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One year anniversary of Hudson double murders

Victims' friends, family gather at funeral home

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

A year after former UW-River Falls student James Ellison and funeral home owner Dan O'Connell were murdered at the O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson, friends say the pain is still immense. "When you're friends with someone like James and I were, you never really forget about them," said senior Adam Hady, Ellison's friend. "We still bring up stories and we still talk about him."

Ellison and O'Connell were found Feb. 5, 2002, by St. Croix County Medical Examiner Martin Shanklin on a routine stop to sign a death certificate. Ellison was working at the funeral home as an intern when the two

men were shot to death.

A \$100,000 reward is currently being offered and Hudson Police Chief Richard Trendle has assigned two full-time officers to head up the investigation.

While the investigation seems to be a high priority for the Hudson Police Department, friends of Ellison say they realize it may be a long time before the case is solved.

Yet, they remain hopeful.

"I have no doubt that whoever did this is going to pay," said Jamie Pearson, Ellison's girlfriend. "No matter what happens, what they did will come back and get them in the end. And if it takes a long time (for the police department to solve the case), that's fine."

Friends of Ellison all agreed that his death has changed their lives and has taught them to "live life for today."

"I am so grateful for what I have now," said senior Jeff Diesch, Ellison's friend. "I realize more that anything can be taken away from you."

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Maisha Downey / Student Voice
Carsten and Sandy Ellison, parents of victim James Ellison, joined family and friends outside the O'Connell funeral home in Hudson to remember the one-year anniversary of the murder of their son, as well as funeral home owner Dan O'Connell.

Two alumni die in unrelated accidents

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

Two former UW-River Falls graduates, Amanda L. Anderson, 23, and Matthew J. Swett, 24, were killed over winter break in unrelated accidents.

Anderson, a 2001 graduate, died Jan. 27 near Cottage Grove, Minn. from injuries suffered in a head on collision with a semi-trailer.

According to the police report, Anderson was driving the wrong way on Highway 61 in Newport,

Minn. when her vehicle and the semi-trailer collided.

Anderson was living in St. Paul and is survived by family in Green Bay, Wisc. She was formerly from Sobieski, Wisc.

Swett, also a 2001 graduate, died Jan. 25 from injuries suffered in an accident in Waterloo, Iowa.

Swett was formerly from Seymour, Wisc. and was currently living in Cedar Falls, Iowa with his wife. Swett was employed as a recruiter from Hamilton College in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Students with more than 165 credits could pay extra tuition fee

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

The "professional" student will be required to pay extra tuition under a plan approved by the Board of Regents in December.

UW System students will be charged double for each credit taken after accumulating more than 165 credits, or 30 credits more than their degree requires, whichever is higher. This surcharge plan will take effect in the fall of 2004.

Under current tuition costs, one credit costs \$197. When this plan takes effect, any credit taken after 165 credits have been amassed will cost \$394.

The surcharge plan was proposed by the Board of

Regents as a way to cut educational costs to Wisconsin. The state is facing unprecedented budget deficits in the 2003 - 05 fiscal years, as well as being \$452 million short yet this year. Last year, a forward-looking legislator and Gov. Scott McCallum asked the Board of Regents to find ways to cut UW System costs. Legislators and some regents say that reducing the number of credits students take will reduce costs to the state.

UW-RF Provost Ginny Coombs sees it differently. "This is probably going to take more money to put in place than it yields in results," Coombs said.

UW-Madison will likely have fewer than 200 "professional" students, out of a student population of more

See "Surcharge" on A6

Students, faculty confused by Falcon account conversions

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

For Bob Hughes, an Information Technology (IT) Services Help desk worker, the first week of school was one of the most hectic.

"Thursday was really bad," Hughes said. "There were massive herds of people around the desk."

The unusually large crowds of help seekers were some of the more than 2,200 UW-River Falls faculty and students who recently traded their old ANET accounts for new Falcon Accounts. The new accounts are part of the University's technology upgrade project.

The system, called eSIS, which is an acronym for electronic student information system, is replacing the old system known as SOAR, student online access to records.

Mary-Alice Muraski, the eSIS project manager, said that though the upgrades have been trouble-

A quick guide to the Falcon Account 'W'

- Use a lowercase 'w' for e-mail (TWIG) login.
- For WebCT and Blackboard use an uppercase 'W.'
- When logging onto lab computers either use an uppercase or lowercase 'W.'

some, they are a necessary evil.

"The old technology was literally dying," Muraski said. "The company wouldn't even issue a new warranty on it. Maintenance and service was getting very expensive."

Anywhere the old ANET accounts are used to sign in, such as WebCT and Blackboard, programmers have had to change things over to eSIS, Muraski said.

"You'd think that changing ID numbers would be easy," Muraski

said. "It's really like a small pebble being dropped in a lake with all the ripple effects going across campus."

Hughes said the biggest problem he has dealt with has been the w that is located at the beginning of the seven digit Falcon Account numbers.

"It's an uppercase w in some places and lower case in others,"

See "eSIS" on A6

Retired UW-River Falls music professor dead at 69

Samarotto to be honored at Feb. 13 reading

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Former UW-River Falls music professor, poet and loving friend Bob Samarotto died Jan. 1 at the age of 69 from a heart attack.

Ken Olson, an English professor at UW-RF, had been friends with Samarotto for more than 20 years. "So many people are grieving his death but celebrating his life and his achievements," Olson said.

A memorial service to celebrate Samarotto's life was held Jan. 25 at the River Falls Golf Club. At the memorial service there were at least 300 people, Olson said.

Friends, family and former students played music, recited poetry and told stories at the memorial service.

"It was a remarkably beautiful memorial," Olson said.

As a music professor Samarotto focused on woodwinds, such as the clarinet. He also taught a music history course and literature course.

Lillian Tan, a fellow music professor, said she met Samarotto in 1966 when she came to UW-RF.

"I think he was very soft spoken," Tan said. "He was probably one of the most respected teachers in the department."

Tan recalled the time she took over the coursework for Samarotto's musical history class following his retirement. Samarotto handed over all the research and paperwork he had gathered for the course to Tan. She said now that he is gone she will give the paperwork to his family when she leaves the University.

Following Samarotto's retirement in 1990 he continued to be an integral part of the River Falls and UW-RF communities.

Jenny Brantley, English professor and friend of Samarotto's, said he was really important to the art community.

"There is a hole left now that he is gone," Brantley said.

Samarotto attended many of the student poetry readings at UW-RF.

"He came to give them an audience," Brantley said. "It wasn't as if he were compelled to go; he wanted to give them support as a listening

ear."

Last semester Samarotto called Brantley and said he wanted to arrange a reading for her. Brantley arranged the readings for other people and she needed one herself.

Some of the fondest memories of Samarotto revolve around art.

"The first thing I think about when I think of Bob is sitting at a dining room table with glasses of wine reading poetry and laughing," Brantley said. "There was always a lot of laughter when Bob was around."

To those who knew him, Samarotto was never a man to call attention to his artistic talents.

"He was still just beginning to be recognized and acknowledged for his poetry," Tan said.

Feb. 13 there will be a reading dedicated to Samarotto in the Davee Library breezeway at 3:30 p.m. Before Samarotto's death he was scheduled to read his poetry at the Feb. 13 reading. Olson will read in his place.

"I am very honored and moved to read in his place," Olson said. "I was glad to be asked to do it."

One of the things Brantley admired about Samarotto was his attention to the craft of poetry.

See "Samarotto" on A6



Submitted Photo

Retired music professor Bob Samarotto specialized in woodwind instruments during his tenure at UW-RF, but also was an accomplished saxophone and piano player.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order a singing valentine. The UW-RF men's chorus will provide singers to serenade your sweetheart on Feb. 11-13. Contact Eric Ebert for more information at 425-3724 or e-mail him at eric.m.ebert@uwrf.edu

Spring Graduates, the deadline for Spring Commencement is Feb. 14. Applications are available at 105, North Hall. There is a \$35 application fee for all graduating seniors. For more information, contact Judy George at 425-3581.

Looking for a summer job? Become a Summer Registration Facilitator. If interested pick up an application at 112 South Hall. For Further information, contact the Admission Office at 425-3500.

Want to be a Tour Guide? If interested, stop by 112 South Hall and pick up an application. Applications are due Feb. 21. Any questions, contact the Admissions Office at 425-3500.

LDPB Annual Budget Funding Requests are available at the Leadership Front Desk. The application deadline is Feb. 21 by noon. For more information, contact Jared Liston at 425-4911.

Looking for a job? The office of University Advancement is looking for communicators to contact alumni, family and friends. Stop by 310 South Hall for an application and to schedule an interview.

Office Assistant. The office of University Advancement is looking for an office assistant for spring semester. If you are interested and eligible for work study, stop by room 310 of South Hall.

E-mail reminder. Please remember to convert your e-mail over to the new Falcon system. If you have any questions of problems please contact ITS in the Davee Library.

EVENTS

Valentine's Day Flower Sale. The Horticulture Society is holding its annual flower sale Feb. 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center.

Campus & community forum on U.S. Policy toward Iraq is February 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The forum is featuring, guest speaker Mike Miles, who has been involved with the peace movement for many years.

The First Annual Horse Fair is Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to a small animal/hofed humane society. If you have any questions, contact Carrie at (612) 483-9247 or Meghan at (651)295-7925

International Film Festival, "See the Originals" showcase is on Thursday's at 4:30 p.m. in 141, KFA.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, Live Music
245 Knowles Ave. S., New Richmond, Wis., (715) 246-5800
Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.
Feb. 8: Mike Driscoll and Jonell Lauck
Feb. 15: Joe Nirmaier
Feb. 22: The Mighty Limited
March 1: My Cousin Dallas
March 8: Jon Sunde
March 15: Paddy Rose
March 22: Joe Nirmaier
March 29: Mike Driscoll and Jonell Lauck
April 5: My Cousin Dallas

Riversides, Live Music
500 First Street, Hudson, Wis., (715) 386-5507
Saturdays, 9 p.m.-midnight
Feb. 8: HeBeGB's
Feb. 15: Hungry Horse
March 1: Jim Steinworth
March 8: Justin Bell and Lazy Susan
March 15: East of Eagan, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
March 22: Jeff White
March 29: Hungry Horse
April 5: Jim Steinworth
April 12: Justin Bell and Lazy Susan, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
April 19: East of Eagan, 10 p.m.- 1 a.m.
April 26: Awkward Silence, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

MEETINGS

Amnesty International is sponsoring weekly anti-war marches. If interested meet at the Student Center on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

New Student Union Core Committee meets every Friday at 2 p.m. in Regents Room, Hagestad Student Center.

Want to get in shape for just \$20 a semester? There are aerobics classes Monday through Thursday, 4 and 6 p.m. at the Aerobic Studio, Emogene Nelson (connected to May Hall). Register at any class anytime throughout the semester.

Campus Ministry Network is holding Interfaith Prayer Services at the St. Thomas More Newman Center and Catholic Chapel on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Amnesty International meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the St. Croix room, Student Center.

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room, Student Center.

The Business Association's next meeting is Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the President's Room, Student Center.

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in North Hall Auditorium.

