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Winter wonderland



The first snow storm of the year struck the upper midwest Sunday causing hazardous driving conditions and delaying the return to school for many UW-RF students after the Thanksgiving holiday. However, by midweek the temperatures had begun to creep upward again and patches of green grass could be seen across campus. There is a slight chance for more snow this weekend.

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Student writes free version of DOS

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With the help of people from around the world, a UW-River Falls physics student is writing a free version of a computer operating software.

Senior Jim Hall formed the international group intending to improve the functioning of DOS, or Disc Operating System, while charging no fee.

"I thought it would be something interesting to do," Hall said. "It turns out that it was a lot of fun."

Hall began the project when he noticed there was a high demand for a free version of DOS, the workhorse of a computer.

"Nobody had done it for several months, so I decided to do it myself," he said.

When Hall and his global partners are finished with their version of DOS, computer programs such as WordPerfect and Lotus will be able to do more work.

The group has already written three-fourths of all the programs that come with DOS. Hall has written half of those himself.

Through the use of E-mail on Internet, Hall has been able to collaborate with people from all parts of the world to work on the project.

"We all coordinate before we write programs," Hall said. "We discuss what the program is going to do. The person then goes ahead and starts working on the program."

Programmers from New Zealand, Israel and Germany are all part of Hall's international effort.

"It's nice to be able to get people

Faculty Senate voted Wednesday that student evaluations will be administered each semester starting in spring semester 1995 for probationary faculty and instructional academic staff only, and tenured faculty will be selected alphabetically every third evaluation period.

Even though there was much discussion, the senate still has not agreed on what the questions will be.

Provost and Vice Chancellor Judson H. Taylor said that he thought the previously proposed five questions "are in essence fine." He said he did agree that the scale should include more responses than five, but he said he felt a responsibility to the students and faculty to get the evaluation out this semester.

Sen. Don Leake disagreed. "I don't want it [the evaluation] to look like a rush job," Leake said. He also said that since the Faculty Welfare Committee has not proposed all of the questions, senate won't have an accurate idea of what it is passing.

Leake then passed out a sheet of his proposed amendments to the evaluation form. These amendments include: no written comments be allowed on the form, the evaluation be given out in the spring semester of 1994-95 as a pilot program and any person or group involved in personnel decisions should be given a specific statement on their

proposed use of the evaluation's results.

Taylor disagreed.

"We need to make a commitment to get this done," Taylor said. He also said that he thinks a year and a half is enough time to figure out what the questions will be.

However, he said that if there is a strong feeling among the senators that the proposed questions are not good enough, then someone should make a request for an extension to the chancellor and explain why.

Sen. Bonnie Walters brought up another point. She thinks that everyone should be treated equally.

"I think we should evaluate everyone every semester," Walters said. She also said that she had talked to several tenured faculty who thought that all faculty should be treated the same too.

Sen. Keith Chavey, however, said that there was a poll of faculty taken and two-thirds of tenured faculty thought that probationary faculty should be treated differently—evaluated every semester.

Sen. Jerald Carstens then pointed out that everyone would be evaluated the first time around.

The discussion continued and Sen. Gerald Nolte suggested that maybe senate could approve the questions for this semester and then revise them

later.

Sen. Jacque Foust disagreed and said that these five questions are only part of the evaluation. The formative questions, or department specific questions, will take even more time to go through the proper channels and he does not want to see the deadline being pushed back on the committee.

Sen. Sheila Schils said that if senate chose to wait and make the decision next week, then they could look at the revisions suggested by Leake.

Taylor did not want to see it pushed back to next week because he was unsure if there would be enough time. "It's a huge job, my office has to assemble 40,000 evaluations. The office comes to a halt for a sizable time to assemble it."

The senate did not vote on any questions, however, and it is probable that if evaluations will be given out this semester, the Chancellor will have to decide what the form will be.

In other business, the senate did vote in support of 14 reallocation and review principles. Some include: quality education and student development remain the first priority, actions resulting from the reallocation process must honor all personnel contracts and every effort must be made to avoid disrupting the academic progress of students currently enrolled at UW-River Falls.

Winter

From 1A

pylene; Gore-Tex and ThermoMax are all good for protecting the skin against wind and cold.

These tips also apply when one is on campus and has to walk any distance outside.

Reilly-Myklebust says that frostbite can set in quickly.

According to the "Wellness Letter," the signs of frostbite include numbness and white discoloration, especially on the face, hands and ears.

"If you think you have frostbite, you can call the River Falls Medical Clinic to talk to somebody or make an appointment," Reilly-Myklebust said.

Hypothermia can also be a problem if you are out in very cold weather for many hours, according to the "Wellness Letter."

With hypothermia there is a dangerous drop in body temperature. This can occur if you are wet or are not moving enough to stay warm.

High calorie foods are also good to have with you, according to the "Wellness Letter."

Reilly-Myklebust suggests that people should avoid nicotine and alcohol when out in the cold. She says that nicotine constricts the blood ves-

DOS

From 1A

from all areas of the globe to work on a project like this," Hall said.

The computer programmers distribute their free work at File Transfer Protocol (FTP) in North Carolina. Internet allows people to access FTP and receive all of the free programs.

Hall's project does not violate any copyright laws.

"People have written copies of DOS programs for years," he said. "We are starting from scratch and writing our own programs."

The programmers have received some media attention for their work. The fact that a free version of DOS never existed until Hall's international team tackled the project makes for an

interesting story. Computer magazines *Byte* and *Emigre* are currently writing features on the project.

While many in the computer world praise their efforts, Hall's group has also received some criticism about the project. Employees at Microsoft Corporation, a giant in the computer programming industry, have written their displeasures about the free version of DOS on USENET News; a computer forum on Internet that allows computer operators to communicate with one another.

"People who work there have tried to convince me that this is not a worthwhile project," Hall said. "It's interesting that people at Microsoft are taking notice of this free project."

Title IX

From 1A

students have a chance to excel in a sport that they could be good at or a sport that they can participate in, Foster said.

"I'm not for dropping sports," Foster added.

Chancellor Gary Thibodeau will be

One of the proposals would reallocate funds from health and human performance retirees salaries.

Another option is to put a cap on the number of male participants in each sport while increasing the number of female participants in their respective sports.

Another solution involves dropping

stages used to measure a general represents the data from the University of California (UCLA) data on CCUs at 46 CCUs.

In 1991, the CSEQ has been used by about 400 colleges and universities and used more than once by about 100," according to Pate. He spent two years creating, testing, refining and validating this questionnaire.

Ballou, who was chair of the administration team that conducted the questionnaire said, "The CSEQ is one of the most respected instruments."

The students at UW-RF use the library less in all but one out of the nine questions. UW-RF students read something from the reserve desk or reference section 25 percent compared to other CCUs at 23 percent.

Rockhill said that using the library's new on-line system in the reserve area is more difficult to use.