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## CAFES appoints new dean

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The new dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences was announced over winter break. Dale Gallenberg, chair of the plant science department at South Dakota State University, will take his position as dean in June after finishing his current position at SDSU.



Dale Gallenberg

"The opportunity at UW-River Falls as dean of CAFES came at a good time for me professionally, and was a good fit," Gallenberg said. "If I was going to leave SDSU and the plant science department, it would have to be

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## Senate remains student oriented

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After a semester of having more student representation, Student Senate has fresh concepts and continues the tradition to remain student oriented.

Senate added more seats for students from specific organizations, clubs and programs around campus.

"It has been good for the organization," said Nick Cluppert, Student Senate president. "It has brought a lot of fresh ideas and kept Student Senate to be what it is."

Beginning last semester, Senate added more specific seats for each of the colleges, organizations and clubs on campus to better represent the students attending UW-River Falls. The Greek organizations, College Democrats and College Republicans, the Diversity Awareness Committee and the athletic programs are some of the specific seats added to

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## RF student dies after car accident

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A UW-River Falls freshman died Jan. 30 after sustaining injuries in a car accident Jan. 28 along Hwy. 65, about three miles north of River Falls.

Crystal M. Schobat, 19, died at Regions Hospital in St. Paul after being ejected from her vehicle in a rollover accident early Jan. 28.

According to St. Croix County authorities, Schobat lost control of her vehicle due to icy conditions. Her car then went

over the guardrail and overturned.

Authorities responded to the scene around 7:30 a.m.

According to the accident report, Schobat was transported by helicopter to Regions due to her serious injuries.

Schobat graduated from Mayville High School in Mayville, Wis., in 2005 and was studying animal science at UW-RF. She was also a resident of Crabtree Hall.

Schobat is survived by her parents, Bryan and Barbara Schobat of Mayville; brother, Jeremy Schobat; and grandparents, Robert and Janet Piaro and Louise

M. Schobat.

The funeral is set for Feb. 4 at Koepsell Funeral Home in Mayville at 1 p.m. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Schobat family is requesting that flowers not be sent.

A recent e-mail sent to UW-RF students encouraged people dealing with Schobat's death to use the counseling services staff. The Dean of Students Office also plans to make opportunities available for students and staff to share memories of Schobat over the next few weeks.



Crystal Schobat

## Students mend homes, hearts



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A foundation lies in ruins after Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast. UW-RF students helped rebuild in Gulfport, Miss., over break.

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Driving through the city of Gulfport, Miss., for the first time in daylight, a group of 37 students and five staff members from UW-River Falls fell silent. The city was littered with debris and entire buildings were shifted.

Five atomic bombs, the group was told, would have equaled the amount of damage done by Hurricane Katrina.

"Everything was leveled," said Deanna Schuweiler, a freshman and relief trip participant. "You see it on TV, but it's not the same as when you go there."

Brent Turner, Destination: Gulf Coast leader and leadership coordinator, described the site of a Burger King restaurant with the building completely missing, leaving only a few of the tables standing in its place.

Spray-painted on the wreckage of



Submitted Photo/Leadership Center

A group of workers repair a roof on a house in Gulfport, Miss.

some homes were addresses and names of residents telling others who had survived. Looting was also a problem in the area, Turner said. "You loot, we

shoot," was painted on one home, and railroad tracks running along the outside of the town were lined with razor wire by the U.S. Army to prevent people

from stealing from the wreckage and carrying things out of the city.

Coordinating the relief efforts in Gulfport was a group called the North Carolina Baptist Men (NCBM), which, as a group, has committed to rebuild 500 homes over the next two years according to the group's Web site. All of the materials used to rebuild were bought with money the NCBM had earned through fundraising efforts.

"It was powerful to meet other volunteers and find out what they gave up to be there," Turner said.

Various homeowners filled out applications for help, and the volunteers were split up and assigned to work on specific houses with the direction of the NCBM. The students and staff were put to use installing sheet rock, roofing, removing trees and tiling. Over the course of five days, the group put in

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## State Elections Board investigating release of campus listserv

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An incident involving an unidentified UW-River Falls Information Technology Services (ITS) employee who allowed a local democratic party permission access to the University's computer listserv resource is under investigation and will go before the State Elections Board March 12.

In January, the Pierce County Democrats gained access to the UW-RF listserv, a mailing list server used by organizations throughout the University to contact members, and allegedly utilized it to illegally send mass e-mails to party members.

The listserv request that was received by the University was forwarded by the College Democrats. Campus organizations of this kind are allowed to use the University listserv to keep members updated about upcoming events.

"We asked for permission to do this, and a person with ITS had to ask permission and they said it was okay," College Democrats President Katy Leisch said. "Our intention was not to give them a free listserv, and if they told us we were wrong, we

would have stopped."

Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders said listservs such as the University's, which is provided through the state, cannot be used in a way that violates Wisconsin laws. In this particular case, the Pierce County Democratic Party is not directly affiliated with the University. By soliciting and gaining access to the University listserv, the party allegedly violated statutes.

"We work extremely closely with the Pierce County Democrats, and using the listserv would have been an easier way for us to communicate with them," Leisch said.

Former Pierce County Democratic Chair Wanda Brown denies the party was aware of any violation taking place on their part.

"It has yet to be determined if it was proper use of the listserv," Brown said. "Listserv usage is not included in the state statutes and we were unaware that we were breaking the rules."

A journalist telephoned the University informing officials of the situation, and the matter was taken care of within an hour and a half, Kinders said.

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## Counter complaint clouds former College Republican

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Amidst the political turmoil already swirling around UW-River Falls, a new complaint was filed with the State Elections Board Jan. 27 against former student Joey White and congressional candidate Paul Nelson.

Mike Maistelman, the attorney representing the College Democrats in a complaint filed by the Republican Party of Wisconsin, filed the counter complaint.

According to a press release on wispolitics.com, Maistelman came across numerous e-mails

that allegedly show a scheme by Nelson and White to "defraud the University of its resources."

The complaint states that Nelson and White used a University listserv as well as using a campus computer lab for fundraising purposes.

"As the Chair of the College Republicans, Joey White wrongfully used the University's computer lab and resources to benefit Nelson's campaign," Maistelman said.

The complaint states White was working as both campaign director for Nelson and chair of the College Republicans, making the use of the listserv a violation of Wisconsin law.

White, the former chair of the

College Republicans, said he was never a student while employed by the Nelson campaign.

White said he used the listserv only while a student chair of the College Republicans. Student organizations have access rights to University listservs as well as computer labs.

White currently works for the Nelson campaign but said he has been told by several people that he hasn't done anything wrong.

"If there's legitimate reason for their complaint I don't have a problem," he said. "I'm personally not worried."

White said he will most likely file a response as his next step.



VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Poets present at Wyman Series

Three poets of very different backgrounds will present their politically charged poetry at the Wyman Series: Race and Religion Symposium in North Hall Auditorium on Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.

The poets presenting are: Bryonn Bain, a Harvard Law School graduate wrongfully arrested by NYC police; Jason Carney, a former skinhead from Texas; and Kevin Coval, a poet, emcee, essayist, activist and educator from Cape Town.

This program will give students a better understanding of race and religious issues in American politics today. Admission is free for UW-RF students with ID.



Deadline approaching for graduation

The deadline to apply for Spring Commencement is Feb. 10. Applications are available at the Registrar's Office in North Hall room 105.

There is a \$40 application fee for all graduating seniors. For more information contact Linda Matzek at 425-3342 or check the commencement web site at [www.uwrf.edu/commencement](http://www.uwrf.edu/commencement).

2006 semester abroad still open

The 2006 Semester Abroad: Europe program is still accepting students who are seeking an independent study and travel experience in Europe next fall.

Eligibility requirements are a minimum 2.25 G.P.A. and junior standing or higher (60+ credits) by fall semester.

Interested students should plan to attend the preparatory meetings on Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., 211 Ag. Science.

Visit [www.uwrf.edu/sae](http://www.uwrf.edu/sae) for more information.

REGIONAL

Region's unemployment rates rise

Unemployment rates in six of the seven counties in the west-central Wisconsin region increased in December according to the Hudson Star-Observer.

The region wasn't much different from the rest of the state where 62 out of the 72 counties experienced an increase in unemployment rates.

"While our December unemployment rates show a small increase, such an increase is typical between November and December. Job growth over the year has been very healthy for the state, including growth in manufacturing jobs," said Roberta Gassman, secretary of Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development.

Eau Claire County was the only county in the region and one of just three in the state to have a stable rate.

Overall the state's seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate for December was at 4.8 percent, which was up from 4.6 percent in November, but still lower than the national rate of 4.9 percent.

Gassman said the state's annual average unemployment rate for 2005 was only 4.7 percent - the lowest average since 2001.

However, she also said the state added some 37,700 jobs in 2005, and in December, important job gains were made in retail trade, wholesale trade, manufacturing and financial areas.

KinniFest to be held in June

A new event called the KinniFest is coming to town in June, according to the River Falls Journal. Joyce Mattson created the KinniFest as a spin-off from her coursework for a UW-River Fall's graduate certificate program called Wildlife Recreation & Nature Tourism.

"I'd like this to be a celebration and promotion, both for our own citizens and for outsiders, of the natural resources that River Falls has to offer," Mattson said. "The goal is to create a better understanding of the river by utilizing the river and corridor as a resource for clean water, habitat, education, scenery and responsible stewardship."

KinniFest will be held in Glen Park on June 3, and will spotlight the Kinnickinnic River.

The tentative events planned are: 15-20 nature booths with themes varying from native plants and organic food to recycling and education about the river watershed; a "children's corner" with presentations for kids; local art displays with an outdoor theme; historical presentations; music; food; free guided field trips; and a guided canoe trip.