The Gay/Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Falcon Room of the Student Center. Meetings are confidential, and everyone is welcome.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the International room. For more information contact cc4cuwrf@hotmail.com

Got an announcement?

If so, add a brief to the Student Voice. Drop off the written announcement at the Student Voice office at 304 North Hall or e-mail
tsveditor@uwrf.edu

Administration budget cut by Governor

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

UW-River Falls administration received a bill last week for more than \$189,000 from the Governor's office.

Gov. Jim Doyle issued a bill to trim state budget expenditures by \$161 million, in response to a projected budget shortfall of \$452 million before June 30. As part of this bill, UW System administration would lose five percent of its state funding. UW-RF administration's share of this cut is \$189,400.

The bill will not affect instructional budgets, but could affect a lot of "support" areas. Departments that could potentially go under the knife include the Admissions Office, along with the Registrar's and Financial Aid offices, said Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander.

Decisions on how the cut will be handled are ongoing.

The cut could result in fewer resources, supplies, and equipment for these departments. The Admissions Office budget has already been cut

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- Virgil Nylander, vice chancellor

by 2.5 percent, said Admissions Director Alan Tuchenhagen. Mailings to prospective students and travel to high school and college fairs have been cut back to compensate for the cut.

A number of positions in several departments have become vacant or were not filled this year, resulting in salary savings, Nylander said.

Reserve funds have been budgeted for sudden shortfalls like this, Nylander said. Money from this reserve fund will likely be used to help fill the gap this cut left.

"If you're a good budget manager you have some money set aside for emergencies such as this," Nylander said. "I've been anticipating these kinds of things."

Cutting administrative costs is going to be

tough to do, Nylander said. UW System schools already have a very tight administrative budget.

"We spend significantly less on administrative functions than the average state," Nylander said. This is not the only cut UW-RF administration has had to deal with this year. The administration began the year by taking a base cut of \$279,000. Add another cut of \$189,000 and total cuts to the administrative budget comes to \$468,000.

"Those are really significant numbers," Nylander said.

Administrators are still coming to terms with how the cut will affect them.

"At this point we're trying to digest the extent of the bill," Nylander said.

Rally could clarify student budget concerns

Senators, UW-RF administration and state legislators will discuss budget issues

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Student Senate is planning a tentative rally to discuss state budget cuts March 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Regents Room of the student center.

Student Senate Financial Director Emily Wenger is helping organize the rally in an effort to better inform the student body of budget circumstances.

"It's really to clear up any misconceptions students have," Wenger said.

Wenger said one major misconception circulating among students deals with the construction projects at UW-RF.

She said students are asking why UW-RF is building a new residence hall, student union and daycare when there are lingering budget cuts and threats of raising tuition.

The money for the construction projects is student-funded and is a separate account that has built up over the past two decades, she said. The budget cuts would be from the state money to the University.

At the rally there would be a panel of student senators, university administration and state legislators discussing and clarifying concerns regarding the budget.

Wenger said it is important for state legislators to attend so they are able to hear the voices of students in northwestern Wisconsin.

"It's important for the legislators to be there because they are the only ones who truly know everything that is going on in Madison and are going to be the most beneficial when it comes to cuts and expenditures," Wenger said.

Senate Legislative Affairs Director Alexia Kjos said it is also important that students attend.

"It is time for the students to rally around an important issue in their academic careers," Kjos said. "Even if you are graduating, think of your friends who will still be here."

Kjos said the Legislative Affairs committee is working diligently every day to convince legislators to attend.

Wenger said if legislators and administration are unable to attend, student senators plan to run an open panel discussion so students are still able to get their questions answered and voices heard.

Kjos stressed the importance that all groups involved attend the event.

"We need everyone [to attend]," Kjos said. "This is an important issue to all students, faculty and staff. Budget issues have ruled our education for years and we need to be informed."

Advisor's laptop purchase raises questions

After the faculty advisor made a purchase Focus on U was unaware of, some student organizations are questioning what rights their groups actually have.

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Student organizations may create bylaws to their constitutions to require members approval before advisors make purchases from budgets.

There has never been a problem with an advisor disregarding a student organization's wishes, when it comes to purchases, until last year, said Jared Liston, chairman of the Leadership Development Programming Board (LDPB).

Ben Friesen, Chairman of Focus on U, was responsible for determining the needed materials

for the organization. Fall semester 2002, Friesen ordered necessary materials such as video-tapes for Focus. Friesen also looked into purchasing a laptop computer for the organization.

Friesen said the laptop was too much for the allotted budget and did not request the advisor to purchase it.

"He went and bought it anyway," Friesen said. "We didn't know he bought it until it was on campus and being used so we couldn't return it."

Focus on U now has problems with its budget. The organization was in need of a new set design but won't be able to purchase it now, Friesen said.

"We don't have much of a budget left," he said. "It drained us."

As a result of this loss in budget, Friesen and Focus on U drafted a new constitution stating an advisor must ask permission of their organization for any spending as a precaution, Friesen said.

Rick Vogel, the new faculty advisor for Focus on U said following the incident his students asserted their rights in a constitutional manner.

"Some students don't realize their rights," Vogel said. "My students didn't."

If a student organization would like to see an itemized budget it should request a copy from its

budget manager, Liston said.

"If the budget manager doesn't 'adhere to bylaws within an organization it becomes a problem within that organization," Liston said. "There is no system of checks and balances."

Each student organization on campus has a budget with a university account number and budget manager.

When the semester begins, the student organization is responsible for choosing a faculty advisor. The advisor ultimately becomes the budget manager with sole control of the organization's account.

"In order for a purchase to be made, the budget manager must sign the approval," Liston said.

Although the budget manager has control of the account, student organizations have the right to set up rules and stipulations within their constitution that require approval by members of that organization before the budget manager, Liston said.

"The only issue is the advisor or budget manager can spend the money how they want to," he said. Basically it comes down to ethical reasons if the advisor does or doesn't spend the money in an approved manner."

Student Senate

Senators express concerns about turnover

GPA requirement may be re-examined for student senators to increase student 'caliber'

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

Four new senators were appointed to Student Senate Tuesday night after being voted in by the existing senators.

The new senators are Leah Vesselmann, a sophomore crop and soil science major; Barbara Lind, a sophomore broad area social science major; Charles Packard, a freshman biotechnology major; and David House, a sophomore political science major.

A member of the audience, Eric Tietz, a senior business major, expressed his concern with the turnover rate of student senators. He said he read in last week's Student Voice that the Senate was accepting applications for new senators.

Tietz said that he was wondering why, throughout the course of the academic year, the Senate has lost 30 to 40 percent of their members for various reasons.

"A 40 percent turnover in less than a year is just horrifying," Tietz said. He said he wanted to know what steps were being taken to reverse the turnovers or to find out the reasoning behind them.

Senate President Jessica Wermuth addressed Tietz's concern.

Wermuth said that turnover in Senate is normal, but that it has been higher this year than in other years. She said there are a number of different reasons why senators were unable to serve anymore.

Many of the senators did not have the time to fulfill their duties as senators and were removed as stated in Senate bylaws, Wermuth said. Others had to resign due to personal reasons.

She also said that the Senate is working with new senators by providing training for them so they are aware of their duties as senators.

Wermuth said that the Senate is also thinking about raising the GPA



Jessica Wermuth

requirement for Senators to have "better caliber" students serving on Senate. The current minimum GPA requirement is between 2.0 and 2.5.

In Other Student Senate News

- Senate is holding a general assembly at UW-River Falls this weekend. The assembly will invite Wisconsin universities that are part of the United Council, an organization representing its members, made up of student governments of the UW System. The state budget is a major topic that will be discussed.

- Senate Legislative Affairs Director Alexia Kjos said that a tentative date for a rally concerning the state budget is set for March 12. The rally will consist of student senators, university administration and state legislators

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-Eric Tietz, student

discussing the state budget to appropriately inform students of the situation. Confirmation of the event will come at a later date.

- Senate Financial Director Emily Wenger said she would meet with university administration at UW-Eau Claire Wednesday to discuss differential tuition. Wenger said they plan to discuss how UW-EC handles aspects of its differential tuition program, including proposals and allocation of money generated from it.

- Senate Facilities and Fees Board Chairman Adam Johnson said the committee is meeting Friday at 2 p.m. to learn about sustainable design, a method to prolong the life of new facilities build as part of the construction projects at UW-RF. The construction projects include a new student union, daycare, residence hall and lab farm. The meeting is open to everyone.

Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

City Issues

Neighborhood meetings address community issues

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

Mayor Eric Amundsen and City Planner Buddy Lucero hoped to have cut out public comment on the City Council agenda with a series of "neighborhood meetings."

The neighborhood meetings were an attempt to keep meetings and to cut the hour-to-hour-and-a-half spent each City Council meeting on citizens speaking on issues such as development.

The meetings were in response to the state's "Smart Growth" legislation. The state law requires all cities, villages and counties to have a comprehensive plan by 2010 for a framework for growth.

Amundsen said concerns brought up by residents included protecting the Kinnickinnic River, maintaining the population, keeping the hometown feeling, protecting historic landmarks and livening up downtown businesses.

Lucero desires more community feedback. Lucero sent out 3,000 community surveys.

Amundsen agreed.

"Our plan will be more thorough with all possible concerns presented to us," he said.

A Comprehensive Plan for River Falls is no new concept. The city has had one since the 1960s and



Eric
Amundsen

developed three or four versions of it since. The last plan was updated in 1995.

The meetings have received large turnouts at all meetings. The best was the one held at the high school.

River Falls resident Mark Johnson found the meetings helpful.

"I had considered speaking at council meetings, but didn't think they'd listen," Johnson said.

Meeting face-to-face with council members put Johnson at ease. He has been worried about the growth in River Falls for numerous years.

It is no surprise that the majority of citizens are concerned.

Lucero said he has received 400 responses from the 3,000 surveys sent out.

The meetings were held throughout the school district, beginning Jan. 15 at Greenwood Elementary School; Jan. 20 at the high school; Jan. 22 at Rocky Branch Elementary; and last Wednesday at Westside Elementary.

Both Amundsen and Lucero consider the meetings a success. Future meeting dates have not been set yet.

Public input is still welcomed. Those who were unable to attend the neighborhood meetings are encouraged to attend the Feb. 11 City Council meeting.

All questions and comments brought up at the meetings are being documented and will be available for viewing in about a month at the public library, City Hall and the city Web-site, www.rfci.org.

Chirping from 'the Nest'



Maisha Downey /
Student Voice

Last Tuesday students participated in karaoke at the Falcon's Nest in the Student Center. Kathleen Borrell, freshman, from Rosemount, Minn., sang "I Heard it Through the Grapevine." The event was sponsored by the Special Events Committee. Approximately 40 people attended.

Campus Security

Student vehicles broken into

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

Two vehicles were broken into last week and had items stolen. CDs were stolen from both vehicles, one in O-lot and the other in N-lot, but one of the vehicles also had a CD player stolen from it. One

of the thefts occurred on Jan. 30 and the other on Feb. 1. Another vehicle in O-lot had damage to a door lock.

