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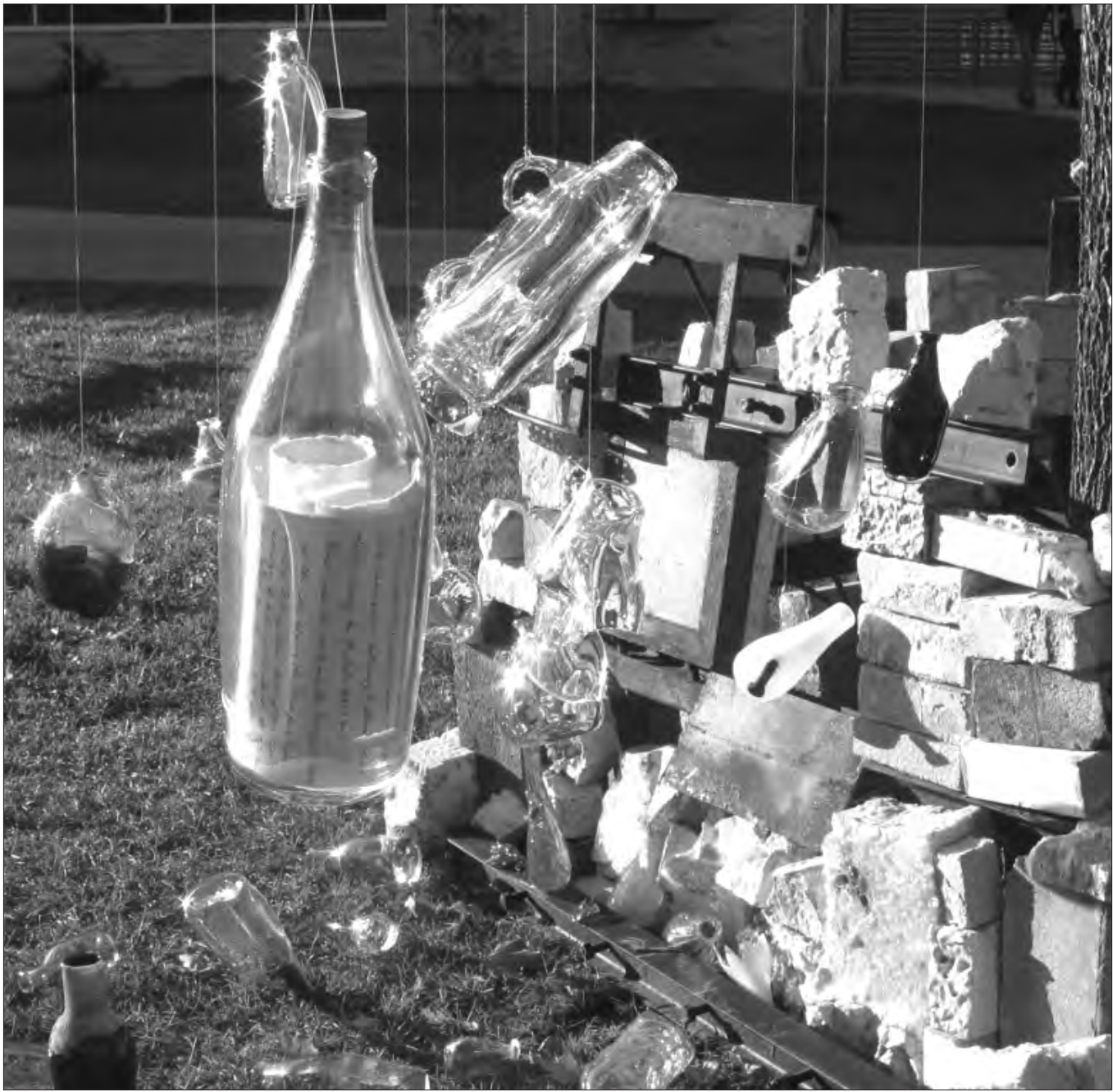
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## Outdoor art decorates campus



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**Glass bottles hang from a tree near the University Center on Oct. 6. Art adorned the UW-River Falls campus throughout the week for the 17th Annual Outdoor Art exhibit. Other exhibits included umbrellas hanging from a tree, Ronald McDonald and the Burger King fighting on a hill and an enlarged, life-size checker board. See page 8 for extended coverage of the event.**

## Residence Life adopts new alcohol policy sanctions

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The UW-River Falls sanctions for alcohol policy violations in the residence halls have been revised for the 2008-09 academic year and addresses violations with educational interventions in place of tickets.

"The revised policy calls for confrontation and documentation by the Resident Assistant when an alcohol violation occurs," Sandie Scott-Deux, director of Residence Life, said. "The RAs are trained to intervene ASAP."

Instead of Public Safety being called in to issue underage alcohol abuse citations, the RAs confront the residents, document who was present, gather all the alcohol and have the resident dispose of the alcohol by dumping it down a drain, Kristie Feist, assistant director for community development and education, said.

"The cut and dry policies are all the same," Feist said. "Only now we have solidified our sanctions for violations."

An alcohol policy violation is defined by the 2008-09 Res Life Conduct Guide as "possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21, being in the presence of alcohol by persons under 21, manufactur-

ing/distributing/selling of alcoholic beverages, transporting alcoholic beverages, displaying alcohol containers/paraphernalia by persons under 21 or conducting inappropriate behavior while under the influence of alcohol."

There is also a provision that limits the amount of alcohol a single resident can have in their possession at one time: no more than 24 cans of alcohol and no more than 2 liters of hard liquor. Common source containers, such as kegs, are also not permitted.

A violation occurs when any one of these policies are violated. Traditionally, resident assistants were responsible for contacting Public Safety to deal with an infraction, Scott-Deux said.

According to the Conduct Guide, the first violation will result in the resident being required to complete an online alcohol education course. The residents will be required to pay for the course themselves. They will then sign a statement of understanding for the conduct policy. Then, they will be required to go on Residence Life probation for six months.

The second violation will bring about a referral to Student Health Services for

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## New chief information officer brings experience

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The new chief information officer of IT Services takes over Oct. 27, bringing a strong background in academics, business and technology to the position.

Stephen Reed, the new hire, said that he has always enjoyed integrating technology with academic needs. It is something that he has previously done at Anoka-Ramsey Community College as the chief information officer since 2001.

"I had a lot of success at Anoka-Ramsey and we've been able to really drive technology in a way that all faculty and staff have been able to see the need for it," Reed said.

The accomplishment he said he is most proud of during his time at Anoka-Ramsey is the creation of the Center for Instructional Technology, which provides support staff to train and assist faculty in the implementation of technology into their curriculum.

Although not everything that worked at Anoka-Ramsey can be cut and dropped here, Reed said the goals are the same.

"It's to create as successful an academic environment possible and we know technology is becoming more and more a larger component of that," Reed said.

Reed majored in business and technology at Minnesota State University and went on to receive his masters of business administration degree (MBA) at Metropolitan State University. He has worked in a business setting as an IT manager and he teaches classes at Metropolitan State University in addition to being CIO at Anoka-Ramsey.

He was one of three finalists brought to campus to meet with faculty, staff and students by the Search and Screen Committee organized to find a new CIO. The current CIO, Lisa Wheeler, is taking Mary Halada's position as vice chancellor for administration and finance when Halada retires in November.

"I definitely think Steve is an extremely qualified candidate," Valerie Malzacher, Davee Library director and chair of the search and screen committee, said. "It was for me his prior experience, his strength in various areas of IT and his leadership qualities that presented for me the total package of what we were looking for."

Reed met with faculty, staff and students on Sept. 12 and was able to gauge their concerns. Students wanted the continued advance of technology, faculty wanted technology to be tailored to their academic needs, while administrators wanted continued progress by the faculty in the use of technology.

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## Planning underway for ITS data center

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Members of Information Technology Services (ITS) are working closely with UW-River Falls officials on a project that will allow all four data centers currently spread out across campus to move into the old archives space in the basement of the Davee Library.

The move is made possible by the fact that Textbook Services relocated from their old space in the basement of the library to the basement of Hagestad Hall last spring. The UWRF archives department is now slated to move into the spot previously held by Textbook Services, while the ITS data centers will be consolidated into one data center in the old archives space.

"Really, the most important piece to us is to get a data center that will meet our needs," Wendy Helm, project manager for the new data center, said. "Right now we've got four data centers spread across campus, and that includes ITS. They're really not the type of data centers that we would like to have and need to have to protect our data and equipment."

Helm stressed the importance of security in a data center, but also noted that power and cooling are two other important elements.

"You want to make sure you have enough electricity for your equipment, but servers also put off a fair amount of heat," she said. "When they get overheated, they don't work as well."

Helm said she met with Campus Planner Dale Braun in late September for a "project kick-off meeting." The

next steps include meetings with the architects and laying out a more defined construction schedule. Helm said she hopes to use March through May 2009 to get the archives set up in their new space. June-Aug. 2009 is the period she has tentatively set aside for the new data center to move into the old archives space.

"If they're able to complete it in the summer, we'd ideally like to move in and get set up before school starts next year," she said.

In addition to the new data center project, two 125 kilowatt generators and transfer switches were installed on campus to provide standby electricity for the ITS computer machine rooms, according to Tim Thum of facilities.

Thum was in charge of the generator project, and said that project design started



Dale Braun

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in May 2007. Construction of the generators began in June and was completed by the middle of August.

"The generators allow the continued operation of the network servers' equipment during power outages, and avoids problems related to unexpected shutdowns of that type of equipment," he said. "The generators also replace a large number of batteries that previously were used during power outages."

The overall cost of both the generator and data center projects is approximate-

ly \$2 million, according to Braun. The money used to complete them will come from the State General Fund.

Braun also said that when the Library was remodeled in 1996, two small data centers were built. As technology changed, he said he realized that there just was not enough space for everything anymore, and that is when the idea of building a whole new data center came about.

