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Left: Members of the Jimmy Smith Dance School performed to an audience on the campus mall during Unity in the Community Wednesday. Eight Native American youths danced traditional dances. The pow wow included the Friendship Dance, Fancy Shawl Dance, Jingle Dress Dance and the Grass Dance. See Pages A4, A5 and A6 for more on Unity in the Community events.



Building a future

Melinda Domzalski / The Student Voice

Above: Habitat for Humanity members and volunteers pounded nails and sawed four-by-fours to build the exterior walls of two future Habitat homes. The third annual campus build was held in the South Hall parking lot. Building will continue throughout the week and a dedication will be held in the parking lot Friday at 1 pm. See Page A3 for more on Habitat for Humanity.

'The Real World' visits our world

UW-RF hosts MTV show cast

Max Date & Troy Mallat
Staff Writers

If MTV has taught the "Real World: Seattle" cast anything, it's how to be fashionably late, just like rock stars. Rock stars that like to sit around and discuss their emotions.

Hundreds of fans, mostly women, waited anxiously to see Janet Choi, Lindsay Brien and Nathan Blackburn. Disaster was imminent, as only Janet and Lindsay entered the "Oprah"-like stage, decked out with junior Aaron May's furniture. Over a half-hour later, Nathan casually sauntered down the aisle of the North Hall auditorium to the droves of screaming women. His flight from Cincinnati had been delayed due to the fact the passenger door flew off his plane in mid-flight.

But the tardiness was overlooked in favor of high-order entertainment.

"We love 'The Real World,'" said UW-River Falls students Angie Seaman and Katy Lambert. "We're going to be on it some day. It gives you a glimpse into other people's lives."

The trio put that "glimpse" into perspective, talking about the lack of privacy due to an abundance of phone taps, cigar-sized video cameras and the constant annoyance of vulturous cameramen watching their every move.

"There are times when you're pissed off, and you just want to tell the cameraman to 'Fuck off,'" Janet said.

Lindsay found a way around this constant bad-

gering by taking refuge in a hotel across the street that the film crew didn't have access to.

Nathan said the contract didn't

allow much leeway.

"They have your ass every which way," Nathan said. "The contract (to be on the show) was as thick as the Bible."

All three added that they knew what they were getting into and knew that there would be constant attention. This constant attention led to the on-show breakup of Nathan and his girlfriend, which he later regretted. He added that he wished there could have been a hiatus in the relationship as opposed to a split in front of millions of MTV faithfuls.

"Every relationship that started on the show has been broken up," Janet said.

In less significant "Real World" issues, the audience asked questions regarding the other cast members, specifically Irene's mental stability, Steven's anger management

and David's girth (Janet marked off about 11 inches of her arm as a visual aid). All three said that the cameras made the cast look pretty uncaring towards the others, specifically Irene, who is on the road supporting her new book, "The Surreal World," which is all about media manipulation.

According to the cast, MTV had to edit 1200 hours of video tape down to one show.

"The TV made her look happy one minute, then mean the next," Lindsay said. "It was actually a very gradual process."

Janet agreed, saying they offered Irene support.

"They cut it up to make it look like we were uncompassionate," she said. "It was weird because she deteriorated right before our eyes."

The ladies of the show also spent some time discussing the contest between the show's men to see

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Melinda Domzalski / The Student Voice
Lindsay Brien, Nathan Blackburn and Janet Choi of "The Real World" visited campus Tuesday.

Phi Mu to help save lives with their marrow

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

Eight members of the Phi Mu sorority participated in the KS95 for Kids Radiothon March 4-7, and it proved to be a life changing experience.

"The radiothon was wonderful," said Michelle Jarvis, Phi Mu's president. "It was a great experience. After hearing the stories of all of the children dying of cancer, our sorority has decided to have our bone marrow tested this fall."

Jarvis said the cost of the blood test to find out their bone marrow tissue type will be \$30-90 per person and the sorority will be holding sev-

eral fundraisers to raise money for the testing.

The results of the bone marrow tests are entered into the National Marrow Donor Program computer. When a potential match is found, the donor is called in for additional blood testing to determine if the match is close enough for a transplant to take place.

"There are 13 members in the sorority and right now, seven of us are interested," Jarvis said. "We have a small committee working on the fundraising now and our first project will be a car wash in May."

The radiothon was held in Macy's Court at the Mall of Ameri-

ca and the eight members of Phi Mu joined others and volunteered for three hour time blocks during the four day event. The money was raised for the Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota and the Children's Cancer Research Fund.

According to Jarvis, KS95's morning show hosts, Van Patrick and Cheryl Kaye did continuous live coverage during the four-day event.

"Van and I were on the air over 80 hours straight; with occasional naps in between," Kaye said. "The experience was eye-opening for me. It made me realize how widespread childhood

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Gay/Straight Alliance members fight to feel at home on campus

GSA students aiming for visibility; face an array of personal security, safety issues

Jenny Murphy
Assistant Editor

The Aqueerium, set on the campus mall with a large pink and blue banner and picnic tables occupied by several UW-River Falls students, was very visible during Unity in the Community. Visibility is what the Gay/Straight Alliance wanted. The group wanted to be visible so others could see how open-minded GSA members are.

"It was the first thing GSA has done to put us out there and be visible during Unity Day," Jared Fuller said Wednesday night. "It wasn't about being gay, it was about being safe and prohibiting hate. Everything went good today."

Everything went well during the forum booth. In addition to the "normal" sneers and snickers the group often receives, Aqueerium was a hit. Wednesday night's GSA meeting, however, was a different story.

The meeting ended abruptly with fear in the back of GSA members' minds.

A 33-year-old man entered the darkened St. Croix room in the Student Center and sat in a secluded corner while about 20 members watched a documentary film. That was not the first time GSA members were confronted by the man.

Tuesday night while GSA President Missy Richie

hung black and white fliers promoting the Aqueerium, she was confronted by the man. Richie talked with the man, who does not live in River Falls, about GSA and he asked if he could attend Wednesday night's forum to voice his opinion on homosexuality.

His view is that "men with men, women with women, stealing penny candy and premeditated murder all fall under the same category — they are sins," according to Richie.

He also asked Tuesday if GSA "checked for guns at the door," Richie said. Those statements prompted members to turn to Campus Security for help.

"We invite everyone to come share their ideas and viewpoints," Jared Fuller said.

Two officers were stationed outside the door during the meeting. They spoke with the man after the meeting.

"We did check a reference he gave us and did check his criminal history," said Campus Security Officer Kenneth Kromrey. "It wasn't exactly a glowing reference, but it indicated he wasn't the type to come in and shoot up the place."

No weapon was found on the man and he had no criminal history.

Members said this incident was just one of many disturbing events that affected them on campus.

Gay/Straight Alliance is dedicated to providing space and security for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. The group aims to provide a safe, supportive and empowering environment to members and other students.

However, some members don't feel secure and safe on campus themselves.

Daily, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender UW-RF

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UW-RF GLOBALIZATION CONFERENCE, featuring Nobel Prize winner Jose Ramos-Horta "Human Rights: The Rule of Law in the Asia-Pacific Region." The event will take place in the North Hall Auditorium on Thursday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. A question/answer session will follow. Panels featuring Ramos-Horta, Bert Lockwood and Paul Polansky will take place all day.

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM AWARENESS WEEK In honor of National Crime Victim Awareness Week, there will be a Crime Victim Impact Panel held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28th in the President's Room of the Student Center. The panel will consist of three to five victims who will speak out about their victimization and how it impacted their lives. This panel is done to bring awareness to the community as used as a healing process for the victims of crime. For further information, please contact Ann Gustafson of the St. Croix Victim/Witness Awareness Program at 386-4666 or Jamie Gustafson at 426-5668.

GREEK WEEK will take place the week of Monday, April 26 - Thursday, April 29. On Monday, chapter banners and royalty posters are due in the Leadership Center by 4 p.m. Also, on Monday night, Lip Sync will take place at 8 p.m. in North Hall Auditorium. On Tuesday, there will be an Olympic Torch Run, a Tug-of-War, a Greek Run and a Royalty Competition. On Wednesday, a chapter half-a-cathion will start at 5 p.m. in the Student Center Mall Area with a Royalty Relay to follow. Also on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., Lip Service will take place at Brandy's. On Thursday, there will be an awards presentation and dance at Kilkarney's Club House starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold for \$7 in the Leadership Center. There will also be Clothesline event in the Falcon's Nest on the 26th, 27th and 28th; all donations that are collected will be given to FISH Clothing Rooms here in River Falls.

EZEKIEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONCERT On Saturday, May 1, the 80 member St. Olaf Philharmonia Orchestra will present a concert at 7:30 at Ezekiel Lutheran Church. There's no admission charge for this concert, but a free-will offering will be accepted to help defray the expenses for the orchestra's concert tour. For more information, call Ezekiel Lutheran Church at 425-8294.

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

UWRF BLOCK AND BRIDLE SPRING SPEED SHOW on Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m., rain or shine, at the UWRF Lab Farm #1. The event will be judged by Tom Crowley. For more information, contact Tammy Evers at 426-5375 or Tammy Duve at 426-1149.

LAWNMOWER TUNEUP DAY, sponsored by the Ag Mechanization Club. The 3rd annual Lawnmower Tuneup Day will take place on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24. Drop off mowers on Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon on the south side of the Ag Engineering annex (next to the greenhouses). The tuneup includes: oil change, new sparkplugs, blade sharpening, air filter cleaning, greasing, minor adjustments and pressure wash. The cost is \$20 for push mowers and \$30 for riding mowers. Add \$5 for pickup and delivery in River Falls. For more information, call Scott Schlichter at 425-4696.

GRADUATING SENIORS/EXIT COUNSELING Federal regulations require all graduating seniors and transfer students who have had school loans at UW-RF to attend an Exit Counseling Session. This session provides students with information needed in order to repay student loans. The sessions will be held in the President's Room of the Student Center. Times are Friday, May 7 from 1-2 p.m.; Monday, May 10 from 10-11 a.m.; and Thursday, May 13 from 2-3 p.m. Graduating seniors are required to attend only ONE of these sessions. Anyone unable to attend is asked to contact the Office of Financial Assistance to make alternative arrangements.

HABITAT HASTE, Habitat for Humanity's 5K run/1.5 mile walk, takes place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 8. Preregistration costs \$8 for students and \$12 for non-students. Mail entry form to: Habitat for Humanity, Leadership Center, 410 South Third Street, River Falls. For more information, contact Trish Moore at 426-1599.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, 122 SOUTH HALL.

THE RICHARD C. SCHEERENBERGER, sponsored by the American Association on Mental Retardation-Wisconsin Chapter. Deadline for application is April 26, 1999. Applicants must be graduate or undergraduate students preparing for a career in the field of developmental disabilities.

THE ELDON ROESLER SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Wisconsin Agri-Service Association. Deadline for application in April 30. Applicants must be a Wisconsin resident and must have completed a minimum of one year of study in an agriculture discipline. Applicants must also have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and can demonstrate, in written form, qualities of leadership, academic ability and financial need.

DAMM-WEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Eau Claire County Mental Health Association. Deadline for application is May 1. Applicants must be a graduate student pursuing a career in the mental health field, as well as a resident of Eau Claire county for at least one year.

THE LAVON H. COOPER SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Robbinsdale Cooper Parent Organization. Dealine for application is May 1. The scholarship is available to all students who are in their junior, senior or graduate studies at an institution of higher learning, and who are graduates of Robbinsdale, Minnesota District 281.

THE JOHN GYLES EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the John Gyles Education Fund. Open to everyone with a minimum 2.7 grade point average. To receive an application, send ONLY a stamped, self-addressed, standard letter size envelope to: The John Gyles Education Fund, Attention: The Secretary, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Drive, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B5G4. Full Canadian or American citizenship is a requirement.

MEETINGS

EARTH CONSCIOUS ORGANIZATION (ECO) meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the St. Croix room in the Student Center. ECO is an organization dedicated to increasing environmental awareness on the River Falls campus and in the community. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jennifer Decker at 426-0027.

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

Anyone who has a brief, meeting or event to be published in the Student Voice should submit it in writing to 213 South Hall by noon Monday.

Nobel recipient to visit campus

Panel will bring discussion of human rights

Mike Gugala
News Bureau

Nobel Peace Prize recipient Jose Ramos-Horta's attendance will highlight the first annual conference on globalization at UW-River Falls.

The theme of the conference, "Human Rights: An Ongoing Global Challenge," will be discussed by Ramos-Horta, Professor Bert Lockwood, director of the Morgan Urban Institute for Human Rights at the University of Cincinnati and Professor Paul Polansky, human rights activist and founder of the Czech Historical Research Center.

The conference will be held next Thursday, on the UW-RF campus. It is free and open to the public.

There will be a reception welcoming the participants on Wednesday, April 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Rodli Commons followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Common's Blue Room. The dinner and reception are open to the public, but seats are limited.

The following morning at 9:30 in the North Hall Auditorium, Ramos-Horta will start the conference with a presentation titled, "Human Rights: The Rule of Law in the Asia-Pacific Region." Following his remarks, audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions.

"It's not everyday that you get to question a Nobel laureate," said assistant Professor Wes Chapin, the head of the committee on globalization.

Ramos-Horta has been battling with Indonesian government officials over the status of East Timor, a small island in Southeast Asia.

In the last month, East Timor has been in the news because Indonesia has agreed to open talks about independence. East Timor has been under Indonesian control since Indonesian forces invaded and took over in 1975. For the past 23 years, Ramos-Horta has been defending the right of self-determination and trying to raise awareness of the situation in East Timor. In 1996 he and Bishop Carlos Ximenes Belo won the Nobel Peace Prize for their human rights efforts in Southeast Asia.