Public Safety officers were alerted to an underage drinking situation in room 342 in Johnson Hall on Feb. 1. Officers gained access and talked to the people in the room. Nicole L. Jepson, 19, and James D. Mesik, 20, admitted to drinking and were each cited \$225.

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Editorial

Differential tuition needs to be brought into open

During the past few weeks, a low rumble has been building across campus with differential tuition at the heart of the storm.

Here's a quick crash course in differential tuition: Students will have an additional fee—proposals have ranged from \$25 to \$150 a year—added to their tuition bill. This money will be funneled into a special fund to be used for a pre-determined program.

The issue at hand may not be so much paying out extra money, but what this money is going to be used for.

Initially, the proposal was intended to pay for an additional advising program. This proposal, spearheaded by Chancellor Ann Lydecker, would have formed a new University Advising Program, with eight to ten faculty spending half their time as advisors. There would also have been 15 paid student peer advisors.

It is not likely many people on campus knew about this. Most faculty were not aware of this proposal until last Wednesday. In all probability, the only students who knew about this proposal were student senators and a handful of inquisitive reporters at the Student Voice.

Which raises another concern: Students should be aware of proposals that affect their pocketbooks. And that doesn't seem to be happening.

How much has the word gotten out so far? Student Senators have gotten input from approximately 500 students. Sounds like a lot, but there are more than 5,800 on campus. If Student Senators are going to personally notify the campus about differential tuition, it is going to take a while.

And herein lies another problem: Time is of the essence. A fully-developed proposal needs to be ready for presentation by Feb. 21 in order to be implemented this fall. This is the date of the first of three presentations the proposal must go through to be approved. A second reading will occur at a March Chancellor's meeting. On this timeline, final approval would be granted at the April Board of Regents meeting. Granted, the Chancellor can move this proposal through without any student input, but sneaking something of this magnitude through is not in anyone's best interest.

Wait—there's more. According to the Student Senate's findings, students are not interested in an improved advising program, they are interested in undergraduate research. At least the students that the Senators spoke with are. For the moment, the focus seems to have turned to creating a differential tuition proposal that would fund an undergraduate research program.

The bottom line is that if differential tuition is going to work in the best interest of students, they need to know about it. The questions are piling up and no matter how much administrators want to push this issue through to make it reality, students need to be able to provide their input and have their questions answered.

After all, it's their money being spent.

"If differential tuition is going to work in the best interest of students, they need to know about it.... Students need to be able to provide their input and have their questions answered."

Snowflakes cover more than just roads

This being the first Valentine's Day in three years that I will be single, I thought these few weeks before "love" day would be rather pleasant (please note the extreme sarcasm). I figured my source of anger and bitterness would migrate from the fact that everyone around me would be getting chocolate roses, sexy lingerie and those little hearts with stupid, corny messages like "Call me" and "I love you."

But, once again, I was wrong. As I sat swearing behind a line of cars creeping along at 25 mph (the speed limit was 45) and after an older man pulled out in front of me in a sports car causing me and my sister to do a complete 360 while screaming for dear life, I realized that Valentine's Day would come in a mere second place on my new-found list of hated days. The day the first major snowstorm of the season hit the Midwest is now the holder of the crown.

It's not the snow that I hate. As a matter of fact, stories of building perverted snowmen and minor fender benders are always good for a laugh. While living in good old Cottage Grove, Minn. I have come to appreciate what a nice beer buzz does for a frostbitten face.

What I hate is the fact that me, my 2-door hatch back Ford Probe and my three years of driving experience seem to have outsmarted

most other drivers on the road—at least when it comes to winter driving.

Now, I realize that drivers should proceed with caution when the white stuff comes to town. I am not advocating driving at excessive speeds in blizzard-like conditions, but when you see a trail of cars behind you flicking you off and when the old man in the walker on

things called tires, and if you have tires with good traction it should be fairly simple to go the speed limit. Driving slower only puts your life at an even greater risk because when you do come across someone who actually has a clue how to drive in the snow people will get mad and they will try to rear end you.

Needless to say, snow brings out

"In jail," but that was another one of those times when I was wrong.

Apparently Kevin's little clown car had decided to take him for a joy ride into a ditch on the side of the highway. After being towed out by some hairy tow truck driver, Kevin continued to make his trek home, only to find himself in another ditch about 20 minutes later. Sometimes you just have to laugh at other people's misfortunes. My father had more of a story of just how cold and sad people can be. My dad delivers pizza for Domino's as a side job. Of course, due to his crappy Irish luck (that's what we like to call it in our family), he was stuck navigating unplowed roads and getting stinky tips the night the snow was unleashed.

Not only was his average tip about \$1, but he said that out of the approximately 20 houses he delivered to that only three people invited him inside and out of the cold snow and below zero temperatures.

And while the snow has been the greatest source of my crankiness since it started to fall, it will only be a matter of time before I'm reminded of romance and sappy love letters.

I wish they would make a candy heart that says, "I'm bitter, but available."

JEN CULLEN

"Needless to say, snow brings out the worst in people, not to mention some funny stories."



the sidewalk next to you is in the lead (anyone ever see Office Space?), maybe it's time to put your foot on the little rectangular thing called the gas peddle.

It's called snow. It's not like motor oil has been dumped all over the road. That's why cars have

the worst in people, not to mention some funny stories. My friend Kevin (a very tall and lanky fellow who drives a Honda CRX) called me Sunday evening with the first words out of his mouth being, "You'll never guess where I am." Of course my first response was,

Cranberry juice saves lives, raises questions

Last week I received a dreadful call on my cell phone. My grandpa who has been like a father to me, had a heart attack hundreds of miles away in Texas, where he lives.

The news was a surprise to my family and the doctors. There still is no explanation why he had the heart attack but they are still running tests. It is known, though, that if it weren't for the cranberry juice he drank the night before the attack, he might not still be here.

Grandpa woke up at two in the morning because of chest pains he thought were caused by gas and started spitting up what he thought was blood which is why he allowed himself to be taken to the hospital.

You see, my grandpa isn't the most willing man when it comes to the doctor's office. It turns out that it wasn't blood nor gas, it was cranberry juice that he had before bed and the beginning stages of a heart attack.

So now what?

In tough times like these, I always find a way to worry a little more than is needed and once again I did the same. Although everyone told

me he was fine, it wasn't until two days later when I talked to him that I knew he really was doing better.

In the two days that I worried like crazy, I allowed myself to fall

absolutely felt sorry for myself.

Yep, I know it's ridiculous the added stress I put on myself.

In questioning why I am here on earth I decided to look in journal

to be reviewed by me, the stressed out granddaughter and crazy journalism student.

One of the helpful articles suggested a study that was done on undergraduate students. Perfect right? Not exactly.

The explanations were dead on to how I feel when I let the irrational anxiety take over my life: fear of pain and punishment, fear of losing worldly involvements, religious transgressions and failures, and parting from loved ones.

But the study was mainly about male Arabic and Muslim undergrads.

Where are the studies of female journalism students living in Wisconsin?

So needless to say, I am back at square one with an unanswered question, a column solely about me, which I vowed I would never write, and a lot of homework to catch up on.

If anyone seems to come across the study of the female Wisconsin undergrad send it my way. Till then see you all in a couple weeks and remember cranberry juice might just save your life.

TIFFANY SHELMAN

"Where are the studies of female journalism students living in Wisconsin?"



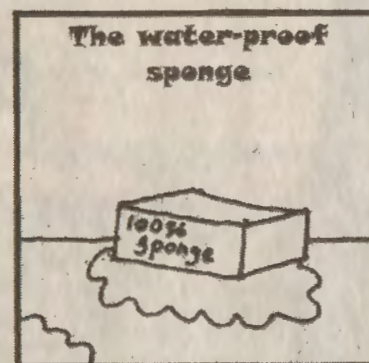
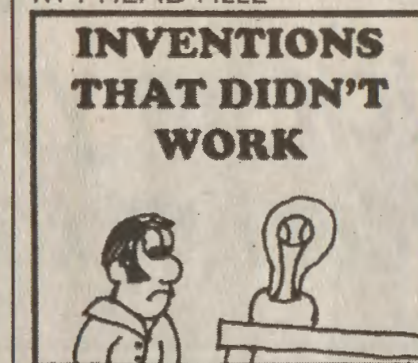
behind in classes, which could be hard to do the second week of school but I managed to do it, I reconciled with my father, which I never expected to happen, I neglected to write the column you are reading right now, I questioned why I am here on earth and I

articles to find out if what I was feeling was normal. I wanted to know a little bit why others like myself have anxiety about death and existence. The conclusions were not very helpful.

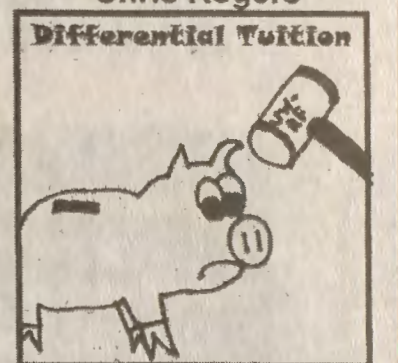
First of all there isn't a whole bunch of information just waiting

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Letters to the Editor

Raising awareness on abortion issues

To the editor:

This past weekend we attended a Statewide Student Pro-Choice Activist training and conference sponsored by VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and Planned Parenthood Federation of America. We feel it is imperative to inform the campus on pro-choice issues, especially since the 30th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade was January 22, 2003 and there was no mention of this in the Student Voice.

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sible decisions, and that is accomplished through age appropriate, comprehensive, medically accurate sex education. Most importantly, we believe this is a right that all citizens of this world deserve, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

This is a critical time for reproductive choice. Even though the majority of Americans are pro-choice, there is a large movement to limit access to reproductive health care. Now is the time for action. In the upcoming months we hope to begin empowering our campus and community on the right to control one's own reproductive and sexual health, including the right to choose abortion. If you are interested in learning more about Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin or any of these issues you can go to www.pppwi.org.

Sincerely,
Cora Opsahl, senior
Kendra Plant, sophomore

Faculty rekindles Israel-Palestine debate

To the editor:

I was away when Steven Derfler's letter appeared in the Student Voice in November. Belatedly, I would like to reply to his assessment of my trip to Palestine.

Professor Derfler wrote that my "statements...shows (sic) a superficial one-sided view." Would he say that the views of Amos Oz, David Grossman and A.B. Yehoshua are superficial?

Essayist Ian Buruma, of the Guardian, observed these prominent Israeli novelists joining action with internationals to pick olives at Yanoun, in the very grove where Israeli settlers had ambushed me and four other internationals the day before. Would Professor Derfler say that the Israeli peace activist who drove the injured to the police station in Ariel for a deposition had a superficial view? Or that Anat Matar, professor of philosophy at Tel Aviv University, who drove me to the hospital for x-rays, or her son, in jail as a refusenik, expressed superficial views in their actions?

However superficial my view of the "natsav" or the "nakba," that view was formed, in part, by reading Israeli scholars such as Tanay Reinhart of the Tel Aviv University; Avi Shlaim of Oxford University; Noam Chomsky and Sara Roy of Harvard University; Jeff Halper of Jerusalem University, a native Minnesotan who keeps tabs on some 2,000 Palestinian homes bulldozed by the occupation army; Benny Morris, Israel Sahak, Martin van Creveland and other "New Historians."