Mattson earned a scientific land management degree from UW-RF in 1990, and recently returned to UW-RF to take the WRNT program.

Anyone who wishes to contribute ideas or get involved with KinniFest can e-mail Mattson at [jycmttsn@yahoo.com](mailto:jycmttsn@yahoo.com) or call 425-2136.

NATIONAL

Sputnik used to recruit math teachers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Business and science groups are reviving images of the Cold War space race in effort to persuade lawmakers to spend millions to recruit and train high-caliber math teachers, according to CNN.

The groups argue that just as a stronger focus on math helped the U.S. top the Soviet Sputnik launch by putting a man on the moon, the country needs to improve math education to win an economic race with China and India, and a national security race against terrorism.

Though it's unlikely anyone in Congress will say math isn't important, it may be tough to persuade lawmakers to devote new money to hiring and training teachers in a time of tight budgets.

Some proposals suggest using taxpayer money to boost pay for math teachers.

Jim Simons sees a shortage of people teaching math who really know math, and he thinks the solution is simple: Recruit people who know and love math, pay them enough to make teaching attractive, and they in turn will inspire more students to choose math careers.

Simons founded a program called Math for America, earned a doctorate in math through a Pentagon program during the space race, worked as a math professor and went on to found a hedge fund and become a Wall Street billionaire.

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SENATE

Senate asked to provide global view

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International Students President Bwarenaba Kautu addressed the Senate during open forum at the Jan. 31 meeting about the need for a spot on Senate representing international students.

Kautu expressed concerns about students being unaware of the Senate's presence and work on campus.

"We want someone to show them that opportunities are available for them here," he said. "Some international students don't even know that Student Senate exists."

Kautu also asked Senate for help with issues about how international students have been treated on campus in the past. He cited a specific example of a student being yelled at in front of a class, and asked the Senate for help resolving problems such as this.

International Students held its first meeting Feb. 1 at 4:30 p.m. in the Presidents Room of the Student Center. The organization will hold 10 meetings each semester.

Other Senate News

Smoking on campus was a hot issue at the Jan. 23 Senate meeting, when Vang Lor expressed concerns about people lighting up too close to buildings. According to University policy, smokers are supposed to stand at least 25 ft. away from buildings out of respect for non-smokers.

Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair Carolyn Schenk introduced the idea of creating fines for people who break the rule. Senators Allison West and Jim Vierling agreed to look into other universities' policies on the issue.

President Nick Cluppert discussed a Residence Assistant (RA) Committee meeting he attended in January, and a decision was made to create a system-wide policy on RA conduct in residence halls. If approved by the Board of Regents, the policy will prohibit RA's from conducting political, religious, or other meetings in their rooms.

Cluppert said there will be flexibility between institutions to respect campus

uniqueness. He said UW System President Kevin Reilly will meet with chancellors and then bring the policy to Regents Feb. 4.

Cluppert also spoke about the resignation of Provost Ginny Coombs and the provost search and screen process that is underway. The first meeting was to be held Thursday, Feb. 2 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center with consultant Judith Ward. Cluppert asked for student involvement at the meeting to voice student opinion on what they would like to see in the next provost.

Women's Initiatives Director Allison West announced that Vagina Monologues will be coming to UW-River Falls. While the date has not been confirmed, she said the event will hopefully take place March 6, 7 and 8. Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$8 for others. Buttons and other novelty items will also be available for sale. West said 100 percent of the profit goes straight to the community.

Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Regents Room.

Summit shifts focus internationally

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Students at UW-River Falls and other schools in the nation may soon see a boost in funding that promises to alleviate some of the financial strains of studying abroad while increasing national security.

President George W. Bush announced a request for \$114 million for the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI) to teach critical foreign languages to American students from kindergarten to higher education. Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi and Farsi are some of the languages the plan will support. The money will also be used toward Fulbright and Gilman International Scholarships for global study programs in and outside of the United States.

"In the long-term I hope the

University can expand its international offerings in general, and its language courses and programs, in particular," said Wes Chapin, international studies program chair. "It will be most welcome if this initiative helps us achieve our goal of internationalizing the curriculum."

Chancellor Don Betz attended the U.S. University Presidents Summit on International Education where Bush spoke about the NSLI Jan. 5-6 in Washington, D.C.

The summit's focus, which was geared toward strengthening international education relationships, is strongly correlated to efforts Betz has already initiated on campus. The new chancellor immediately made clear his goal to expand the global perspective of UW-RF students.

"It is a UW-RF institutional

priority to globalize the campus," said Brent Greene, international programs director. "If the funding goes through, this could provide another source of funds that would allow many more students to study abroad."

The initiative is also expected to help encourage understanding and respect for other cultures through education.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, "foreign language skills are necessary to advance national security and global competitiveness."

At the summit, Bush cited Sept. 11 as an event that has discouraged international students from attending institutions of higher education in the United States.