The addition of new generators was something that was discussed during the early stages of the data center project.

"During the planning of this project, we started to have more frequent power outages, and those power outages were having even more catastrophic effects on our data systems," Braun said. "Taking down a server in a hard way is not good for the system - it takes a long time to recover from that."

He said he knew that the installation of new generators was pivotal to the data center project, and that is why they were done first.

"The data center is something that is 'mission critical' to the campus," he said. "Having a robust and reliable data network is essential to an educational institution. Making sure that we have the right data centers that are backed up with power and cooling is just essential, so I think that this project will do that."

Helm and Braun both noted that the new data center will probably take a few years to fully complete.

"So far, we've just started defining what it is we want out of a new space," Helm said. "I guess one of the challenges we're experiencing now is determining how much space we need, how everything is going to fit and how we want it laid out."

While Helm said she believes that one of the biggest challenges will come from trying to complete the move without

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VOICE SHORTS

**UWRF theatre presents murder mystery musical**

This fall's UW-River Falls theatre production is a murder mystery musical that spoofs all things detective. The production mainly spoofs the works of Agatha Christie, more specifically her detective novel "And Then There Were None." The show runs Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 23, 24 and 25 and Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1. The cost is \$8 for students and \$14 for adults. The show will be performed at the Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

**UWRF Davee Library to host "Library Photo booth"**

The UW-River Falls Davee Library will have a photo booth on Tuesday, Oct. 21 and Wednesday Oct. 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The photo booth will be set up in the gallery located just past the circulation desk. The photos will be used on promotional material, such as bookmarks and posters, for the Library. Once there, you will be able to choose a "word sign", strike your favorite pose and be photographed. Groups are welcome. For more information contact Anne Tuveson at 715-425-3343 or Cate Dodson at 715-425-3874.

**RF Fire Department to provide extinguisher training**

Firefighters from the River Falls Fire Department will provide hands-on training on how to use a fire extinguisher on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Participants will put out a real fire using the extinguisher. A short information session will accompany the training and provide an overview of fire safety practices. There is no sign up for this training and it is free, so just show up at the facilities parking lot behind the fire station at either of the session times.

**Haunted tours reveal the dark side of UWRF**

Never thought there was anything spooky about River Falls? Well, you thought wrong. UW-River Falls has several ghost stories and urban legends, some more believable than others. The haunted UWRF tours will be held on Oct. 30 starting at the Kleinpell Fine Arts building at 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30 and 9 p.m. The cost is \$1 per tour.

Voice Shorts compiled by  
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# Alliance training held to educate students about GLBT community

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The Minnesota Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) Campus Alliance held a three-hour ally training program at UW-River Falls Oct. 9. The event was held to train and educate those who attended on interacting with people from the GLBT community and how to deal with discrimination.

"Let's start with the word 'gay,'" Ann Phibbs, the main speaker of the event, said to the audience. "What are some things you think of when you see this word?"

"Rainbow," one student said. "Good hair," another student said. "Clay Aiken."

Phibbs asked the audience the same questions for other words such as "lesbian" and "transgender." She wrote down the words the audience would shout out on the overhead projector for the audience to see. One female audience member, referring to the word "transgender," said "gender variance."

"Being an ally means that you tell yourself, 'I'm going to acknowledge it, I'm going to own it and I'm going to challenge it,'" Phibbs said.

The ally training program began with an educational Jeopardy game. The audience members would choose Jeopardy-like categories to answer trivia questions about the GLBT community. Questions under such categories as vocabulary, art and literature brought up hands in the air and answers in question form. During this session the audience learned that Esera Tualo was the first Vikings player to come out as gay.

Among the people that attended the

training program held in the University Center's Riverview Ballroom were two speakers that shared their personal experiences of their struggle growing up being gay and later coming out.

"Now I can pursue my goals, live my life and be who I am," speaker Mike Grewe said.

The majority of people in the audience were residence assistants, according to Samantha Larson, student and RA.

"I want to be more involved and understand my residents more that are part of the GLBT community," she said.

In addition to the racist graffiti recently found on campus, there has been graffiti reported in the residence halls of discrimination regarding sexual orientation, gender and religion. For residents, it is helpful to have a peer they can talk to who they trust with personal questions.

"I think discrimination is definitely a problem [on campus]. I'm straight and someone wrote the word 'gay' on my door. The word was also carved into a bathroom stall on our floor," William Larson, student and RA, said.

"Hopefully programs such as the ally training and other events being planned by the Social Justice Series can address these concerns and help bring awareness to our campus about all communities represented on our campus. Any person who has been a victim of a hate crime should contact Public Safety," Kristie Feist, member of the Social Justice Series Planning Committee, said in an e-mail interview.

The ally training covered myths and stereotypes, heterosexual privilege and how to be an ally to the GLBT commu-

nity. The training identified four levels of becoming an ally: awareness, knowledge/education, skills and action.

"I'm here to become more informed," Samantha Cole, student and RA, said. "The training is interesting. I really enjoy the personal stories."

"As someone who works for students, I believe it's important for me to learn as much as I can about all the different student populations represented on our campus," Feist said. "The more we learn from each other the better we can help meet the needs for all students in our community and provide the necessary services."

At the end of the training program, participants filled out reflection cards in which they were asked how the experience affected them, and what kind of action they will take next. Responses were words such as "awareness = power" and "to make myself known as an ally."

One person wrote in response to a reflection card question of what the main point was that they took from the experience, "affirmation that no ones' rights should be determined by their life, sexual orientation, abilities, etc. That education and taking a stand to make equality happen is never ending."

The ally training was sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, Student Affairs and the ethnic studies minor, and was coordinated by the Social Justice Series Planning Committee. Further information about becoming a GLBT ally can be acquired from the Gay/Straight Alliance or the Diversity Action Committee student organizations.

# UWRF agricultural engineering continues progress in biodiesel research

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Research done by students in the UW-River Falls agricultural engineering department has yielded progress in biodiesel fuel development that is being used in campus machinery.

The department continues its current series of student projects that focus on taking used vegetable oil from the University Center and using it to process biodiesel. The biodiesel is then used to fuel the machinery at the campus lab farm.

Dean Olson, associate professor of agricultural engineering, said that a lot of progress has been made in this past year. Last year, the department received a \$25,000 grant from the UWRF Foundation for its work with biodiesel. Progress has also been made in terms of planning, experimentation and testing that is done primarily by the students Olson advises.

"They do the brainstorming as to what needs to be done," he said.

"The students take general education skills and apply them to the project."

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associate professor of  
agricultural engineering

The question of efficiency for this fuel has more than one aspect to consider and does not have a simple answer. It is better for the environment, but it gets less miles to the gallon only because it has less energy per gallon compared to regular

diesel, Olsen said.

"Biodiesel has less energy per gallon," he said.

Bill Connolly, director of the UWRF campus lab farms, spoke of one tractor that had been fueled using biodiesel.

"I didn't notice any difference," he said. "It ran beautifully."

Connolly also said that from appearances, the tractor got "just as much horsepower as before."

The right blend of biodiesel could be used in any vehicle with an internal combustion engine. The main disadvantage of biodiesel is that temperatures during the winter months cause the biodiesel to gel.

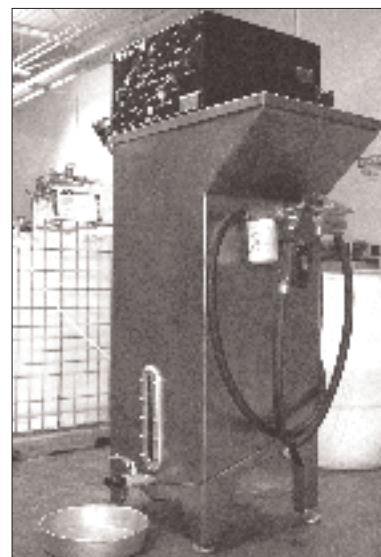
The research and experiments of the biodiesel projects take place in the multidisciplinary course Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science (AFES 492). In this course, Olson advises students who choose the specific project they want to take part in based on their own individual ability.

Most of the students in classes like these are majoring in agriculture,

but it is possible for students from other fields to register for AFES 492. Olson spoke of a past section of the class in which students were teamed up with other students from different fields who worked together to solve problems.

"We get a mixture of teams so that we have an agricultural person working with a sociologist working with an economist to simulate kind of real life conditions," Olson said.

Melissa Ploeckelman is a senior who is majoring in agricultural education. She said she found out about the biodiesel research when classes



Sally King/Student Voice

**Agricultural engineering students use refining machines to process excess vegetable oil from the UC into biodiesel to run mowers and tractors.**

began this semester. She is in the class and is part of a group that decided to form a public relations team to represent biodiesel fuel advancement. The work that Ploeckelman and other students are doing adds to the environmental advantage of biodiesel development.

"We're using the biodiesel with the lawn mowers and the tractors and stuff like that already so we're already in the process of going green," she said. "That we can take it from the campus and continue using it for the campus, I think that's really neat."

**CORRECTION:**

Last week's article "Universal chemical hygiene guidelines to protect UWRF laboratory students" was written by Sara Pitcher, not Kelly Richison.

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## RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Editor's note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and UW-River Falls Public Safety incident

**October 5**  
- A cell phone was reported stolen from the volleyball courts outside Parker Hall.

**October 8**  
- Dustin S. Johnson, 18, was cited for underage consumption at 800 E. Cascade Ave.  
- Mara M. Hausmann, 18, was cited for underage consumption at 800 E. Cascade Ave.  
- Brittany R. Cordes, 18, was transported to River Falls Area Hospital for alcohol poisoning.

**October 9**  
- David M. Smith, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Prucha Hall.  
- Christopher M. Walls, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Prucha Hall.  
- Andrew M. Allen, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Prucha Hall.  
- Aubrie M. Hallanger, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Prucha Hall.