There are also other reporters for the Ha'aretz such as Amira Hass and Rami Rosen. I would like to ask Professor Derfler if he has read publications by the Ultra-Orthodox settlers?

My view of the "nakba," superficial or not, was formed, in part, by observations. There were blocks of rubble in Belata and Aida refugee camps, trenches around whole villages, Palestinians harassed at road-blocks, checkpoints that assure no Palestinian will travel on Israeli-only highways, major universities closed, schools closed, Bedouin sheep poisoned, water and electricity cut off, arbitrary curfews sometimes prolong for weeks or months.

Professor Derfler wrote, "the problem with 'good-intentioned' visitors...such as Prof. Delaplain is that they are enamored with perceived 'underdog' causes and humanitarian issues without being familiar with roots and causes....They blindly support causes and jump on bandwagons, seeing only what they wish to see." My intentions, whether good or not, were not to "sort out peace," as Professor Derfler says, but only to help a few Palestinian farmers whose livelihood depends on harvesting olives from orchards they had planted and tended for decades, which Israeli settlers were set on harvesting for themselves.

I did not act blindly. I knew before I went to

Palestine that the situation could be dangerous. Indeed, we were instructed on kinds and calibers of bullets used by the occupation army on how to handle tear gas bombs, gas bombs, concussion bombs and how to deal with attacks and arrests.

I do not jump on bandwagons. If a bandwagon forms, I reason, I'm not needed. One representative from the United States to the ISM Olive Action is not a bandwagon. We few students who opposed segregation at the University of Oklahoma in the late 1940s were far from constituting a bandwagon. Those of us who opposed HUAC and the Loyalty Oath in the 1950s were more likely to be blackballed than accused of joining a bandwagon. When I was delayed for hours at a Moscow airport for carrying Hebrew texts to Russian Jews in the 1980s, I certainly was not on a bandwagon.

Professor Derfler says that I am not familiar with roots and causes. Was Sen. Mitchell wrong when he said in the Mitchell Report that the root cause of the conflict was Israel's defiance of U.N. Resolution 242 and the Oslo Accords by continuing to build illegal settlements? As for Barak's peace initiative in the summer of 2000, no written statements were issued. However, Roberty Malley, who was present at the talks and took copious notes, explodes the myth about Barak's "generous offer." (NYRB, Aug. 9, 2001).

Professor Derfler asks about innocent Israelis killed by suicide bombers. I am deeply chagrined by the senseless deaths of both Israelis and Palestinians. But if Professor Derfler wants to use that card, I would like to point out that almost four times as many Palestinian women, children and old people have been killed by military occupation as Israeli civilians killed by suicide bombers.

Am I wrong to assume that by "Twice-Promised Land" Professor Derfler means, first, the land promised to Aaron and Moses in antiquity, the land they ethnically cleansed Canaanites; and secondly, the land promised to Netanyahu and Sharon, who have openly advocated the removal, by one means or another, of the Palestinian population?

Professor Derfler appears to excuse, if not justify, Israeli settlers for beating up on internationals, including a 68-year-old woman, burning olive groves, stealing sacks of olives, destroying a village's transformer and water tanks, poisoning sheep. Perhaps, as he says, "there are always two sides, two backgrounds and two versions of any story." Nonetheless, facts are facts and I stick by my opinion that the Israeli Occupying Army, more often than not, acts like a big bully in dealing with the Palestinians.

Jim Delaplain
professor emeritus

College experience causes unhealthy side-effects, habits



CRAIG
CORSTEN

What the hell happened to me?

It seems like only yesterday my parents dropped me off at the front door of Grimm Hall to start my college career. I was a bright-eyed, long-haired, slim and trim 18-year-old who had his whole future planned out. I rarely drank, usually ate a lunch consisting of a banana and turkey sandwich and after that a sensible dinner.

Damn this whole experience they call college.

When I walk away from this University in May, I'll have a

bachelor's degree, a slew of knowledge (although many who know me would argue otherwise) and the training to make me employable. I even learned that neat science theory-thingy that says "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."

That rule especially applies to my college experience. I may be educated now, but I've paid for this education with not only financial aid, but also with my health.

While college was sharpening my mind, it was making my body soft. Very soft.

I came into college weighing 175 pounds. I was lean, muscular and stupid.

Now I'm smarter and a good 40 pounds heavier.

High school athletics and a job that required some level of physical exertion kept my metabolism moving in those days. All that changed day one of my freshman year. As if eating three meals at Rodli wasn't bad enough for my health, I also discovered the wonders of drinking.

I drank before college, but alcohol was everywhere I went my freshman year. I was loving it. If I wasn't drinking in someone's dorm room, I was drinking over at Broadway (congrats if you know what I'm talking about). Yes alcohol and I were like Abbot and Costello or Waylon and Willie: inseparable.

So let's sum it up here. I was eating twice as much as usual and drinking ten times more than I used to. It gets worse.

People I knew had Nintendo 64 and Playstation. Hours were wasted playing '007' or 'Madden.'

Much to my delight, The Simpsons was on upwards of 5 times a day. Watch the 5:00 p.m. show. Tape the 5:30 p.m. episode to go eat at Rodli. Watch the 6:30 p.m. episode. Watch the episode I taped earlier that evening. Drink while watching aforementioned episodes and then drink some more while I play video games. Watch some more Simpsons after the news at 10:30 p.m. and round out the nights viewing with an 11:00 p.m. episode.

Now I'm going to use some of my college knowledge to put together a mathematical equation.

Class + Drinking + Rodli + Video Games + Simpsons on 5 times a night = No time for Craig to do anything that requires physical exertion.

Another equation.

No time for Craig to do anything that requires physical exertion = Craig getting fat.

It took me a whole four years to realize this pattern I was engaging in wasn't healthy.

If I had started this type of unhealthy activity at the age of 40 or 50, I think I'd be dead. Lucky for me I started at 18.

Responding to rodent misbehavior



BLYTHE
CRISWELL

My very first column, and I'm already breaking protocol.

From what I've seen, the primate, particularly the monkey, seems to be the favored animal species around the Student Voice. Yet, I'm going to do something bizarre, and vary from the norm: I'm going to focus on rodents. While I have no great love for the species, I seem to be able to attract both the animal version of rodents, as well as the human (particularly male) version.

Case in point: one month after moving into my house in Somerset, I kept hearing a weird scratching sound from the closet. Convinced that my cat had somehow gotten trapped in the wall, I spent an hour

talking to the scratching animal, trying to calm it down while I waited for my Dad to get home with a saw. Imagine my surprise then, when my cat came over and nudged me in the back. The scratching sounds I was attempting to communicate with turned out to be a mouse. That mouse was one of dozens that have since tried to take up residence in my family's house. While those pesky rodents may cause us some aggravation, our annoyance is nowhere close to what Swiss International Air Lines experienced last Friday. En route from Boston to Zurich, a laboratory mouse escaped from its traveling container. Airline officials, claiming to be worried that the mouse would gnaw on cables or cargo, (although they didn't seem to be worried about the mouse getting into the galley and eating airline food) grounded the plane. They then had to cancel all flights scheduled for that particular airplane for the next 24 hours, while they pumped it full of carbon dioxide, in an apparent attempt to kill the beast. Despite a thorough search of the plane, the mouse was never found. Passengers, you might want to check your luggage...

In other rodent-related news, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), is up in arms over rats. For the past 28 years, Nebraska Wesleyan University has held the "Rat Olympics", a competition featuring trained rats in various competitive events. The name of this

historic event now has to be changed, however, since the USOC claims that the name "Olympics" is protected under federal law, and therefore cannot be used without permission. In reality though, I think the USOC just doesn't want their name connected with a bunch of rats. Remember that, folks: the USOC is in no way connected with a bunch of rats! (I guess they think we'll just forget about the Salt Lake City bribery incident...)

Finally, just in time for Valentine's Day, researchers from Penn State University have discovered why groundhogs really emerge from their dens in early February. Apparently, the male groundhogs wake up for a day or two, and spend some time checking to see which females are available, and where they are located. That task accomplished, they crawl back into their dens to sleep for another month or so, until mating season begins. Hmm, sounds a lot like the males on this campus. They also check you out, hit on you, disappear, and then show up a month later expecting sex. See what I mean about my being familiar with rodent behavior?

There, I've made it through my first column, without offending too many people or being too controversial. I'll save that for later in the semester. Now if you will excuse me, I have to see if I can convince them to run a photo of a mouse in place of my face.

What do you think of differential tuition increases and the proposed advising program changes?



Nick Koecheler, sophomore
"I'm against it. We have DARS and we don't need to be paying more advisors."



Clare Lockman, senior
"Both sides have validity. I can understand how a better advising system would be beneficial to students. However for that much money per semester I better get some pretty good advice."



Lara Lesar, senior
"They think it will increase student retention, but every time they raise tuition students leave because they can't afford it anymore."



Simon Traynor, freshman
"I don't think we should pay advisors more."



Heidi Schmidt, senior
"I think the advising program needs to be improved, but you still need to be able to talk to an advisor from your major or field of study."

Bill Campbell, Director of Grants & Research
"Our advising program needs fixing, but I'd rather see differential tuition used for more dramatic strokes."



PHOTO POLL

By Kyle Weaver

Surcharge

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than 35,000. In comparison, UW-RF has approximately 5,800 students. The number of students who might be affected at UW-RF is minimal, Coombs said.

Within the next two weeks, Coombs plans to start determining which students have amassed 130 or more credits and are not within a semester of graduation. These students would be in danger of paying the surcharge, Coombs said.

Most degrees at UW-RF require

120 credits. The most extensive program, Elementary Education, requires 132 credits.

"There is some concern on the part of all of us that they are putting in place a mechanism that is far too complex, and probably doesn't impact the number of students that will warrant the time it will take to track it all," Coombs said.

There will be exceptions to the rule. Students who switched majors, are pursuing double majors, or have studied abroad (where credits taken overseas often don't apply to pursued degrees) will likely be exempt, Coombs said. Guidelines for exemptions are currently being developed by UW System administration.

eSIS

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Hughes said. "It is a bit confusing." Dan Semi, the user services manager for IT Services, agreed that the case-sensitive w's have been a big problem.

Semi said that login for e-mail works with a lower case w, WebCT and Blackboard work with an uppercase w and lab logins work with either.

"That's not the way we intended it," Semi said. "But we should be able to straighten that out so that it doesn't matter."

Semi said another major problem has come from people not being able to see their contacts list.

"The contacts lists were the last thing to migrate over," Semi said. "That information is not lost, but it will take a little time to get it all switched over."

Other minor problems ranged from people not seeing their e-mail to e-mail programs such as Eudora and Netscape Communicator needing to be reconfigured Semi said.

Despite the problems Muraski emphasized the fact that the eSIS upgrades will be very beneficial to the University.

The new eSIS system will provide one ID and one password for all campus resources such as computer lab access, textbook services and library access.

In addition, Muraski said the university wanted to upgrade its many administrative offices such as admissions and financial aid so that they are all on one system.