"But we're going to get it right," he said. "Because the more youngsters who come to America to get educated, the

more likely it is people in the world will understand the true nature of America."

Specifically, the U.S. Department of State listed three broad goals of the initiative: to expand the number of Americans mastering critical need languages, increase the number of advanced-level speakers of foreign languages, and increase the number of foreign language educators and their resources.

"Equally exciting about the summit and the language initiative is the attention that the President and other top national leaders are giving to the importance of international education, both for U.S. students to study abroad and for international students to study in the U.S.," Greene said.

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Jan. 22

Ashley C. Frye, 22, 1071 E. Cascade Ave., was fined \$742.50 for drunk driving and a prohibited blood alcohol content around 2:45 a.m.

River Falls Police officers reported seeing Frye make a wide left turn eastbound onto Cascade Avenue from Main Street, almost hitting the curb. Frye allegedly swerved her vehicle over the centerline several times before being pulled over by police.

Officers state they smelled the presence of alcohol in the car and issued Frye a fine for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated after performing sobriety tests.

Jan. 23

Claire M. Spang, 19, 101 Parker Hall, and Brianna J. Egan, 18, 101 Parker Hall, were both fined \$375 for possession of marijuana around 3:30 p.m.

River Falls Police officers were dispatched to Parker Hall after receiving a request from Public Safety to assist with a drug incident.

Public Safety had received a call from a resident assistant who allegedly smelled marijuana smoke coming from room 101 in Parker Hall.

When RFPD arrived, officers approached the room and knocked on the door. Spang and Egan opened the door and allowed officers to search their room.

Police allegedly found a bag of marijuana in Spang's purse as well as on Egan's desk. Both residents admitted to ownership of the drugs, but allegedly told officers they had not been smoking.

Spang and Egan were placed under arrest. No other drug paraphernalia was found.

Christopher E. Lowe, 25, 323 McMillan Hall, was fined \$249 for deposit of human waste in McMillan Hall around 12:30 a.m.

Public Safety received a report that Lowe was unresponsive in 323 McMillan Hall. When officers arrived Lowe was allegedly awake. His roommates told officers that Lowe had allegedly urinated on the floor in the room.

Lowe allegedly told police he had been drinking alcohol but had not done any drugs.

Jan. 25

Danielle E. Wolden, 18, 102 Parker Hall, was fined \$312 for possession of drug paraphernalia and \$375 for possession of marijuana around 2:15 p.m.

River Falls Police officers were called to Parker Hall by Public Safety to assist with an alleged drug incident. Officers state they smelled the drug odor coming from room 102.

After knocking on the door several times,

officers keyed into the room. Officers report the room was empty and that the window was open. Police also recovered two bags of marijuana and a ceramic pipe, allegedly from Wolden's side of the room.

Police left the room and returned later around 3:25 p.m. and placed Wolden under arrest.

Amber B. Berning, 20, and Theresa M. Jeske, 19, were both fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall.

Jan. 27

Molly M. Harings, 23, 222 E. Locust St, was fined \$711 for drunk driving as well as \$742.50 for operating a vehicle with a prohibited blood alcohol content around 1:54 a.m.

River Falls Police officers reported a vehicle allegedly speeding along Third Street, which then turned the wrong way onto a one-way street.

Police followed the vehicle. After the vehicle pulled into the parking lot at 222 Locust St. police approached Harings. After sobriety tests, she was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Justin D. Eloranta, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.

Alden Anthony Edward Bauman, 18, was fined \$374 for a second offense underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

James F. Allen III, 18, Mark E. LaScott Jr., 19, and Mark D. Naughton, 18, were all fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

Jan. 28

David L. Vazquez, 22, 919 Sycamore St., was fined \$356 for battery around 12:40 a.m.

River Falls Police received a call from Vazquez reporting that someone had allegedly broken into his apartment.

When officers arrived, Vazquez told them the man who allegedly broke into the apartment had been living there on and off with one of Vazquez's other roommates. Vazquez had allegedly told the man he could not stay there anymore.

Vazquez told police the man had kicked in the door while Vazquez was gone and his girlfriend was in the apartment alone.

When Vazquez returned, he found the man outside the apartment and allegedly hit him in the face several times.

The man who allegedly broke into the apartment told police he accidentally broke the door while he was pounding on it.

Vazquez was placed under arrest for battery.

Jan. 29

Raymond M. Moore, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

Pierce County Court

Cassie J. Beck, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Dec. 3.

Bradley R. Berthiaume, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Christopher L. Cannon, 20, pleaded no contest to second offense underage consumption on Dec. 3.

Sunnie S. Copeland, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 20.

Joseph A. Dart, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Eric M. Ebert, 22, pleaded no contest to skateboarding-roller skates and rollerblades on Nov. 17.

Megan A. Erwin, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Nicholas A. Falck, 21, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 20.

Michael O. Gladney, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Bradley J. Golden, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Zebulun K. Hanson, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Dec. 2.