As a young man, Ramos-Horta became involved in FRETILIN, a revolutionary front for an independent East Timor, and in 1974-75 he was a moderating influence in emerging Timor nationalism. He was chosen to represent the pro-independence parties abroad and left East Timor in 1975, three days before the Indonesian army invaded. For the next 10 years he would be FRETILIN's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Ramos-Horta has been involved with pro-independence groups such as the National Council of Maubere Resistance. He is the personal representative of Xanana Gusmao, leader of the East Timor independence revolution who has been imprisoned since 1992.

Ramos-Horta has spoken to numerous human rights groups including the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Ramos-Horta has studied at the Hague Academy of International Law at Antioch University where he received a master's degree in peace studies, and has trained at the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

He attended post-graduate courses in American foreign policy at Columbia University and holds

several doctor of law degrees as well.

His book, "Funu: the Saga of East Timor," tells of his experiences as a diplomat. Numerous human rights awards have been given to Ramos-Horta, including the Order of Freedom, the highest honor bestowed by the Portuguese government.

Following Ramos-Horta's presentation will be two panel discussions in the North Hall Auditorium. The first, titled "Human Rights-the U.S. Role," will be at 11 a.m.

The second, titled "How to Help-A role for the Individual, State, and International Community?" will be at 2 p.m. Ramos-Horta will be joined by two other prominent human rights experts. In each panel, the participants will provide a 10-15 minute presentation followed by a question and answer period.

The participants have wide ranging human rights experience. Professor Bert Lockwood is the director of one of the oldest international human rights programs. He also serves on advisory boards for numerous human rights groups, including Amnesty International.

Professor Paul Polansky has been researching the Romani Holocaust, the true story of a Gypsy death camp in WWII. He is trying to draw world attention to the plight of the Romani people in Europe today.

The final panel will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Hagestad Student Center's Presidents room. It will include the summaries of several research papers written on human rights by UW-RF students.

For dinner and reception reservations or more information, please contact Wes Chapin or Joan Kratt at 425-3318.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Musicman cited

■ Man picked up for peddling music at UW-RF

Ben Schmitt
Front Page Editor

The University campus is safe from guitarists peddling CDs thanks to efforts by UW-River Falls security.

A man was cited by campus security for taking donations while playing his guitar outside Hagestad Student Center at 3 p.m. on April 14.

An officer on duty found David R. Peichtal, 43, playing his guitar on campus, according to UW-RF Director of Public Safety Priscilla Stevens.

The officer asked the Student Center director if he had permission to play on campus. After being told the guitarist was not granted permission, the officer asked Peichtal what he was doing and if he had collected any money. Peichtal admitted he had accepted some contributions, according to Stevens.

Peichtal was also asked if he had

any compact discs to sell. He answered that he had CDs, and that he would sell them if people asked, Stevens said.

In other news, a student was cited April 8 for the misuse of parking services on campus, according to River Falls Police reports.

Scott D. Kusilek, 19, had a visitor permit in his rear-view mirror, which was allegedly given to him by his father, and someone else had originally given it to him, according to Stevens.

"The education department concluded that the permit was stolen," Stevens said.

In this case, according to Stevens, Kusilek was given a misusage citation as opposed to theft because someone else gave him the permit, thinking they were doing Kusilek a favor.

On April 9, 14 frozen dinners were reported stolen from a freezer in McMillan Hall. A duffel bag was also stolen from the hall that night, according to police reports.

A 1998 Plymouth in the E lot was reported as having been kicked a number of times, on April 13, leaving dents in the passenger side doors, according to campus security reports.

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Web security debated

Max Date
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate rejected a proposal on Tuesday evening to give support to changes to the University's website.

The motion proposed stated that, in the future, the individual students would be able to choose what information was accessible to the general public.

"A few of the senators thought that if we wanted the web page changed, we should change it ourselves," Senator Tammy Otsby said.

Otsby, who was in favor of the motion, said she didn't even know of the information available until a few weeks ago when the issue came before her at a committee meeting.

Concerns regarding web security stemmed from several weeks earlier when Web Development Chair Tony Bredahl came before the Senate with concerns about the need for permanent addresses and phone numbers of students to be available to people outside of the University. At the time, Senate suggested that the issue be looked at for a couple of weeks.

To go along with the dissent regarding web security, Senate also tabled the issue of mandatory refundable fees until next week. The motion was for an increase in

the fee to \$1.35 per student, although several senators weren't exactly sure why the amount should go to the Wisconsin United Council.

"A lot of senators weren't sure what United Council was bringing to River Falls," Senator Amy Jurgens said.

A By-laws Ad-Hoc committee, which was formed several weeks ago, once again extended its deadline, in order to get a formal motion by next week.

In other Senate news, an allocation was made by the Senate for the Senate. The money is to be used to update the computers in the Student Senate office next year.

Jurgens said that the Senate discussed the new computers with Jason Winget in Information Technology Services, who said that the current computer connections wouldn't work when the Senate moves downstairs. It was decided that purchasing new computers would be cheapest in the long run, Jurgens said.

The Senate also passed two motions taking money out of the Senate account; \$134 for a year-end Senate party and \$299.50 for year-end Senate awards.

The Student Senate will meet next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room, on the second floor of the student center.

Fight violence

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

Next Thursday will be a chance for students to take a stand against domestic violence.

The Gender Equality Council is sponsoring Take Back the Night, a night of activities supporting those who have been victims of domestic abuse. It will be held outside on the Student Center lawn.

"It's a way to get people aware of domestic abuse that is happening," said Krisi Davies, of Gender Equality Council secretary.

The night

will begin at 4

p.m. with a

rally. Music

will be per-

formed by

Diane Weg-

ner and the

Benejesurits.

The UW-RF

Dance The-

atre will also

be perform-

ing. Special

kid activities

and refresh-

ments will be

provided.

At 5:30 p.m.,

keynote speaker

Elena Feather-

ston will talk

about domestic

abuse.

"I am very excited

about our

speaker," said

Theresa Zirbel,

Gender Equality

Council president.

"She is an amazing

woman with a

wealth of knowl-

edge to share. Her

presentational

style is very inter-

actional."

Featherston is a

lecturer, work-

shop leader, writer,

cultural critic

and filmmaker.

She has lectured

on social theory

throughout the

United States and

Europe since

1982. She focuses

on many topics

such as sexism,

racism, reproduc-

tive rights, hetero-

sexism, women's

rights and gender

violence.

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"We are hoping to help people see how we ... can come together to end violence because it is a problem that does not discriminate."

- Theresa Zirbel

that does not discriminate," Zirbel said. "Anyone can be the victim of violence."

There will be an open microphone for survivors of violence to speak out about their experiences at 6:30 p.m.

A march through campus and the city of River Falls will follow the open microphone portion of the night. People can make signs to hold during the march.

Gender Equality Council Secretary Krisi Davies said they usually chant during the march. "People unite, take back the night," is a chant that may be heard.

In the past, people's reactions after the evening in the past have been very positive. "Generally, people feel pretty pumped up about it," Davies said. "It's pretty uplifting."

During the day, the Clothesline Project and Silent Witness Project will be on display.

The Clothesline Project includes T-shirts designed by survivors of domestic abuse, incest and sexual assault. They tell the story of each person's abuse. The T-shirts will be hanging up outside of the Student Center in front of the trees.

The Silent Witness Project includes another unusual presentation. Thirty to 35 red statues silhouettes are displayed to represent women who died because of domestic abuse. Their stories are written on the plaques attached to the statues.

"It is a visual that is hard to get out of your head," Zirbel said. "The stories of victims and survivors are very powerful."

"Why is it OK for people to make jokes and why do the little things have to happen?" Theresa Zirbel said. "Why would the harassment stop at just comments?"

Not everyone criticizes gay and lesbian students. In fact, Fuller said, only a small percentage of students make snide remarks to the group.

But that margin is still too large. To help illustrate this point, next Thursday's "Take Back the Night" will focus on violence in general, not solely on violence toward women. An open microphone at 6 p.m. will allow students to surface their fears. Also, a speaker will focus on the idea that most people assume everyone around them is straight - and how wrong that assumption is, Zirbel said.

"Everyone is free to have an opinion," Ray Burek said. "But don't oppress me or who I am."

GSA / Facing fears

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students face rude comments, whether they are in residence halls or walking down the sidewalk.

"People drive by in cars and yell 'Lesbian, dyke' out the windows,"

Richie said. "It's like, how do they know? I don't know what their deal is. On campus we should be able to feel comfortable."

In addition to spoken remarks, gay and lesbian students often are bombarded by nasty remarks written on message boards on fellow students' residence hall room doors.

"I hate fags," just written there, bluntly hated," Fuller said about the comments.

"We can't ask people to remove them," added Chris Schanfield. "It's their right - freedom of speech."

But the comments hurt and erode the safety and security most GSA members feel on campus.

Boxing poverty Building toward a better tomorrow



Jason Borman / The Student Voice

UW-River Falls student Mark Schwanke camps out in front of the Student Center Wednesday night in a cardboard box to raise awareness for sub-standard housing.

Jason Borman
Staff Writer

As of 8 p.m. Wednesday, Shantytown, located in front of the Student Center, consisted of one cardboard box. This became the only shelter from the rain for a UW-River Falls student trying to raise attention for sub-standard housing in America. Mark Schwanke was equipped with a cup of change for panhandling, but he wasn't looking for a handout. Schwanke doesn't agree with giving money to panhan-

dlers. Both the cup and the change in it were his, brought there to make a point.

"That doesn't get them off the streets," he said. "Usually people who are on the street are there because of an addiction, and giving them money will just feed this addiction. Habitat for Humanity isn't about handouts, it is about helping."

Schwanke was simply there to inform anyone who would listen, about real-life Americans who spend every night in cardboard boxes.

Schwanke admits he used to be naive about the homeless problem in this country. He said he would see images on television, but Schwanke didn't consider it real. His feelings on the subject changed, however, following a train ride through eastern Colorado. During this trip, he saw 300-400 cardboard boxes and wood shacks near Coor's Field in Denver. These makeshift shelters served as the only barrier between their residents and the inclement Colorado weather.

"Someone has to start caring about those people," Schwanke said.

Caring is the whole incentive behind Shantytown. "Hey, I believe in this," Schwanke said. "People are so dumb. I admit, I was dumb."

Shantytown isn't an original idea. It has been done for years at UW-RF and other campuses around the United States as a way to draw attention to Habitat for Humanity's efforts for stable housing. Some people have the misconception that Habitat gives homes away. This is not the case; people who move into Habitat homes pay for them in full with the aid of non-interest mortgages.

Habitat for Humanity began building a house this week behind South Hall which will later relocated to Glenwood City

Saramha Quaidoo
Staff Writer

Habitat for Humanity began building the outside walls for a side-by-side duplex Tuesday in the parking lot behind South Hall.

By Wednesday there were about 20-30 volunteers who helped Habitat reach the half way mark of constructing the walls.

"Even though it was raining Tuesday, we got a lot done," said Nora Bedard, a UW-River Falls social work major and student leader for the project.

Currently there are approximately 30 regular members in the campus

Habitat for Humanity Chapter.

This is the third year Habitat has built a house on campus during the Unity in the Community celebration, Bedard said.

The St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity Affiliate coordinated the project this year in an effort to eliminate inadequate housing in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. This year the Affiliate expects to complete five homes.

University students, community residents and Correctional Center inmates have collaborated on the joint venture. Volunteers from the community and the Correctional Center in New Richmond completed the first phase -constructing the frame and foundation for the duplex at the permanent site located in Glenwood City, Wisc.

On Friday, the walls constructed on campus will be transported to their permanent site after a dedication ceremony.

Bedard, who also serves on the St. Croix Family Selection Committee, said she became involved in Habitat because of what they do for people and because of its strive to eliminate housing shortages in the

county.

"I believe in what they stand for," Bedard said.

The opportunity also lends for a hands-on experience, she said.

Faculty advisor Nancy Parlin said the project allows for campus involvement.

"It (campus project) is an opportunity for students who are not Habitat members to participate in the building process," she said.

For Zer Vang, a computer science major, helping out for a while was something new to do.

"I had nothing to do so I decided to come over," Vang said.

Corey Mathison, a graduate elementary education student, said he finds enjoyment in the process of before and after- from a pile of wood to standing walls.

"It's fun to do something rewarding, knowing it's for a good cause," he said.

After the walls are finished and moved to Glenwood City students and other community members will raise the walls. The finished home will be dedicated on April 25th.

Professor retires after three decades at UW-RF

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

After 33 years of teaching at UW-River Falls, Agriculture Education professor Gerald Matteson is putting away his chalk while he is still at the top of his field.

"I'll be 64 in November," Matteson said. "There are other things I would like to do. I felt it was time to let somebody else come in."

A few rounds of golf, some time in a tent and a few hours in the air are how Matteson plans to spend his retirement. Matteson was a pilot in the National Guard before concentrating on his teaching career.

While at UW-RF Matteson taught such classes as: Orientation to College, Leadership and Group Dynamics, Philosophies of Vocational and Cooperative Education, and Agricultural Educational Programs and Youth Organizations. He was also in charge of internships for Agricultural Education

majors.

Matteson has been involved in many activities throughout his teaching career at UW-RF. He is the Advisor of the Agricultural Education Society, works with Alpha Tau Alpha, and judges Parliamentary Procedure for FFA contests. Matteson said he enjoys

son said.

Matteson has won the outstanding teacher award for both the College and University. He is proud of being appointed General Officer of Wisconsin in the Army National Guard. Only three out of 9,000 are chosen in Wisconsin.

Mark Courmoyer, a senior majoring in Agricultural Education, said he will miss Matteson's enthusiasm and drive for the job.

"Plan your work and work your plan was his motto for success," Courmoyer said.

