beaver starter for Saturday's contest, for just the second time this season.

"It was in the back of our mind that we wanted to get some rubber on him," Freeman said of testing the inexperienced Beaver goalie. "But they played well in front of their own net all weekend."

Freeman added that the solid play of the Beaver defensemen made things difficult for the Falcon forwards to create quality scoring opportunities in front of the Bemidji net.

Forwards Jared Anderson and Chris Burke each added power-play goals in the second period as the Falcons jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

However, the Beavers countered with a late second-period goal to cut the Falcon lead to 3-1 after two

periods. But the Falcons and goalie Brady Alstead were able to shut down the Beavers the rest of the way for the 3-2 win. Alstead made 25 stops in the victory.

"We were determined," Freeman said of the Falcons play. "We wanted to be the aggressor and we did that by out-shooting them in both games."

The Falcons did suffer one loss in Saturday's win, however. Following the contest, a skirmish broke out between both teams. Two players, Beaver Shane Kalbrener and Falcon Dave Almquist, were disqualified for fighting.

The disqualification means that each player has to sit out his next conference game. Consequently, Almquist will be inactive for the Friday's contest against St. Norbert.

And while penalties closed the series on Saturday, it was a crucial penalty taken by Falcon Eliot Komar, which killed all of the Falcons' momentum in the first contest.

The Falcons dominated the first period of play in Friday's contest by out-shooting the Beavers 18-2 in the first period. After taking a 1-0 lead on a Shane Bengtson breakaway goal in the first period, the Falcons continued to shut down Bemidji's quick forwards in the second period. But a break down

in front of the Falcon net resulted in the contest being tied at one about halfway through the second period.

Seconds later, Komar would be called for a crucial 5-minute major slashing penalty and the Beavers went on the power play, took the lead at 2-1, and never looked back.

"It takes energy to kill penalties," Freeman noted of Komar's major penalty. "If you give up a goal, you stay on the power play for the five minutes. It changed the momentum somewhat."

"It was frustrating because we outplayed them all night," Freeman added. "But their goalie kept them in it. The difference was that we didn't capitalize on our 18 shots in the first period. We only came away with one goal."

And the Falcons will have pressure to score more goals this weekend when the offensive powerhouses of the NCHA -- the St. Norbert Green Knights -- visit Hunt Arena.

"St. Norbert is probably the most talented team in the NCHA," Freeman said. "They are very talented offensively. It's almost going to be a clash of wills. They are offensive-oriented and we are defensive-oriented. We'll need to play good, hard-nosed hockey and play within our system to have success."

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Computer program helps students discuss career path

■ Career Visions program offers insight to Wisconsin professional world

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

Having problems deciding on a major? Not sure what to do after graduation?

Then Career Visions may be the answer.

According to career services coordinator Carmen Croonquist, the Career Visions program is a computerized way to get information about the professional world and the educational choices that will help students get the job they want.

"The Career Visions software has been available to students in the blue lab of the Davee Library for about a year now," Croonquist said. "The only problem is that students don't know it's there."

Career Visions is a software program that was developed by the Wisconsin Career Information System (WCIS). This program is free to all UW-River Falls faculty, staff and students.

Croonquist said the program has several self-assessment features, which allow students to match job opportunities based on interests, skills, and preferences for various academic disciplines.

In addition, the program has information about 1,000 different careers and industries, national educational opportunities, co-op programs, national and Wisconsin labor market information, and numerous related Internet links. Many students who lack information about career options that exist for their major would benefit greatly from using this program, Croonquist said.

The program is also very useful for students looking for internships, because it can help locate prospective Wisconsin employers.

"We used to provide the Discover program to students, but it got too expensive and we don't have the license anymore," Croonquist said.

"This program is free for us and it is a wonderful program for the students."

Twenty-two faculty members attended a workshop hosted by Ann Rudolf, the area's WCIS regional representative in January. Rudolf will be returning on Feb. 17 from 2-4 p.m. in the blue lab for another Career Visions workshop, according to Croonquist.

"This software is free and accessible to those who wish to have it installed," Croonquist said. "Information Technology Services will have copies of the software available for students and staff wishing to have it installed."

This program can be accessed in the blue lab by opening the windows program and going to the program icon. From there students can proceed by clicking on the course applications icon and then on the Career Services icon. Then the Career Visions icon should appear. Then just follow the program's instructions.

For more information contact Carmen Croonquist at 425-3572 or by e-mail at carmen.jean.croonquist@uwrf.edu.

UW-RF meets Japan

■ Japanese traditions brought to the Davee Chalmer Library share Kabuki culture with UW-RF students

Saramha Quaidoo
Staff Writer

The Harriet Barry Gallery in the Davee Library is currently featuring four Japanese Kabuki-style kimonos made by UW-River Falls Professor Robin Murray.

Ka (song) bu (dance) ki (skill) is a highly stylized form of theatre in Japan. It utilizes song, dance and acting to tell stories which are hundreds of years old, Murray said.

Kabuki was founded early in the 17th century. A shrine maiden named Okuni had brought her unique and lively dance style to the ancient capital city of Kyoto.

A woman created Kabuki, but men have traditionally taken over all the roles. Men who play the roles of women are referred to as "onnagata" female role specialists.

The kimono costumes were made from white silk. Murray and a small group of UW-RF theater students dyed, hand painted and

then sewed them in the University costume shop about eight years ago for a play called "Blood Wedding."

"Blood Wedding" was written by Spanish playwright Frederic Garcia Lorca and tells the tale of a Bride who, shortly after marrying a man she did not love, ran off with her lover. The Groom pursued the lovers, then found and killed them.

"We imposed Kabuki traditions and convention on the Spanish script and found that the story itself is a universal one," Murray said.

Also on display are items such as tabi, obis and a Hakata doll in traditional dress providing details on how one wears a traditional kimono. A Shogun era suit of armor, also designed by Murray, is on display, and a locked case features authentic an Japanese No mask.

The Japanese No mask is used during the performance of No drama, which is another form of

Japanese theatre. It is older than Kabuki and was performed for the aristocracy, unlike, Kabuki which was for the masses, Murray said.

Various display cases throughout the library contain other pieces of Japanese culture such as: textiles, tea ceremony implements, historic literature and poetry in translation, examples of landscape gardening, flower arrangement, painting, ceramics and architecture.

The exhibit ends on Feb. 28.

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-Professor Robin Murray

FACULTY SENATE NEWS

New school calendar extends winter break

Ben Schmitt
Assistant Front Page Editor

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate made some decisions concerning the 2000-01 academic calendar and the lengths of fall and spring semesters.

According to Valerie Malzacher, Faculty Senate secretary, the senate passed a proposal to change the academic calendar. Spring semester of 2000-01 will begin Jan. 22, the week following Martin Luther King Day week. Spring graduation will be May 19, before finals week. This change will make the semester break slightly longer.