Jara L. Hartigan, 20, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Amy E. Hassler, 19, pleaded not guilty to resisting and obstructing police officers on Nov. 22.

Trevor B. Huset, 20, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 20.

Nicholas E. Jacobson, 19, pleaded not guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia on Nov. 15.

Nicholas E. Jacobson, 19, pleaded not guilty to underage consumption on Nov. 16.

Sharon R. Johnson, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 11.

Levi P. Kent, 20, pleaded not guilty to detection equipment tampering on Nov. 21.

Kraig F. Link, 20, pleaded guilty to underage consumption on Nov. 22, and not guilty to disorderly conduct on Nov. 22.

Emily R. Magnuson, 20, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Matthew W. McCollon, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 15.

Cynthia M. Meyer, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Joseph A. Murphy, 20, pleaded guilty to underage consumption on Nov. 8.

Jess M. Perry, 20, pleaded no contest to underage consumption and disorderly conduct on Nov. 22.

Michael T. Ruud, 19, pleaded not guilty to underage consumption on Nov. 13.

Ian T. Skare, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Nov. 18.

The Pierce County Court information is from a monthly court date for all fines issued by Public Safety



# Senate: Student Senate embraces new image of campus

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Senate.

In previous years, representatives from programs on campus were just at-large senators, Cluppert said. At-large means anyone can run for that seat; it is not reserved for anyone in particular.

“I think so far this system has worked well,” Cluppert said. “It does a good job of having a representation and look of the students around campus.”

The new voting system works by each of the colleges voting for one student who runs for a seat on the Senate, Cluppert said. For example, if a student is in the College of Arts and Sciences, he or she would run for that specific seat on the Senate. Only students in that specific college can vote for the student. If a student is also in a sorority or fraternity, he or she could run for that newly created seat.

“I think the more people on Senate will bring a wider range of issues from around the campus,” said Liz de la Torre, a junior and former Senate vice president. “A downfall is not having some of the seats filled.”

The total number of seats stayed the same, Cluppert said. The Senate took away at-large seats to create these other area-specific seats.

The residential West end of campus and the Greek positions are currently vacant, said de la Torre.

Cluppert and other senators had the idea to add more specified seats last April, before the last elections.

“It was a lot of work,” Cluppert said. “The ideas and arranging went right up until the elections.”

The amount of people running the elections last April was much larger than previous years, Cluppert said.

“It was exciting to have a very



Photo by Kirsten Farrar

**Student Senate discusses issues at the Senate meeting in the Regents Room Jan. 31.**

strong election committee last year,” Cluppert said.

The Senate held its first meeting of the semester Jan. 24.

“A lot of the members were getting ideas out on the table during the discussion,” Cluppert said.

The meeting had discussions about problems with people smoking too close to the buildings, the new Health and Human Performances building still in process with the state, and continuing the challenge of understanding the new insurance policy that took place last semester.

A total of three resignations have also been announced since the start of the semester, Cluppert said, one of which was the vice president position.

“I did it for personal reasons,” de la Torre said. “I would have loved to finish off the semester, but stuff just came up.”

She said she handed in her letter of resignation Jan. 27. She said she plans to help train the new vice president and finish up

any work she has left.

“I loved being on Senate,” she said. “My position just got down to doing secretarial work all the time, but it is not the main reason.”

The Senate will start looking for someone to fill the position from within the Senate, de la Torre said.

A task the Senate will be working on this semester is a competition to see which residential building can save the most energy. The Area Council, Eco Club and Residential Committee are helping with the competition.

The official name is Stop Energy Waste, Cluppert said. The competition has already started in the residential halls, and will continue through the end of the semester.

In the past, UW-RF has fallen behind in paying energy bills for buildings around campus, Cluppert said. The last time it happened, the state was able to fund money to the institution, paying for the bills. He said he

## Listserv: A complaint stirs up emotions

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“We suspended the listserv as soon as we received word that the incident had occurred,” he said.

A complaint signed by Executive Director of the Wisconsin Republican Party Richard Wiley was filed Jan. 9 with the State Elections Board. Respondents named in the complaint were John Doe, an unknown ITS employee, the Pierce County Democratic Party, former Pierce County Democratic Chair Wanda Brown, Pierce County Democrat Vice-Chair Earl Morren, Tammy Tollefson, the party listserv manager, UW-RF College Democrats and UW-RF Chancellor Don Betz.

“It’s a frivolous, politically motivated complaint and is a colossal waste of state resources and tax dollars,” Brown said. “It’s a pity that politics has become so mean-spirited.”

According to the complaint, Respondent Doe used state resources to gain an unfair advantage for the College Democrats, the Pierce County Democratic Party, Morren, Brown and Tollefson. The complaint also accuses the College Democrats, Brown, Tollefson and Morren of persuading Doe to commit the violation.

Due to the pending legal action, ITS officials declined to comment on the issue.

