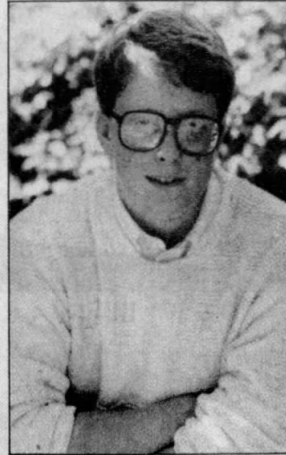




Garrison Keillor



Jason Koppelman

## 'Lake Wobegon' comes to La Crosse

The friendly folk we've come to know and love in mythical Lake Wobegon are coming to La Crosse to help ease the pain of grieving parents.

Garrison Keillor, creator of the radio show "A Prairie Home Companion," is bringing Lake Wobegon to the Viterbo College Fine Arts Center on Sunday, March 25.

The benefit is for a scholarship fund set up by Kent and Janet Koppelman in honor of their son, Jason, who died in a car accident last September.

Keillor comes in answer to a letter sent by the Koppelmans in which they told Keillor he was one of Jason's heroes. The letter so touched Keillor that he called the Koppelmans and suggested doing the benefit. Tentative concert time is 3 p.m.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$25 and are first being offered to the faculty, administration and

students of Viterbo College and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse since Jason's parents work at those two schools. If tickets remain, they will be made available to the public on March 19.

Thomas Reinert, director of the Fine Arts Center, says that with the donation of performance and facilities fees, it is possible the benefit would raise more than \$15,000. The money will be put in a fund for Central High School students planning to major in film or broadcast journalism.

Along with the Keillor benefit, the Koppelmans also will be raffling off a "Star Wars" poster signed by George Lucas. The Koppelmans say they would like to hold the raffle at Central High School, Jason's alma mater.

■ Jason's parents remember him and share his poetry / A-6.