Another motion passed to direct

the Faculty Senate Calendar Committee to study the existing semester lengths and try to come up with a way to make fall and spring semesters equal in their number of weeks. Malzacher said this would be done while keeping the class periods the same.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Academic Staff Council will meet to make a joint response concerning the number of credits that UW-RF staff should teach. The response to this issue will eventually come back to the Faculty Senate for approval.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Room of South Hall.

Budget/ Financial aid

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benefits the student by helping pay college costs, and the community by providing needed tutoring for students in the early grades," Kind said.

Student Senator Paige Steele said her Legislative Issues committee plans to spend this semester target-

ing the federal government for more increases in the Pell Grant.

Steele said Wisconsin has four representatives on the Federal Budget Committee: Paul Ryan-R, Tammy Baldwin-D, Gerald Kleczka-D, and Mark Green-R. The committee will target these individuals to get more money appropriated for the Pell Grant.

Scholarship/ donations



Jennifer Eberspacher / The Student Voice

Bertha and Clarence Kuschel donated \$50,000 to the University to be used for scholarships.

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The money may not find its way into students' wallets for more than a year, but the selection of students to receive Gerhardt and Kuschel scholarships begins this spring. Students can pick up an application for both scholarships at Dean Rohde's office (room 210) in the Agricultural Science building.

The Gerhardt and Kuschel agricultural scholarship funds are among the largest donations to the University. However, the largest endowment to the University came

in October of 1995 when William Rothermel donated \$410,000 for scholarships and professorships in agronomy.

"We're always looking for donors like that," said Rohde of the recent trend in higher-education philanthropy. "We clearly could use additional scholarship money."

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

Issues to be debated: (1) Were "gas chambers" used during WWII by Germans to kill millions of Jews as part of a program of "genocide?" (2) Did key "eyewitness" survivors give false testimony about "gas chambers?" (3) Is the *Diary of Anne Frank* an authentic personal diary or a "literary" concoction? (4) Is either the book or the movie *Schindler's List* true or an intentionally corrupt version of the facts? (5) Are Jewish organizations like the ADL and campus Hillel committed to the censorship of revisionist theory on the Jewish holocaust? (6) Should the ADL, campus Hillel and other mainline Jewish organizations respond with a "suspicious silence" when a sister organization encourages violence against revisionists? (7) Should a documentary film maker be made the target of violence by the Jewish Defense League (or any other "league"), as was David Cole, the Jewish writer and director of CODOH's video on Auschwitz, *David Cole Interviews Dr. Franciszek Piper* (called "The Video of the Century"), for exposing on film the fraud of the Auschwitz gas chamber?

Marcy Kaptur (D), U.S. Congresswoman, Ohio writes: "Mr. Cole has obviously invested a great deal in researching his subject and I admire his tenacious curiosity. Again, I thank you for sharing this documentary with myself and other Members of Congress." **Yehuda Bauer**, head of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry and Humanities (Jerusalem), writes: "A powerful, dangerous video..."

The Jewish Defense League writes (in a "Wanted" ad for Mr. Cole, on the Internet, which includes Cole's photograph): "An evil monster like this does not deserve to live.... We must get rid of this monster.... There needs to be ... the elimination of the Holocaust deniers. JDL wants to know the location of ... David Cole. Anyone giving us his correct address will receive a monetary reward."

The FBI has termed the JDL a "terrorist organization."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith refuses to publicly condemn the Jewish Defense League, for this language of hate. The reason is clear. The ADL, by proxy, is "using" this threat of violence against a Jewish scholar in its own struggle to help censor open debate on the Holocaust controversy. This betrays our First Amendment and runs contrary to Article 19 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Who benefits from such censorship? Americans?

Over the past decades there have been thousands—if not tens of thousands—of hours of one-sided Holocaust allegations broadcast to the American people. Is it not fair that those of us who are not anti-German bigots, who no longer believe the gas chamber stories but do believe in intellectual freedom, should be given 90 minutes—only 90 minutes!—to debate the Anti-Defamation League over the suppression and censorship of holocaust revisionism? (1.99)

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Money well spent

Finding a place to live in River Falls is similar to looking for a bargain at Abercrombie and Fitch. The search seems endless and in the end any room will do.

Students will settle for living conditions worse than those found in most third-world countries. And there seems to be a common goal of fitting the maximum number of people in the least amount of space.

The complaints are endless and all too familiar for upperclassmen looking for a way out of the dorms. Because even sharing a two-bedroom apartment with six of your closest friends seems preferable to spending one more semester in the cramped dorm rooms of the UW-River Falls residence halls.

In the coming weeks the students of this university will be offered a way out of this vicious cycle. Our savior comes in the form of the proposed new suite-style residence hall, designed especially for upper-classmen.

The Student Senate will be voting on whether to kill the residence hall project that has been in the works for years or send it on to the next phase.

The price tag of \$9 million may seem a little high but when faced with the appalling lack of available housing in River Falls \$9 million seems like too good of a bargain to pass up.

The suite-style residence hall will keep upper-classmen on campus and a more visible part of the University community.

Who wouldn't prefer living in a suite-style dorm with a private bedroom to sharing a dilapidated old home with an absentee landlord?

We finally have the opportunity to do something about the numerous housing complaints associated with this university. It would be foolish to pass up the chance now.

"Our savior comes in the form of the proposed new suite-style residence hall..."

Take 2000 and call me in the morning

I'm sick to death of the year 2000. Between the annoying M&M commercials, the media warning us (and warning us, and warning us) of the coming Y2K bug and the constant radio play of Prince's "1999" (or would that be The Artist Formerly known as Prince? Do I even care anymore?). I'm just about ready to pack it in, move to a herbal farm somewhere, and disappear until the whole thing passes over.

Does anyone out there honestly think that the coming millennium will bring about some great cataclysm? Does anybody out there really think we're entering into some new cosmic golden age? Or does it just make good news copy?

What is it about the human animal that causes us to separate time into artificial periods, anyway? Time just doesn't break down like that. You can't tell me that human history breaks itself into simple 10-year spans of time.

As much as the media would like us to think that's the way it is, the whole idea of "eras" is nothing more than a journalistic and commercial invention contrivance. As much as we've been taught (as good consumers) to think of the past in terms of "the '60s" or "the '70s," the simple fact is that we're still feeling repercussions today from events that occurred during those years.

We break time into friendly little bite-sized pieces because that's the way we want to think of things - neat, tidy, and clean; but history is rarely neat, tidy or clean. Just try and point to the exact cause of the strife in Bosnia or the origins of the conflict in Vietnam. Even a casual glance at the past of our world shows us a planet in constant upheaval and change. Events occur with a stunning rapidity, and they change our lives in ways we can't even begin to understand.

I'm going to go out on a limb here and give you my prediction for the coming millennium. After gazing into the crystal ball of the human heart, I can tell you with a fair amount of accuracy what the coming years will bring us: more

of the same.