The new system will also match systems found in many other UW System schools and help communication among the universities, Muraski said.

Operating the new system is also much easier than SOAR, Muraski said.

"The new system is all basic web surfing," Muraski said. "There will be a page that will have choices just like any Web site."

Semi said the next step in the upgrade project is to test everything to be certain it is all running smoothly in March for registration.

"Everybody's been working extra hours," Semi said. "We should be in pretty good shape in a couple of months."

Samarotto

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"He was a world-class musician, not only in the community but nationally and internationally," Brantley said. "He was always interested in challenging himself in regards to his writing. He didn't expect applause for what he did; he didn't do anything to gain recognition."

Olson agreed that Samarotto humbly accepted recognition for his achievements.

"He was a great person and great musician very dedicated to his craft and art," Olson said. "He was very modest at any success that he got."

In Samarotto's free time he and Olson often took fly fishing trips to the Rush River with bamboo fly rods and hand-tied flies.

As the two traveled to the stream, they would talk the entire way.

When they reached the stream, Olson said Samarotto would always ask, "Which way do you want to go?" When Olson decided which way to go, Samarotto would travel the opposite direction and the two would meet in the middle.

"Sometimes we would just watch the other casting," Olson said. "Fishing is going to be very different this year. I imagine walking around the bend and seeing Bob fishing."

Olson said he is reminded of an excerpt in William Stafford's "American Poet" that talks about threads of life and people gently following the threads to heaven's gate. "I think that is the best way Bob came at everything, a gentle peaceful pulling at the threads," Olson said.

Ellison

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Perhaps the most frustrating aspect of the whole situation is the fact that the case has not been solved.

"Just knowing James, you knew it wasn't his fault," Hady said. "There was nobody who had a grudge against him. I think it was just one of those things where he was at the wrong place at the wrong time."

Solving the case is important to Ellison's friends and family for many reasons.

"People need closure. I want to know why someone would do this," Pearson said. "People need the closure and that little bit to say goodbye."

And although it has been a year since Ellison's death, friends say there isn't a day that goes by they don't think about him.

"It gets easier, but there are things that set you back," Pearson said. "Sometimes you get a memory or someone will call and that makes it hard."

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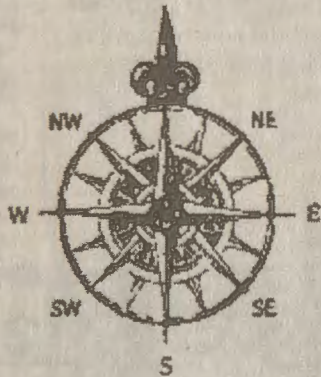
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OPINION



RYAN BRINKS

Timeless

The job of a sports journalist definitely has its perks. For one, you get to humor the rest of the world with your thoughts and opinions. Secondly, there's no office quite like a roaring, packed gym, arena or stadium. And thirdly, you can watch timeless sports classics and call it research. (Just imagine what you could do with the university's new proposal for increasing tuition to fund undergraduate research.) Well, part of the curriculum to become such a journalist has allowed me to enroll in a scriptwriting class this semester, and so naturally the art of filmmaking has been on my mind. Alas, I have recently compiled the data from years of diligent experimentation and have come up with a blueprint for the world of sports' all-time greatest films. Okay, so I can only list those all-time greats that I've seen. Forgive me if I'm missing out on your favorite (like Bull Durham or Slap Shot).

10. Happy Gilmore — An Adam Sandler classic and one of the top comedies of the list. Also, since you can't really do a Top 12 list, I'll give honorable mentions to A League of Their Own and Jerry Maguire: quality movies but not quite the best.

9. Mighty Ducks — The teenage inspiration of our generation, not to mention that it had a profound effect on the growth of local hockey in the Midwest.

8. The Program — Maybe more infamous than famous for its daring highway scene, but it's nevertheless packed with action.

7. Major League — Baseball's ultimate comedy. The acting is unparalleled, and any movie that has successful sequels has got to be pretty good.

6. Caddy Shack — [Insert your favorite quote here]. An old movie, yes, but it never gets old, if you know what I mean. Untouchable until the Sandler era.

5. Rudy — Pure inspiration. The movie that even guys get choked up over. You gotta love the story line. Goosebumps, ah yes.

4. Field of Dreams — The essence of every true sports fan, and a plot that stands up to the critics.

3. Rocky — Action, suspense, the underdog. It's got everything. Of course, each one in the series was a triumph of similar proportions.

2. Days of Thunder — Cut-throat competition, adrenaline-pumping, an athlete's worst fears, and his greatest triumphs. Never a dull moment.

1. Hoosiers — Timeless. What more can I say?

There you go. I'll keep my ears open for your screams and hollers about the ones I omitted. But then you'll start planning your own sports movie marathon. It all works out.

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Title within grasp

Eric A. Page
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team took a big step toward its first NCHA regular season title this weekend. The Falcons (13-4-4, 8-1-3) traveled to UW-Stevens Point to take on the No. 7-ranked team in the country and came away with a win and a tie.

The Falcons picked up three points in the conference standings, and what's more important is the fact that the Pointers only came away with one. With two weeks remaining in the season, the Falcons now control their own destiny. If they win out, they can clinch the conference title.

Eight of the last nine games between these two teams have been decided by one goal or less, and this weekend was no different.

Friday night, the Falcons were out-shot 43-18 by the Pointers but managed to pull out a 1-1 tie.

The Falcons took a 1-0 lead six minutes into the game when Ali Slinden took a pass from Rachel Goodwin and scored her 14th goal of the year.

Despite facing an onslaught of Pointer shots, Falcon goaltender Marlene Yaeger was able to hold the Pointers scoreless until 18 seconds into the third period when Emily Teachout finally found the net to even the score, 1-1.

Falcon Head Coach Joe Cranston knew going in that his defense would have to rise to the occasion. "We always give up a lot of shots to Stevens Point," he said. "We did a good job in front of the net and kept them on the perimeter. They didn't

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vs.

Friday at 7:05 p.m. and Saturday at 2:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena

have a lot of easy looks."

The rest of the third period and overtime was played without a goal scored and the game ended in a tie.

Saturday the Pointers again out-shot the Falcons 37-13, but quality of shot turned out to be more important than quantity as the Falcons came away with a 3-2 victory.

Mandy Stokes started the scoring for the Falcons at 6:45 of the first period off an assist from Tiff Stencil. Lindsay Carlson scored a power-play goal at 18:11 to stretch the lead to 2-0 at the end of the first.

The Pointers got on the board at 1:21 of the second when Ann Ninnemann scored a power-play goal to pull to 2-1.

Five minutes later Heather Egeness scored the Falcons' second power-play goal of the game to give them a 3-1 lead at the end of two.

"When we played them at home, we scored on three of four power plays," Cranston said. "I just really like the match-up that creates for us."

The Pointers pulled within one at 12:30 when Teachout scored on the power play, but the two-goal lead

proved to be too much to overcome and the Falcons secured the win.

Yaeger was phenomenal in the net in both games. The Pointers put 80 shots on goal and came away with only three scores. For those of you doing the math, that is a .96 save percentage and a 1.5 goals against average. Just another day at the office for Yaeger, whose season numbers mirror those statistics.

"Marlene was fantastic," Cranston said. "Two of the three goals she allowed were off rebounds or deflected, so she really only let one get by her."

This weekend the Falcons play host to Lake Forest, whom they beat and tied on the road earlier this year. The Foresters (12-5-3, 5-5-2) are in a distant third place in the conference standings, and play a very similar game to the Falcons.

"Lake Forest has a lot of team speed," Cranston said. "They are the only team in the league that isn't a lot bigger than us, so that will be a welcomed change."

The two teams face off at 7:05 p.m. Friday with a Saturday matinee at 2:05 p.m.

Melzer is good, but not enough

Melzer's 54 a milestone, Warhawks a roadblock

Bob Burrows
Sports Information

Rich Melzer was virtually unstoppable a week ago Wednesday in La Crosse.

The 6-8 junior for the UW-River Falls men's basketball team hit his first nine shots from the field while scoring 20 of the Falcons first 23 points on his way to finishing with 54 points in an 81-65 win over UW-La Crosse at Mitchell Hall.

Melzer is the first player in 50 years to hit the 50-point plateau in the WIAC and his 54 point total is the second highest in conference history and ties for the fourth highest in school history. UW-RF's Roger Kuss holds the conference record with 57 points in a WIAC

game, set against UW-Stout during the 1952-53 season, while Falcon career scoring leader Nate DeLong holds the school record with 72 points against Winona St. during the 1947-48 campaign.

The 54 point total is also the most by any college player in the nation at any level this season. Melzer is currently sixth on the UW-RF career scoring list with 1,448 points.

Falcon coach Rick Bowen said La Crosse's strategy last Wednesday appeared to be let Melzer get his points and try to shut down the rest of the Falcon team. It worked, sort of. Sophomore Jesse Lam had the next highest total with 11 points while no other Falcon had more than six.

"I think they approached the game

with the feeling they couldn't shut down Melzer so let's concentrate on everyone else," Bowen said. "Rich was able to get the basketball in the middle of the lane all night long and get good looks and he made them count."

Melzer accounted for 20 of the Falcons' 31 field goals in the game and picked up assists on four of his team's 11 other baskets. He was also 14-of-16 from the free throw line while pulling down 16 rebounds and blocking four shots.

Despite scoring 32 points in the first half, the Eagles and Falcons were tied at 41 at intermission and the Falcons led by just one, 55-54 with 10 minutes to play. But River

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The moment of truth

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

Coming up just short of a three-goal comeback, the UW-River Falls men's hockey team suffered its first NCHA loss of the season Friday night at the hands of UW-Superior, 5-3, at Hunt Arena. Saturday the Falcons overwhelmed St. Scholastica 11-2 in which junior Matt Elsen scored the team's first hat trick in two years. Coincidentally, the Saints were the victims of the last one as well. Jeff Bernard captured a hat trick Dec. 2, 2000, in a 12-3 Falcon win at home.

The Falcons, 19-3-1 overall and 10-1-1 in the conference, are now tied with St. Norbert in the race for the NCHA regular season championship. UW-RF ventures to St. Norbert Friday for a 7:05 p.m. showdown. The loss to Superior puts the Yellowjackets just a win behind first place and forces the Falcons into an all-or-nothing situa-

tion this weekend. UW-RF must beat or tie St. Norbert to win the NCHA. A loss to the Green Knights could drop them to third in the event that Superior beats UW-Stevens Point Friday and neither St. Norbert nor Superior lose Saturday.

"If before the season began we were going to say we could play for the NCHA championship on the last weekend of the season, we certainly would take that," Head Coach Steve Freeman said.

The Falcons beat St. Norbert 5-2 at Hunt Arena Nov. 23.

"We're the only team in the country that's beat 'em, and we know we're capable of beating them, but we also know that they really don't have any weaknesses. They may be the best in the country," he said. "We're just going to have to put strength against strength and see how it ends up."

Saturday the Falcons travel to Lake Forest for the season finale at

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Everybody loves a zebra

Define the word "consistency." The third definition found in my Webster's dictionary states, "a sticking with one way of thinking or acting." This is one of the commandments of the referee's bible. It is the cornerstone of officiating. Thus, the basketball referees of the WIAC can only be explained as atheists.