“If they weren’t aware of incidents of this nature prior to this, they’re aware now,” Kinders said, referring to ITS officials. “Their sensitivity has been heightened dramatically by this.”

Leisch said the University encourages organizations on campus to associate and get involved with the community and community organizations.

“It’s like we’re being punished for something they encourage us to do,” Leisch said.

Last semester, Davida Alperin,

**“Policies and procedures were followed routinely in this situation.”**

Mark Kinders,  
public affairs director

College Democrats advisor, got to know members of the organization well and said she does not believe the listserv request was an intentional violation of rules.

“Whatever happened related to the listserv, it was not an attempt to go around any rules or laws,” Alperin said. “Even if it turns out to have been a violation, I think it is important that at least the campus folks involved know that these students have a track record of trying to make sure they follow the rules as they carry out their activities.”

Following the recent incident, listserv requests will now be more carefully reviewed before permission is granted.

“Any political party requests asking for permission to use the University listserv will be sent up the ladder to University officials to make sure it’s okay,” Kinders said.

ITS employees view listserv requests on a regular basis, and this particular one was viewed as just another request.

“Policies and procedures were followed routinely in this situation,” Kinders said.

To prevent future incidents such as this from occurring, University officials plan on doing some fine-tuning of protocols and will review policies with people on campus as well.

In a response filed Jan. 27, respondents are requesting the dismissal of the complaint, citing that the UW-RF College Republicans used their listserv to promote non-school related functions and to stay in contact with the Pierce County Republican Party and the St. Croix County Republican Party.

## Dean: New dean offers many strengths, experiences to UW-RF

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for the right opportunity, and this is it.”

The search for a new dean started last spring when Steve Ridley announced he was retiring, said Bob Baker, associate dean of CAFES and chair of the plant and earth science department.

Gallenberg was one of four candidates brought in for interviews.

Baker said that during Gallenberg’s interview, he had many reasons for applying for the position, such as the size and that it is primarily an undergraduate institution.

“I am aware of the excellent reputation that UW-RF and CAFES has at the state, regional and national levels, and the overall commitment to strong academic programs,” Gallenberg said. “I like the fact that it is a smaller university maintaining its emphasis on individual students and their education and experiences.”

Another reason Gallenberg applied for the position was the challenge of stepping up in his career, Baker said.

“I’ve always been committed to helping people learn and grow, and my background in extension is part of that,” Gallenberg said. “My interest in

teaching and working with students has further developed over the last 10 years, and I realized that’s where I wanted to concentrate my efforts.”

Working and helping people are a couple of the reasons why the college chose Gallenberg as the new dean.

“He has a number of strengths, like a considerable background in extension activities,” Baker said. “Also, the scholarship area where he has had a number of publications about plant pathology or diseases.”

In Gallenberg’s case, extension activities involved the development and implementation of statewide educational programs in plant-disease management, Baker said.

Baker said another strength Gallenberg has is mentoring.

After 11 years as a faculty member, Gallenberg said he became head of the plant science department in January of 1996.

“This is primarily an administrative position managing the various programs in teaching, research, extension, and technical service of the largest department at SDSU,” Gallenberg said.

As far as recent teaching experience, Gallenberg said he is coordinating an introductory opportunity for courses in agronomy majors, as well as a team-teaching a senior-level capstone

course. He is co-coordinating a graduate student seminar at SDSU.

Gallenberg also has roots in Wisconsin.

He grew up in Antigo, Wis., on a small dairy and seed potato farm. After graduating high school in Antigo, he attended UW-Madison, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture and plant pathology. He then attended Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, where he completed both his Master of Science and doctorate degrees in plant pathology.

“There is also a bit of a personal side to coming to UW-RF. Living in River Falls will allow me to be much closer to my mom, brothers and sisters and their families,” Gallenberg said. “Plus, the city and the area around River Falls are great, and we’ll enjoy living there very much.”

The largest factor of his position will be the oversight and management of the entire college, making the individual departments work as a whole.

“The perspective of the college and the people I have talked to, all agree he had a huge number of strengths,” Baker said. “He will bring a diverse background when he arrives. We’re all excited and think he’s a really good fit.”

## Katrina: Students devote their winter break to rebuild homes

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1,784 volunteer hours.

The group’s workday began around 8 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. While serving the Gulf Coast community, the 42 UW-RF students and staff slept in a church gym. They were served meals in a tent by the Red Cross and were provided showers in a portable trailer. The set up was like a “volunteer village,” Turner said.

As part of the pre-trip training, Turner told the group they would receive little or no gratitude from the residents of the area because of the short time they were devoting, but the response turned out to be the opposite.

Sophomore volunteer Megan Currier said when she and her group finished sheet rocking a woman’s house, the woman’s face lit up. The woman was so used to not having a house, Currier said, that one wall was an amazing accomplishment.

Schuiweiler said she continually heard “God bless” from residents she was aiding, and form people at the grocery store who knew they were volunteers.