That's right. As we stand on the precipice of the year 2000, I feel secure in my prediction that when the clock ticks midnight on Dec. 31, 1999, absolutely nothing is going to change. Why? Because human beings are always going to be human beings.

Look at the facts. We live in a world with more than enough food to feed every human on the planet and yet, untold numbers go hungry. We live in a world where children live in fear of being beaten to death by the very people who gave them life. We live in a world so stratified by class and color that an intelligent dialogue between races and classes sometimes seems impossible. We live in a world where we are

can now blow people up from a greater distance really make me sleep better at night?

There's something inside every human being that cries out for more. There's something deep inside us all - a void that we try to fill with technology, with speed, with change, with whatever makes us feel good at that moment. There's something deep inside of everyone that cries out for something good. Anything good.

Unfortunately, it seems that we live in a world stripped of its heroes. In a society that celebrates mediocrity and conformity, we also seem to have lost that spark that drove us towards self-improvement, towards betterment of our society.

Our generation will never have a Joe Dimaggio. The media would never allow it. Our generation will never have a Charles Lindbergh, or even Audie Murphy. Our world view could never accept them.

We have been taught since birth to "trust no one" and to "succeed at all costs." What kind of generation have we become? They've dubbed us "Gen-X." If the "X" stands for "unknown," I think I'd have to agree.

I hope I'm wrong. I really do. If the year 2000 arrives and the world is a radically changed place, where everyone lives in harmony, contentment and joy, I'll gladly eat my words and the paper they're printed on. But I've got to say this: the approach of the new millennium reminds me of the simple fact that there is no "happily ever after" in my future, nor in yours.

We will continue to work, live and strive for change in the years to come, but we can never become anything more than what we are: human.

Maybe that's the way it was meant to be, and maybe not, but that's the way I see it, sitting here on the roof. Either way, I'm sick to death of the year 2000.

DEREK ANDERSON

"I'll gladly eat my words and the paper they're printed on."



taught that "might makes right" and that "God helps those who help themselves." I look at this world sometimes and honestly think that I'd rather be anywhere but here.

It's become cliché, but it's true. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Are humans really any better than they were 1,000 years ago? Is the planet a better place to live today than it was 100 years ago? For all the advances in medicine, education and technology, I'm not sure it is.

Does having two VCRs really improve my quality of life? Does having three e-mail addresses really improve my personal relationships? Does the fact that our military machine

An American in Scotland

I was born in Hayward, Wisconsin in the United States. Does that mean I'm automatically American?

It seems once you get on a plane to a different country things never have the same definitions. Sure, some of them leave us (Wisconsin students) giggling at the appearance of our stupidity in front of the Scottish people who stare at us while we roam the streets.

If you say Khaki pants you're telling someone you soiled your underwear. If you say karaoke they hear croak-eee, which is mourning someone's death.

Freshman year at UW-River Falls, I thought I had a good idea of what it was to live the American dream. I used to believe it was about using the rights and freedoms that many had fought for to pursue whatever financial, emotional and physical happiness one needed to be fulfilled.

It is amazing how it takes another culture's assumptions to make you understand the truth about something you should be an expert about.

I've been told by some Scotsmen (locals of the town) that they know an American when they see one. Supposedly, we are the ones with maps who look the wrong way when crossing the street. We are also the only ones who wear brightly colored rain coats and get drunk when we go out at the pubs.

These seem like innocent clues, right? The problem is there are many other stereotypes which some locals say define our culture.

Whether or not they are correct about their assumptions seems irrelevant since either way we must live with their 'rules.'

Each morning at UW-Dalkeith stories of the adventures of the night before are told by most students. Most of us go to the bars

you are from Wisconsin you supposedly talk fast and you have a terrible accent. We can't handle the alcohol here (many drinks are twice as potent then the average college student is used to). We travel in groups for comfort, and we can be pretty outspoken at times, especially after three hours of drinking.

Yet my hang-up is still the assumptions. My mommy sat me down one day and told me not to judge a book by its cover and that looks can be deceiving. Sure, I consider myself an American; I was born in the U.S. But, I wouldn't go to bed with someone I just met. I'm pretty

volume of most on the same bus.

Perhaps these problems are all about perception. People from different places see different things as acceptable in situations. You can't expect anything other than this when you fly over the ocean. But it has left me analyzing the simplest words that I thought I had a handle on.

So let me ask you, as Americans: are all Americans like you? Where is your home? Where are you from-Wisconsin, America or your hometown?

Definitions we place on words, as well as perception, play a crucial part in conversation, understanding and comfort for everyone.

The problem is we don't really challenge those meanings until it gets personal. I never had to defend every 'American,' the American way of life and myself when I was in the U.S. Here, I feel like I need to almost 'behave' so as to give us, the melting-pot of cultures, a good name.

Now, that is pressure I'm not sure I'm ready to accept.

Is it the responsibility of our citizens to stick up for the U.S. or even represent our nation and state well? I think that is an impossible question to answer because of this confusion of meanings.

I'm starting to learn that cultures, words and expressions are all abstract poetry we each manipulate in meaning to portray whatever background we have. Not to assume anything bad about definitions or poetry, of course, because I wouldn't want the students of Wisconsin, the U.S. and River Falls to think that I am un-American.

Microsoft's tight grip

Unless you live in a vacuum, you have come across its products. Chances are that every aspect of your day is effected in some way by this mega-corporation.

Its corporate tentacles reach all the way around the globe and out into space. I am speaking of Microsoft. This technological vermin is all but inescapable. It has a virtual stranglehold on the P.C. industry and thus, all of us.

We are at the mercy of its whims, its limitations and its diabolical efforts to monopolize our lives. Microsoft has its hand in a vast majority of P.C. software, often crushing its more affordable and innovative competition with tie-ins and exclusive deals with hardware manufacturers.

When one looks up the definition of monopoly in the dictionary it should read "See also Microsoft." Microsoft, in its present manifestation, is the purest form of monopoly. Any nostalgia we hold for the "upstart hits it big" fairy tale of this company's ascension to dominance should be laid

JASON CHILDRESS

"The reality of Microsoft's monopoly should frighten us all."



aside when we realize how dependent we are on this demonic giant.

Recently, some of the hedonistic swine in Washington finally realized this (or at least they pretended to). The Antitrust division of the Justice Department has begun to attack Microsoft's monopolistic stance in the software market.

With its deep pockets and seemingly endless resources, Microsoft has been aggressively defending itself. However, it is hard to take pity on one of the most profitable entities in the world.

The brutal fact is that in the highly volatile U.S. marketplace, the only court that matters is the court of public opinion. In this realm, Microsoft is quickly losing ground. Many Americans resent Microsoft's dark looming presence and take exception with its charismatic C.E.O (and apparent leader of this new world order) Bill Gates. It is clear to most that we are the losers here.

When Microsoft is allowed to use its market position to crush other companies, we are robbed of the most vital of free market forces: competition. When healthy competition exists, we win. We are privy to the affordable prices and aggressive innovation that competition facilitates.

