

# Keillor here on Thursday

By UW-Eau Claire News Bureau

Humorist Garrison Keillor, best-selling author and creative force behind American Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion," will speak at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Thursday.

The Forum presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Zorn Arena.

Through his monologues and tales of the fictional town of Lake Wobegon, Minn., Keillor has won comparison with Mark Twain and James Thurber. His first book, "Happy to Be Here," was published in 1981. "Lake Wobegon Days" (1985) was on The New York Times Best-Seller List for 44 weeks and spent 16 weeks on the list as a paperback. "Leaving Home" (1987) topped the chart for 26 weeks.

"We Are Still Married," published this year, is a collection of "stories, poems and letters written at the time of Ronald Reagan, the president who never told bad news to the American people." Keillor's books will be sold in the lobby the evening of his presentation.

During its 13 years of live weekly radio broadcasts, "A Prairie Home Companion" gained an international audience of 4 million and was carried by nearly 300 affiliate stations. Keillor and the show, broadcast live from St. Paul, Minn., attracted unprecedented media attention, including a Time magazine cover story, and received the distinguished Peabody Award and the Edward R. Murrow Award.

Keillor won a Grammy Award for his recording of excerpts from "Lake Wobegon Days," and two



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Awards for Cable Excellence — in 1987, "Best Music Host" for the Disney Channel production "A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor"; and in 1988, "Outstanding Entertainment Host" for "A Prairie Home Companion: The Second Annual Farewell."

With a new radio show in the wind, Keillor lives in New York City, writes for The New Yorker magazine and regularly contributes to The Atlantic Monthly.

Limited seating in the gallery is still available. Tickets are \$7 for the public; \$5 for those age 17 and under, age 62 and over, UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff, and Chippewa Valley Technical College students; or \$2.50 for UW-Eau Claire students. Tickets are on sale at the University Service Center, 836-3727. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.