“These people were thankful, even though they had nothing,” Schuiweiler said.



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**A van destroyed by Katrina poses a message to passers-by.**

Destination: Gulf Coast is heading out for a second volunteer period over spring break, and is currently accepting applications for student trip leaders.

“If you’re looking for something to change your life,” Schuiweiler said, “this is it.”

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EDITORIAL

# Negative media sometimes vital

The duty of the media is not to provide a superficial view of the world through rose-colored glasses, but to inform the public of truths.

News organizations are often criticized for reporting incidents that are largely negative, causing what some believe to be unnecessary anxiety.

However, journalists have an obligation to inform, allowing citizens of the world to have realistic perceptions that will guide them throughout their existence. The news can't always look good for the government, corporations and everyday citizens.

Some people think the news is all hype, but hundreds of journalists have put themselves in the line of fire to keep the world informed. Without courageous journalists we would have never seen the horrors of Vietnam, or known that Food Lion was repackaging outdated meat, or witnessed the destruction of Sept. 11.

Sometimes the pictures and stories in the media can make your stomach turn, but they also have the power to unite a nation.

"The American people must be well informed in order to make decisions regarding their lives, and their local and national communities," states the Society of Professional Journalists' Web site.

The *Student Voice* understands this belief, as well as its obligation to inform the campus and society. Therefore, we believe our duty is to make available relevant, current information to the benefit of our readers.

News reporting requires open-mindedness, and the ability to understand that, although a story may seem insignificant to one person, it may hold vast importance to another.

For those who wish to condemn the media for seeking to notify the public of valid, sometimes grim occurrences, remember this: without news, we may never understand the complexity of war, satisfaction of peace, or liberation of reality. We may not be informed of the sex offender who lives down the street, the tsunami in Southeast Asia, or the dangerous road conditions on our commute to school.

The media help us to hold government and corporations accountable for their actions, and ultimately, enforce a more efficient democracy. Without media, democracy couldn't exist.

Knowledge of these is not merely convenient, but has the ability to create morality, compassion and the desire to find solutions to human error so history will not carelessly repeat itself.

Disclosing only the good news would create a distorted view of the world and the nature of its people.

Crises are inevitable, and if we withheld their details from the public, we would be miserable failures.

Don't blame the media. We don't create the news; we simply report it.

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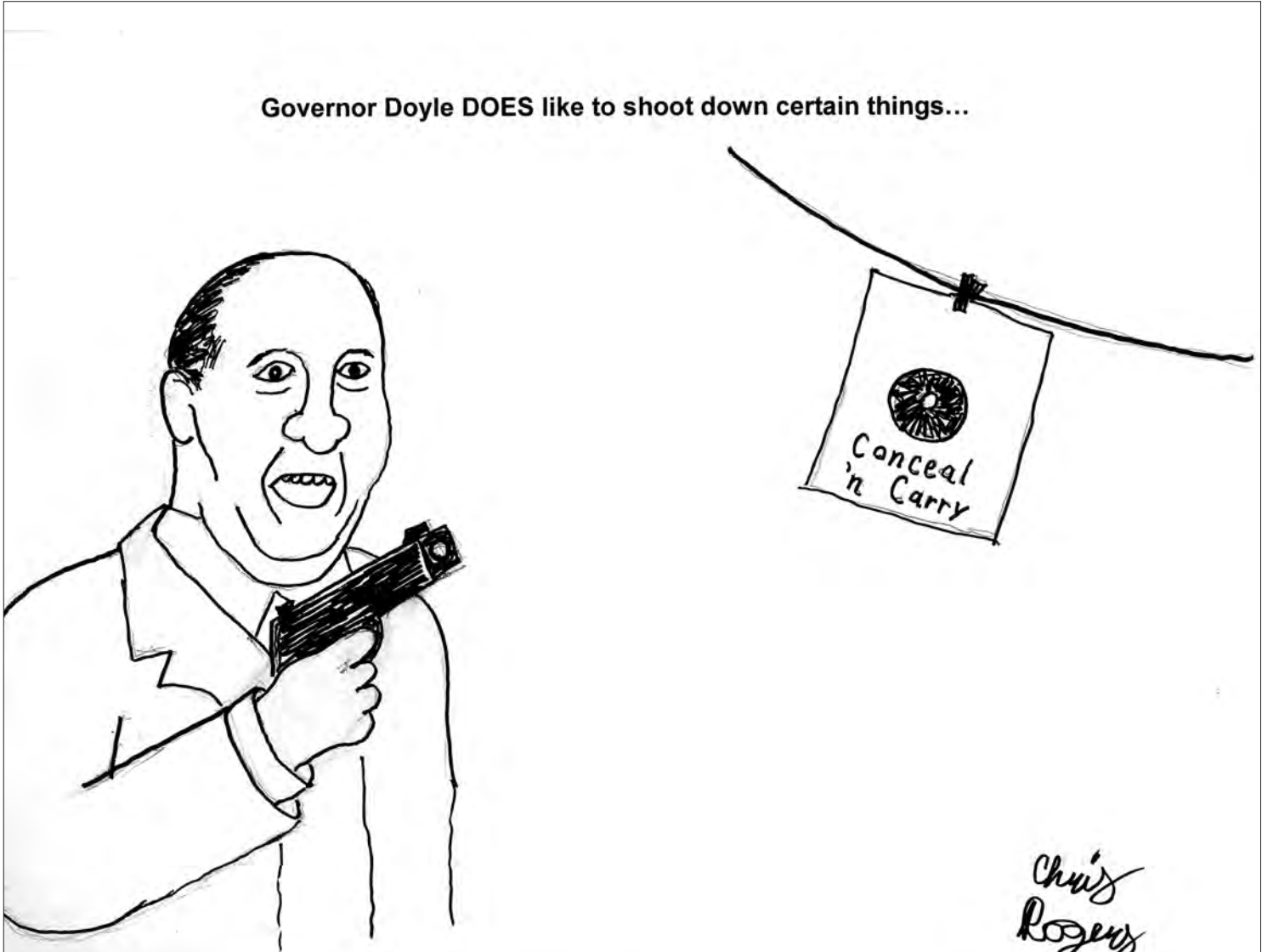
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Energy wasted on ethanol