Our economic system was built on, and continues to thrive on, fair and healthy competition. Unfortunately, sometimes government intervention is required to provide this.

There are those who argue that this heavy handed government meddling should not be a part of a free market and that it causes more harm than good. I would argue that no good could come from a near total dependence on one company for the software that controls the way our society communicates and manipulates its environment.

The reality of Microsoft's monopoly should frighten us all. With the help of this antitrust suit, we can begin to regain some measure of control over our technological world.

With choice comes freedom. With freedom comes security. Let the giant killing begin!

CARRIE KORANDA

"Sure, I consider myself an American; I was born in the U.S. But, I wouldn't go to bed with someone I just met."

quite a bit, and honestly, it is the most popular form of entertainment (the legal drinking age here is 18).

Our group is mostly female with only 11 out of 71 bearing large amounts of testosterone.

Many of us are propositioned by at least one local a night who thinks that American women are 'easy' and enjoy pinching, grabbing and coddling.

Some of us have also been told we are rude and obnoxious American women, or even the perfect examples of American women.

Part of me can understand the way the citizens here see us. We are strange all around. We dress strange, have funny accents (yes, if

shy at times, and I usually drink down one day and a month.

I am not the perfect example of an American woman.

So what is an American woman, or just an American? To make things more confusing, I agree with some of the locals.

I've noticed that many students in our group feel like they need to make conversation when residents of Dalkeith are silent. At restaurants, on the bus, waiting in line, in small shops, the locals do not talk very much. An entire bus can be entertained by two Wisconsin students who are simply having a conversation in their normal voices, which happen to be three times the

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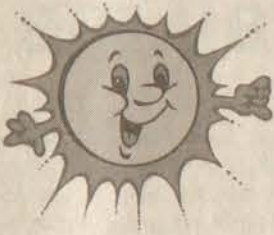
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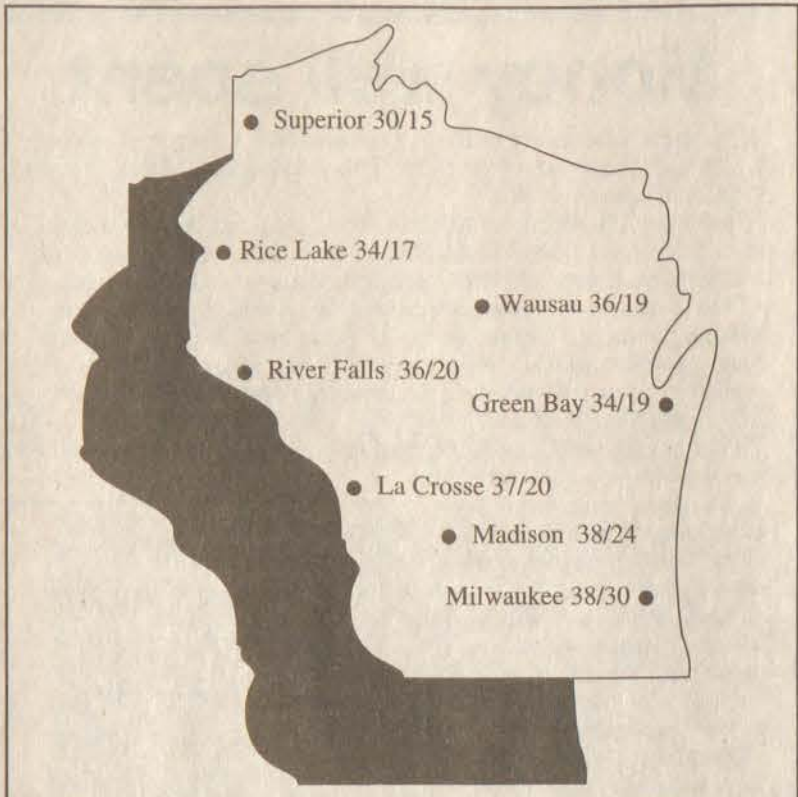


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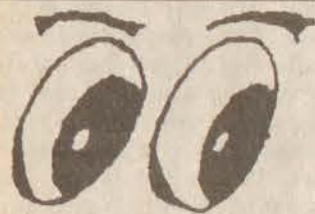
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WISCONSIN WEATHER
Friday, February 5, 1999



Weekly Forecast	Temperatures		Precipitation	Sky Data
Jimmy the Wisconsin groundhog did not see his shadow, signaling the end of winter; however, Clover the Minnesota groundhog did. For the River Falls area, winter will soon end. Spring is right around the corner.	High	Low		Length of day: 10 hours; 39 min.
	Average: 23	1	Yesterday: 0.50"	Sunrise: 7:25 a.m.
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BASKETBALL

Men's
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Stout 69, River Falls 58Women's
Stout 96, River Falls 84

TRACK & FIELD

Coca Cola Classic
1. River Falls 260
2. Carleton 178
3. St. Olaf 118

TROY MALLAT

Super Bowl turns into Super Sleep

Before I begin my regular column, I have to give credit where credit is due. The Vikings choked a lot later in the season than what they usually do. You have to hand it to them for waiting those extra six games before their house of cards came down.

And it was that terrible instance of choking that made sports fans everywhere watch one of the most boring Super Bowls ever between the world-champion Denver Broncos and the hopelessly out-classed Atlanta Falcons.

Every football fan should slap the nearest Viking fan for their team's monumental blunder just for making our regular-season hell by not shutting up.

If only the Vikings would have waited one more game to freeze up, what a game that would have been. Instead, we were stuck watching Jamal Anderson's mom trying to dance in the stands.

I would rather gauge my eyes out with a tire iron than watch the game that did take place over again.

But all Super Bowls are a tad high on the snooze-o-meter. At least when compared to the rest of the playoffs and the regular season.

In fact, in an Internet poll the fans voted Super Bowl XXXII as the most exciting game. I know having the Packers in the Super Bowl is exciting, but that still makes the game average at best. This proves three things: 1) people who use computers aren't as smart as we think they are, 2) There are a lot of Bronco fans with computers, and 3) young adults have never seen a competitive Super Bowl.

Super Bowl XXXII doesn't hold a candle to half the regular season games this year.

It isn't fair to the fans that a regular season that resembled a fireworks display ended with the lighting of a sparkler.

Forty-niner Garrison Hearst's 98-yard touchdown run in overtime against Indianapolis during the first week of the season. Jet Vinny Testaverde being stopped on a quarterback draw on the 1-yard line with seconds remaining only to be given a touchdown. Hearing Steeler Jerome Bettis say "heads" instead of "tails."

That is what will be remembered for this year, not a Robert Griffith 1-yard plunge into the end zone.

The NFL needs to find a way to get the two best teams to meet in the big game. The best way I can think of is to make sure the team that won the game advances to the playoffs.

This means the return of instant replay. A team that makes the plays should be rewarded.

Having instant replay would have drastically changed this year's playoffs alone.