Damon Meyer, a junior majoring in Agricultural Education said Matteson really cares about his stu-

"Make decisions based on the best information you can get and don't look back. Enjoy life and keep smiling."

Dr. Gerald Matteson

working one on one with students.

"I'll miss the students and support staff," Matteson said. "It's just a fun place to work."

Matteson also said he'll miss the accomplishments of students and the overall experience here at UW-RF.

"People should always enjoy their job because it has a great impact on what you do with your life," Matte-

dents.

"He still has a lot of goals and wants to experience new experiences," Meyer said.

Matteson leaves his students with some advice for the future.

"Always do the best you can do," he said. "Make decisions based on the best information you can get and don't look back. Enjoy life and keep smiling."

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APRIL 24

Campus and Community Clean Up. Volunteers needed. This will raise funds through pledges for scholarships and charities like the Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, Turning Point, IDEX and others. Registration forms can be picked up at the Info Desk in the Student Center. Contact Sarah Kastern at 426-6756 for more details.

APRIL 26-30

Interested in a tour of the **University's Composting Operation?** Contact Scott Schlichter at 425-4696 for more information.

APRIL-MAY

Campus Tree Plantings. Trees purchased from contributions to the University Foundation Tree Fund to be planted. A joint effort of the Horticulture Society and the University Grounds Department. See information below on how you can contribute to this fund.

APRIL 28

Recycling Awareness. Table at the Student Center mall from 9am-7pm with display and recycling information. Sponsored by the ECO Club.

APRIL 29-30

Rubbish Round Up with the ECO Club, volunteers welcome. This campus clean up activity will be from 3:30-5pm. Meet on the Student Center mall and bring gloves. This is a fund raising event to benefit the ECO scholarship. Contact Jen Decker at 426-0227 for more information.

APRIL 30

Campus Recycling Committee meeting 10am at the Falcon Room, Student Center. Join us to review the status of the University's Recycling Program. Your input and suggestions are appreciated.

APRIL 30

Farm Clean Up Volunteers welcome! Spend a day at the University Farms from 2-5pm. Wear gloves. Sponsored by the College of Agriculture Food & Environmental Sciences. Contact Bili Connolly at 425-3809 for further information and directions.

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Blue beat captures an audience

■ Young and old gathered to hear the sounds of the reggae-blues band Blue Beat in the Hagestad Student Center

Jenny Rife
Staff Writer

Lines of elementary students sat on the floor, college students filled chairs near the make-shift stage, people taking lunch breaks sat at tables and teachers overseeing groups of children turned to listen to the reggae-blues sound of Blue Beat.

Blue Beat is one of the groups that played during Unity in the Community. A man in the crowd snapped his fingers and tapped his feet against the floor. Local kindergartners danced with their friends to the catchy up-beat rhythm of the Tabla drums.

Blue Beat, consisting of singer Jim Nance, guitarist Glen Helgeson and drummer Marcus Wise played a few older country songs as well as a song Nance wrote called "Market Place." He said he composed the song while missing the warm weather of the south. Even more ears strained to listen as the first familiar bars of "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" began.

"There is a lot of feeling in the music," said UW-River Falls freshman Kriscel Olson.

Feeling was a key ingredient in Blue Beat's music. Nance moved freely to the music obviously enjoying singing and the positive response from the crowd. Wise, sitting crossed-legged on the stage, let his fingers fly over the drums, displaying his expertise.

Allie Henry and Ashley Dittman, fourth grade students from River Falls, enjoyed the music's relaxed style. Both had positive opinions of the group. However, their friend Danielle Jones was disappointed.

"I wanted them to play Shania Twain," Jones said. Most of the audience responded enthusiastically to the group. Requests came from the audience. Some requests brought laugh-



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Blue Beat, an African-American band, had the audience stomping their feet and tapping to the rhythm of their tunes.

ter from the group.

"I have to admit I don't know that one," Nance said to a request for Van Morrison's 1960's hit "Brown Eyed Girl."

Blue Beat still managed to hold the audience's attention, especially with a drum solo performed by Wise. The drummer learned to play Tabla drums during his first of seven visits to India. He has played the Indian drums since 1973.

Glen Helgeson kept the audience in tune with his guitar-playing skills. He also contributed by singing background vocals. The 25-year guitar-playing veteran played the acoustic guitar for some songs, then changed to a steel guitar for other songs.

Helgeson and Nance began Blue Band three years ago. Wise, a free-lance musician, joined them more than a year ago. The group enjoys playing together and they said they were excited about their participation in Unity in the Community.

A melodic mi

Kevin O'Brien
Staff Writer

Although they appeared to be out of their element playing a few feet away from the McDonald's in the Hagestad student center, the four-man Mariachi band Azteca added an authentic American flavor to the Unity in the Community events on Wednesday. The fast-paced guitar strumming of Aurelio Silva merged with the vibrant guitaron bass of Tito Zarati, the blaring trumpet of Lam and the melodic xylophone of Vince Hayman to create a distinctly Mexican sound.

Their repertoire ranged from traditional Mexican songs such as Canta, Canta and La Viajes a San Juan to more popularized classics like La Bamba and La Cucaracha.

"I love Mariachi music, it's the best," said Eric Zilge, an organizer of Unity in the Community whose mother is from Mexico. "They were excellent, I only wish they could have played longer."

During the show, Zilge called his mother, who heard the music and told him to request La Raspa.

Zilge said he remembers the song from his youth, and he thought it was great dance tune. Although he doesn't understand the Spanish words anymore, he still enjoys listening to it for its slavic effect.

"When I was young, I heard this music all the time, and I get rings a bell for me," he said.

Nevertheless, Zilge notices clear differences between the performance in America and the ones he recalls in Mexico.

"The Mexican bands are a lot louder and the whole audience

"The songs display as hard work of dealing with cock fighting."

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Left: Dr. Grace Cajiat directed the UW-RF Chamber Singers in "Alma Mater," "Pledge Song," and the UW-RF Fight Song II," during the 125th anniversary opening ceremony.

Right: Wisconsin Rep. Kitty Rhoades and Sen. Alice Clausing helped to kick off UW-RF's year-long 125th anniversary, "Building on Tradition." They spoke at noon on Wednesday along with Chancellor Gary Thibodeau and various other campus and state representatives.



Uniting the Campus Community

Jesse Sampair
Staff Writer

Balloons, banners and booths filled the Student Center while hundreds of onlookers listened to Chancellor Gary Thibodeau and others kick-off Unity Day at UW-River Falls.

The crowning day of Unity in the Community Month featured an eclectic array of ethnic musicians,

speakers and other entertainers. From a pow-wow to Holocaust speaker Tim Scott the day capped the annual spring celebration of diversity on campus.

"The boundaries of this institution are not the state anymore, but rather the globe," said Thibodeau. "(Unity Day) really brings home the fact that we live in a global environment."

Diversity Awareness Committee (DAC) faculty advisor Melissa Abramowitz, who invited many area elementary and high schools from Stillwater, Minn. to Prescott, estimated that upwards of 2,000 people attended the event.

Many of those attendants stopped by Karges Gymnasium for the International Bazaar to sample a variety of ethnic foods.

Numerous booths also set up the Student Center. "We want to show and share our community's diversity," said Alpha Omicron Pi. LaFourche had a booth to sample a variety of ethnic foods. Falcon's

xture of Mariachi

gets into it by clapping their hands and doing more free dancing," Zilge said.

Towards the beginning of the show a couple of toddlers stood up and danced in front of the stage, but participation by the handful of students was limited to sporadic clapping.

"At first I didn't know if I liked it, but then they started to play some more familiar songs, and I liked it more and more," said sophomore Stacey Mesalk, who reviewed the performance for her music class but admitted she didn't know much about Mariachi before attending.

Trumpet player Cortez, who was born in Texas and has been playing Mariachi music since 1960, said he is attracted to it because it represents authentic Mexican music and culture.

"The songs discuss such things as hard work on the farms, dealing with cattle, gambling, and cock fighting," Cortez said. "There are also a great deal of love songs."

According to him, Mariachi was developed in the 1800's by a man named Mr. Vargas, and has evolved through the years.

One difference is that some bands use four trumpets instead of the usual two; but he said they still manage to keep the two-part harmony.

In addition to playing at a variety of schools, colleges and some restaurants, he said Azteca has a yearly show at the Ordway Theater in the Twin Cities. Despite the cultural gap between Mexico and the Upper Mid-Western states, Cortez said his music is almost always well received by audiences.

"Some people don't like us because they are prejudiced, but most audiences appreciate our diversity," said Cortez.

And although he prefers to play classical Mexican music, he doesn't mind performing more American style songs.

"If it is obvious you don't like the songs you are playing, the people who are listening won't like them either," he said.

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Dancing to the rhythms of culture

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

A rea students and adults looked on in awe Wednesday as eight students, in traditional Native American costume, performed a variety of Native American tribal dances in front of the Student Center.

The dancers were all students of Jimmy Smith dance school, and ranged in age from first graders to a high school sophomore.

"I get a good feeling when I dance," said Wony Jackson, a second grader who has been performing for six years. "I like to present in front of groups of people and teach them about my culture."

Jackson was one of two students who presented a dance called the "Fancy Shawl Dance." In addition to this dance, the performance included the "Jingle Dress Dance." The dresses worn by the two dancers performing this dance were called "healing dresses" and were worn in the Native American community to ask the Gods to help a sick person.

The third type of dance Smith and his dancers performed was the "Grass Dance." Three of the students performed this dance, which is the most sacred and ceremonial of the Native American dances and is the most traditional.

One dancer, who was in tenth grade, performed a dance called the "Old War Dance." Smith said this was a traditional dance that was performed by the chief to ask for help before, during and after times of war.

During the pow-wow, Smith explained the cos-

tumes and props worn and used by the dancers and included several children from the audience in the performances.

Smith also taught a variety of Native American words to the crowd and sang a verse of a traditional Native American song, which was translated to English.

The children in the audience were ecstatic when Smith pulled a variety of their chaperones and other adults from the crowd and asked them to learn and participate in the "Friendship Dance."

"This is a very important dance in the Native American culture," Smith said. "Many people have fallen in love during this dance, or met their future husband or wife. Smith said some people have even left their current husband or wife for someone they met during this dance."

The performance ended as Smith asked all of the young children in the audience to participate in the final dance. The students filled the center of the crowd and tried to follow the dancers.

"Wow, that was awesome," said a River Falls elementary school student, who had participated. "I wish I could go and do that again. It was a lot of fun!"



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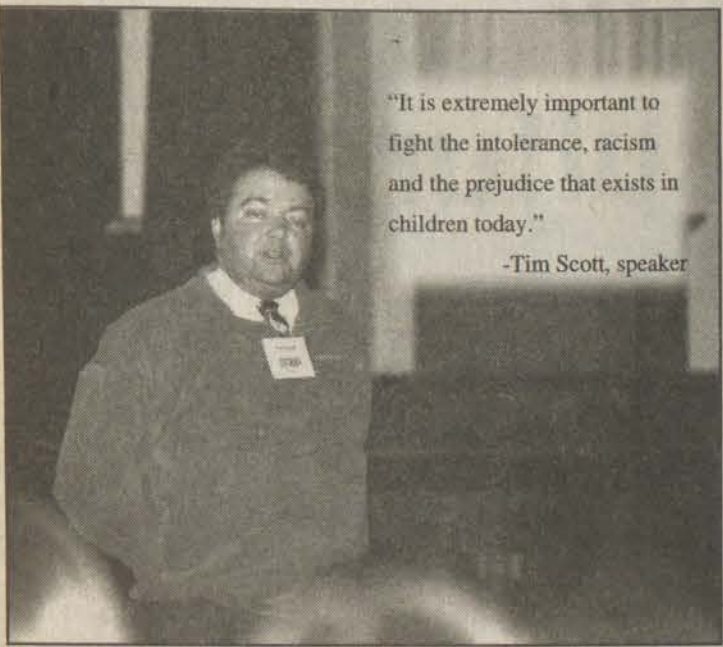
The day also coincided with UW-RF's 125th Anniversary Celebration, which featured another speech by Thibodeau.

"We thought it was kind of neat to combine the two events into one," said Abramowitz.

Unity Day ended with a campus picnic and dance at Brandy's.

Photos by Brandon Eytcheson

Remembering the past for the future



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
Tim Scott gave an emotional two-hour account of the Holocaust in North Hall auditorium.

Mindy Gwidt
Staff Writer

Those who do not learn from the past shall be condemned to repeat it." This famous quote by Santayana was the major point emphasized in Tim Scott's presentation, "The Holocaust: Its relevance Today." Scott gave the presentation during Unity in the Community on Wednesday.

Scott's presentation consisted of two parts. The first

part involved what happened during the Holocaust and the second part focused on why people today should care about the reasons behind the Holocaust.

Because the audience consisted of people from the grade school level to adults, Scott presented the first part of the presentation as a story. He told the story so audience members could imagine themselves in the situation.

"To fully understand the story, you must experience the story through your own

eyes," Scott said.

The story involved a Jewish child born in a small village in the Ukraine during the 1920s and how the child was affected during the war.

Scott gave a detailed description of life in a cattle car on a train with 80 to 85 people for a week. He then went on to describe what it was like when the family arrived at a concentration camp in Germany.

Once arriving at the concentration camp, the child's family was split up and so were the rest of the 800 to 900 people that arrived at the camp.

Scott then went on to take the audience on a journey to describe what life was like for each group at the concentration camp.

Throughout the audience comments such as, "I can't believe that happened" or "I didn't think it was that bad," were heard.

During the second part of Scott's presentation, he made some very strong points about how the "spirit of the Holocaust is alive and well today in the world."

Scott emphasized the alienation of the Jews

began with putting them down, spreading lies about them or pushing them into a corner. He said it is still happening today. He gave examples of the deaths of Matthew Shepard or more recently, the shootings in Littleton, Colo.