**October 10**  
- Michael M. Zahn, 20, was cited for fraud at 302 S. Main St. for attempting to pay for gas with a bad check. Police said charges will not be pressed if he returns to pay for the gas.  
- Jacob L. Johnson, 20, was cited for drinking while driving and reckless driving.

- Jeris W. Guse, 20, was cited for underage consumption while riding in Jacob L. Johnson's car.

**October 11**  
- Derek J. Nowacki, 19, is suspected of taking a Playstation 3 and laptop from 221 W. Cascade Ave. He returned them the next day and charges will not be pressed.  
- William K. Holmes, 22, was cited for stealing a bottle of Bacardi Lemon from Econo Foods at 303 S. Main St.  
- Jeffrey D. Dombrowski, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.  
- Jessica R. Schmuengerow, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.  
- John A. Kenworthy, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

**October 12**  
- Taylor R. Pagel, 17, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.  
- Bradley A. Schwanz, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.  
- Elizabeth E. Wensel, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.  
- Trisha J. Barman, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.  
- Chris J. Pagel, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.  
- Michael J. Hoffmann, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

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## ITS: Construction should go mostly unnoticed by students

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interrupting services, Braun had praise for how the planning has gone so far.

"I have to say that the ITS department and the Area Research Center have been doing absolutely excellent planning work in determining space needs and looking at sequencing of remodeling and how it will affect their operations," he said. "I couldn't ask for better support."

The moves and construction associated with the data cen-

ter project should be relatively unnoticeable by students, aside from some instances of noise, the presence of workers

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on campus and certain areas of the Library potentially needing to be closed off once in a while.

"I just ask for the campus' patience as we work all this out," Braun said. "It's a very complicated project.

Overall, though, we're really going to gain a lot as a result."

## Reed: 'Extensive background' in technology will assist new CIO

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One of the difficulties of working in IT is that there is always new technology and implementing that technology creates change. Reed said change is one of the most difficult things for people to accept, but there are ways to ease the transition.

"You have to build your relationships across campus across the university," Reed said. "You have to know where the concerns are and you have to communicate in a way so those concerns are less."

Reed has an advantage since he has such an extensive background in technology, Wheeler said.

"My background is in organizational leadership and planning so my role was to help the department get back on track," Wheeler said. "[Reed] comes in with a rich background in technology, plus he is an MBA so he has a rich management background as well."

Management is important because

Wheeler said that UWRF spends at least \$3 million a year on technology when all expenses are accounted for, such as IT staff salaries. Projects over the last several years have included upgrading the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) lab and putting one thousand iClickers (or personal response devices) into circulation for use in the classroom.

In terms of future technology, Reed said that assessing its practicality will be essential, because it is easy to be swayed by the novelty of new technology.

"From a cool standpoint, you might say, 'That's amazing, how does that work,' but yet you also have to apply it," Reed said.

Knowing whether it can be applied will

require working closely with faculty, staff and students to know what their needs are and whether or not their can be met by the technology.

Reed has been a River Falls resident for the last six years and he said becoming CIO will be an exciting opportunity since he gets to be employed at a university with a tradition of academic success and it will let him become more active in the community.

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## Sanctions: Policy favors drinking education over police intervention, means fewer tickets for students

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an assessment for which the resident will be charged \$110. They might be referred to the Restorative Justice program, a program centered on the "theory of justice that emphasizes repairing the harm caused or revealed by criminal behavior," according to restorative-justice.org. The resident's parents or caretakers will also be notified. The residence life probation will be extended to one year.

The third violation, along with Restorative Justice and a parental notification, will result in residence hall relocation or ban, as well as going on probation for the tenure of being a student.

A fourth violation will result

in a residence hall contract cancellation.

These violation policies are fluid, however, and each case is reviewed by either Feist or Jason Neuhaus, the area coordinator for UWRF.

"The policy guidelines are in place to help guide students in the right direction," Feist said. "Every situation is unique and must be treated as such. Consequences could vary."

Scott-Deux explained the revised rules as an attempt for the University to approach residents who have made poor decisions in relation to alcohol and educate them about the poor choices they have made.

"If you want to make any significant change you need

to intervene as early as possible," Scott-Deux said.

The old policy operated by Residence Life professional staff sent out letters chastising policy violations.

"On the first offense we wouldn't meet [the resident violator], but we meet on first offense now," Feist said. "It seemed like we let it progress and we didn't intervene in an educational manner sooner."

The point of these meetings with Residence Life staff is not for the student to get a lecture or get yelled at, Neuhaus said.

"It's nice for Res Life staff to meet with offenders to facilitate building a relationship to help them make better choices," Neuhaus said.

The Residence Life staff said they hope the new policies will get residents talking amongst themselves and informally spreading the word around campus. Perhaps, according to the pro staff, that will also help curb policy violations.

"Some students may feel this new way of doing things is worse than getting a ticket," Scott-Deux said. "Some will be more scared of what will result from that phone call home than an underage they can just pay off and we want students discussing those consequences between themselves."

The new policy was designed to reward students

for cooperating with an RA when a situation presents itself, according to Neuhaus. When a resident is cooperative, that is taken into account when Neuhaus or Feist meets with that resident. Cooperation also means that Public Safety will not be called.

"It makes more sense for students to be respectful with

these new sanctions, and that is generally what we have seen so far," Neuhaus said. "[A resident] would rather take a \$35 online alcohol course than face Public Safety and the possibility of a \$250 underage ticket."

This new set of guidelines for intervention by RAs does not mean that Public Safety will never get involved, however. According to Feist, Public Safety is still a University partner that aids when students become belligerent, fail to show proper ID or have large quantities of alcohol.

"If it is a situation that our Res Life staff doesn't feel comfortable dealing with, or isn't trained to deal with, than Public Safety is called to step in," Feist said.

Public Safety Director Richard Trende said that Public Safety will continue to abide by state law and react to alcohol violations with a zero tolerance policy.

"We will react when we are called like we always have," Trende said. "We have noticed a decline in the number of calls we get from residence halls."

When comparing the number of incidents reported this past September a year ago, the number of incidents has actually increased from 60 to 90 confrontations. The difference

is that this year RAs are dealing with incidents themselves and not relying on Public Safety.

"I personally like the new policy," Nick Swain, an RA in Crabtree Hall, said in an e-mail interview. "From the incidents that I have had, I believe that it was a lot easier on the residents. There was less hostility and the residents were more apt to being compliant to help get through the process."

Swain is not alone in thinking the new policies ease the stress put on relationships between RAs and residents when an incident occurs.

"I think the new policy is great because it only asks the RAs to document what they see—they never have to decide whether a resident is 'guilty' or 'innocent,'" Mallory Schultz, the hall manager in Johnson Hall, said. "I think the policy has eased some tension between residents and RAs and is less awkward overall."

There are other RAs, however, who feel the new policies allow for residents to get away with more.

"I feel that residents are starting to learn that Public Safety won't get involved and that they can get away with more, which results in smaller consequences," one RA said under the promise of confidentiality. "I see residents testing the boundaries and

searching for loopholes. They're getting better at hiding from the RAs."

Several underage students from the west end of campus shared those same opinions. They agreed to talk only with the promise of anonymity.

"I like knowing that if I go along with whatever the RA says, public safety won't come," one resident said. "And it's even better when I just stay quiet in the room. Then the RAs don't even know there's a bunch of us in here drinking."

One resident said they much preferred spending only \$30-40 on an online course they would not pay attention to than having to pay an underage ticket.

"So what if my parents get called? They won't do nothing," the resident said.

Another underage resident liked the revised policies, however, saying that they liked dealing only with the RAs they have come to know in their building.

"Public safety is too intimidating and too harsh," the resident said. "I feel like my RA cares more about me and my side of the story than Public Safety."

Having only been in effect since the start of this academic year, there is no evidence or data yet to determine how effective the new sanctions are.

"Every university, no matter where you go, will have alcohol problems. It just varies as to what extent," Scott-Deux said. "But our policy of direct-dial confrontation with a follow-up meeting to own up for their actions mirrors for residents what we want them to learn for real world communities."

It has yet to be seen how the new policy influences drinking habits overall on campus, but it is unrealistic to expect the alcohol violations to disappear entirely.

"I think that no matter what, kids are going to drink. There is no way around that," Swain said. "I think that no matter what policy is in place, there will always be those that follow the rules and there will always be those that were born to test the limits."

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EDITORIAL

# Politics extend beyond classroom

With Election Day quickly approaching it is important for students to not only vote, but to understand the candidates they are voting for. An informed vote has been increasingly difficult as political ads become more slanderous and pundits on both sides use whatever fallacies they have at their disposal to slant their opponents in negative views while making their own candidate appear as a figure of fair and balanced politics. On the local level, River Falls has the problem of being in the Minneapolis media market and hears little of Wisconsin political candidates in the media. As a result, voters have to try even harder to become informed and understand the issues underlying the election. Classroom discussions on the candidates are encouraged, but it can go awry when biased teachers interject their political opinions into the debate. When professors outwardly comment on why their candidate is superior then the other it can cause students to be uncomfortable and unwilling to participate in discussions. The students who do participate usually agree with the professor to get the "right answer" response and further impede true discussion.

Professors should remain unbiased and let the classroom discussion uncover the pros and cons of each candidate so students can make judgments of their own, unimpeded by the authority figure in the room.

Play devils advocate and draw out the arguments on both sides. Getting the views of both candidates is important for an informed voter. The classroom can be a good place to hear the angles, but it has to be in an unbiased, non-threatening atmosphere. Professors should encourage debate, not hinder it.

Sites like votesmart.org can be excellent resources for voters seeking to learn more about the candidates. Votesmart contains information on local candidates as well as national candidates; all that is needed is your zip code. Another Web site, factcheck.org, finds the truth behind the claims in the political ads.