Seattle would have been in, Buffalo would have played at home, and Green Bay would have had the chance to play Atlanta. Who knows what would have happened.

But hey, at least we learned how much a professional athlete will pay for the big Lewinsky.

Troy Mallat is a sophomore majoring in journalism

All-American gains supporting cast

Track star Sarah Peterson has been surrounded with additional talent and the results are evident in the Coca-Cola Classic

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

The Falcon women's track team has had a remarkable beginning to the 1999 campaign after a rough 1998 season.

They started the year placing second in the Stout Invitational and winning the four-team Coca-Cola Classic held Saturday at the Knowles Center.

According to fifth-year head coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner, this team could contend with the big guns of the WIAC Conference, UW-LaCrosse and UW-Oshkosh.

"By far, this is easily the best team I have ever had," Kropp-Wagner said.

In the past years, UW-River Falls has looked to All-American Sarah Peterson to carrying the team's scoring load. That isn't the case this year.

"It's no longer the Sarah Peterson

show," Kropp-Wagner said. "We now have lots of scorers."

Kropp-Wagner pointed to distance-runner Hope Onken, sprinters Kyrstin Bodenburg and Jody Myhre as runners that have made valuable contributions.

Onken placed fourth in the 800-meter run at the Coca-Cola Classic. Bodenburg placed first in the 200-meter dash and fourth in the 55-meter dash, while Myhre placed first in both the 55-meter and 600-meter runs.

Sarah Peterson has continued her success at the beginning of this year. At the Coca-Cola Classic, she won the 20-pound weight throw with a toss of 15.45 meters, which set a school and Knowles record as well as provisionally qualifying herself for the national meet.

She won the triple jump with a provisional distance of 11.18 meters, the long jump with a leap of 5.29 meters and the shot put with a toss of 12.82 meters.

In the past two meets, Peterson has won six events and placed second in another.

The Falcons completely dominated the Classic, scoring 260 points. Carleton was second with 178, followed by St. Olaf 118 and St. Catherine 51.

The team's strength is the depth of the sprinters, which shows in the

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"It's no longer the Sarah Peterson show. We now have lots of scorers."

— Falcon head track coach
Kristi Kropp-Wagner

More turnovers than a bakery



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Guard Beve Gefeke hits one of her three 3-pointers in Wednesday's 96-84 loss to Stout.

73 combined turnovers turn Wednesday's WIAC showdown into 96-84 Stout

Dan Hilsen
Viewpoints Editor

The atmosphere was electric. Karges Center was filled with fans from both teams, fans that were waiting in anticipation of what was to be a crucial WIAC game to both teams. The UW-Stout Blue Devils, who came into the game tied with their oppo-

nent, the UW-River Falls Falcon women's basketball team, at 6-5 in the WIAC, had the mental edge on the Falcons with a prior 97-62 win over the lady Falcons Jan. 6.

The gym was filled with a sizeable crowd due to the fact it was expected to be a close game and also in part due to the "Jam The Gym" event. Free T-shirts were to be shot out into the crowd with every completed Falcon free throw and three-pointer and the largest group in attendance won a six-foot party sub from Blimpies.

The stage was set for an exciting game and both teams took the floor.

The game was close with the Falcons down 8-9 with 14:15 left in the first half. Then, the Blue Devils

Falcons feast on Devils

Emily Felling
Sports Correspondent

With only four UW-Stout gymnasts performing, the UW-River Falls gymnastics team coasted to an easy 129.75-83.00 win Tuesday at UW-Stout.

Annie Renelt tied for first in the all-around competition with a score of 33.85.

Last Friday, there were many stumbles and falls on the beam and the floor made by both Gustavus Adolphus and UW-RF at the women's gymnastics meet. As bad luck would have it, the Falcons had the biggest fall, overall.

The Falcons lost the meet to the Gusties 139.075 to 129.35.

"Gustavus has always been tough to beat," head coach Jeanne DeLisle said.

Not only that, the Falcons suffered a scoring loss when sophomore co-captain Lisa Denker was injured during her floor routine.

"As of today (Sunday), I still don't know what is wrong with Lisa," DeLisle explained. "I think it could be a tear in her ALC ligament, but I can't be certain. She'll be out for awhile."

Sophomore Annie Renelt took third in the all-around competition with an overall score of 33.2. Her event scores are as follows: vault, 8.25; uneven bars, 8.6; balance beam, 7.6; and floor, 8.75.

Freshman Angie Garrin finished second with an overall score of 31.675 and recorded a season-best 8.925 on the vault.

Saturday, the Falcons travel to UW-La Crosse to compete in the Gershon Invitational.

Then, the Falcons host UW-L in a WIAC meet Feb. 12



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

No, it's not Kerri Strug, but the Falcons leaped past the Devils.

Thank God! Falcons beat Saints

The Falcon men's basketball team ended a four-game skid with a 65-60 win at St. Scholastica on Saturday before being trampled by the representatives from hell, the UW-Stout Blue Devils

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The Falcons played to the great heights of heaven and the low depths of hell all in the same week.

Wednesday, despite 19 points from transfer guard Sulieman Holman, UW-River Falls lost to the UW-Stout Blue Devils, 69-58.

Holman, playing in his first game with Falcons, also grabbed seven boards while playing only 24 minutes.

All season long, the UW-RF men's basketball team has struggled to find

some firm footing. Just when it thought it found some traction with those Nike's, down it went. But despite a bad loss to UW-Platteville on Wednesday, maybe things changed last week.

On Saturday, an old face returned to the lineup for the Falcons. Senior guard Lamar Westberry made his re-return to the court against St. Scholastica and scored 12 points to help the Falcons to a 65-60 victory in Duluth, capping an interesting week.

On Wednesday night, defending national champions, UW-Platteville ventured into Karges Center for a WIAC match-up. Earlier in the season, the Pioneers thrashed the Falcons in Platteville. Just a few days earlier, the Falcons nearly

upset UW-Oshkosh on their home court, and they hoped the good showing they had against the Titans would follow them into their game with the Pioneers. But just like in their first game, the Falcons played well at the beginning, but were shellacked from then on.

Platteville's excellent three-point shooting and offensive rebounding were the two things that cashed the Falcons in early on Wednesday, as Platteville won 79-54. Pioneers junior guard Merrill Brunson, whom Falcons head coach Rick Bowen calls the best player in the league, was especially hot from the

arch. He made four of seven threes, leading a team that shot 41 percent from the arch all night. When the Pioneer shooters weren't making baskets, their

teammates were down low getting offensive rebound, after offensive rebound, after offensive rebound: 18 total, just four less than the total amount of rebounds for the Falcons in the entire game.

"They beat us to death on the boards," Bowen said. Just how would the team perform against a tough St. Scholastica club after such a demoralizing loss? Well, that's when Westberry walked through the door again.

After just three games this sea-

"They beat us to death on the boards."