Scott also showed newspaper clippings from Twin Cities area newspapers of examples of racism and prejudice. It shows that these exist in schools against certain groups like jocks and preps.

At the end of Scott's other presentation, he asked students to answer the question "How do you see the spirit of the Holocaust alive and well today in the world, in America, in your community, in your school, your family and yourself?" He read some of the examples.

One eighth grader said, "I was brought up by a racist. My grandpa, grandma, dad, mom, uncles, cousins and I are all racists. There is no way you can change my mind. I feel that if they want to be Americans, too bad. Then they should start acting like Americans."

Another eighth grader said, "I hate gays and lesbians because it states in the Bible it is a sin to be gay or lesbian. Gays and lesbians are wrong and they shouldn't be in the U.S."

Scott showed through these essays that the Holocaust isn't just some "same history," but the spirit of the Holocaust is happening today.

"It is extremely important to fight the intolerance, racism and the prejudice that exists in children today," Scott said.

Also during the second part, Scott showed slides of Nazi concentration camps and talked about Anti-Holocaust groups.

"If you begin to believe what these groups say while we still have eyewitnesses, we are in trouble," Scott said. "we are not learning."

To finish his presentation, Scott lit a candle. He said that everyone is born with flames or racism and prejudice, but it is up to that person to extinguish them.

"What kind of flames are burning in you. Some people have torches ... find them and I beg you to do this - blow them out," Scott said.

Scott has given this presentation almost 300 times and gives it 40 to 50 times a year. He feels that other people should be doing what he is doing because "it there is no one teaching it, no one is learning it."

An array of cultures, exotic foods

Laura Brinkoetter
Staff Writer

Unfamiliar inviting aromas were only one of many reasons to venture into Kargas Gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon.

The International Bazaar, sponsored by the International Club, UW-River Falls, and The Office of International Programs, lured many students, faculty, and community members into their celebration of diversity and unity with free food and a plethora of information about foreign lands.

Surrounded by wall-to-wall booths full of exotic and intriguing cultural lore, one could easily discover something new. Whether it was a tantalizing coconut desert from Puerto Rico called tembleque served by Eliuz Rosario, a junior exchange student, or an escape to Scotland through photos taken by fellow students, plenty of unfamiliar ground lent itself to all who participated.

"It made me want to know about strange places," said Amanda Huppert, who was there with her eighth grade class from Meyer Middle School. The excited eighth grade girls said they were here as part of their school's E.A.R.N. (Educate Against Racism Now) program, which tries to expose students to cultural diversity.

"We wanted to get out of class," said one of the other girls when explaining their adventure. Either way it was "a lot of fun."

Dubbed "another Festival of Nations" by eighth grade Andrew Gontarek, this pseudo-marketplace offered free food and cultural experience.

Yana Yurgelyanis, a freshman from Moscow, served a traditional beet salad called "vinaigrette" at the Russian booth. One could also view a hand-made wooden Matreshka, a toy often recognized as a symbol of Russia.

The longest line for food was at

the Japanese booth, where Satoko Oiso, a sophomore from Fukuoka, Japan, served three delectable dishes: miso soup, a bean base broth; teriyaki chicken, the most familiar of all three; and ohitashi, a spinach salad. Most people were surprised by the cuisine, which had not been Americanized like most "Japanese" food they were used to.

Another line had formed in front of the Panama booth because of a rumored "must try" dish that Carmen Marceb, a native Puerto Rican, described as a sweet dish made with plantain which are like "big bananas" and served over rice. While waiting patiently for plantain, one could look at pottery from



Heidi Sime / The Student Voice
Lisa Fabiana and Luisa Arrieta from Puerto Rico along with Te-Huin Chang, Taiwan and Mika Urata and Daisuke Hirai from Japan served food at the International Bazaar.

Beating of the drums

Emily Felling
Staff Writer

Audience participation was a key element weaved into Chinese composer Zhang Ying's Unity in the Community performance Wednesday at the Hagstad Student Center. Ying asked for three volunteers to do what he considered a "simple" percussion routine.

Two students and one University worker stepped up to the challenge. After listening to Ying for a minute or so, the three gave it a whirl.

"I tried," said Carrie Heehn, a sophomore social work major. "His directions were so fast, but it was interesting and fun."

Another volunteer Jamie Everson, a sophomore social work major agrees.

"It was great to get involved, but he did give the directions quickly," Everson said.

Banging the biggest percussion instrument only once, Heehn didn't think Everson had it so bad.

"She had the easy part," Heehn said. "I had to bang on two little percussion instruments at two to three different beats."

Throughout the hour, Ying performed many ancient Chinese songs created by other composers on 11 different flutes.

Before playing a flute he called the "turkey bone," which is a replica of a 7,000-year-old bone flute, Ying made a comment to the audience.

"The turkey bone was invented back in China when they didn't have a TV or a bar," Ying said.

Everson, who played the flute back in high school was very impressed by Ying's performance.

"He was very spiritually into it," Everson said. "Also, he had great endurance. Because he played so many flutes, he had to keep changing his breathing patterns."

According to a flyer, Ying resettled in the United States in 1993 after having a long career in China where he appears in the Register of Great Musicians and has composed three albums.

After his performances, Ying told all those interested about his instruments and his latest album called "Water American Landscapes."

In addition to performing at the UW-River Falls, Ying has performed at UW-LaCrosse and he will be at Macalester the first week of May.

Music with soul

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

Michael Hauser and Dan Elsen played their flamenco guitars while Maya Tatiana danced for the audience. The group performed flamenco style for their audience.

"Flamenco is a mixture of singing, guitar and dancing," Elsen said.

At this performance, their singer was unavailable.

Hauser, the lead flamenco guitarist has been playing guitar for about 30 years. He started playing flamenco style while he was in college.

"My parents had some recordings of it and I was intrigued when I heard them," Hauser said.

Hauser has studied flamenco in Spain where he has visited 15 times.

Hauser is the owner of his own business, Hauser Artists. Besides performing he is also an active member of the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA). He does bookings for musical groups to come to campuses.

In addition, he teaches guitar lessons

to students one-on-one at Macalester College.

One of Hauser's students happens to be Elsen who has been playing flamenco guitar for three years. Elsen said he likes the spirit and passion of flamenco.

"I like the connection that is made between the guitarists and the dancers," he said.

Tatiana, the flamenco dancer has been dancing for most of her life. She has even studied modern dance. Originally from Yugoslavia, she met Hauser in Spain and became good friends with him back in the United States.

Hauser said that the uniqueness of flamenco is that it is very improvisational. The dancer gives signals with her feet and the guitarists try to match their rhythms with the dancer.

Several students enjoyed the performance.

"It gave a very ethnic flair to the usual Student Center," said senior Suzanne Gauvin.

Maria Evens, a freshman agreed.

"I thought it was very dramatic with mexican soul," she said.

Dancing the day away



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
Shoua Vang and Ge Xiong performed the traditional Hmong dance to a full house in the Regents Room of the Hagstad Student Center Wednesday.

Living with deafness



Richard Herod III, an alumnus of UW-River Falls, shared his experiences growing up with two deaf parents. Herod used signing to tell stories of his life to the audience during his presentation "Growing Up Hearing in a Deaf World."

Herod graduated last December with a degree in Marketing Communications.

Learning about Latin America

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

On del Sur had their audience in the Student Center on their feet and dancing Wednesday afternoon.

The three members of the group, Nicolas Carter, Juan Bautista Ruiz, and Mauricio Sanchez played a variety of Latin American music and even entertained audience requests.

They played a variety of upbeat music, such as the cha-cha during their performance, and had several professors and children from Grow & Learn,

the on-campus daycare, dancing in front of the stage.

One student even requested the band sing "Happy Birthday" to the University, and he got to sing the lead with the band.

The three group members, who are originally from Mexico, Nicaragua and Paraguay, have been playing together since 1991, and they play primarily in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

"We used to play in different bands and that is how we met," Sanchez said. "We generally play for events like this (Unity in the Community) and a lot of festivals in the area. We also play in restaurants and for weddings."

Carter, who plays an instrument called the Paraguayan harp, said the band has two recordings, one of which is currently available on compact disc.

During the performance, the group explained each of their instruments and several of the songs that they performed. They also explained the Latin American culture and the significance of music there.

The group got the audience involved by playing "Wild Thing," and adding their Latin American instruments and style. They, with the help of the audience concluded their performance with the original version of "La Bamba."

Choosing between life and meth

Real World / Seattle cast visits River Falls

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who was the best-endowed. "It became a competition," Janet said. "(The guys) were walking around the house with morning wood."

Nathan retorted to the penis discussion by asking Janet if she knows what he did in her bed, to a chorus of laughter.

To go along with the constant camera observation came the editing needed to condense a week's work of real life into a pretty little television show. Janet said that when she watches the final product, it doesn't always correlate with what she went through.

"(The show) went through massive editing," she said. "We'll never look at it in 22-minute segments like you do."

The sentiment among the cast members was that their 15 minutes of fame was quickly counting down. All three acknowledged that the attention is going down

considerably, and they already have plans to move on with their lives.

"Everyone gets a few offers," Lindsay said. "But you don't want (the show) to define you."

With all of the invasion of privacy involved, all three gave their personal approval to their stint on television.

"It was a lot of fun," Janet said. "You just really had to make sure you were secure with yourself."

Entertainment Chair Jim Cleary felt that the event was very successful and "worth every penny," even though the event didn't fit in very well with the Unity in the Community activities.

"Originally, we tried to work it into Unity, but it didn't work," Cleary said. "If it contributed to 'Unity,' all the better...but if you look at the diversity of the (audience), there wasn't any."

Student reaction to Janet, Lindsay

and Nathan was mixed.

Many students thought it was a fresh, new show that deserved their attention.

"It's different from a soap opera," said senior Rachel White. "They're real people."

Although many students showed up over an hour and a half before the scheduled performance because "Nathan is hot," some students, such as sophomore Brooke Newmaster, felt that it was a complete waste of time and money.

"It's like country music," she said. "It's just irritating and it makes me want to twitch."

Others didn't like the entertainment value.

"It's an utter waste of tuition dollars and served no purpose," said freshman Pat Coughlin. "It's just a bunch of rich kids whining about their problems that no one cares about."



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Lindsey Meyer holds 100 grams worth of "drugs", illustrating how much meth could get someone a 10 year prison term.

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Assistant News Editor

Imagine staying up for days at a time, scratching at bugs that aren't there and experiencing overall uncontrollable psychosis. Sound like fun?

Senior chemistry major Lindsey Meyer didn't think so either. Last Friday, Meyer gave a presentation in Centennial Science Hall entitled "Methamphetamine: America's Ugliest Drug." She spent more than 30 minutes dissecting the scientific composition of the drug, as well as the ugly side of the drug more commonly referred to as "speed" or "meth."

"For one, the drug is cheap, available and easy to make," Meyer said. "But I don't think (the public) is aware of the side effects...it's scary."

Under proper medical supervision, methamphetamines are used to suppress appetites. Abusers of meth experience feelings of euphoria, as well as an increase in physical activity. Meyer said that many people, especially women, abuse it because they figure it will make weight loss easier.

Meyer gained an interest in the drug while interning at the Wausau crime lab over the summer. There, she came in contact with many kinds of drugs, as well as the people that spend their lives abusing them.

"(Abusers) will do anything to put drugs in their body," Meyer said. "They're willing to use anything that makes them feel good."

The drug, which was originally produced in Mexico, has found its way into the Midwest lifestyle. The number of Drug Enforcement

Agency seizures of meth has jumped dramatically in Wisconsin, from 42 in 1996 to 112 last year.

The drug has been called "poor man's cocaine" and "the drug of the '90's." Meyer said that the cost of meth is usually about \$100 per gram, which comes out to be about \$25 per hit for an "experienced" meth user.

But with all of the "joy" that meth users experience, the consequences of even short term use are horrifying. Some meth users experience a certain type of psychosis that is indistinguishable from schizophrenia. An overdose can occur with only 50 milligrams in a non-tolerant user, which can lead to circulatory collapse, convulsions and even coma.

Meyer also said that meth abusers are considered some of the most difficult people to treat, needing up to four weeks of de-tox in some cases.

The penalties for meth possession are steep, Meyer said. If a person is found with 10 grams, it could mean up to five years in prison, and 100 grams could lead to a 10 year term. She added that a life sentence was considered recently for people caught with 75 pounds of meth.

Like many drugs, Meyer had a hard time seeing how people can sacrifice their lives to a dangerous drug like methamphetamine.

"(Meth) totally consumes your life," she said. "With the long term effects (of the drug), I don't know why anyone would use it."

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diseases really are. We decided to do the radiothon about three months prior to the event. Neither Van, nor I had ever done a charity event so massive. It made us realize how kind our listeners are."

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Hydrogeology class drills in dirt

Sarah Doyle
News Editor

Last Friday, a UW-River Falls class was doing what some students have not done since elementary school. The hydrogeology class was digging in the dirt.

The windy afternoon was spent pulling cars out of mud-ridden ditches, drilling wells less than two inches in diameter, and then filling them back up.

The class was participating in a well-digging lab designed to help students evaluate the direction of ground-water flow and its interaction with the Kinnickinnic River. This is the first year the lab has been attempted.

Student Jon Shafer explained that the purpose of the lab was to evaluate ground water flow and river interaction, thereby determining the rate of recharge.

In other words, Jon Dustman, president of Summit Envirosolutions, said the class was interested in observing how water that enters the ground either due to rainfall or other sources flows horizontally and vertically through the ground on its way to the river. The water filters vertically through different layers of soil until it reaches the water table at which point either the clay or soil is too dense for the water to drop further. When in the water table, the moisture must then move in a somewhat horizontal motion as it progresses to the river. The class was attempting to determine the exact direction the water table was flowing in.