Do not just vote blindly along party lines just to participate. Discuss the candidates, research the issues, find out who the candidates are and what the stand for and inform your vote so when you cast your ballot Nov. 4 it truly counts.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Feminism mistaken in popular culture

There are many faces of feminism, but not one of them belongs to Sarah Palin. Feminism is a highly fractured social movement, but if it has any cohesive ideal, it is to improve the condition of women everywhere.

Many people mistake that purpose. Due to the name of the Pro-Choice movement, feminism in popular culture has come to be perceived as "I am a woman, I am making a choice, therefore I am a feminist." Wrong. Making a choice does not make you a feminist.

Women have always had and will always have a choice. For example, women have been choosing abortions for as long as they have known that they could. Making abortions illegal will not stop women from having them. The rich will fly off to another country for safe medical treatment, but the poor will use metal wire clothes hangers, as they have done in the past.

A woman who will stick a wire hanger into her internal organs is a woman who has already made her choice. No one can stop her from choosing to abort, not even the law. Therefore, having the

choice to abort is not at the heart of the Pro-Choice/Life debate. Justice is. The debate is really over whether women who want an abortion should be allowed safe medical treatment—something one should be able to expect from any developed nation. It is just that women have access to safe health-care, no matter if you agree with the choices they have made.

Feminism means fighting for justice for women. Sarah Palin is no feminist, and to truly understand why not it is essential to take a more than superficial look at her.

**Marinda Bland,**  
student

### Nelson qualifies as worthy candidate

I am writing to encourage you to vote for Vicki Nelson for Pierce County Register of Deeds. She has been the Register for the past four years and has done a wonderful job. She has nearly 15 years experience in that office and has expertise in every position within that office. She has worked well with the County Board, title people, and other Department Heads within the

county.

In this time of turmoil in the United States, many people feel that "change" is the way to go. That may be true in some situations, however, I don't believe it's true in this case. You need someone who knows how to run the office (and perform the duties) rather than paying someone to sit around while others do the work. And, on the County level, it certainly doesn't make sense to elect someone just because they're with one party of another!

What's important is that they can do the work for which they're being paid. Therefore, I again encourage you to vote for Vicki Nelson (not the other inexperienced candidate) for Pierce County Register of Deeds.

**Connie (Olson) Leuzinger**  
Former Register of Deeds

### Rhoades, Harsdorf neglect school issues

State Representative Kitty Rhoades and State Senator Sheila Harsdorf are both responsible for the perpetual tension between our public schools and those who pay property taxes. Under the current Rhoades-Harsdorf "going-out-of-business"

funding system, the only option for school districts to stay afloat is to gain approval of referenda—a temporary fix—which leaves the funding burden on property owners.

In the mean time, Rhoades and Harsdorf look the other way when two out of three Wisconsin corporations pay absolutely no state taxes.

The result is that several Wisconsin school districts are talking seriously about shutting their doors. Milwaukee Public Schools are exploring the option of dissolving. Last year, two school boards actually voted to close their districts (Florence and Wausaukee) but were put on hold by last-minute successful referenda.

Several others are now publicly talking about dissolution (Washburn, Rio, Montello, Markesan, Wisconsin Heights).

Both Rhoades and Harsdorf voted to give the Transportation Department an 18% increase in funding while voting to give schools a measly 1%. No wonder schools have to go begging. These two legislators would rather fill pot holes with tar than fill the minds of our children with knowledge.

**Harlen Menk**  
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## Republic of Lakotah requires national recognition

Today the situation in the Republic of Lakotah is a dire one. Having withdrawn from all treaties, they are purportedly on their own in any domestic affairs. Corruption, drug use and police protected meth labs rank high on the list of problems to be dealt with.

According to Russell Means, the local chief of police is a corrupt man who is working for a local drug cartel. The police on the Pine Ridge reservation are underfunded and unable to afford bullet-proof vests, despite their \$1.7 million budget.

To add to the problem, the police force is mostly staffed by natives who are not from the Pine Ridge reservation due to a lack of people eligible to work for the force.

It is a rural area and few roads have signs, making it very hard for outsiders to respond to emergencies. This is one of Means' major focal points for the provisional government.

The Republic is also going through an election in which Means is running for office. He considers the election a "moratorium for freedom." He believes the outcome of the election will decide

how many citizens of the Republic are pro-freedom.

This election is also particularly important to the Lakotah people. Many opponents of Means are claiming that he and his group acted on their own; there was no consent from the rest of the tribe to go to the length he did.

However, if he wins leadership of the tribal provisional government this will be considered consent from the rest of the tribe.

Efforts are currently being made to take the Republic off the power grid using the infinitely natural resources of the Great Plains: wind and solar energy. There is an estimated 30,000 megawatts of energy being produced by wind over the Great Plains. This number is nearly limitless with new technologies, as the amount of wind power potential has increased from almost nothing in the early 1980s. Scientists today are estimating that the Great Plains will be able to supply all of North America with clean, renewable energy.

Means claims that the Republic is the "Saudi Arabia of wind energy" and that deals are currently being made with investment firms and energy com-

panies to begin implementing the infrastructure for wind power.

In order for the Republic of Lakotah to legitimately become a sovereign nation they will require national recognitions far it certainly has at least gained a level of fame in the international community.

Only a few days after Means' announcement, the Republic of Lakotah's Web site had attained over 500,000 hits, which caused the site to crash. Though, as of yet, it has not been officially recognized by any international powers, there are some who are expressing a high level of interest, such as Russia, Bolivia and Ireland, the country with the longest European history of being occupied by a foreign power.

The Republic of Lakotah is also in the process of initiating liens (legal notes saying that a property is owed) over what it believes to be its territory. The Republic has stated that it will only be filing liens against government buildings and property and they hope that a deal can be made with private property owners. When asked about the response to these liens by government officials on Republic property, Means simply stated government officials barely responded, essentially assuming this to be another hair-brained Indian plan.



Zach Hauser



# Reality gets derailed by personal fantasies

Sometimes a person anticipates an important moment in their life for a long enough time to develop a perception of how that moment will take place.

For example, you sit in class in high school for four long years awaiting that graduation day of retribution where you will give a rousing speech about the system and how its all crap as all of your peers cheer you off the stage and you ride off into the sunset. And then, in all actuality, you just walk up to the stage, shake the principal's hand and go sit back down.

I, too, had a misconceived perception for how the birth of my son would take place. The actual birth was extremely exciting and didn't disappoint at all, but the drive to the hospital was what I was really looking forward to; but the fantasy was not really the reality.

*It all begins with me working at my job building retaining walls. I imagine that I'm building some massive structure, carrying hundreds of pounds of blocks on my back, pouring my blood and sweat into my*



**Caleb Stevens**

*occupation, like a scene out of "The Ten Commandments."*

*Then the phone rings ... it's my wife, Megan. "CALEB! I'M GOING INTO LABOR," and then me: "Hang on Meg, I'm on my way," in a calm cool and collected tone. I run to my car, which is something really sweet like a 1963 Corvette Stingray or a 167 GTO (Something really practical to drive to work).*

In reality, it all begins at 2:30 a.m. when I'm snoozing, and Megan is awake and uncomfortable. She shakes me and says "Hey, wake up, I think I'm going into labor," which I respond to by saying "Oh, well maybe you should go back to sleep for a couple hours just to make sure."

Looking back, that plan was neither smart nor convincing and, surprisingly, she didn't agree. Thus began the birthing process.

*After I pick up Meg, I burn the tires in our Ramsey, Minn. neighborhood, take the corner on two wheels and approach 100 miles per hour while flying down the highway.*

*As we fly down the highway we hit one of those dramatic bumps that are always in movies. As I look over to help Meg with the "HEE HEE WHOO" breathing and barely regain control of the car. Then we go over the dramatic dip in the road that springs the car five feet in the air for the perfect slow motion*

*"AAHHHH." Sparks fly as we hit the pavement, just as the cops flip on the cherries and I pull the car over.*

"DANG IT," I yell as we hit our fourth red stoplight in a row. Megan tells me to slow down as I bring the 2002 Oldsmobile Intrigue to a blistering 40 m.p.h on main street, Anoka. I'm sitting in the car actually thinking about how this is really not going according to plan.

*"MY WIFE IS IN LABOR!" I yell to the cop who is running at me with his gun drawn. The cop then holsters his firearm and looks at my*

*wife with sheer shock in his face, calls in for backup and proceeds to lead us in a nine-car high-speed convoy down Main Street with cars running into light posts as they try to get out of the way.*

"Be careful!" Megan warns as I hit the curb upon turning into the hospital parking lot.

"Should we go to the emergency room?" I ask, hoping it's at least an emergency. "No, we just need to go to the delivery floor," she says.

I respond with "ah crap" in my head.

Fortunately, after the extreme disappointment of getting to the hospital, the next 23.5 hours of labor (I will forever be in debt to my wife) produced the greatest thing ever, our little healthy baby, Levi, or as we like to call him, due to his extremely deep breaths during sleep time, Baby Vader.

# Barack Obama: guilty by association?

Wisconsin is one of 13 states in which the organization of ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) is being investigated for election fraud.

Allegedly seven felons were found working for the Milwaukee chapter of ACORN. Thousands of fraudulent voter registration cards were submitted (that we know of), including the names of deceased, imprisoned and imaginary people. The number of ACORN workers suspected with the tampering of voter registration in Milwaukee alone is upwards of 49 individuals.

Wisconsin is a swing state this election—will Wisconsin become a blue state through voter fraud? ACORN has offices in all 50 states, and has been repeatedly prosecuted and fined for election fraud. ACORN claims to be a non-partisan organization, and yet in an ACORN Convention Web cast, Barack Obama is clearly endorsed.

One of the reasons the initial \$700 billion economic bailout bill was defeated was because ACORN stood to receive 20 percent of the appropriated funds (Breakdown of H.R. 3997-Democrats: Aye 140 Nay 95, Republicans: Aye 65 Nay 133).