—men's basketball coach Rick Bowen

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

NCHA HOCKEY (Feb. 1)

	W	L	T	Pts.
St. Norbert (16-2-3)	11	1	2	24
UW-River Falls (15-6-0)	9	3	0	18
Bemidji St. (16-8-0)	9	4	0	18
UW-Superior (14-5-1)	7	5	1	15
UW-Stevens Point(12-8-1)	7	6	0	14
Lake Forest (6-12-2)	4	9	0	8
UW-Eau Claire (9-10-2)	3	7	2	8
UW-Stout (6-14-1)	3	8	1	7
St. Scholastica (6-16-0)	2	12	0	4

WIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (Jan. 30)

	W	L
Oshkosh (19-0)	12	0
Eau Claire (17-1)	10	1
Whitewater (13-6)	8	4
Stout (9-10)	6	5
River Falls (14-5)	6	5
Stevens Point (11-9)	6	6
LaCrosse (6-14)	2	10
Platteville (6-12)	1	10
Superior (4-13)	1	11

WIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL (Feb. 1)

	W	T
Platteville (18-1)	11	0
Eau Claire (14-5)	8	3
Whitewater (15-4)	8	4
Oshkosh (14-6)	8	4
Stevens Point (11-9)	5	7
Stout (11-8)	4	7
LaCrosse (9-11)	3	9
Superior (8-11)	3	9
River Falls (7-12)	2	9

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	Feb. 5-11, 1999	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hockey	St. Norbert 7:05 p.m.		St. Norbert 7:05 p.m.					
Women's Basketball			at Whitewater 3 p.m.				LaCrosse 7 p.m.	
Men's Basketball			Whitewater 7 p.m.				at LaCrosse 7 p.m.	
Swimming	LaCrosse 6 p.m.		St. Thomas Con-Moor. 1 p.m.					
Gymnastics			at Gershon Invite (LX) 1 p.m.					
Wrestling			at Eau Claire Invite					
Women's Track and Field		at Eastbay Invite	at Eastbay Invite					

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

HOCKEY— Forward Carl Boben (Fr., Hibbing, Minn.) didn't pick up any points in the series with Bemidji St., but "used his great speed and physical play to help us in both games," according to coach Steve Freeman.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL— Forward Missy Johnson (Sr., Chanhassen, Minn.) had another great game at Platteville. She led the Falcons with 34 points and 12 rebounds. She was 14-18 from the field and 6-11 from the line. She also had one steal in 39 minutes of action.

MEN'S BASKETBALL— Guard Tony Fisher (Sr., Milwaukee, Wisc.) had two good games as the Falcons finished 1-1 last week. He led the Falcons in scoring in both games and finished with 40 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. He was 15-30 from the field including 1-5 from three-point range. He was 9-14 from the line.

MEN'S SWIMMING— Aaron Hanson (Fr., Stillwater, Minn.) had three strong races at Stevens Point. He had a season-best time in the 100-meter butterfly at 58.6. He had a time of 23.5 in the 50-meter freestyle and a 1:10.9 in the 100-meter breaststroke.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING— Michelle Grey (So., Big Lake, Minn.) had two season-best times at Stevens Point. She had a time of 2:10.05 in the 200-meter freestyle and a time of 5:52.5 in the 500-meter freestyle.

GYMNASTICS— Angie Garin (Fr., Lakeville, Minn.) had another strong meet against Gustavus Adolphus. She finished second in the vault with a season-best score of 8.925. In the all-around, she finished with a 31.675.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD— Sarah Peterson (Sr., Catawba, Wisc.) led the Falcons to the Coca Cola Classic title Saturday. She won the shot put (12.82 meters), the 20-pound weight throw (15.45 meters), the long jump (5.29 meters), and the triple jump (11.18 meters). Her distance in the weight throw set a school and building record and was a provisional qualifying mark. Her triple jump distance was also a provisional qualifying mark.

SPORTS SUMMARIES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday's results

River Falls	23	42—65
St. Scholastica	28	60—60

River Falls leading scorers: Fisher 16, Westberry 12.

River Falls leading rebounders: Becker, Werner 5.

Wednesday's results

River Falls	24	34—58
Stout	40	29—69

River Falls leading scorers: Holman 19; Ptacek, Westberry, Coss 8.

River Falls leading rebounders: Hol-

man 7; Westberry, Ptacek 6

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday's results

Stout	43	53—96
River Falls	29	55—84

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 32, Loeblein 15

River Falls leading rebounders: Johnson 12, Loeblein 7.

HOCKEY

Friday's results

Bemidji St.	0	2	1—3
River Falls	1	0	1—2

First period: RF- Bengston (Komar, Nelson) 16:36.

Second period: BS- Bodnar (Phenow, Perrault) 9:32. BS- Bellisle (Perrault, Phenow) 12:22 (PP).

Third period: BS- Chartrand (Dickson, Kalbrener) 6:24. RF- Burke (Anderson, Matzke) 14:08.

Shots on goal: River Falls 18-11-6—35; Bemidji St. 4-12-9—25. Saves: River Falls, Alstead 22; Bemidji St., Paviatos 29, Anderson 5.

Saturday's results

Bemidji St.	0	1	1—2
River Falls	1	2	0—3

First period: RF- Komar (Fukushima) 18:41 (SH).

Second period: RF- Anderson (Matzke, Benedict) 7:19 (PP). RF- Burke (Sam-pair, Gunderson) 15:05 (PP). BS- Dick-son (Chartrand, Lafleur) 17:25 (PP).

Third period: BS- Birkley (Chartrand, Kalbrener) 19:02.

Shots on goal: River Falls 9-16-10—35; Bemidji St. 9-9-9—27. Saves: River Falls, Alstead 25; Bemidji St., Anderson 32.

GYMNASTICS

Friday's results

Gustavus Adolphus	139.07
River Falls	129.35

Tuesday's results

River Falls

129.75

Stout

83.00

WRESTLING

Friday's results

River Falls	21
Eau Claire	26

125- Henning (RF) received forfeit. 133- Franko (EC) received forfeit. 141- Girth (EC) received forfeit. 149- Franklin (EC) defeated Hovden, 16-4. 157- Muller (EC) defeated Perkins, 13-5. 164- Sprague (RF) pinned Germaine, 6:18. 174- Pulson (RF) defeated Jan-kee, 8-3. 184- Hayden (EC) received forfeit. 197- Swenson (RF) defeated Sterken, 6-4. Hwt.- Sallender (RF) defeated Benrud, 4-0.

SWIMMING

Saturday's results

Men's Team	
River Falls	37
Stevens Point	137
Women's Team	
River Falls	67
Stevens Point	151

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Coca Cola Classic

River Falls	260
Carleton	178
St. Olaf	118
St. Catharine	51

Heavenly victory

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son, Westberry called it quits with the Falcons, citing differences and unhappiness with the coaching staff and the Falcons system. But after a few months away, Westberry decided he had made a big mistake in leaving and wanted to come back. The players' desire to have him back was unanimous, which pushed Bowen into accepting Westberry back.