As many of you know, I am the play-by-play announcer for the men's basketball team and the public address announcer for the women's team on campus. I have seen a lot of basketball in my four years here at UW-RF, and I have to say that the WIAC has put together the worst bunch of zebras to run sporting contests in the nation.

In recent weeks we have seen refs call shooting fouls despite the ball and the player never making an attempt at the shot itself. The call became more of a sympathy call due to the player breaking his ankle on the play. This famous call cost the Falcons men's squad a win over Stout. The two went into overtime and eventually the Falcons lost. Also, as the public address announcer, I am there to entertain the fans as they watch the women's contest. However, the La Crosse coach, Lois Heeren, got upset with my lines "Too many steps" and "Illegal use of feet violation." She specifically asked the refs if she could get a non-biased announcer. Well sweet-heart, we're not in La Crosse anymore so click your ruby shoes and chant, "There's no place like home." I don't know how she didn't feel at home; her team led 27-11 at half and had forced the Falcons into 18 turnovers. Her complaining finally got our good refs to come over and tell me that my editorializing could cease to just "traveling." So I did so and gave the ref a nice salute along with it. Another problem with the refereeing is the constant confusion between calls. There are at least two or three times a game in which referees have conferences with each other to get calls correct or shot clock issues resolved. These conferences last 3-5 minutes apiece, which is an eternity for fans in the stands.

On a serious note, there are some simplistic ways to solve the trouble in the WIAC. One is to keep the crews together. There are a very small number of referee crews that stay together for more than a game or two. Keeping them together can get them to call the game relatively the same rather than one trying to outdo the other. Also, you might want to get a

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OPINION



DAN SCHULTZ

Women swimmers triumph at St. Mary's

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's and women's swim teams performed well in a dual meet at St. Mary's Saturday afternoon.

The women won, 124-95, but the men lost, 113-88.

For the women, Laura Schultz won the 500m freestyle in 5:50.16 and the 200m IM in 2:24.58. Kelly Deters also picked up two first place finishes. She won the 50m freestyle in 26.07 and the 100m freestyle in 57.45. Cassie Fisher won the 200m freestyle in 2:08.81 and Megan Broskoff won the 100m butterfly in 1:08.98. Kenzie Flansch won the 100m backstroke in 1:04.7.

For the men, Brandon VanVleet won the 200m freestyle in 1:49.28 and the 100m freestyle in 48.01. Ryan Smaagard won the 50m freestyle in 22.34 and Ryane Hawke won the 200m IM in 2:12.44. Jason Hallam won the 100m butterfly in 59.00. Jon Jarvis picked up a first place finish in the 500m freestyle in 5:19.54.

The Falcons will next face UW-La Crosse Friday with action starting at 6 p.m. at the River Falls High School pool.

Kennedy sprints to new dash record

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's track and field team finished third and the women fourth at the UW-Stout Invitational held Saturday afternoon.

Weesayma Kennedy helped lead the men with first place finishes in the 55m in 6.53 and the 200m in 22.77. He set a school record in the 200m and is just .03 away from a NCAA qualifying mark in the 55m.

Erik Hanson won the 1500m in 4:18.89 and his previous best was a 4:21.

Andy Poterucha placed second in the high jump with a leap of 6-2 3/4.

"Each week Andy is improving," Glover said.

Dean Harder placed third in the high jump (6-0 3/4) and fifth in the long jump (18-11 3/4) and has also been steadily improving this year, according to Glover.

Stout won the team title with 208 points, followed by Hamline, 131, River Falls, 119, Augsburg, 67, and North Central, 26.

The Falcons will next compete Friday at the Stout Quadrangular with action starting at 4 p.m.

Katie Mitchell led the Falcon

Tough week to get tougher



Maisha Downey / Student Voice

Lisa Bartsch fights for a rebound against UW-Stevens Point Wednesday night at Karges Center. Bartsch finished with four boards, two assists and two steals.

women with a second place finish in the 200m dash. She finished in 26.87. She also finished fifth in the 55m in 7.56.

Lisa Traxler placed third in the 1500m in 5:02.23. Meghan McGree ran a 5:49.35 and improved her time

by 24 seconds. Steph Dura placed third in the shot put with a 38-11 3/4 effort.

Jen Leis placed third in the weight throw with a toss of 48-6 1/4 which improved her NCAA provisional qualifying distance.

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's basketball team lost three WIAC games over the past week. They play another conference game Saturday when UW-Eau Claire comes to Karges.

UW-EC is in first place in the WIAC at this point of the season.

The women fell to defending national champs UW-Stevens Point 70-53 Wednesday, UW-Whitewater 62-53 Saturday, and UW-La Crosse 68-53 a week ago Wednesday.

Wednesday's loss to Stevens Point dropped the Falcons to 9-11 overall and 3-9 in the WIAC.

Saturday at Whitewater Darcy Olsen led the team with 17 points and six rebounds. Erin Effle picked up 11 points. Chantele Melgaard had nine points and seven rebounds.

UW-RF finished 19-for-55 (.345) from the field, including 7-for-22 (.318) from three-point range. The Falcons were 8-for-13 (.615) from the line.

Amy Morris scored 21 points and had 11 rebounds to lead UW-

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UW-Eau Claire won the team title with 172 1/4 points, followed by Winona, 119 1/2, St. Benedict, 114 1/2, River Falls, 52 1/4, Augsburg, 47, St. Catherine, 32, Hamline, 30 3/4, Stout, 27 3/4, and Mankato, 18.

TRACK & FIELD

STUDENT VOICE

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February 6, 2003

Men's team breaking ground on new era

Eric A. Page
Sports Information

Last year when the UW-RF athletic department cut baseball and gymnastics in favor of men's track and field and women's golf, a lot of people were upset. As it turns out, some people, like the 35 members of this year's men's track and field team, were not as upset.

After being without a program since after the 1994-1995 season UW-RF will once again be represented on the men's side in WIAC track and field.

This gives the members, many of whom competed for the non-affiliated club team in past years, the opportunity to compete at conference and national meets as well as earn conference and national honors.

The Falcons will be coached by Don Glover who has been coaching the men's and women's cross country team and is also taking over the women's team.

"It's very exciting," Glover said, "I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm of the team and its desire to improve."

Weesayma Kennedy, a sophomore from St. Paul, Minn., has been the most notable performer for the Falcons in the early meets this season. He leads a sprinting core that Glover describes as "very good."

Kennedy missed qualifying for nationals in the 55 meters by .03 seconds at the Stout Invitational and broke the school record for the 200 meters with a time of 22.77 seconds. "Wees can fly," Glover said, "He will only get better as the year goes on."

Adam Anderson is also one of those very good sprinters Glover described, although he has been slowed by a hamstring injury this week.

The distance runners on this year's men's team are very young but many of them have experience from running cross country in the fall. Two of the top distance runners this year will be Erik Hanson, who won the 1,500 meters at the Stout Invite and Jim Felling who placed fourth in the 5,000 meters.

In the field events Dean Harder and Erik Olsen look to be potential point scorers for the team. Harder placed second in the high jump at Stout and has done well in all the jumping events. Olsen has had a strong early season putting the shot.

With no bar or standard set in recent years, it will be a season of

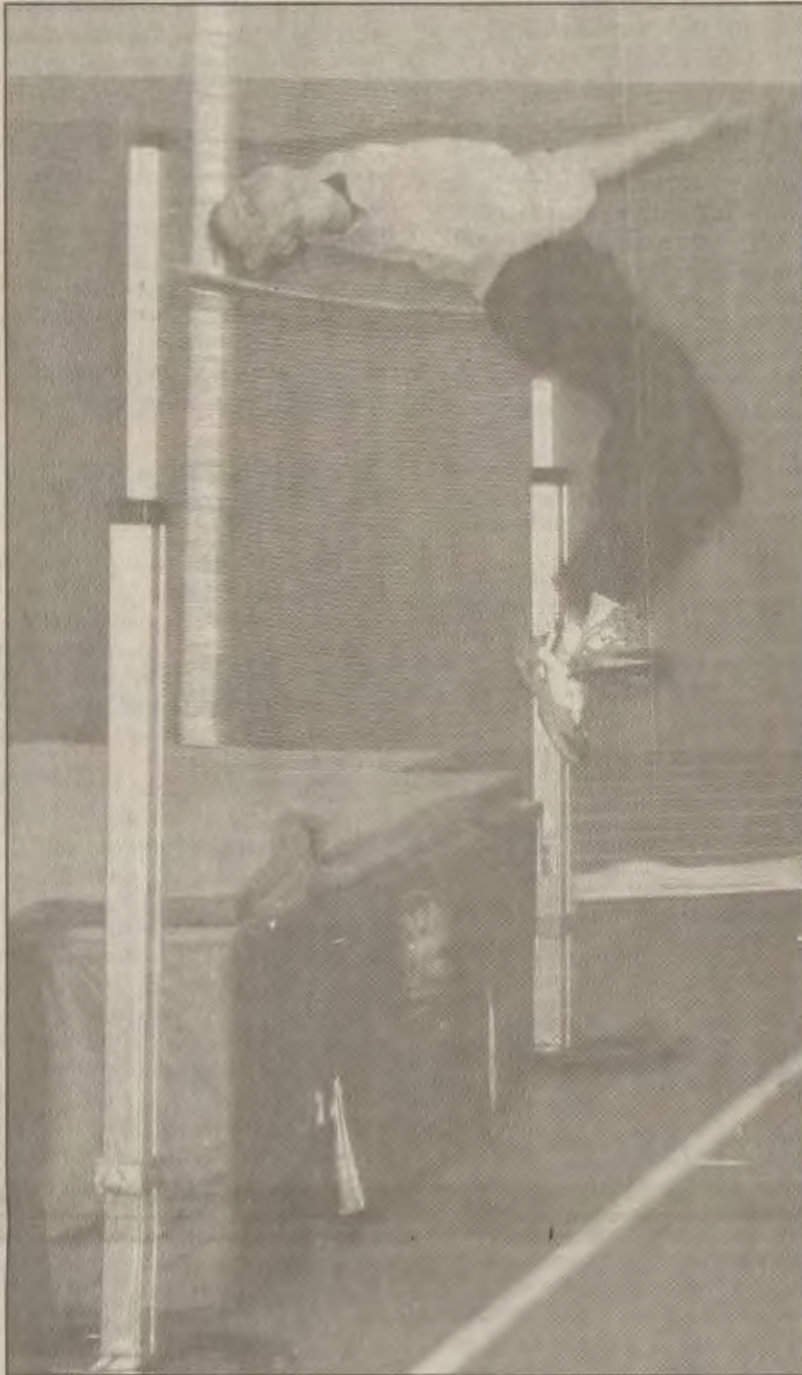
firsts for the men's track and field team. It will have its first conference meet March 7-8 and then its first national championship March 14-15.

The WIAC, just as it is on the women's side, is traditionally the best Div. III conference in the nation with several teams ranked nationally and UW-La Crosse being a perennial No. 1. The Falcons will compete against All-Americans in every meet.