Although contamination of the University's ground water was not a concern of the lab, Dr. Kerry Keen, hydrogeology professor, said this process is one way of determining if contamination exists.

Shaffer added that many people act out of ignorance.

"You don't realize what you dump on the ground affects the water table," he said. "People have no understanding how much it is affected."

Cities also use this technique to determine if they should contract a company to find a location for a new well.

The class, however, was not interested in the contamination aspect. To do the lab, the class dug a total of three wells behind Crabtree Hall near the wetlands. Two would not have sufficed as student Tony Silva explained. He offered a quick geometry lesson.

"Two points create a line," Silva said. "However, when three points are determined, they define a plane."

By creating a plane with the three wells and determining each well's elevation in relation to each other, the class was then able to track the exact direction of the water table flow.

A mini drill rig attached to the back of a van dug the wells. The geoprobe, running on a hydrolic system, dug the wells about six feet deep.

A soil core the size of the well was extracted from the ground to obtain water samples. The core was compiled of several different layers of soil and sediment deposits differing in color and composition. Keen said the deeper the soil was, the wetter its texture was, indicating the level of the water table.

Keen entered the year as a new professor to this class. He developed this lab in cooperation with his class. The class consists of a variety of majors including geology, hydrogeology and environmental science.



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
Hydrogeology professor Kerry Keen explains how to determine the location of the water table by examining a soil core.

Keen said this class is only the first step. In future years, he wants to expand upon this lab.

"Eventually, over years, I want to put in devices to constantly track how much ground water will be added to the river and how it affects it," Keen said.

Fighting censorship with words: Dean publishes two books

Jesse Sampair
Staff Writer

The end of the school year is on the calendar's horizon, and for many students that means an intensely busy time of writing papers. However, with two books hitting stores in September, UW-River Falls English professor and Associate Dean of College of Arts and Sciences Nicholas Karolides could be the busiest writer on campus.

The first of Karolides' works, "100 Banned Books: Literature Suppressed on Political, Religious, Sexual, and Social Grounds," is a compellation from the successful "Banned Books" series.

"100 Banned Books" will showcase 25 of 105 politically censored books Karolide first wrote about in 1998's "Banned Books: Literature Suppressed on Political Grounds."

Karolides said the success of the series has persuaded the publishers to combine the four books into one that will have a broader appeal.

"The response has been so strong that they decided to put out this combined book for general distribution," Karolides said.

Some of the more notable politically banned books Karolides recognizes include: "The Grapes of Wrath," "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Animal Farm" and "The Things They Carried." He said

these titles have been controversial with both national governments as well as local levels.

"It's a misunderstanding to think (censorship) is only done by national governments," Karolides said. "It's just not the case...You'd be amazed at how many people don't want their children to read anti-war books."

In his writing, he also cautions about censoring even widely unpopular books like "The Hoax of the Twentieth-Century"-a book currently banned in Canada and Germany that denies the Holocaust ever happened.

The second of Karolides' books due out this Fall, "Reader Response in the Classroom: Evoking and Interpreting Meaning in Literature" is a follow-up to his 1991 book by the same title.

"It is a how-to-teach-literature-book," Karolides said.

Karolides' upcoming books will be the ninth and tenth he has written. His other titles include: "Censored Books: Critical Viewpoints (1993)," "Focus on Fitness: A Reference Handbook (1993)," "Reader Response in Elementary Classrooms: Quest and Discovery (1996)," "Celebrating Censored Books," "Focus on Physical Impairments: A Reference Handbook," and "Pioneer in the American Novel, Nineteen Hundred to Nineteen Fifty."



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Black market? Stop stealing the forks



Jason Borman/ The Student Voice

EDITORIAL

Arming a nation

In regards to the recent events in Colorado, there has been some talk with much more guaranteed to come from "experts" and discussion groups- concerning violence in schools and the availability of firearms to those who would use them for purposes illegal. Events like these leave many wondering, How is this trend of school violence to be stopped?

According to the profound wisdom espoused in a very recent speech by Jesse Ventura, the Colorado incident is a strong indicator of this country's need to allow more people to carry concealed firearms.

Some might say that this is a completely asinine thing for anyone, let alone a leader like Ventura, to say. The reason Ventura thought that we needed fewer restrictions was because he believed that, essentially, if the teachers had been packing heat, then perhaps they would have been able to stop this horrible event from going as far as it did. The dangers of arming a nation, even to a moron, should be obvious and apparent.

While the second amendment guarantees the right to bear arms, and the NRA might even say that this is a God given right, the majority of the free world is looking to get guns out of the school, not into it.

Many people are wondering: how could a group of kids get their hands on that many weapons? Are weapons that easy to get into schools? Is there anywhere that is safe anymore?

These fears are sure to put pressure on the government to create gun-controlling legislature. The NRA and other gun toting lobbyists will rally in an attempt to shoot these measures down. The legislature will be called unconstitutional, and it essentially is. Therein lies the paradox. This is America, and we have a right to bear arms. Guns can be safely, and enjoyably used. To lose that right would be a terrible blow to American freedom, but with all the problems that they do cause, the stronger and more honest right to live must be realized.

"Is there anywhere that is safe anymore?"

Johnny Cash: he walks the line his way

Hello, I'm Johnny Cash." For more than 40 years, the Man in Black has been a voice for the lonesome and the lost. He has sung for and about the desperate, the downtrodden, and the disillusioned.

With sounds as rough and sweet as America itself rising from the bottom of his cavernous baritone, Cash has become a symbol of endurance, and life despite hardship. Even now, as he battles Parkinson's disease, he fights the good fight, and he doesn't take duff from anybody.

A couple of nights ago, I was fortunate enough to return to my bungalow just in time to catch a Johnny Cash tribute on TNT. Perhaps bungalow gives the wrong impression: if related to in terms of automobiles, the many layers of plaster that hold our rented house together more resemble a rusted-out Ford Fairmont with Bondo connecting the front and rear fenders than the Jaguar that a bungalow might represent.

But back to Cash.

All of these fantastic artists like Dave Matthews and Lyle Lovett were performing Cash songs, and aside from a remarkably strange and poppy U2 performance, most of the songs were done true to their country and folk roots.

I'm not talking about most of that garbage you see on CMT either. I'm talking about the real stuff. Like Johnny Cash said, "Country music used to represent horses, railroads, land, Judgment Day, family, hard times, whiskey, courtship, marriage, adultery, separation, murder, war, prison, rambling, damnation, home, salvation, death, pride, humor, piety, rebellion, patriotism, larceny, determination, tragedy, rowdiness, heartbreak, love, mother and God." But watch twenty minutes of CMT ... better yet, save

your time and don't. Just take my word for it, this is not the place for Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, or any other Country artists. And this sure isn't the place for some of the great offshoots of country like rock-a-billy or country's shared child with the blues- rock and roll. But this is not a rant, so I'll move on.

You know, if my mother found out that I was writing about Cash, she would laugh until her sides hurt. She used to tell me all these horror stories of Christmas parties spent over at my grandparents' house listening to Johnny Cash as he played in every single prison in the country. For some reason, I get the impression that these were not always fond memories, though she

hounds on the front porch. Even then, I was perhaps a little hasty with my judgments.

But never mind the crazy stereotypes; Cash represents "The American Dream." His is the perfect rags to riches story, achieved through persistence and faith. Born and raised on a rural Arkansas cotton farm during the Depression, he began his life modest and honest. After he got out of the Air Force in '54, he went to Memphis and, through his constant persistence, convinced Sam Phillips at Sun Studio to give him a break.

I read somewhere that Sam felt that it wasn't so much that Cash sang or played guitar that well, it was that Cash did it his own way. It was something new. This idea of getting new and

different kinds of music had been wildly successful for Sam a couple of years before when he signed some other young punk who would later make his home in Memphis. His name was Elvis.

Cash is a rebel. Despite the Nashville scene essentially ignoring him-in favor of the pop-country that has become so marketable- he has managed to keep playing and recording songs in the old style with the same character and persistence that he began with. And 45 years later, at his own tribute last Sunday, despite the obvious strain that the

Parkinson's put upon him, Johnny Cash managed to perform not only "Folsom Prison Blues," but also a duet, "I Walk The Line," with his wife of thirty-one years, June Carter.

The Man in Black is an American monument. He symbolizes the movement of the West, hard times and good times. He's tough, asks for no quarter and gives none. He is as strong as a mountain, and it will be a sad day indeed when that mountain slowly slips back into the sea.

NEIL RHINES

"... he fights the good fight; and he doesn't take duff from anybody."



laughs about it now.

QUICK TRIVIA: How many prisons has Cash been an inmate in? ANSWER: none, though he has been an overnight guest in jail seven times.

My mother's laughter concerning this style of music influenced my own perspective on music early on. I was raised on the Beatles, and when I was introduced to modern rock and roll in elementary school, I wasn't sure how, but I knew that the sounds were saving my soul from a hell of broken-down pick-up trucks and an excess of

Media glorifies mass school shootings

This Tuesday was the 110th anniversary of Adolph Hitler's birth, and two young boys in Littleton, Col., celebrated the event by walking into their high school and killing 13 of their classmates.

The suicide mission was played out while the entire country watched. This small-town tragedy was televised on every station around the country and splashed across every newspaper in every town in America.

These two boys who belonged to a group called the "Trench Coat Mafia" will receive national attention because they murdered 13 of their classmates. Students who lived through the massacre are quoted as saying these teens were outcasts at their school. The attack is also said to be race-related; the two suspects are said to have belonged to a clique that wore swastikas on their sleeves.

And people are asking the question why. How could something like this have happened in a quiet little town in Colorado?

The answers to these questions were televised on the six o'clock news, the ten o'clock news and every other media venue out there. These two teens were outcasts who

found a way to get noticed.

The American media is infamous for its treatment of criminals. We treat murderers like celebrities, and people are still asking why this happened?

I'm not saying that the only reason the massacre in Littleton took place is so two teenage boys could get their faces on television, but I am sure they knew in the back of their minds that this would put them on the map and maybe even a few t-shirts.

The entire country watched as students ran from the school. The entire country watched as bodies were brought out on stretchers. The entire country watched as one student jumped out of a window to save himself. This isn't just another senseless tragedy; this is good TV, as sick as that is to admit.

Not every murder makes it on the six o'clock news anymore. It has to be particularly gruesome and sick

to get people like Dan Rather and Peter Jennings to sit up and take notice. Because, in this country, the victims will be forgotten when the media loses interest, but the murderers will be remembered far into the future.

I am sure the book is already

a heinous crime because they wanted to get attention, and the media is bowing to their every wish. Just once, I would like to see criminals like that die in obscurity, knowing that even in death they didn't get the one thing they wanted most.

I realize that news of this magnitude will never go unnoticed and the public has a definite right to know. But that doesn't mean that the news media is obligated to sensationalize these events. There is no reason why bloody bodies, children to parents who are still in

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"We treat murderers like celebrities."



being written and the made-for-television movie is already screening out the actors to play these two "troubled" teens.

People are always complaining that movies are too violent, but maybe that is because they have to contend with the violence we see everyday on the news.

These two boys perpetrated such

shock, need to be broadcast for the entire world to see. We do not need to honor the killers by displaying their handiwork on national television.

I just wish that once, a news director would say, "this isn't just in bad taste, it is also bad TV," and actually mean it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Low student turnout at Bloodmobile is a grave disappointment

As some of you might already know, the Red Cross was here last week for another Bloodmobile. To everyone that either gave blood or helped out in any way, you should be proud of yourselves. You have helped the Red Cross in continuing its mission of helping others in need. You are caring, unselfish people on this campus. Unfortunately, you are also a minority on this campus. Every semester when the Bloodmobile comes to UW-River Falls, only a couple hundred students volunteer to give their blood. This past week, there were only about 240 people who showed up to give. Out of a population of approximately 5,500 students, that is an extremely poor turnout. Don't get me wrong, I know that some students have legitimate excuses such as: you've been tattooed lately, you're on antibiotics for that disease you got on spring break, you weigh less than 100 pounds, or you're a prostitute. But let's face it, most people that don't give blood can't use a valid reason like one of those. Instead, the most popular reasons are unintelligent responses like "I'm scared of needles," "I would probably pass out," "I don't have the time," and (this one's my favorite) "It's my blood,

and I'm not just going to GIVE IT AWAY!" Obviously the reputation college students have as being less ignorant than others does not hold true at UW-RF.

When a person is in a serious accident or in dire need of a blood transfusion, members of his/her family are often asked to give blood to save that person's life. I'm sure that no one on this campus would refuse to give if they were put in that situation. But as long as it is not YOUR loved one's life that is dependent on donor blood, you don't even give a damn. How can you let yourself justify not giving with such stupid excuses? Compared to other volunteer opportunities, giving blood is one of the easiest, most efficient ways to help others in need. It doesn't cost you a thing and takes up very little of your time. I saw most people give in less than an hour, and 99 percent of students here have more than an hour of free time in their day. Regardless of what you tell your parents, you are not in class or doing homework ALL day. My main point to anyone who did not give for a stupid reason is this: ... think about someone else beside yourself for a

minute. A needle in the arm is a small price to pay to help save someone's life. If you're scared of needles, well I guess I can understand. After all, everybody's been scared of needles at one point in their lives, but then most of us graduated from grade school and learned to get over it. If you do have a legitimate reason you can't give, the Bloodmobile needs a lot of volunteers to operate every time they come to campus, and it's not at all hard work.

I really do commend everybody who gave or helped out this time, but it would be really nice to see more participation. Most of the givers and volunteers are Greeks and members of other student organizations or representatives of residence halls. I'm sure that these organizations will continue to help out, but they can only do so much. That is why more people need to help out this cause.