Just about as quickly as he returned, Westberry made his presence felt.

His 12 points and three rebounds in 30 minutes of action were important to the Falcons victory. But in addition to his stat line, the energy Westberry brought to the floor was also vital.

The Falcons trailed 28-23 at the half, and were down by as many as 10 points with five minutes left in the game. That's when things got good for River Falls. They made a torrid comeback in that amount of time, and they had to do it with postman Pat Ptacek on the bench. Ptacek fouled out with eight minutes left in the game. In the second half, the Falcons made 13 of 20 free throws; not a sterling percentage, but the number of times they got there is what's important.

"In the last five or six minutes, the defense made some stops, the offense played well, and there was excitement," Bowen said. "We showed tremendous amount of heart," Bowen added.

The Falcons committed just six turnovers in the entire game (compared to the Saints' 18), a key stat line which Bowen was excited about.

With such a large deficit (10 points), and such a short amount of time (five minutes) in which to do something about it, it was a game Bowen said the Falcons could have easily lost.

"It might have been easier to lose that game," he said.

Tony Fisher led the Falcons with 16 points. Kent Becker had 11, and Chad Coss added 10 to tally four Falcons in double figures for scoring.

Track

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relay teams.

River Falls took first and third in the 800-meter relay and second and fourth in the 1600-meter relay.

Kropp-Wagner says the teams only weakness may be the distance events because of the sheer lack of participants in those events.

Even though, the Falcons have the largest, most talented team in Kropp-Wagner's tenure. Thirty-seven members are currently running, jumping, or throwing on the team.

UW-River Falls will compete at UW-Stevens Point on Friday and in the big Eastbay Meet in Stevens Point on Saturday.

Women's B'ball

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rebounded by the Blue Devils 57-41. The Blue Devils were able to get more second and third looks at the basket.

Falcon senior forward Missy Johnson led all scorers with 32 points, 24 of which came in the second half. She also was the leading rebounder with 12 in 37 minutes of play.

Scrappy play by sophomore guard JoLynn Sieburg gave her the team lead in steals with six for the Falcons. She also led the Falcons in assists with six. Johnson also was an inside presence with two blocked shots on the game to lead the Falcons.

"We needed this one," Schuchter said.

But the Falcons didn't get it.

The Falcons were ranked fifth in the Central Region before game time.

Looking at the upcoming Saturday 3 p.m. game at UW-Whitewater, Schuchter was to the point in his comments.

"It's a must win," Schuchter said. "They, (Whitewater) are ahead in the conference standings."

In order to be successful, Schuchter said the Falcons must rebound with Whitewater, neutralize Whitewater's outside game and stay with Whitewater on the perimeter.

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MONICA MANSKE

Novel sites and Internet flare

Bonjour my little darlings. Here I am again to bring y'all the buzz on the arts and entertainment industry. Well, that is the plan anyway. However, since everyone is currently sick with the horrible flu/cold mutation going around, I feel justified in slacking a bit this week. As some of you more diligent readers may have noted, I did promise a movie review this time around.

I apologize to all of you who were psyched to read my brilliant take on "A Bug's Life." Time will heal your wounds.

This week's column is all about Internet fun! I normally don't pay much attention to all that glitters on the information superhighway, but I'd rather discuss some of my fave goof-off websites than the Golden Globe Awards. I don't want to give any more precious thought as to why that annoying ex-Mousketeer from "Felicity" received an award. Anyhow, sometimes I stumble upon great creativity in the virtual abyss. Okay, maybe not great, but at least all the sites I'll mention here offer some sort of cheap value.

www.phobe.com/furby
If Furbies scare you as much as they scare me (they converse with each other...creepy!), you'll get a lot of joy visiting this lovely site. Furby autopsies offers fun pictures of a stripped Furby, and all kinds of detailed info for you technical types who want to know how to hack apart your beloved pet/toy. Don't you just love it when education and sadistic fun meld together?

www1.iastate.edu/~pyre/area.html
Fighting the winter blues? Tired of searching endlessly for the meaning of life? Look no more dear readers, I deliver the answer to all your problems via David Bowie's crotch! This incredibly thought out (perhaps a bit too much) site offers justification for the theory that "David's area is all encompassing." I know I'm feeling more connected already, Zen even. A special thanks on this find goes to my roomie, who somehow manages to find perverse items such as this and still maintain a dignified aura.

www.thegrid.net/zooed/sifnolly
"Sifl and Olly" (MTV 7 p.m. weeknights) is the best show ever! I have no idea how to quantify this television treasure for all of you, so I'm referring you to this website. I assure you, it is crescent fresh.

www.paranoidia.com/~coe/
The Church of Euthanasia
I'm not one for organized religion by any means, but I am all for tasteless fun. This website includes sermons and merchandise; which is what church should be all about. Plus, this group only goes by one commandment: "Thou shall not procreate." Simple, eh?
www.theshrubbery.prohosting.com/phil.html

This site features one of the coolest zines I have found on the web, "The Shrubbery." Featuring typical zine fare such as music, book reviews and poetry; the unique part is this zine is funny and well written. I also like this zine because they proclaim, "The robot from the future is God." As soon as I figure out what that means, I'll have all the answers.

www.theroc.org/
This anti-censorship site is perfect for all you activists out there. Fight THE MAN via petitions and

See "Super highway" B4



Meddling Melinda

Should I bring this up to her? Am I being totally silly?

-Toiling Tomboy

Dear Toiling Tomboy,

You have encountered one of the most evil monsters surviving in our society today. A green ugly greedy monster called money.

Some people have been taught that money means everything in life.

People have forgotten about the little things in life that matter the most.

I think the problem you are having is not with your girlfriend but with how money is more important to you than living a fulfilling life.

You need to start appreciating the things you have and stop whining about everything you don't have.

So what if your girlfriend makes more money! You're in love and that is the richest part of life you will ever feel.

-Meddling Melinda

Dear Meddling Melinda,

I've been very suspicious of my boyfriend lately. Now we're both going

into ag here together at UW-RF, and he is doing an internship at his uncle's farm. Whenever he leaves our apartment, he always brings a duffle bag, which is odd because he keeps it in his closet. Which isn't odd in itself, but whenever he comes home, he's always worn out and too tired to put any time into my needs.

So yesterday I went into the closet, snooping around and found a box of condoms and a Polaroid camera.

Should I be concerned? Was is right to snoop?

-Concerned Girlfriend

Dear Concerned Girlfriend,

I think you need to start asking your boyfriend some very important questions?

Like why do you need condoms when you go off to work? What's the camera for? And are you seeing someone else?

I don't think it was a good idea to go through his things because that means you don't trust him. And when you don't trust someone, you might as well start looking for a new boyfriend.