Glover expects his young team to be competitive. "We have at least one guy who can score points in every event right now," he said,

"with the competition we face we'll learn where we need to be."

Members of the 2003 men's track and field team include: Tony Aarts, Steve Berg, Brandon Berrey, Dan Booth, Neal Folta, Luke Hansen, Mark Hartwig, Preston Horton, Ben Kirmse, Kevin McDonough, Nick McLawhorn, Jason Nelson, Josh Nelson, Eric Nordgren, Erik Olson, Matt Olson, Lewie Parish, B.J. Poore, Andrew, Poterucha, Adam Puhl, Jesse Schneider, Allan Schraufnagel, Colin Searls-Anderson, Mike Sonn, and Mike Zander.



Anna Permann / Student Voice

Dean Harder, high jumper, and the Falcon men hope to bring track and field to new heights at UW-RF.



Anna Permann / Student Voice

Members of the Falcon track and field teams stretch at a recent practice at Knowles Center.

Women's track rebuilding in 2003

Eric A. Page
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's track and field team underwent a makeover this past off-season. Starting with its marriage to a new men's program last spring, followed abruptly by the resignation of Kristi Wagner as coach.

Replacing Wagner is Falcon cross country coach Don Glover, who brings with him a wealth of coaching experience. He has coached track and field and cross country from the high school to college levels since 1969.

Ten new faces join the 15 returning women to represent the Falcons on the track and in the field in both indoor and outdoor competition this spring.

Despite the loss of such talented athletes as Kady Kleven, Nicole Pronschinske, and Dana Martin, Coach Glover sees a lot of positives developing in the early season this spring.

"We don't have many girls out for the team," Glover said, "but we have some very strong individuals."

One of the strongest individuals is junior Jen Leis, who qualified for nationals last spring in the hammer throw and placed third in the WIAC meet. Already this season she has provisionally qualified for the indoor nationals by placing third at the Stout Invitational with a toss of 48-6 1/4.

Junior Katie Mitchell is also off to a fast start this season. A former gymnast at UW-RF, she has been one of the Falcons' top sprinters in the early meets this spring. She placed second in the 200-meter dash at the Stout invitational with a time of 26.87.

Distance runner Lisa Traxler returns to the track this spring after performing well for the Falcons last year in the 1,500.

Katrina Spears returns as the team's top mid-distance runner after scoring points for the Falcons last year in the 400 meters and the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

Others returning from last year's team are: Colleen

Cantlon, Molly Frank, Haylee Hall, Joy Hemmesch, Candace Kroells, Jill Laber, Meghan McGree, Kristi Pensis, Gina Schindel, Amy Schultz, Valerie Skorjanec, and Sarah Thull.

The other new faces on the team are: Gina Anderson, Lisa Barnes, Jill Brietzman, Kristin Dornstreich, Steph Dura, Steph Jicinsky, Molly Larson, Shana Ridlon, and Kiah Sagami.

The Falcons have competed in three meets already this indoor season, with three more to go before the WIAC indoor meet at Oshkosh March 7-8. The NCAA Indoor Championships take place a week later.

The outdoor practice season begins March 22, with the first meet coming April 12 when the Falcons hold an invitational. They then have less than a month to prepare for the outdoor conference meet May 2-3 at Stevens Point.

Glover points to a few things as signs to be optimistic for the future of the program. "The WIAC is the best Div. III conference in the country," he said, "With four or five teams

"We have a roster dominated by sophomores and juniors; we just need to get some more girls out so we can have people scoring points in every event."

— Don Glover,
track and field head coach

nationally ranked, it gives us great competition to run against."

He also reflected on the youth of his roster, "We have a roster dominated by sophomores and juniors; we just need to get some more girls out so we can have people scoring points in every event."

Coach Glover said he would be pleased with a top-five finish in the conference, but admitted that the team may "take their lumps," due to the lack of numbers. He encourages anyone who has an interest in joining the team to contact him as soon as possible. He can be reached at 425-0705 or at his office (107 Karges).

Poore employs cross country, club experience to lead new Falcon squad

Anna Permann
Sports Information

For senior Brendan Poore, captain of the men's track team, this spring season is a bittersweet one.

After men's track was cut in 1995 due to Title IX, UW-River Falls went for eight years without a team. Now, after women's gymnastics, men's wrestling, and men's baseball were all cut, women's golf has been added and men's track is back.

"You feel bad for those athletes whose sports were cut, and then again, it is the same thing that the men's track team went through in the [94-95] season when they were cut because of Title IX," Poore said.

And for Poore, a physics and secondary education major from Osseo, Wis., this means one final chance to be a part of a team.

"It is a bummer that it was cut in the first place, and that it took so long to come back, but I am grateful to be here for this year," Poore said.

Due to the increase in numbers and interest in men's track as a club sport over the past four years, and the requirement of having equal numbers of men's and women's sports, it seemed logical to reinstate track and field back to varsity status.

There were approximately 30 men participating in track last year as a club sport. This year there are just as many involved at the varsity level.

The coaches of this year's program are head coach Don Glover, jumps coach Torrior Amie (long jump, triple jump), throws coaches Greg Kroncke and Lisa Moore (shot put, discus), and sprints coach Dave Whiteis.

Poore said that many of the men's track athletes were members of the club team, as well as cross country, which is offered as a varsity sport in the fall.

For Poore running has been a major part of life. For 10 years he has continued to run. He ran all throughout high school and was involved in cross country for three years at UW-RF, and now, as a fifth year senior.

Because many of the teams had already scheduled their seasons before UW-RF joined the conference, River Falls was left out of

most scheduling.

"The first meet was inter-squad," Poore said, "In the next couple meets the men will have competition from both the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Association."

Even though he will only get to participate for one competitive season it is still a great opportunity.

"It's so fun being here with the team atmosphere," Poore said. "Of course I hope we do well and that some guys place in the conference, but more than that I really hope everyone has a lot of fun."



Anna Permann / Student Voice

Falcon pole vaulters take practice jumps into the Port-a-pit at Knowles Center. Varsity men haven't vaulted at Knowles since 1993.



Anna Permann / Student Voice

UW-RF Men's Track and Field athletes race for the finish during a recent practice at Knowles Center.

SCOREBOARD

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Scoring (Pts.-Rebs.-Asst.-Steals) Olsen 6-1-3-0, Bartsch 1-4-2-2, Melgaard 12-7-4-2, Effle 13-4-2-0, Crews 4-4-0-0, Bleibhauser 9-3-3-1, Crandall 6-5-1-1, Smith 2-1-0-0, Krueger 0-0-0-0, Rassmussen 0-0-0-0, Nakaike 0-0-0-0, Rodgers 0-0-0-0.									
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Men's Track & Field Feb. 1 UW-Stout Invitational Results 1- Stout 208 2- Hamline 131 3- River Falls 119 4- Augsburg College 67 5- North Central 26									
(Event - Place, Athlete - Performance) 55m - 1, Kennedy - 6.53.									
200m - 1, Kennedy - 22.77 (school record) 1500m - 1, Hanson - 4:18.89 4x200m relay - 2, UW-RF - 1:39.93 4x400m relay - 3, UW-RF - 3:36.09 High Jump - 2, Poterucha - 6' 2.75" High Jump - 3, Harder - 6' 2.75" Shot Put - 2, Olson - 41' 10.5"									
Women's Track & Field Feb. 1 UW-Stout Invitational Results 1- Eau Claire 172.25 2- Winona State 119.50 3- St. Ben's 114.50 4- River Falls 55.25 5- Augsburg 47 6- St. Kate's 32 7- Hamline 30.75 8- Stout 27.75 9- Mankato State 18									
(Event - Place, Athlete - Performance) 200m - 2, Mitchell - 26.87. 1500m - 3, Traxler - 5:02.23 4x200m relay - 3, UW-RF - 1:56.34 Shot Put - 3, Dura - 38' 11.75" Weight Throw - 3, Leis - 48' 6.25"									
Men's Swimming Feb. 1 1- St. Mary's 113 2- River Falls 88									
(Event - Winner - Time) 200-yard freestyle - Van Vleet - 1:49.28. 50-yard freestyle - Smaagard - 22.34. 200-yard IM - Hawke - 2:12.44. 100-yard butterfly - Hallam - 59.00. 100-yard freestyle - Val Vleet - 48.01. 500-yard freestyle - Jarvis - 5:19.54.									
Women's Swimming Feb. 1 1- River Falls 124 2- St. Mary's 95									
(Event - Winner - Time) 200-yard medley relay - UW-RF 'A' - 1:59.89. 100-yard freestyle - Fisher - 2:08.81. 50-yard freestyle - Deters - 26.07. 200-yard IM - Schultz - 2:24.55. 100-yard butterfly - Broskoff - 1:08.98. 100-yard freestyle - Deters - 57.45. 100-yard backstroke - Flanscha - 1:04.70. 500-yard freestyle - Schultz - 5:50.16.									

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
Feb. 7-13 2003	Fri. 7	Sat. 8	Sun. 9	Mon. 10	Tues. 11	Wed. 12	Thurs. 13
Swimming	at La Crosse 6 p.m.						
Men's Hockey	at St. Norbert 7:05 p.m.	at Lake Forest 7:05 p.m.					
Women's Hockey	vs. Lake Forest 7:05 p.m.	vs. Lake Forest 2:05 p.m.					
Men's Basketball		at Eau Claire 7 p.m.				vs. Superior 7 p.m.	
Women's Basketball		vs. Eau Claire 3 p.m.				at Superior 7 p.m.	
Track and Field	at Stout 4 p.m.						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Erin Effle

Women's Basketball

(So., Rochester, Minn.)

Forward Erin Effle had two solid games for the Falcons as the team finished 1-1 at the University of Chicago Tournament last weekend. In the first game of the tournament, a 72-63 win over the host school, Effle scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Falcons in both categories. In the title game against Kenyon, she scored a career-high 25 points and had six rebounds to again lead the team in both categories.



Erin Effle

Rich Melzer

Men's Basketball

(Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.)

Melzer had a career-best week for the Falcons. At La Crosse on Wednesday, Melzer finished with a career-high 54 points. He was 20-27 from the field and 14-16 from the line. He also had 16 rebounds, four assists, four blocked shots and a steal in the contest. The 54 points ties Melzer for fourth in Falcon history for points in a game and is the most by any NCAA Div. I, II or III male basketball player this year. The 16 rebounds is a season high.



Rich Melzer

Stensrud nabs national spotlight



Evan Stensrud

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Sports Writer

UW-River Falls senior Evan Stensrud was named the United States College Hockey Online (USCHO) Offensive Player of the Week Jan. 14. This award is a national honor given to one offensive and one defensive Division III men's hockey player each week. The recipients do not get a plaque or prize, but they do get the attention of the nation.

"It is an honor and it is definitely rewarding," Stensrud said. "I guess I just don't think about it that much."

Stensrud played a very strong set of games against

UW-Stout, scoring three goals and contributing six assists throughout the series.

"He is an extremely unselfish skater. He's really good at setting up plays," coach Steve Freeman said.

In last Friday's 8-0 win over UW-Stout, the forward from Minnetonka, Minn., scored the team's fourth goal and had assists on each of the Falcons' final four goals giving him five points in the game.