Nathan Dodge

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THURSDAY



Morning Shower
High 55/ Low 38

FRIDAY



Scattered Showers
High 58/ Low 38

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy
High 59/ Low 38

SUNDAY



Partly Sunny
High 60/ Low 38

MONDAY



Mostly Sunny
High 62/ Low 42

Weekly Forecast

If there is a full moon, you better bring an umbrella to class. Researchers believe there is a correlation between a full moon, cloudiness, rainfall and thunderstorms. If it's true, there has been a full moon all of last week. The sun should peek out by the beginning of this week.

Temperatures

	High	Low
Average:	63	39
Record:	85 (1960)	31 (1967)
Yesterday:	55	38

Precipitation

	Actual	Normal
Yesterday:	-----	
This Month:	2.98"	1.12"

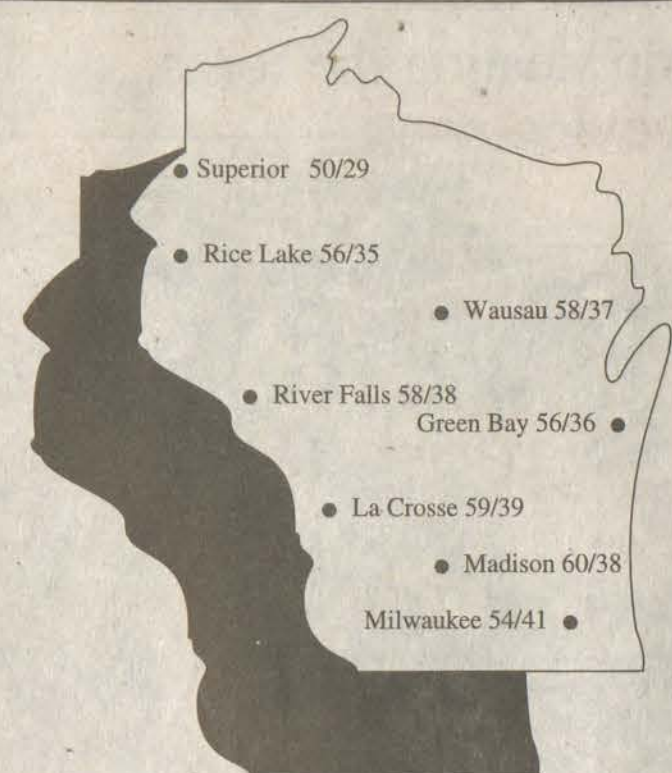
Sky Data

Length of day:	14 hours; 53 min.
Sunrise:	6:12 a.m.
Sunset:	8:05 p.m.
Moonrise:	1:08 p.m.
Moonset:	3:03 a.m.

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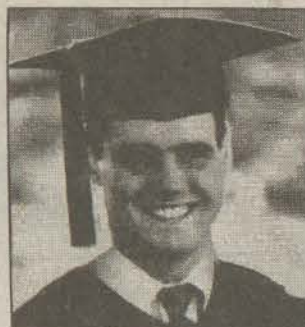
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FINAL SCORES

BASEBALL

River Falls 9, Superior 0
River Falls 10, Superior 6

SOFTBALL

Augustana Tourney
River Falls 3, Monmouth 1
River Falls 16, Marycrest 1 (6 inn.)
River Falls 2, Platteville 1
Webster 7, River Falls 5
River Falls 4, Oshkosh 2

OUTDOOR TRACK

Manitou Classic
1. Minnesota 103
2. Gustavus Adolphus 89
5. River Falls 66.5

JASON EGERSTROM

The Egg's go to...

Disclaimer: Choosing not to write on No. 99 this week was a conscious decision. No offense to The Great One, but really what else can be written about the most dominant athlete in American sports history?

It's that time of year again to take a break from making your summer plans and look back at another thrilling year in Falcon sports. Indeed, it's the Egg's - the only award which acknowledges the efforts and talents of UW-River Falls athletes. Realistically, I could have written two columns in reviewing all of the top plays, athletes and moments of the 1998-99 seasons because the choices, once again, were very difficult.

Showstopper of the Year

Following a Falcon hockey 3-2 triumph over Bemidji on Jan. 30, a skirmish broke out amongst both benches as the teams left the ice. Two players, Falcon freshman David Almquist and Beaver forward Shane Kalbrenner, were each disqualified for fighting as many fans stuck around to observe the extracurricular action. It was the closest thing to a brawl I've witnessed at a hockey game since our beloved North Stars skipped town. However, fighting is part of hockey. That's why the Sept. 19 fire at Ramer Field takes this year's Showstopper Egg. After the Falcon football team scored a touchdown in its 30-27 win over Southwest State, the cannon on the east side of the field was shot off in celebration and suddenly the tall and dry grass burst into flames and thick, black smoke filled the air. It was the first time in UW-River Falls football history that a game was delayed because of a grass fire.

Play of the Year

The Falcon hockey team was playing host to the NCHA-leading St. Norbert Green Knights. With the contest tied at two and less than a minute to play in the Feb. 5 series-opener, freshman Eric Yackel scored a power-play goal with 57 seconds remaining as the Falcons took down the eventual NCHA Champions 3-2. Hunt Arena exploded as the Falcons put themselves in great position to finish second in the NCHA standings.

But the most critical play of the year didn't even take place in River Falls. On Nov. 1 the Falcon football team trailed UW-La Crosse 29-28 with just a few minutes remaining. After scoring a late touchdown, the Falcons decided to go for a two-point conversion and the lead. However, Falcon halfback Michael Grant was tackled a yard short of the goal line and the Falcons went home with the one-point defeat. The Falcons went on to dominate UW-Whitewater the following weekend to clinch a share of the WIAC Championship. Had Grant successfully crossed the goal line on that fateful play in La Crosse,

See "Egg's" on page B2

Burr shoots down Yellowjackets
Senior catcher hits two homers in twin bill

Falcons sweep UW-Superior to start the WIAC season 2-0

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

The Falcons drew 21 walks and A.J. Burr cranked two home runs as the UW-River Falls baseball team swept UW-Superior 9-0, 10-6 in the team's WIAC-opening series Saturday at Ramer Field.

With the two nine-inning victories over the Yellowjackets, the Falcons (5-6-1, 2-0) extended their winning streak to four games.

"I hope it means good things," Falcon first-year head coach Steve Block said of the team's recent string of wins. "It helps to get out to a good start against a team you feel you are able to compete with."

It didn't take the Falcons long to get on the scoreboard. Lead-off hitter Nick Reimler singled to right

and stole second in the bottom of the first before left fielder John Peterson drove in Reimler with a double to center field.

The Falcons took the 1-0 lead into the fourth when UW-RF exploded for four more runs. After Burr doubled to center and freshmen Tony Zahradka and Michael Thompson each drew a walk, sophomore first baseman Brad

Stokke doubled to left center to drive in Burr and Zahradka. Thompson later scored the third Falcon run of the inning on a wild pitch. After second baseman Nathan Brom walked, shortstop Chris Mason singled to right, scoring Stokke, and the Falcons held the comfortable 5-0 lead after four.

And with ace Tom Fitzgerald coming off last week's one-hit pitching performance, that's all the

Falcons would need.

The right-hander earned his second win of the season by tossing seven innings of five-hit baseball while striking out seven Yellowjackets and walking two.

"Fitzzy pitched a fine game once again for us," Block said of the senior hurler.

After Fitzgerald was pulled after seven innings, Falcon pitcher Ben

Hoepner recorded two shutout innings in relief to close out the 9-0 win.

Burr's first homer on the afternoon extended the Falcon lead to 6-0. After right

fielder Cory Martinson walked to lead off the fifth inning, the left-handed hitting Burr smacked a 360-foot shot over the right-center field fence. The Falcons then tallied their final two runs in the seventh.

The Falcons walked 12 times in

game one, including two free passes yielded to each Reimler, Zahradka, Thompson and Brom. Add to that the Falcons' 10 hits and UW-RF had themselves an easy 9-0 victory.

"The guys must be seeing the ball well," Block said of the unusual number of walks taken on Saturday.

Burr, Stokke and Mason each recorded two hits to lead the Falcons. UW-RF also stole three bases.

"We were able to do some things when we got ahead in the counts," Block noted of the number of steals. "It's not our speed. It's more timing. We tried some trick plays when we had some runners in first and third situations. We also tried a delayed steal."

Falcons 10, Yellowjackets 6

The Falcons were forced to battle back from an early 2-0 deficit after the top of the first inning when the first five Yellowjacket hitters reached base on Falcon starting pitcher Zac Eichten.



A.J. Burr

Eichten lasted only 1 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on four hits and three walks. But left-handed sophomore pitcher Shawn Coyle and junior transfer Pete LeMonds

See "Baseball" on page B2

Good-bye 'Great One'

ALTHOUGH HE RECENTLY RETIRED FROM PRO HOCKEY, THE GREAT GRETZKY DOES NOT PLAN ON GETTING OUT OF PRACTICE...



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Runners make tracks
Team finishes 5th at St. OlafMatt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

Over the weekend, the UW-River Falls women's track team had another strong outing as they competed at the St. Olaf College Invitational.

The Falcons finished fifth out of 22 teams, scoring a 66.5. When one considers that they competed against high-profile opponents like the University of Minnesota, St. Cloud State University, and the University of Minnesota-Duluth, the finish was perhaps additionally impressive.

Several Falcons contributed greatly to the team effort and also earned a bit of the spotlight for themselves. Feb. 10, the Falcons won the meet they hosted at Ramer Field.

All-American Sarah Peterson continued to dominate this weekend. After stellar performances at the Feb. 10 meet, Peterson followed up by scoring in six events this weekend. One of her highlights this weekend was setting a new school record in the hammer

throw, tossing it 49.94 meters. That was good enough for second place overall in the event. In addition, Peterson automatically qualified for the national meet in the high jump by registering a leap of 1.6 meters. That was good enough for fourth place overall in the event. She also won the shot put event by coming up with a score of 13.23 meters.

Stacy White had a lifetime best result on the shot put, tossing the shot 12.50 meters.

"It was good to see her break through," Falcon head coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner said of White.

Currently, the team is ranked ninth in the nation in Division III, but only fourth in the WIAC, a fact which gives a great deal of credit to the strength of the conference. Wagner believes the Falcons have a shot to round out the season in third place.

This weekend, the Falcons will compete in the Macalester College (St. Paul) Invitational before the April 30-May 1 WIAC meet, which the Falcons will host at Ramer Field.

Up-and-down Falcons finish 2nd at Augustana
Team finishes 4-1 during weekend tournament in the Quad Cities

The Falcon softball team bounced back from going 1-3 in conference last week to win four games and even their record at 11-11-1

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls softball team continued their up-and-down season by placing second in the 12-team Augustana Tournament with a record of 4-1 after dropping three of four games to start the WIAC season.

The Falcons played three games Saturday, winning all three to win their pool and move on to championship round.

Falcons 3, Monmouth 1

In the first game, the Falcons won in their last at bat to beat Monmouth (Ill.); it was third time in three weeks the Falcons have accomplished that feat. After trailing 1-0 in the sixth inning, River Falls rallied to score three runs in the top of the seventh for the 3-1 victory.

After first baseman Kara Malec reached on an error, pinch runner Angie Garin moved to second on a sacrifice. Then catcher Michelle

May popped a two-run homer to put the Falcons in the lead.

The Falcons added another run when Lindsay Becker scored on two wild pitches.

Head coach Faye Perkins says getting big plays like those are how most softball games are usually won.

"It's going to be one hit or one error that determine the game," she said.

Clare Peterson pitched seven innings to get the win.

Falcons 16, Marycrest 1

River Falls then promptly blew out Marycrest (Iowa) 16-1. The Falcons scored five runs in the first inning and 10 runs in the second inning to put the game out of reach.

The highlight of the game was back-to-back home runs by shortstop Krista Kirkeide and Malec in the second inning. Both went 2-4 in the game.

"That was a slugfest; it's nice to be able to rack up the runs sometimes," Perkins said.

Falcons 2, Platteville 1

To complete the pool play, River Falls beat UW-Platteville 2-1 in eight innings.

With the score tied, the International Tie

Break Rule was in effect.

According to Perkins, this means the last batter of the seventh inning is automatically put on second to start the eighth.

The Pioneers were held scoreless in their half by Amanda Jo Decker.

Second baseman Cindy Ostertag made a diving snare to keep the game knotted at one.

"It was an unbelievable catch to keep them from scoring," said Perkins.

"This is where we need to put it together. We showed we could compete with anyone."

-Faye Perkins, Falcon head softball coach

The Falcons got a little luck in the their half of the eighth as one of the team's best baserunners was put on second to start the inning.

"Tiff (Peterson) is one of our quickest, smartest baserunners," Perkins said.

And that proved to be the difference. When left fielder Michelle Hosfield reached on an attempted sacrifice because of an error, Peterson raced around third to score the game-winning run on a perfectly executed backdoor slide.

Webster 7, Falcons 5

After winning their pool, the Falcons moved on to the championship round where they lost to Webster 8-5 and beat the eventu-

al champion UW-Oshkosh 4-2.

Falcon pitchers struggled a little on the second day. Perkins says all of them are looking a little tired during the second day of doubleheaders, or in this case five games in a weekend.

"Saturday our pitching was excellent," Perkins said. "The first game (Sunday) we didn't look as strong."

Webster was able to tally three runs in the top of the seventh to put the game out of reach. They also outthrew the Falcons 13-9.

"Each team hit the ball hard, they just hit the ball better than we did," Perkins said.

Falcons 4, Oshkosh 2

In the second game against Oshkosh, the Falcons received a few gifts to pull out a 4-2 win.