-Meddling Melinda



Horoscope Forecasts



Neil Rhines
Columnist, Off-Beat assistant editor and this week's forecaster for the future

Aries (March 21 - April 19): Lay off the McDonald's for awhile, your heart will thank you for it. Try your hand at cooking. You needn't go gourmet, but try something other than mac and cheese.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Take advantage of the warmer weather by getting out of the library and getting some fresh air. The real worlds looks differently than the Student Center. It smells a lot better too.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21):

Look cautiously to Washington. The Republicans are getting desperate. No one is safe anymore. Expect your subpoena any day now. Get ready to move to Canada.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You will encounter a tall hermaphrodite named Benny. Put two quarters in Benny's left shirt pocket and watch him/her dance.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Realize that the surgeon general is just a prop of the brain washing government who dispenses lies about everything held dear by mankind. Buy yourself a pack of Camels and a bottle of Kessler's.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Jump out of the rut you've been stuck in and into

a Tae Bo class. Then order some Ginsu knives. Become one with the Ginsu. Attack the nearest vegetarian

Libra (September 23 - October 23): Don't give too much thought to what critics say. Do what feels right to you. Popular thought is a fickle thing. The soul is eternal.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): Take part in an international cause. Stop bed wetting. Watch out for flammable objects. Look for global warming in your pants. Ouch!

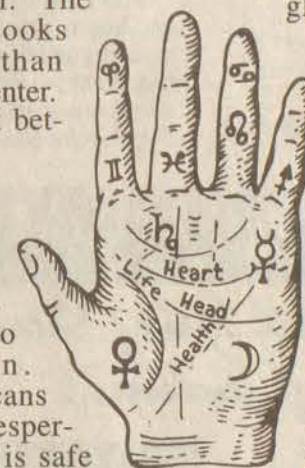
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Become more promiscuous. Get out of my dreams, and into my car. Go dancing in the sleaziest joint around and get the funk on.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 18):

Listen intently to the calling of your true self. Realize your destiny and join me. Together we can crush the rebellion and rule the universe together, father and son/daughter.

Aquarius (January 19 - February 18): Drop out of school and become a professional panhandler. If this doesn't work, move to a remote area and join the local militia.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Iraqi forces are attacking your lower intestines. Drink three tall glasses of Metamucil and flush them out. Be on the watch for leaders bearing little green men bearing gifts of lip balm and rawhide.



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By:

Melinda J.
Domzalski

"POINTS OF VIEW"

What came first, the chicken or the egg?



Mac Guptil
Senior

"The egg first because it tastes better."



Damon Meyer
Junior

"I don't know why, I guess it would have to be the chicken. It's a gut feeling."



Than Astin
Senior

"The chicken came because Brian Perry said so."



Janell Gladys
Sophomore

"God made the chickens and they made the egg."



Lisa Rettinger
Junior

"Chicken, but I really don't know why!"



Khanya Bode
Freshmen

"Chicken- so the chicken could make the egg."

Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English

For all of you who feel the need to free yourself from the restraints of school or the other pressures, we have the perfect solution. At noon on Thursday May 6, 1999 we will be having a united campus streak. Come one, come all!

Lance Loverink & Than Astin Co-Presidents of the Unauthorized UW-RF Streak Alliance

A source, who as asked to remain anonymous, informed me over Christmas break that the chancellor has his very own bathroom attached to his office. This sounds like an enormous waste (no pun intended) of tax payers money. I would like to ask Chancellor Thibodeau for a written invitation to come and use his commode as a symbolic act that would demonstrate the union between the students and the faculty. That and I'm



really curious if he has softer toilet paper, because I've had four people

thinking that works well with English, but not so well with physics. It makes me feel like I've got a learning disability.

It's in Science Senior Capstone that I'm immensely proud to be a humanities major. In the Science Capstone we're debating creationism vs. evolution. For years I'd thought that nobody really believed in creationism, but people in my class seem divided. This blows my mind. I have heard of strange religious cults who didn't believe in

"For the life of me, I simply can't drink a fifth of whiskey and still do math."

ask me to write on the abrasive tissue in school bathrooms. However, I would never stoop to such things.*

O mine eyes! This semester is not an easy one for me. The evil dragon known as Physics 101 is making my life hell. For the life of me, I simply can't drink a fifth of whiskey and still do math. English and history are no problem but numbers and booze don't mix. I'm trying not to get discouraged, but it seems that in the last four years, I've developed a certain way of

dinosaurs, but I never thought college-educated people would utter such backwards minded thinking. I've been hearing arguments like, "Where's the missing link?" but that only displays their own ignorance, any graduate level anthropology student will tell you that THERE IS NO MISSING LINK. Come to think of it, I've never heard an educated and informed argument made for creationism. This isn't to say that there aren't intelligent Christians. But, as far as creationism goes, I've never heard

an argument based more on fact than faith that promotes Divine Intervention.

I don't want this column to focus on the creepy world of creationist. There's an underlying issue here that is much more interesting than an outdated debate: How do social structures (like Christianity) affect individual thought? This is where we get back to learning disabilities. If an English student is trained to approach problems differently than a Physics student, can't the same thing be approached in cultural circumstances? I think so, more over, I argue that Christianity (as it is taught today) is destructive to intellectualism for two reasons.

My first reason is based on the principle that all knowledge is good knowledge. This is why you'll find all sorts of scientists who have mastered Christian thought and don't agree with it, though you will never find a Creationist that has mastered the current scientific ideas of the time. The first thing God tells Adam and Eve to avoid is the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. People who avoid learning of any kind are bad for our society. Thus, I can't stand by God's orders to avoid the knowledge of good and evil. I want to know. Everyone should want to know.

Secondly, the power structure of the Church creates people who follow, not leaders who think for themselves. I don't care if they are following the Word of God, their pastor, or Hitler, people who don't think for themselves are susceptible to destructive ideology. On a national scale there have been more horrible crimes committed by well-intentioned Christians than anyone else. The Republicans are a guilty party.

Again, I'm using Christianity as an example of thinking governed by an underlying ideology. It's no difficult task to show how religion can lead to persuaded thinking. An analogy can be made here at the University. Students should look to attack everything they learn. At the grocery store we inspect our produce before we buy it. We should also inspect what we're learning before we lock it in our heads.

*I've been told that the toilet paper in the facilities on campus is made of the Blood Hole Tree, a rare tree specimen grown in southwestern Mongolia named on account of the burgundy color and the many woodpeckers it attracts.

Super highway

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incident updates all in the comfort of your dorm room! The beauty of the '90s is that one may save the world without ever joining a picket line. I think I might cry.

www.starwars.com

This is the official "Star Wars" site on the web, for those of you who want to avoid some site a 13-year-old fanboy in Iowa conjured up. I like this site because it offers the latest merchandise (you wouldn't want George Lucas to starve, would you?) and tons of info on the making of the new prequels.

So there you have it, some more ways for people in River Falls to goof-off. Who says there is nothing to do around here? I may update this list later, so if you have a site near and dear to you that you would like to share, e-mail me at Manske@mailexcite.com. Until next time, stay happy and watch "Sifl and Oily" before MTV cancels it to make way for more Backstreet Boys video marathons.

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