The Dow Jones plummeted a historic 777 points in one day when this

legislation failed. Why was ACORN included in this bill during such an economic emergency? Did the Democrats hope to ensure the election of Obama with immediate massive funding of this corrupt organization?

## ... will Wisconsin become a blue state through voter fraud?

Madeline Talbott is the executive director of the Chicago division of ACORN. Talbott is often quoted for saying that ACORN had "[dragged] banks kicking and screaming" into loans they would have otherwise rejected. ACORN, apart from stealing elections, has involved itself with mortgages, specifically the failed companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac!

If that isn't poignant enough, Talbott invited Barack Obama to train employees and volunteers of ACORN in leadership. This was the "community organizing" Obama had been a part of prior to his run for Illinois senate. Obama has also contributed \$800,000 of campaign dollars to this organization!

What I really need to understand now is this: how can anyone, in lieu

of these facts, continue to support Barack Obama in good conscience? Look, if Roe v. Wade was ever going to be challenged, it would have happened during the Bush administration. Obama isn't for redefining marriage to include homosexual couples.

Obama announced during the presidential debate that he would enter Pakistan to look for Osama bin Laden, which would be an act of war! Obama, on his Universal Health Care plan after the costly bailout, said "there's no doubt that we're not going to be able to do everything that I think needs to be done."

He has come out in favor of nuclear energy, and offshore drilling. Anything that could be construed by the left as a positive reason to support Obama is fast becoming moot.

In the meantime, the scandals and controversy surrounding Obama are mounting even faster.

Suppose I did change someone's mind about Obama, it wouldn't matter anyway. The Democrats and ACORN already have this election decided, sorted, and filed in a boarded up office building somewhere in Milwaukee.



**Muriel Montgomery**

# Bulk purchasing saves money, time, waste

There are some things that should definitely be taught in schools but are somehow overlooked. Like how to reduce your electricity bill by unplugging all of your appliances when they're not in use, or how to be a conscientious online shopper by using the less expensive services and classified sites. These things seem obvious and even common sense, but surprisingly I find more students are left in the dust when it comes to "living in the real world" and who lack basic street smarts. My favorite street smart this week is buying in bulk.

Number one reason to buy in bulk: save money! Duh, often times you will find things are cheaper when you buy a lot of it at once. This also works the other way around. Let's say you only want to purchase one cup of sugar. You won't use a whole pound of sugar any time in the next six months. The best option is to only buy one cup of sugar and skip the whole pre-packaged item that will cost you much more money and waste.

In fact, buy all your favorites in bulk. When your favorite beverage is already on hand in your own refrigerator and ready to toss into your backpack for a full day at school, it saves time running to the store. Again, money saved on fuel and no precious time wasted.

Yes! You're already on your way to saving the world by not fueling your car to buy more things. Another obvious way to save the environment by buying in bulk is

saving on packaging. Also, it is a better idea to bring your own bags and containers to fill than to use new plastic bags each time that take decades to biodegrade. You can feel trendy with an awesome canvas bag or reuse the plastic baggies that your drugs came in. This is called recycling!

Some items are only available in bulk and are often healthier choices anyway. This means a healthier lifestyle since your "recycling" practices creates a healthier environment and the foods purchased call for delicious meals with less preservatives and additives. You'll have that healthy sexy glow in no time.

Some of the most common things to buy in bulk are rice/grains, flours, beans, spices and oats. But why not buy a few cases of beer or a gallon of dish soap? You know you'll use it all and you know it won't go bad.

Of course, there are things that I suggest not buying in bulk. If mayonnaise is on sale and it comes in a two-gallon jar, but you find the taste of mayonnaise revolting, skip it. This is not a deal. Plus, it will spoil by the time you find anyone that will want the disgusting condiment.

Also, don't buy 50 pounds of oats if you live in a dorm room. This is a very large amount of something you don't have the storage space for. Use your head.

Follow all of these reasons for buying in bulk and you won't feel like such an idiot for not doing so.



**Teresa Aviles**

# Social bookmarking sites open up the Internet

I'm happy I'm alive in 2008. I look at my time and place in history and I can't help but appreciate the fact that I've experienced plenty of world-altering events. I've lived through what has arguably been the worst president in our nation's history.

I was here on Sept. 11 when our country was attacked. I was here three weeks ago for the largest single-day point drop in our financial market, ever.

Plenty has happened during my short life: The cell phone was introduced, our nation has fought two wars

in Iraq, cloning was invented, video games became globally popular, the human genome was sequenced, reality TV was (unfortunately) conceived, the Large Hadron Collider was built, we landed a manmade rover on Mars and now I'm seeing the very beginnings of the transition to whatever will become our next major energy source.

But I'd argue that the most important global change in my life has been the rise of the Internet. I've written about the Internet before; I just think it's so darn amazing. The Internet was first invented by scientists (not Al Gore) working for the Department of Defense.

This early computer network was used by the government to bring greater communication to its far-flung scientific community. ARPANET, as this prehistoric network was dubbed, stands for

"Advanced Research Projects Agency Network." Eventually, this ancient system grew into what we now call the Internet.

The Internet continues to change at a rapid pace. We saw the explosion of the Internet in the early-to-mid nineties; do you remember the days of dial-up? Every time I checked my

AOL Mail I'd have to suffer through several lengthy minutes of my modem screeching like a dying weasel. The connection speed in those days was impractically slow but everyone was more than happy to put up with it.

Web sites back then were ugly and featureless—a far cry from the enriched media and streaming high-definition video of today's World Wide Web.

In 2008 we're seeing the gradual transition to Web 2.0—bigger, better, faster Internet. The indications and benefits of Web 2.0 are mostly already here: streaming hi-def video, the rapid expansion of social networking sites (Facebook), user-contributed wikis, podcasts and more are all signs of Web 2.0. This gradual change in the Internet is not a concrete, technical upgrade but rather a trend of design and content that will further develop how we experience the Internet.

One of my favorite recent developments in the Internet world is the rise of social bookmarking. There are several examples of this phenome-

non: Digg.com, Reddit, del.icio.us, StumbleUpon and more.

I'm a huge fan of these services. Social bookmarking is this: somebody finds something cool on the Internet, whether it's a YouTube video, news article, photograph or whatever. The user submits a link to this content on Digg, or Reddit, or one of these sites.

Other users can check out the content and either "Digg It!" or "Bury It," and popular content with the most "Diggs" is displayed on the front page. In this way, all the best content from the Web is organized and conveniently available for your browsing enjoyment.

StumbleUpon takes a different approach. Download the Stumble toolbar for Firefox or Internet Explorer and you will be presented with a "Stumble" button. After you mark all your major interests, click the Stumble button and it will take you to a random Web site that you'll probably love. I can't count the hours I've lost to this addiction—that lovely little Stumble button might as well be re-labeled "Entertain Me!"

Social bookmarking sites like Digg and StumbleUpon have opened up the Internet for me. In the past, the Internet seemed like such a vast and complex place that I found myself really only visiting the same few sites over and over.

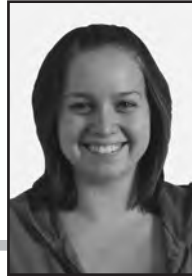
Many of us use the Internet every day of our lives—why not try to make it a little more fun and a little more enriching? Sure, StumbleUpon might turn you into pale, mouth-breathing recluse, but believe me, it's fun enough to be worth it.

# STUDENT VOICES

## What unique Web sites do you visit often?

**Rachel Hill, junior**

"Weatherunderground.com; I use it to check the weather everyday."



**Derek Johnson, junior**

"Espn.com, to look up sports information."



**Dan Scott, senior**

"IMDb.com; you can find anything you need to know about movies there."



**Shannon Wegner, junior**

"Allposters.com; you can order posters online."



**Stephanie Weldele, junior**

"Playlist.com; you can create your own playlist and listen to free music online."





# UWRF hockey brings in 16 new recruits

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In his 13<sup>th</sup> season as UW-River Falls' men's hockey coach, Steve Freeman has had plenty of success with the past five years resulting in WIAC regular season championships.

With a solid recruiting class, 16 in all, time will tell if this year's team will capture its sixth consecutive conference title.

"We had a really good recruiting class this year," Freeman said. "We will see what develops once they [recruits] get ice time. We feel it's been one of our top recruiting classes we've had."

The newcomers to the Falcons hockey team in alphabetical order are:

Ben Beaudoin, John Bullis, Grant Everett, Chris Giebe, Andrew Harrison, Elliot Houge, Josh Kamrass, Taylor Kennedy, Tad Norris, Tyler Pederson, Bill Pinel, Sean Roadhouse, Jamie Ruff, Bo Storzuk, Anthony Ventura and Jason Yuel.

"Pretty big group this year," Freeman said.

UWRF had six seniors on last season's roster, and needed a heavy recruiting year to fill their spots. One of last year's seniors was TJ Dahl, the leading point producer for the Falcons in his final two seasons. He is also the third on the all-time scoring list for UWRF.

The players Freeman and Assistant Coach Bob Ritzer have recruited to UWRF have been a key aspect to the success of the program, but there is more to it, Freeman said.

"To have the success, you need to have talented players," he said. "But you have to have those players play as a unit and buy into certain roles on the team. Often times you will get a player that was the leading scorer in their team and having them adapt to those roles can be a concern to the program at the college level."

The recruiting class UWRF has brought in has more toughness and grit than in previous years, which is needed at the college level, Freeman said.

College hockey has become more physical than in juniors, so it's important for players to come prepared for that style of play. The new recruits will soon find out that they may have to take on a checking role, something they may not have been used to at the high school level, Freeman said.

**"We will see what develops once they get ice time. We feel it's been one of our top recruiting classes we've had."**

Steve Freeman,  
men's hockey coach

The trend in college hockey is having a roster filled with players that have played junior level hockey. Players will play for non-collegiate teams after high school, where they play more than 100 games against strong competition, which can help them develop physically and mentally prior to college.