Three Titan errors led to four Falcons runs in the sixth inning to give UW-RF a 4-1 lead. "We took advantage," Perkins said. "We put the pressure on them and they didn't handle it."

Perkins says the Falcons need to compete like they did during the weekend.

"This is where we need to put it together," Perkins said. "We showed we could compete with anyone."

The Falcons will try to improve on their conference record when they play a doubleheader with UW-Superior on Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

WIAC BASEBALL (April 21)

	W	L
La Crosse (10-9)	0	0
Oshkosh (12-0)	0	0
Platteville (3-16)	0	0
Stevens Point (11-6)	0	0
Superior (8-6)	0	0
Whitewater (10-12)	0	0
River Falls (3-6-1)*	0	0
Stout (4-12)	0	0

* River Falls could not complete the second game of a doubleheader with Winona March 4.

WIAC SOFTBALL (April 21)

	W	L
East Division		
Whitewater (24-4)	5	0
Stevens Point (23-7)	3	3
Oshkosh (15-15)	2	4
Platteville (12-16)	1	4

	W	L
West Division		
La Crosse (19-9)	6	1
Eau Claire (22-8)	4	1
River Falls (11-11-1)*	1	3
Stout (8-16)	1	3
Superior (4-23)	1	5

* River Falls could not complete a game with Mt. Mercy April 1.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

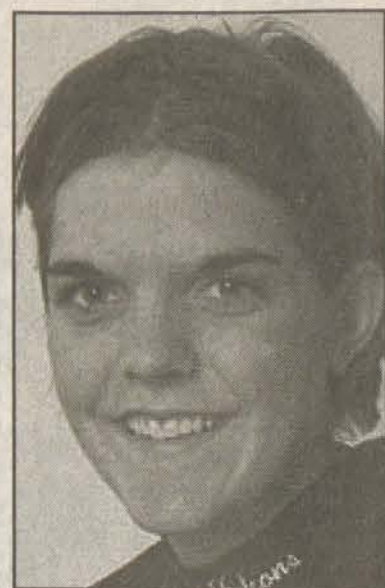
	April 23-29 1999	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Baseball		at Whitewater 1:00 p.m.	at Platteville 1:00 p.m.				at Gustavus Adolphus 2:30 p.m.	
Softball			Stevens Point Tourney				at Stout 3:00 p.m.	
Indoor Track			at Macalester Invitational 10:00 a.m.					

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BASEBALL— Pitcher: Tom Fitzgerald (Sr., Stanley, Wis.) pitched seven innings in the first game against Superior to get the win. He allowed five hits and no runs, struck out seven and walked none. Hitter: A.J. Burr (Jr., Marshfield, Wis.) helped the Falcons to a sweep of the Yellowjackets with his hitting. The catcher and designated hitter hit home runs in both games, both two-run shots to right-center field. He went 4 for 9, including a double. He scored three runs, had four RBIs and walked once.

SOFTBALL— Shortstop Krista Kirkeeide (Jr., Blaine, Minn.) helped the Falcons to a second-place finish at the Augustana Tournament and a 6-3 record during the week. She was 7 for 28 at the plate including three doubles, a triple and a home run. She had four RBIs, one sacrifice and a stolen base. The home run came against Marycrest and she had two doubles and a triple against Webster. In the field, she had 15 put outs, 38 assists and just two errors.

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD— Track: Hope Onken (Sr., Slayton, Minn.) ran tremendously in the words of Kristi Kropp-Wagner, finishing in fifth place in the 800-meter race in a time of 2:19.36. Field: Sarah Peterson (Sr., Catawba, Wis.) scored in six events. One of her highlights was setting a school record in the hammer throw, tossing it 49.94 meters. That was good enough for second place overall in the event. In addition, Peterson automatically qualified for the national meet in the high jump by registering a leap of 1.6 meters. That was good enough for fourth place in the overall event. She also won the shot put with a toss of 13.23 meters.



Krista Kirkeeide

SPORTS SUMMARIES

BASEBALL

Saturday's results (game 1)

	AB	R	H	RBI
Superior	4	0	0	0
Verhel cf	1	0	0	0
Besonen lf	1	0	0	0
Smryczek pr/lf	1	0	0	0
Scott ss	3	0	0	0
Larabee pr/2b	2	0	0	0
Giacomini 1b	3	0	1	0
Solverson c	3	0	1	0
Lishinski dh	3	0	0	0
Harju pr	0	0	0	0
Wind 3b	3	0	0	0
J. Peterson ph	1	0	0	0
Joki rf	2	0	0	0
Hanson 2b/ss	2	0	2	0
Lahinen 2b	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	0	6	0

	AB	R	H	RBI
River Falls	2	1	1	0
Reimler cf	4	0	1	0
J. Peterson lf	4	0	0	0
Martinson rf	0	0	0	0
Martens rf	4	2	2	2
Burr c	4	2	2	2
Zahradka dh	1	1	0	0
Small pr	0	0	0	0
Kieffer dh	1	0	0	0
Thompson 3b	2	2	0	0
Bachman 3b	1	0	1	0
Stokke 1b	3	1	2	1
Weiss 1b	2	0	1	0
Brom 2b	1	0	0	0
Mason ss	4	0	2	1
Totals	29	9	10	6

Superior	000	000	000-0	6	2
River Falls	100	420	20x-9	10	3

LOB—Superior 10, River Falls 10. 2B—J. Peterson, Burr, Stokke, HR—Burr, SB—Reimler, Weiss 2, Mason, CS—Reimler, Stokke, SF—Burr.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RF Fitzgerald, W	7	5	0	0	2	7
Hoepner	2	1	0	0	0	1

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
SU Vendella, L	6	7	8	8	10	4
Bush	2	3	1	1	2	3

(game 2)

	AB	R	H	RBI
Superior				

BASEBALL

	AB	R	H	RBI
Verhel cf	4	1	1	0
Larabee 3b/lf	4	1	0	0
Wind 3b	1	0	0	0
Scott ss	3	0	3	0
Giacomini 1b	4	1	1	1
Solverson dh	2	2	2	1
Smryczek lf	3	1	0	0
Pierce ph	1	0	0	0
Harju pr	0	0	0	0
Lishinski c	4	0	0	2
Joki rf	4	0	1	2
Hanson 2b	4	0	2	0
Totals	34	6	10	6

	AB	R	H	RBI
River Falls	3	3	0	1
Reimler cf	5	1	2	2
J. Peterson lf	2	0	0	0
Martinson rf	1	0	0	0
Small rf	5	1	2	2
Burr dh	4	1	2	0
Chase c	2	1	0	0
Brom 2b	0	0	0	0
Martens 2b	2	2	2	0
Stokke 1b	1	0	0	0
Weiss 1b	3	1	1	0
Bachman 3b	4	0	2	1
Mason ss	3	2	1	1
Totals	32	10	11	6

Superior	200	002	200-6	10	3
River Falls	101	305	00x-10	11	2

LOB—Superior 9, River Falls 10. 2B—Scott, Solverson, Joki, Stokke, HR—Burr, SB—Verhel, Scott, Reimler 2, Chase 4, Brom, Stokke 2, CS—Hanson, Peterson, S—Solverson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RF Eichten	1.1	4	2	2	3	1
Coyle, W	5.0	4	4	2	3	6
LeMonds	2.2	2	0	0	1	3

SOFTBALL

Saturday's results (Augustana Tournament)

	AB	R	H	RBI
River Falls	4	0	0	1
Ostertag 2b	4	0	0	1
T. Peterson 3b	2	0	0	0
J. Hosfield ph	1	0	0	0
M. Hosfield lf	3	0	2	0

BASEBALL

	AB	R	H	RBI
Kirkeeide ss	2	0	0	0
May c	2	0	0	0
Garin pr	1	1	0	0
Butler cf	2	0	1	0
May c	2	1	1	1
Weich dh	2	0	1	0
Becker pr	1	1	1	0
Randolph rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	25	3	7	2

	AB	R	H	RBI
Monmouth (Ill.)	4	0	1	0
Downing ss	3	1	1	0
Gavinski 3b	3	0	0	0
Stannick dh	3	0	1	1
Hacker cf	3	0	0	0
Witmer rf	3	0	1	0
Puntioni 1b	3	0	2	0
Hartman c	3	0	1	0
Fink lf	3	0	1	0
Totals	28	1	8	1

River Falls	000	000	3-3	7	0
Monmouth (Ill.)	100	000	0-1	8	1

LOB—River Falls 4, Monmouth 8. 2B—M. Hosfield, Downing, HR—May, SH—Kirkeeide, Butler, May, RF, Gavinski.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RF C. Peterson, W	7	8	1	1	0	1

SO

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Newton, L	7	7	3	3	0	1

MAYCREST

	AB	R	H	RBI
Duxa of	3	0	0	0
Kreitzman p/1b	2	0	0	0
Baker c/3b	2	1	0	0
Key 2b/ss	2	0	0	0
Stark 2b	1	0	1	0
Petras ss/c	1	0	0	0
Grossnickle 1b/p	2	0	0	0
Shatto lf	2	0	0	0
Glenn rf	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	1	1	0

	AB	R	H	RBI
River Falls	1	1	1	2
Ostertag 2b	1	1	1	2
T. Peterson 3b	3	1	0	0
Becker ph	4	3	3	1
M. Hosfield lf	4	3	2	3
Kirkeeide ss	4	2	2	2
Malec 1b	3	1	1	0
Butler cf	3	1	1	0

LOB—Platteville 6, River Falls 8. SB—Natterstad, Butler, S—Ahlebrecht, Shaw, Randolph.

BASEBALL

	AB	R	H	RBI
Hubers cf	1	0	0	0
May c	4	2	1	2
Weich dh	2	2	2	0
Randolph rf	2	1	2	2
Natterstad	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	16	14	12

Marycrest	000	10	-1	1	4
River Falls	5(10)10x	-16	14	1	

LOB—Marycrest 3, River Falls 6. 2B—M. Hosfield, Kirkeeide, HR—Kirkeeide, Malec, SB—May, CS—Petras, S—Natterstad.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RF Decker, W	3	0	0	0	2	2
Ellsworth	2	1	1	1	2	2

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
MC Kreitzman, L	1	3	5	5	2	0
Grossnickle	3	11	11	10	1	0

	AB	R	H	RBI
Platteville	4	0	0	0
Van Natta 2b	4	0	2	0
Elliott dh	2	0	1	0
Ahlebrecht ss	3	0	1	0
Shaw 2b	3	0	1	0
Pennakamp c	4	0	0	0
Kneeland lf	3	1	1	0
Esser cf	3	0	1	0
Van Lannen p	2	0	0	0
Karshbaum	0	0	0	0
Giles rf	3	0	0	1
Kabat 1b	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	4	1

River Falls	AB	R	H	RBI
Ostertag 2b	4	0	1	0
T. Peterson 3b	4	1	0	0
M. Hosfield lf	4	0	0	0
Kirkeeide ss	3	0	0	0
Malec 1b	3	0	1	0
Natterstad	0	0	0	0
Butler cf	3	1	3	0
May c	3	0	0	1
Weich dh	0	0	0	0
Garin pr	0	0	0	0
Butler cf	2	0	0	0
Randolph rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	29	2	6	1

Platteville	000	000	10-1	6	3
River Falls	010	000	01-2	6	2

LOB—Platteville 6, River Falls 8. SB—Natterstad, Butler, S—Ahlebrecht, Shaw, Randolph.

BASEBALL

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Webster	5.2	4	0	0	1	1
Decker	2.1	2	1	1	1	1
C. Peterson, W	2.1	2	1	1	1	1

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Van Lannen, L	7	6	2	1	0	1
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Sunday's results

	AB	R	H	RBI
Webster	4	1	2	0
Schaefer 1b	4	1	2	0
Stuhlman 2b	4	1	2	2
Biver ss	3	1	2	1
Walker rf	3	0	2	1
Harm cf	3	0	2	1
Thompson 3b	3	0	0	0
Zes p	4	1	1	0
Ackman dh	3	0	0	0
Mayward c	3	2	2	2
Davidson lf	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	7	13	6

Walker rf	3	1	2	1
Ham cf	3	0	2	1
Thompson 3b	3	0	0	0
Zes p	4	1	1	0



**MATT
KONDRACSEK**

Dead children; not news?

Ordinarily, my column is a fairly comical look at frivolous topics that don't mean very much. For example, I was all set to publish a column on how Rolling Stone has finally put someone with talent on the cover (Kurt Cobain).

This week's events will not allow me to do so. Instead, I will be talking about something far more serious. The shootings in the Colorado high school on Tuesday have really made me angry.

I am angry with two groups of people in particular: the NRA and other gun crazed lunatics, and the three networks (NBC, CBS, and ABC) that didn't really seem to care that an entire school was terrorized.

I felt that CNN and Fox News did a pretty good job at keeping us informed during the day. They were the two stations that had any coverage of the situation. I was flipping back and forth between the two all day and neither one had any commercials. It was a very commendable job on the part of those two stations. However, when it came time for the three major networks to have their nightly news, they treated it as a minor news story. They put only a few minutes into the details and went on to tell us about other crap.

Where were the outrage and the terror? Wasn't this a big enough story for them to show how serious of a problem guns in schools are? It doesn't have anything to do with Monica Lewinsky or the President's crooked penis so they must not care about it. A terrorized school and several children killed or wounded must not be as important as the President and his private life. Why didn't they question where the guns came from? Why didn't they question what made these kids so angry? I was so mad that nobody, during the whole day, was concerned or questioned how these kids were able to get weapons so easily. I wonder what the NRA has to say about these recent school shootings. I wonder why the NRA can still support the availability of handguns and other weapons to anyone, especially to children. How many school shootings will it take before the opponents of gun restrictions will see their lack of common sense?