The following night in a 6-2 win on the road against UW-Stout, Stensrud scored two goals, including the game-winner. He also contributed two assists.

"Stensrud is a highly skilled player," Freeman said. "He is more of a play maker than a goal scorer and he's definitely offensively minded."

Stensrud helped his team to two Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) wins during the weekend with nine points total.

Stensrud was also acknowledged by the NCHA and WIAC for his performance against UW-Stout.

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Women's hockey senior Mandy Stokes sheds insight on the perspective of a four-year captain

Hockey

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7:30 p.m.

Last Friday the Falcons were unable to come back from a 3-0 first period deficit despite narrowing the contest to one at the end of the game and lost 5-3 to Superior in front of 1,063 spectators at Hunt Arena.

Josh Schlipp's score just in front of the net from a Rob Novak pass at 19:07 in the third period left the Falcons just short at 4-3. Nevertheless, Jacque Vezina left the net after the ensuing face-off and Superior's Colin Kendall chased a loose puck down the left boards, beating the Falcons and passing to Josh Liebenow for the empty net goal at 19:37.

Superior amassed a 3-0 lead in the first period. After Vezina went well out of the crease to prevent a breakaway, Rob Whidden got to the puck first, skated around Vezina, and put the Yellowjackets on the scoreboard at 11:39 of the first.

Reed Larson hit the left corner of the net to get goal No. 2 at 13:08, and Chris Niemiec put a breakaway shot between Vezina's legs five minutes later. Vezina slowed it down, reached behind himself with one hand but couldn't stop the puck before it crossed the line.

"When we dug that early hole, giving up mistakes that we gambled on, and found ourselves that far behind, especially against such an outstanding team as Superior, we knew it was really going to be a tough climb to get back in the game," Freeman said.

The Falcons got one back late in the second period, at 19:06, when Evan Stensrud set up behind the left circle, fired a shot and Aaron Degerness tipped it in for the power play score.

The Falcons narrowed the Jacket lead to 3-2 at 8:46 of the third period with a Steve Moe score.

Superior pulled back to a two-goal lead at 13:50 when Randall Smisko rebounded a teammate's shot on the power play.

"We hung in there even though we weren't playing very well, which is a good sign, I guess, that we can be a little off and still be in games against good opponents," Freeman said. "But we really didn't deserve to win. I thought our play was really streaky, and we didn't engage physically enough."

Saturday Matt Elsen scored a hat trick to lead the Falcons to an 11-2 win over St. Scholastica at Hunt Arena.

The Falcons out-shot the Saints 42-20 and scored five goals in the second period and three in each of the first and third periods. UW-RF finished 4-for-8 on the power play.

"We bounced back [from Friday] with, I thought, a real inspired effort," Freeman said. "We played a real hitting, speed game, the kind of game we're capable of, and we're going to need that at the end of the playoffs."

Women's hoops

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Whitewater. Warhawk Nya Geschke scored 18 points.

The Falcons were defeated by La Crosse, 68-53, a week ago Wednesday night at Karges Center. UW-RF was 4-for-31 (.129) from the field in the first half. The score after the first half was 28-11 La Crosse.

Effle had a double-double, with 21 points and 10 rebounds. UW-RF finished 20-for-61 (.328) from the field, including 4-for-12 (.333) from three-point range and 9-for-14 (.643) from the line.

Zebras

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handle on the coaches in the WIAC. I am mainly speaking of the men, but it goes for some of the women too. In the Stout contest I spoke of earlier, things could have been settled between the coaches if technicals were handed out to the assistant of Stout and head coach of the Falcons, Rick Bowen, for their antics on the sidelines. I am not saying they didn't have valid cases, but if you don't want referees to get pushed and

Men's hoops

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Falls closed the game with a 26-11 run to seal the win.

Saturday night at Karges Center, UW-Whitewater dropped the Falcons into a tie for third place in the WIAC with a come-from-behind 71-63 win. The Warhawks improved to 8-3 in the conference, one-half game behind first-place UW-Stevens Point at 8-2. The Falcons and UW-Stout are tied for

third place with identical 7-4 records with UW-Oshkosh right behind at 6-4. The Falcons visit UW-Eau Claire (4-7) Saturday.

Wednesday the Falcons lost a 74-61 WIAC decision at UW-Stevens Point after leading 37-31 at the half. They were outscored 43-24 in the second half.

Last Saturday, the Falcons shot 51.6 percent from the floor in the first half to take a 34-22 lead at intermission. But Whitewater went up for good, 49-48, with 7:41 left and held off the Falcons for the win.

River Falls connected on just 8-of-

25 shots from the field in the second half and were outrebounded in the game 44-27.

"We didn't make our shots and we didn't get rebounds when we had to," Bowen said about the second half. "They are very athletic and once we fell behind it was hard to come back."

Melzer led all scorers with 27 points while Brian Mathison and Matt Kukla added 12 each. Aubrey Lewis-Byers led the Warhawks with 23 points while London Donlow added 20.

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MOVIE CRITIC

Clichéd romance ruins strong 'Recruit;' plot takes a tumble



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Chris Anderson
Movie Reviewer



If you go to any movie nowadays you're virtually guaranteed to see an equal amount of two stories: the main plot and the dopey romantic subplot (or in a

lot of contemporary movies, the parts where two young people who conform to narrow societal standards of physical beauty quickly get in bed and somehow have deep and meaningful sex with perfectly timed orgasms.)

Granted, one could make the case that ever since the 1920s a lot of movies had romances that didn't have a lot of anything to do with anything else going on in the film, but in the ol' days these were usually restrained to taking up well under ten percent of the film and most cast members had a variety of waist sizes and faces.

These days, with half-bankrupt corporations in control, movies try catering to both the dating and non-dating populations (two target markets equals twice as much money, they figure) and so we have annoying romantic subplots in many movies where they don't belong that are apt to take up at least 50-percent

of a film and take away any serious quality it might have had, as in "The Recruit."

Made by Touchstone pictures (a part of the Disney corporation, which backs a lot of projects that replace talent with sex appeal) "The Recruit" tells the story of one part-time bartender and computer whiz named James Clayton (Colin Farrell) who is about to join Dell computers. He is then offered a job in the CIA by the mysterious Walter Burke (Al Pacino), who cracks a lot of jokes that may have looked humorous in the script (written by— or at least credited to— Roger Towne and Kurt Winner, members of Hollywood's Writer Guild Association) that aren't particularly funny off paper.

Clayton's father (may have?) worked for the CIA, so he eventually decides to join.

And with those Dell interns who are now cluttering up the television airwaves, who can blame him for not going to the computer company?

So Clayton, who has an ever-present four-day beard over elongated periods of time (meaning Hollywood executives are hoping teenage girls will get infatuated with Farrell and will always want to go to the movies and see him; thus solving their financial problems for a couple of months), along with several other young recruits who look like fashion models, goes off to "The Farm" where CIA recruits

have intensive training, which looks more like fraternity hazing.

By the way, if the CIA is actually recruiting people who look and act like they emerged from television commercials, we may all be converting to Islam very soon. Naturally, Clayton falls in love and instantaneously develops a very mature relationship with a (young, attractive) female recruit named Layla (Bridget Moynahan). She never gets suspicious when she shows up during his training assignments (of course, she doesn't get suspicious at a lot of obvious stuff in the movie.) And naturally, you know James and Layla will be around and together at the end of the film because they are the "best looking" people in the movie. Even more naturally, this is a complete waste of film and time.

Then Burke informs Clayton that Layla (who apparently has no last name) is a mole (and not in the sense that she is a wet dream item passing for a girlfriend or a fashion model passing for an actress.) Layla works for some unnamed terrorist group and is helping develop some high-tech device (which seems to have been conceived in about two days), which once plugged into an outlet will shut down power across the entire country (as we all know from the movies, all of the nation's computers and electronics get power from the same grid and can even be accessed by other computers when turned off). This will put

the country back into the Stone Age, and how would the government be able to unplug the device?

So Clayton is asked to stop Layla and find out how she is moving the dreaded device one piece at a time from place to place. This part of the movie is what actually works, as for the first time in a while emotions rather than pyrotechnics are used to drive the plot (although there is one very LOUD scene where Clayton struggles with one of Layla's apparent contacts), but here we also have to endure Clayton's libido or guilt possibly betraying him.

However, there are plenty of more-intelligent-than-usual plot twists making Clayton's assignment no easy task.

If you can get over the very, very high hurdle of clichéd romance amongst sex appeal, the other plot to "The Recruit" makes going to the movie worth the trip.

"The Recruit"

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Al Pacino, Colin Farrell

Rated: "R"

Should you go?: Worth at least one trip

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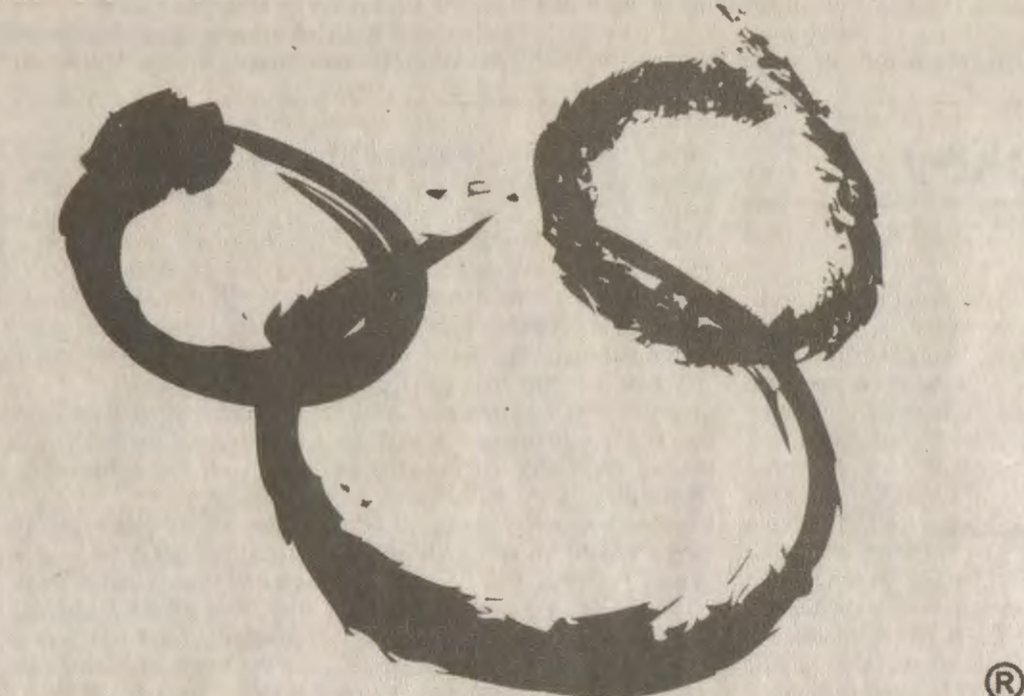
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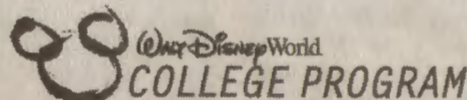
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