"Some players are ready to step in and play major roles right away," Freeman said. "For others, it takes a bit longer to adjust to the college level."

The main difference between juniors and collegiate hockey is the speed of college hockey.

"It's a step faster," Freeman said. "It's good for them [players] to play juniors to get them ready for physical play in college."

Another component to UWRF's success is the aforementioned Ritzer. He is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year as an assistant to Freeman, a full-time position.

"Bob has been fabulous," Freeman said. "Our recruiting base is so wide. And we have to travel hundreds of miles at times to watch games, and he has done a great job in recruiting for us."

Ritzer played hockey at UW-Superior, where he was named the school's male athlete of the year and the team's most valuable player in 1985. He was also captain of the team that year.

The coaching staff has landed recruits from Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin and Canada.

"Steve [Freeman] is just a great coach," UWRF Athletic Director Rick Bowen said. "He gets good players to come here



Sarah Schneider/Student Voice

**Members of the Falcon men's hockey team shoot at the goal during a team practice. The team has 16 new recruits this season as it looks to clinch a sixth consecutive WIAC title.**

and he has a full-time assistant to help."

With Hunt Arena being on the UWRF campus, it is another recruiting tool to draw talent to the program.

"Not many schools have that luxury," Bowen said.

After taking over for Dick Talafous, who led UWRF to a Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) regular season championship in his final year, the 1996-97 season did not fall with Freeman in reign.

In his first season, Freeman coached UWRF to a 20-11-0 record which was good enough for second place in the WIAC.

In his third year, Freeman won the first of his seven WIAC regular season titles, compiling a 22-9-0 record year. The worst the Falcons have finished with Freeman was third. Freeman is third all-time in wins among conference coaches with 236.

UWRF began practice Oct. 12 and has its first game on Oct. 24 against Marian University (Wis.) at Hunt Arena.

"We will see what happens," Freeman said.

The rosters are not set since practices just began. Captains and other roster moves will be made in the upcoming weeks.

## Women's broomball popular at UWRF



Sarah Schneider/Student Voice

**Two women's broomball teams play in a match-up Oct. 14. The sport is increasing in popularity at UWRF.**

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With 47 teams and just shy of 700 players competing, women's broomball is by far the most popular intramural activity offered through rec and sport facilities.

Played on the ice at Hunt Arena, broomball and hockey have some similarities. Teams consist of six players on the ice at a time including the goalie. The two sports also have similar penalties that may be called, including high sticking, slashing, roughing and interference. The intramural rules state checking should also be a penalty, but contact is present in every broomball game.

Reasons for the high amount of participation vary depending on who you talk to, but Intramural Sports Intern Charlie Sowa said he is amazed at the current craze to play broomball.

"I think some of the popularity comes from the uniqueness of the sport. High schools and universities do not offer broomball as a competitive sport option and participants are looking for something other than your typical basketball, volleyball and softball options. The great thing about broomball is that for the most part, competitors are all on the same level," Sowa said.

Senior Amanda Peters played on last year's team named "Pretty in Pink" and was a three year starter for the Falcon softball team. She said playing intramural broomball was a unique athletic opportunity.

"It's a sport like no other. You need to play it to realize how fun it is," Peters said.

Women's broomball is offered as a recreation league, due to low numbers for a competitive-only type league. Peters said even the recreational games can get pretty heated.

"You go out there thinking it's going to be all about having fun with your friends and then someone slashes you and it's like...OK, it's on now," Peters said. "It's still a blast, but nobody likes to lose."

Hannah Morgenson, who plays for the Hathorn Hitters, said she does not like to lose while on the ice either.

"The best thing about broomball is the competition. You can be physical and hit people and get away with it. I guess I prefer the win at all cost attitude," Morgenson said.

Julie Larson, who plays for the Misfits, said when it comes to playing broomball, it is more about enjoying the atmosphere than winning.

"You get a chance to compete with people who might not play any other sports and you laugh a lot. It's so much fun," Larson said. Ashley Norskog is Larson's teammate and she said she also takes a lighter approach while out on the ice.

"I love playing women's broomball. It's a great way to get to know people and you can have fun making a fool out of yourself on the ice," Norskog said.

From a coordinator standpoint, the broomball craze is not limited to those playing on the ice, according to Sowa.

"Having 15 fans cheering on a team might not seem like a lot, but for an intramural game it is. People even show up with cowbells and dress up like coaches to support their team. The fans can be more entertaining than the game itself if it's low scoring," Sowa said.

Whether the goal is winning at all costs or simply having fun and meeting friends, Sowa said that whoever wins this year's women's broomball championship will have earned it.

"I firmly believe that women's broomball is one of the most hotly contested championships we offer, just because of the nature of the teams competing," Sowa said.

Expect to not have an early night playing or going to watch broomball contests. Games take place at Hunt Arena in the evening, and sometimes stretch into the early morning hours, as final games start around midnight. As many as five games are played with each lasting around 45 minutes.

## Falcons swim into new season

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The UW-River Falls swim team is set to kick off its season this Oct. 18, and swimmers and coaches alike are excited about the team's chances to improve this year.

Both the men's and women's teams finished sixth in the WIAC last year, a result that head coach Bill Henderson said he was pleased with.

"We had a very good end of season," Henderson said. "We did not make up any points in the standings, but we just swam out of our minds."

This is Henderson's seventh year coaching swimming at UWRF. He previously served as head coach of swimming and diving at Foothill College in San Francisco.

Although the Falcons worked hard and put together a solid 2007-08 season, Henderson said

that most of the strength is coming back.

"We had a very good recruiting year, especially on the female side. I expect a stronger team overall this year," he said.

The team is comprised of 27 female and 17 male swimmers, compared to 22 and 14, respectively, last year.

Although the new recruitment class has the whole coaching staff excited, Henderson said that he always feels the absence of swimmers of previous years. Captains Martha O'Brien and Tia Felts, both key members of the squad, graduated last spring. On the men's side, UWRF lost top-performers Mike Kaiser and Tom Fritchen. Fritchen is now working as an assistant coach for the team.

"It is always hard to replace such important members of the team, but in terms of [WIAC] points, we more than made up for what we lost," Henderson said.

One of the returning swimmers is Danielle Mandich, a sprint freestyle specialist who has been a conference finalist for the past three years. Other returning team members include cap-

tains Katie Zappa and Jill Lambach. Henderson noted that Lambach is currently fighting through an abdominal injury, and hopes to be back at 100 percent soon.

On the men's side, big scorers Ty Ormson and Ty Campbell return for the Falcons. Henderson also praised captain Dave Johnson, noting that although he has a quiet personality, he does an excellent job of leading by example.

Every swimmer is responsible for setting their personal expectations this season. Sophomore Emily Stein was affected by injuries last year, but is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"I'm really looking forward to it," she said. "The team members we have are great people and great swimmers."

Henderson has set a few specific goals for the team this season. He stated that he would like to see the

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women's team jump two places (to fourth), and the men's team to jump one pace (to fifth) in the WIAC standings.

"It is a very realistic goal, because we have made some very good progress," Henderson said.

Currently, half the team members were captains in high school, and they instill a sense of leadership and responsibility in the locker room. According to Henderson, "the biggest strength of this team, by far, is its closeness."

He cited the fact that every Tuesday and Thursday, the group that finishes practice at 4:00 will come back and meet up with the rest of the team, which finishes at 6:00, always sticking together as a single unit.

"You'll see a big group of kids walking down the sidewalk after the last practice. That is the swim team, all going to dinner together," Henderson said proudly.

The Falcons' first meet is Oct. 18 against UW-Oshkosh at River Falls High School.



# Service project 'Destination' continues to seek participants

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The Destination Service Program that takes place over this year's spring break is continuing to look for potential students as the application deadline of Oct. 31 approaches.

Destination is a hands-on, week long trip in which students selected to participate go to one of four locations and act as a volunteer to work on an issue. The locations are Greensburg, Kan., Houston, Texas, Perryville, Ark. and Atlanta, Ga. The issues are tornado relief, Hurricane Ike relief, hunger issues and urban issues.

The hurricane and tornado relief will largely involve clean-up, restoration, and possibly small scale demolition.

"The first thing that really interested me about this program was the fact that it was a service project," senior Amie Stillman, a third

year Destination volunteer and trip leader for Perryville, Ark., said. "I love helping people who are in need. I also love to travel so I saw the Destination program as dual purpose with traveling and service projects."

Program organizers are looking to get roughly 36 students involved. Student Manager Jacob Cavanaugh also said they hope to get more male participation for diversity if possible since past Destination outings have been occupied almost entirely by female students. The program itself is almost entirely organized by students.

This year will be Cavanaugh's second in Destination as well as his first as student manager.

"Helping other people and working so closely with the community really offers a lifelong

experience," he said.

Cavanaugh gave an example of the gratification felt from others when he stated how on one of the past outings, a person they were assisting said "I can't believe you came all the way down from Minnesota just to paint my house."

Senior Stephanie Kipka is participating in Destination for the second time this year and will be a trip leader for the Atlanta group. She said Destination is her favorite college experience by far.

"My biggest regret is not doing it sooner," Kipka said. Kipka, an education major, was able to work with elementary school students during her last trip in Destination when she went to California to work in an outdoor science program. Like Cavanaugh and Stillman,

**"...I saw the Destination program as dual purpose with traveling and service projects."**

Amie Stillman,  
Destination volunteer

# 'Quarantine' reflects Hollywood's laziness, lack of creativity



Ken Weigend

The leaves are changing, the days are getting cooler and the theaters are getting scarier. I use the word loosely. Film content isn't getting any scarier - quite the opposite, actually - but the quality of what's now showing is truly frightening. And to emphasize my point, Hollywood has graciously supplied "Quarantine," the first film attempt to piggyback on last year's brilliantly styled "Cloverfield." The comparisons between the two are inevitable: both are pseudo-horror told from a first-person moving camera meant to simulate being in the moment.