Last year, while on a trip to Canada, I was talking to a local college student who told me that he couldn't even comprehend the amount of gun violence that was tolerated in the U.S. He told me that in Winnipeg (his hometown, roughly the size of Minneapolis) that he couldn't remember the last time there was a shooting death. He said that it was very difficult to be able to own any guns in Canada, and nearly impossible to own a handgun. He also said that it would make national headlines for just one death. In the U.S., a school massacre like what took place on Tuesday will be forgotten about by Friday, or even worse, be confused with other school shootings. People will stand around the coffee maker at work and say, "Which school shooting are you talking about? Oh yeah, that was a bad one." This country has become so desensitized to violence that it is nauseating. This won't be the last school shooting and you can bet that they can only become more violent. It won't matter though because it will start to be accepted as the norm, and the gun crazed lunatics in the NRA will be arming their children to go to school.

"Where was the outrage and the terror? Wasn't this a big enough story for them to show how serious of a problem guns in school are?"



Meddling Melinda

Dear Meddling Melinda, Recently I attended a certain social gathering at one of the fraternities at UW-River Falls. My friends and I became engaged in a contest in which the winner would receive supper complements of the other participants in the contest. The contest involved finding the most abundant female and dance with her, and it had to be witnessed by at least one other member in the group. After picking through some bulging beauties, I found the one who would help me to win the contest. At the time I made the

mistake of giving her my real name and number and now she thinks I am attracted to her. She calls me 5 to 6 times a day and makes frequent visits to my room. Most of the time I just act like she isn't there. How can I stop this large human from harassing me, so my life can return to normal?

Sincerely,
Dazed and Confused Kramer

Dear stupid and ignorant Kramer,

I used to believe that if a person had nothing nice to say they shouldn't say anything at all, but in your case I feel like saying a lot more then I am allowed to put into this column. You know

what, I don't even think I'm going to comment on this letter. Instead I'm going to concentrate on your stupidity.

You and your male friends are juvenile idiots. You're not only immature but senseless because you wrote me a letter announcing to the whole UW-RF population just how stupid you are. People like you need to be silenced, and put away in padded room (I'm being very polite with my choice of words).

I refuse to write about this anymore.

Your are simply stupid, ignorant, cruel, feeble, and loathsome.

Meddling Melinda

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Dancing Monkeys

■ Monkey and the Waterfall, a Hawaiian theater company, will spend a week on campus

Sarah Doyle
News Editor

A theater company coming to campus next week will entertain audiences with monkeys, masks, waterfalls and stunts.

Hawaii's Monkey and the Waterfall is the first professional theater company that UW-River Falls has contracted to come perform here. They bring a different and innovative approach to the stage.

"We chose this company because they offered the widest variety of disciplines," said Director of University Theater Robin Murray. "They interact with dance, theater, puppets, masks, eastern and western cultures; and they're from Hawaii."

The company will spend almost a week on campus working with the community and students to create an original performance, "Exchanging Faces."

The cooperative performance will use impromptu techniques.



"We don't know what it will look like," Murray said. She is excited to see the final product.

Murray said people participating will brainstorm ideas for the performance using the open stage and working with movements, some of which will be familiar to them while others will be introduced to them by the professional company.

The performances for "Exchanging Faces" will take place on April 30 and May 1.

The theater company will also be giving two performances of their signature production, "Monkey and the Waterfall" in conjunction with "Exchanging Faces."

The performance is based on a "traditional Chinese story of a competition to be king of the animals" according to a press release. "The monkey, who is able to pass through the waterfall earns the title, taking his place as a legendary folk hero.... This piece will use masks to explore otherness - other cultures, others sides of humanity, and other sides of life and death."

The theater company will perform a teaser of "Monkey and the Waterfall" on the lawn in front of the Student Center on April 28.

The company will also visit classes to do presentations while they are here. People interested in participating in "Exchanging Faces" can sign up in the basement of Kleinpell Fine Arts, B24 or e-mail Murray at robin.e.murray@uwrf.edu

CRYPTOGRAM

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Last week's message: Study outside, in the nude.

The answer to this week's cryptogram to be published next week.

Lindsay is a goddess

Max Date and Troy Mallat
"Sellouts"

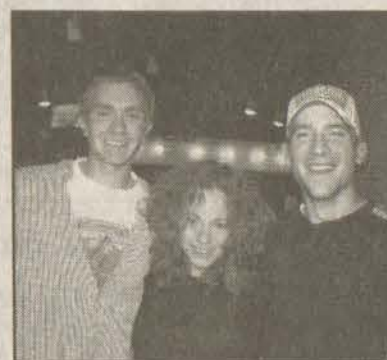
We, being open-minded journalists, went into the "Real World" shindig unbiased. We thought it would suck. Hard. They did not disappoint, but not for the obvious reasons.

Seeing as how we're on a college campus, the college kids LOOOVE MTV. We love MTV, too: Spring Break. That and "The Tom Green Show." Nothing else counts. Or so we thought. One word: Lindsay. We LOOOVE Lindsay. We might send

her this article when we're done because, hey, we've got a chance (in hell). We will forever adorn the photo that accompanies this piece. Both of us are getting enlargements made (Add sick joke here).

In fact, none of the members were the problem. Lindsay, Janet (who is also hot) and Nathan all came off as relatively intelligent. They were all well aware that they have, oh, about 40 seconds left on the ol' fame clock.

Okay, before we get too gushy here, we'll dive into the negatives. There are many ways that the committee screwed up in picking this



Max Date & Troy Mallat with "Lindsay." Score one for us.

See "Lindsay" on page B4



Horoscope Forecasts



Neil Rhines
This week's forecaster of the stars

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Beware of problems at home, your family tree is not supposed to look like a DNA strand.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Happy zodiac time you schmuck!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)
Make sure that you've paid your bills on time, life in a cardboard box could be tough.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)
Know you have nothing to hide. Run it up the flag pole and let loose.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Look into the vivid dreams you have been having lately, there is something about ice cream and satin sheets that sounds quite stimulating.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
Lunch may be on you today, try a wet washcloth and cold water for those tough mustard stains.

Libra (September 23 - October 23)

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Avoid falling in love today, they are not what they seem to be.

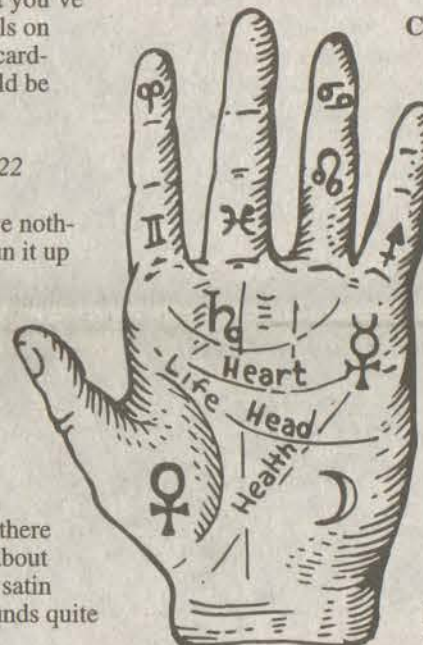
Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)
Don't stand there like a schmuck. Strike back with words.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
Brighten an otherwise dull week with fingerpainting in vivid colors.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 18)
Beware of saying too much, it could put you in a trap; questions can be a burden.

Aquarius (January 19 - February 18)
A simple disagreement could result in a recreation of the big-bang in your living room.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
Words cannot express it; the feeling in your stomach, the catch in the throat... those bean burritos you had for lunch are paying their respects.



By:
Neil Rhines

"POINTS OF VIEW"

What does Unity in the Community mean to you?



**Matt Swett
Sophomore**

"The all you can eat food for 50 cents."



**Sarah Nimmer
Freshman**

"I like the music."



**Laura Penton
8th grade**

"The Holocaust demonstration this morning."



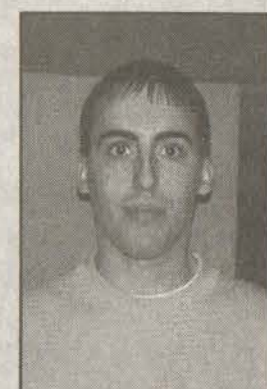
**Cara Dempksi
Junior**

"The powwow this morning."



**Megan Mahoney
Freshman**

"The music."



**Nate Dodge
Senior**

"It's nice to see people appreciating different cultures."

Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English

REMINDER

For all of you who feel the need to free yourself from the restraints of school or the other pressures you may be experiencing, we have the perfect solution. At noon on Thursday May 6, 1999 we will be having a United Campus Streak. Come one, come all, come with nothing on!

Yours truly,

Lance Loverink & Than Astin
Presidents of the UWRF Streak Alliance

I'm concerned that Campus Security is going to stomp on all of the nude runners before they can make it from point A to point B. In light of this I must look to nature to learn how we can avoid such situations.

Up on the North Pole there are a lot of penguins that swim from iceberg to iceberg. And below the seemingly innocent waters of the arctic the killer whales await the tender flesh of the tuxedo birds.

The question presents itself; How do the penguins go from iceberg to iceberg with out being eaten? The answer: They don't. All of the penguins will jump in the water at once knowing that even though some of them may be lost the majority will make it.

This applies to streaking in the sense that if all of us go in one big naked pack they will never nab us all.

Personally, I would never want to see my fellow streaker naked in the hands of an angry man with a badge (note my echoing of the famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"). I would never live to see good & naked citizens arrested. So here is my theory: If the cops are distracted by another event of such heinous and dastardly doing that they could never possibly turn a blind eye to it they can't bust anybody.

The plan

I'm going to light a dog on fire at the football field outside of Knowles Athletic Center at the same time the streak is going on. I'm not going to pull a burn for no reason what-so-ever. I could easily say something about protesting Kosovo and how our bombs are burning inno-

cent children alive, but I won't. I'm going to light a dog on fire because I've lost it. I'm insane! I'm sick! My mind has been twisted and demented because no body likes me. For this a dog must die.

Some of you may be saying, "That's wrong." And to you I say, "there is nothing wrong with the naked

human body." If people choose to run naked I think that's great. And if the cops are going to try and stop them I think that's great too. I'd rather they didn't but if they do I'm not going to get upset about it. Cops exist to enforce laws. Laws are made by popular standards of right and wrong. And people like me are meant to question popular moral standards. There are certain

"My mind has been twisted and demented because no body likes me. For this a dog must die."

roles we have to follow.

I feel that part of going to college is running across campus naked, whether campus security objects or not isn't the point. To support my point, I turn to all of the underage drinkers, who firmly believe that part of their college experience should be to go to sleazy party houses like Broadway (where "show me your tits for a drink" is a common slogan, as well as, commonly practiced) to drink despite their illegal drinking age. I'm proud of these young rebels! And when I hear about them staggering home and getting underage-drinking-ticket after underage-drinking-ticket I think of them as Christ-like martyrs.

Although I think the Campus Security is overly stringent on enforcing underage drinking laws concerning the students, I must concede that they are supposed to do their jobs and sometimes they're in a difficult position. Cops give tickets. It's what they do. Heroic or not, it's what they do. We may not appreciate them for it but we have to accept it to a certain extent.

This is a mature way of thinking. If you know the rules, intentionally break them, and then accept the consequences, you are well on your way to becoming an adult. Did Sir William Wallace know he was going to get killed if he raised troops and created a civil war for the independence of Scotland? Heck yeah! Did Ferris

Bueller know he wouldn't graduate if he was caught skipping one more time? You're darn tootin'. Will I light a dog on fire to distract any law officials that might consider stopping a campus wide streak? It will take the entire police force of River Falls and the surrounding communities to stop me! I will undergo all torments for a good cause! Pierce my side with a spear, nail me to a cross, start dirty rumors that my mother is a VIRGIN, you can't keep me from my destiny!

I sound strangely religious. I think I should enter some Christian group on campus. Maybe they need to learn the religious qualities of burning dogs. Or better yet I'll start going to the bible studies at the Java Hut to preach my doctrine. I've never felt so inspired! I feel like Tori Amos riding a pony for the first time!

P.S. For those of you interested, the fashion show is April 30th and if you want to be a model or a designer we need you to be at Brandy's at 5 o'clock. Write me at Adam.S.Benedetto@uwrf.edu. I promise it will be loads of fun and we really need numbers- So come on out.

P.P.S. If you are going to send hate mail about the dog burning thing send it to the Student Voice or it won't be read. You can write to 213 South Hall, River Falls, WI 54022 if you are concerned. But that dog's gonna burn anyhow.

P.P.P.S. POEMS BY MEMORY MAY 8TH 8PM AT THE BOOKPRESS BOOKSTORE. HOSTED BY BRYAN MULROONY AND MYSELF. B-THERE!

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Lindsay

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particular event.

First, they alienated 40 percent of the student body, that being the males. Roughly 80 percent of those in attendance were female, most of them screaming, "Nathan! You make me hot and bothered!" Those that weren't drooling wanted to know how they could get on the show. (How naive! Everyone knows they only let good-looking people on the show. GOD BLESS LINDSAY!)

Of the males there (God help us), many were occupied with their girlfriends or wanted to get smashed with the cast.

Second, the Committee spent way too much money (about \$7500) on an event that didn't even fill North Hall Auditorium. For being the

biggest event of the year on-campus, only 375 people attended. More people showed up to hyponotist Jim Wand. Apparently, it's easier to be hypnotized than receive the prerequisite "Real World"-brand frontal lobotomy (Ha! People that watch the show won't understand that one).

Lastly, the Entertainment Committee tried to steal the show (or lack thereof, the cast answered questions for an hour and a half, for God's sake!)

Don't even get us started on how the event was hosted. If certain people would've kept their hands off Nate, maybe some more questions from the audience could have been answered.

Like our question: "Why the hell did we want to cover this anyway?"

Columnist's note: Lindsay, please marry one of us. PLEASE.

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