The style isn't exactly new - video games have dominated the camera style since the early '90s; 1999 saw the first film experimentations with the single, grainy camera viewpoint in the cinematic miscarriage "The Blair Witch Project."

When "Cloverfield" came along, the film proved that the style can be successfully translated onto the screen, and brought with it the most terrifying innovation to the horror genre in years.

But the horror itself isn't the problem with "Quarantine." Director John Erick Dowdle masterfully crafts some incredibly intense, spine-tingling moments in his claustrophobic tale of an apartment complex put on lockdown due to a strange disease circulating through the building, a disease transmitted by a bite from the

infected, a disease that turns its victims into hyper-aggressive zombie-esque monsters.

I've never been a fan of films that call themselves horror simply through their cheap use of shock tactics - and "Quarantine" does get in a few jabs - but rather by the high road seldom traveled: psychological horror. Dowdle attempts to play off our fears of enclosed spaces, the hopelessness and desperation that comes from being trapped and the sheer terror of being hunted. He achieves this primordial sensation through low-level lighting casting long shadows down narrow hallways, excellent make-up that transforms even a little girl into a hellish doppelganger of humanity and, of course, the first-person camera - in this instance it happens to be a cameraman following a team of firefighters that are called in to investigate the quarantined building.

All this should add up to a brilliant psychological mindfuck, but the film is betrayed, even stabbed in the back, by its loathsome script. The basic plot is fine, but the character interactions are grotesquely absurd, laughable at times. This is, unequivocally, the most frustrating movie I have ever watched; never have I had to fight a stronger urge to jump up and yell at the screen.

It takes almost all 90 minutes, and a near 100 percent body count, for the final few survivors to start using common sense - and even then it is only for a few moments before they regress back into the inept, irrational and completely brain-dead failures of human existence that they are; I found myself apathetic to their plight, they deserved to

die for their idiocy.

It's asinine, the ways in which the characters find to embrace death. It seems like the landlord here is Kavorkian himself, the tenants his tortured patients longing for death. How else could one explain the naive actions every single person takes, actions that clearly defy any semblance of logic or educated judgment?

Yes, "Quarantine" is very much horror - if these characters are meant to be accurate reflections of people today, than I am truly terrified.

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A.J. Hakari

Just when you thought American versions of foreign horror films were winding down to a close, along comes "Quarantine" to give this dead horse one last beating. I've yet to see the much-lauded Spanish flick "[Rec]" that it's based upon, but from what I hear, its American counterpart does next to nothing in the way of

differentiating itself from the original. If this is true, then "Quarantine" finds itself the latest victim of Hollywood's lazy attitude toward these remakes, more concerned with aping its source material as much as possible than making its own mark on the horror genre.

Employing a first-person point of view, "Quarantine" follows TV reporter Angela Vidal (Jennifer Carpenter) on what starts out as a night just like any other. With her cameraman Scott (Steve Harris) in tow, Angela shadows two firefighters (Jay Hernandez and Johnathon Schaech) as they go about their usual business. Just when things are starting to get pretty mellow and boring, an emergency call summons L.A.'s finest to an old apartment complex, where things proceed to get really freaky, really fast. It quickly becomes apparent that some sort of virus is weaving its way through the building, spreading by bites and turning those infected into enraged monsters. Worse yet, the authorities outside have locked them in, leaving Angela, Steve, and those left standing to fend for themselves against the growing numbers of the infected.

"Quarantine" leaves viewers with very little reason to buy a ticket, other than an OK premise and a scant few moments where some truly crazy stuff goes down. It's pretty standard horror material - a blood-soaked fun-house in which shrieking

harpies leap out every once in a while to deliver some predictable, "Gotcha!"-style scares to the audiences. The one thing the film has going for it is the first-person perspective (shot entirely through Scott's camera), which disorients viewers more than it adds to the flick's fright factor.

Such an approach was effective in "Cloverfield" and even carried thematic weight in "Diary of the Dead." In "Quarantine," though, it often confuses viewers in its attempt to acquaint them with the story's very frantic atmosphere. Characters randomly pop up infected at the convenience of the story, and sometimes, the camera whips around so much, it's hard to tell who's munching on who. Still, it should be said that the film does yield some positive results in the scare department. The filmmakers have set just the right balance between suspense and gore, incorporating enough of the former so that instances of the latter become all the more effective. I also can't deny the few moments the cinematography, which makes "The Blair Witch Project" look like a Swedish melodrama, does wrap up the viewer in sheer, unadulterated frenzy.

There's no denying that "Quarantine" will have an effect on many audiences, probably those who prefer a more in-your-face approach to horror. For most, though, "Quarantine" is more liable to stir up a nasty headache over any feelings of fear or dread.

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Movie ratings are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores five stars is worth seeing. A film that scores one star is horribly acted or directed, with no substance.



# Bo's 'N Mine features diverse menu, pleasant atmosphere



Erik Wood

For all you dorm dwelling, meal plan, home cooks, this article is not for you, but for those of you who enjoy going out and doing it affordably, please, read on. Every week we have the consistent music and movie reviews and let's be honest, they get old. So, to spice things up I will be doing one local restaurant review each month, and this week's just so happens to be River Falls' very own Bo's 'N Mine. Each restaurant reviewed will be firmly graded on five separate categories, of which include presentation, quality of product, atmosphere and bang for your buck. I will break it down on a numerical scale for you by category

at the end of the review.

Slightly over a year ago, new ownership took over this mid-town River Falls favorite and they revamped the entire place almost top to bottom. Cosmetic changes were not the only thing to be redone as new owners Cedric Ellingson and Don Fowell unveiled multiple different menu variations and different seasonal specials. As business slowly and steadily started multiplying, menu additions and subtractions were made as they rolled out new specials. Food is not the only thing to see a great deal of change. Bo's has a large variety of spirits and beer to please nearly anyone and every one. On one hand they offer a wide variety of appetizers that you may classify as bar food, but the menu encompasses much more than that. From pastas, burgers, sandwiches, to homemade soups and a full salad bar, the menu is sure to please even the pickiest eater.

Upon entering the establishment,

it's completely obvious you're entering a traditional neighborhood bar and grill. The walls are plastered with liquor and spirits memorabilia

## Bo's 'N Mine Ratings (Out of Five Stars)

**Atmosphere:**  
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**Presentation:**  
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**Product quality:**  
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**Bang for your \$:**  
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**Overall:**  
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along with the bit of local flare. You are pleasantly greeted by the cook himself as you enter. The kitchen is small and open; I personally like to be able to see my meal being prepared. The atmosphere is comfortable for your occasional bar-goer or even your Grandmother (that is as long as you mention the words "sports bar").

Before I could open the menu, I was promptly greeted by the wait staff and offered a can't-pass-up happy hour \$1 16 ounce tap beer, both domestic and Leinenkugels. The menu, like I stated earlier, has a plethora of choices in the above-mentioned categories.

The item ordered was a Falcon shroom 'n Swiss burger with a side of french fries for \$6.99. Before you shit yourself to the near \$7 price tag, keep in mind that one of Bo's weekly specials on Mondays is burger night for a measly \$2.99. Extra toppings such as cheese, sauteed onions/mushrooms, etc. are

a whopping \$0.50 extra. Wait time between ordering and receiving the meal was about 7-10 minutes, which is totally plausible. Presentation was rather basic as you get your burger and your fries in no special set-up, but who the hell cares, this isn't gourmet dining. The beef was cooked exact to order (medium rare in this case) and was piping hot, which of course is always a good thing. I must say though, the meat could stand to be pre-seasoned with seasoning salt or a creative homemade grill seasoning. I am a fan of a whole-wheat bun or a traditional sesame bun, but like I said for the price tag, I don't deserve to be picky. I thoroughly enjoyed my meal and was quite full after doing so.

The grand total of my meal plus one tap Leinenkugels during happy hours was just under five bucks and, depending on your service and how you tip, easily under \$10 total.

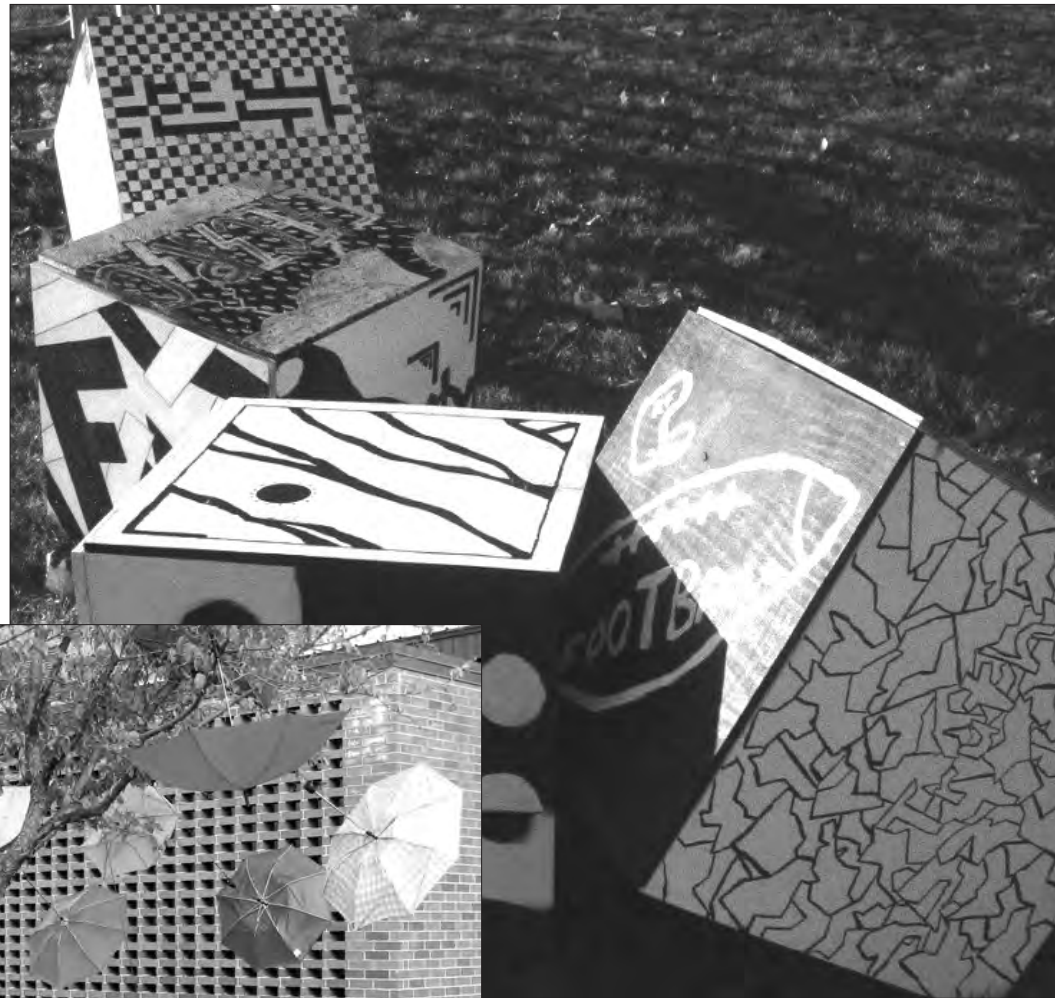


# Outdoor art exhibits decorate UWRF campus



Renae Bergh/Student Voice

(Above and right): UWRF featured a variety of art work throughout campus during its 17th Annual Outdoor Art Installations Oct. 6 through Oct. 10.



Nathan Sparks/Student Voice

(Above): Art displays were created using string, wood, metal, cloth, glass, bricks, paper, plastic, or trash.



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There were many sights to see at UW-River Falls from Oct. 6 to Oct. 10 - a pair of human hands rising from the soil, glass bottles growing from the trees and even Ronald McDonald and the Burger King fighting on the University Center lawn.

These were just a few of the 34 works created by UWRF art department students for the 17th Annual Outdoor Art Installations. The diverse collection highlighted different parts of the campus, and was concentrated around the University Center, Davee Library and the Klempell Fine Arts building.

There were exhibits made from string, wood, metal, cloth, glass, bricks, paper, plastic or just odd pieces of junk. All exhibits were marked with signs noting who built them and which classes they were done for (if any). The department also printed maps of the installations.

One of these exhibits was by Jim Engeberson's studio glass course. Their old glassblowing furnace in KFA had stopped working and had to be replaced. The students took some metal framing and bricks from the old furnace and built them around the trunk of a tree, put old pieces of recycled glass inside the structure, then used wires and fishing line to hang bottles made in the new furnace from the tree branches.

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Susie Zimmer,  
art department associate

Senior art education major Rachael Anderson told the exhibit's story, saying the class used the tree to symbolize growth and progress.

“It's kind of a funeral for the old [furnace] and a celebration of the new one,” Anderson

said. Every exhibit had a different message to send. One included many rows of empty plastic water bottles near KFA, joined by metal wire and framed with rods. The department had tried to prop these up and pitch them like a tent, but that idea did not work out, art professor Morgan Zimmer said. Around the bottles were signs with messages critical of bottled water and the environmental impact of excess plastic.

Another exhibit between the University Center and Library had black and white photos of people with glasses of water, and a message about chemicals from 3M that were found in some Minneapolis-area tap water.

Two introductory to art classes, headed by instructors Rhonda Willers and Kaylee Spencer, took 24-by-24 inch pieces of plywood and put their own distinctive designs on them outside of class, using only black and white acrylic paint. The pieces, which depicted all sorts of logos, patterns and messages, were put together in squares and displayed by the picnic tables between KFA and the Library.



Nathan Sparks/Student Voice

Paintings line the grass near KFA. The paintings were done by students in Art 100.

“They're just supposed to be different words and symbols that represent you,” freshman conservation major Cody Goulette, who designed one of the pieces, said.

Bill Peake, a freshman accounting major, commented on an exhibit called “Let's Play Checkers!” The exhibit was set up on the grass near the Library and had square blue tiles in the shape of a checkerboard, with dinner plates painted black or white to serve as the pieces.

“I like it,” Peake said. “I guess you could say it's simple, but it kind of makes a point. It caught my eye, maybe because of all the different shades of blue.”

During their 17-year history, the installations have allowed for many different messages to be expressed at once, art department associate Susie Zimmer said.

“Some of it is personal, some of it is political, some of it is just fun,” Zimmer said. “My involvement with this is peripheral - getting the forms ready, making sure the signs go up.”

The Annual Outdoor Art Installation was launched by art professor Morgan Clifford 17 years ago. Clifford has also taught the UWRF fibers program for 18 years. Her students learn how to dye, weave

and work with cloth. Clifford said she got the idea from a similar project she did in graduate school and in her second year teaching she decided some outdoor art could brighten up this campus as well.

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Warren Page,  
UWRF senior

“Some of the classes will do it as a side project that everybody has a part of. The students can also independently sign up,” Clifford said. “The point is to do something fun, something that doesn't have to stay around. As you're walking around enjoying the campus, it makes you more aware of things, of what a nice campus we have here.”

Students who submitted independent work also had to sign a contract promising their installation would not harm the environment, and would be removed by Friday with no materials left behind, Clifford said.

One of Clifford's classes was assigned to decorate 11 trees all over campus. A few had colorful cloth draped around their trunks, while another wore a skirt of playing cards attached with string. Another class of Clifford's made 4-foot diameter circles on the ground from various small parts.

Warren Page, a senior majoring in environmental science, expressed appreciation of the art.

“Things like this always intrigue me,” Page said. “At the college level, you never know whether [the artists] are still developing their skills, or are already just exploding with creativity.”

# Bi-annual compost sales face challenges, decline in sales

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Behind the new Dairy Learning Center at Mann Valley Farm (Lab Farm II) lie large piles of compost. Here, time and proper tending turns cow manure and wood shavings into a soil amendment.

The largest pile is about six feet high and 30 feet long and when a buyer shows up, a loader lifts compost from the pile with its shovel apparatus and drops it into the buyer's nearby truck. The cost is \$28 for a yard, which is about two scoops from the loader and whenever compost is extracted from the pile, steam can be seen from the excavated area.

“The heat is from the bacteria and other microbes that love thermophilic temperatures [95 to 160 degrees]” Lab Farm Director Bill Connolly said.

The bacteria, which are already present in the environment, break down the manure and wood shavings over several months into the particle-sized compost seen in the piles.

The process called windrow composting is relatively easy, Connolly said. It requires moisture (which comes from the manure and rainfall), oxygen and the right temperature.

The bacteria will use too much oxygen and create too much heat if left alone. In order to maintain a flow of oxygen and keep the temperature in the desired range, the piles are

occasionally turned. Every year, the UW-River Falls Lab Farms produces about 400,000 pounds of compost, which is then sold in the fall and spring to local farmers and gardeners. With the exception of last year, in which sales never got going as a result of moving the composting operation from Lab Farm 1 to the new Dairy Learning Center at Mann Valley Farm, selling compost has been an ongoing tradition since 1998.

Sales have occurred on Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and 11. Sales, which are never enough to turn a profit, are down this year in part because composters are trying to get used to the quirks of a new location and have not had time to advertise.

One of the new challenges is that the compost is sitting on asphalt as opposed to dirt. The asphalt is causing problems since the compost piles are retaining too much moisture.

“We just have to get used to the new system,” Connolly said.

Josh Roos, a freshman dairy science major, works the loader as part of an \$800 work-study program in addition to tilling the compost and general farm maintenance.

“I'd like if [Josh] was doing nothing but

loading and selling, but that's just not the nature of sales,” Connolly said.

Sales in 2006-07 amounted to \$9,600 whereas the cost of the wood shavings used in the compost is \$25,000 annually. However, the wood shavings will be bought anyway to be used as cow bedding, and with a little effort to create and sell the compost, the overall cost is reduced.

The disadvantage of compost is that it needs to be applied to the soil, after which it will take several months for bacteria in the soil to break it down. Only then does the nitrogen in the compost become available to the plants, whereas with manure, the nitrogen is available right away.

The compost is sold primarily to gardeners who do not have access to manure and want to avoid over fertilization.

“I can't sell manure - it smells and you can't pick it up,” Connolly said. “But I can sell compost.”

David Matthews, a local gardener, buys 5-10 yards every year, puts it onto his soil in the winter and then by spring, it is ready for food production.

The time that it takes soil bacteria to break down compost also has its advantages because it is prevented from leeching into the soil

where it can pollute ground water.

Connolly said he first became interested in composting in the 1980s because he was worried about the potential for nitrogen in manure to leech into ground water.

“Soils at [Lab Farm 1] are real sandy, and we were using a lot of manure,” Connolly said. “I thought, ‘What if I can tie up the manure?’”

At first, Connolly said he had trouble finding information about farm-scale composting but he eventually found several Wisconsin farmers that were experimenting with windrow composting and put them on a compost project team. However, UWRF was turned down in its initial grant attempt.

“We were ridiculed by the review board,” Connolly said. “The reviewers thought, ‘why would you want to take manure out of a barn, and put it into a windrow, and dink around with it for a couple of months?’”

UWRF received its first grant in 1990 and while compost is currently used as a soil amendment that stays out of ground water, Connolly said the composting program can be expanded to deal with food waste from the University Center. The plan would be to mix it with horse manure on Lab Farm 1, but it would require developing a site.

Connolly said that would require spending money and right now everything is tight.