In response to the call for an on campus ethanol plant, I agree with Mr. McConville for the most part, he makes valid arguments about shipping our money overseas and compromising our nation's security by giving money to those who would do us harm. I also agree that the university could benefit from a renewable source of energy here on campus.

Unfortunately, that cannot come from corn. Ethanol made from corn is a net loser of energy, meaning it takes more energy to produce than we get out of it. Modern agriculture relies on the intense use of fossil fuels as well as fertilizers and pesticides that are derived from fossil fuels and the production of corn ethanol depends on natural gas for distillation, a fuel that isn't getting any cheaper. Dependence on these things has a huge impact on the true amount of energy lost during the production of corn ethanol. There is another way though, cellulose ethanol, derived from other plants is a possibility. These different feedstocks include: paper, cardboard, sawdust, leaves, scrap lumber, rotten fruit, stale beer, switch grass, prairie grasses, cattails, and just about anything else you

can think of. Corn ethanol exacerbates our energy problem; it does nothing to solve it, if you don't take my word for it look up the exhaustive research done by Tad Patzek from UC Berkley, he lays it out with more detail than I can in this space. I too am just passing through, except that I will be gone in a matter of days not months, after that I am continuing on to graduate school to focus my studies on alternative energy. I too hope that this University continues to prepare people for the future, though hopefully one without corn ethanol in it.

Charles Balcerek  
Student

### Johnson theft news not needed

I am writing this in response to the Johnson Hall theft article. The first thing I noticed when I picked up the paper was the headline; Johnson Hall theft puts students on edge. The title impacted me as a resident of Johnson Hall, so I decided to read on. By the end of the article

I was disappointed that it was in the paper. There are many reasons why an article about the theft doesn't belong in the *Student Voice*.

First is that you are advertising

the fact that thieves can get away with stealing Johnson Hall. This will do nothing but worsen the problem in Johnson.

Also, some thieves may decide that they can steal in their own halls.

Next, is that it gives the entire campus a negative image.

Next, imagine how incoming students must feel about our campus when they see a story like this in our paper.

There was also a point about open doors making happy thieves. This is only true when your door is closed but not locked, and when you are away from the room.

I know that my door is open whenever I am in the room, but it isn't making any thieves happy.

Lastly, it makes the staff look bad, which couldn't be farther from the truth.

If you really want to write an article about resident life then you should write an article about a successful campus, hall or wing program.

I would hope that in the future the *Student Voice* would be filled with articles about how good our campus is.

William Larson  
Student

### Dems talk war

On May 2, 2003 Pope Benedict

XVI, as Cardinal Ratzinger, (Head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) stated: "He (John Paul II) did not impose this position (Iraq War not necessary) as doctrine of the Church but as the appeal of a conscience enlightened by faith" (Zenit News Agency).

Unlike many U.S. Democrats, Pope John Paul's thoughts on the Iraq War were not voiced in an arrogant, judgmental manner. He loved America, and praised President George W. Bush's moral leadership (Zenit News - June 4, 2004).

Cardinal Ratzinger later confirmed: "There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion, even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia" (Italian magazine "L'espresso," June 2004).

The House and Senate overwhelmingly approved the Iraq War Resolution.

On Feb. 17, 1998 President Clinton stated: "If Saddam rejects peace and we have to use force, our purpose is clear. We want to seriously diminish the threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program."

Vincent Bemowski  
Menasha, Wis.

# Grade school lessons for Congress

It has been said that everything you need to know can be learned in kindergarten.

Author Robert Fulghum even wrote a book about it. Fulghum's All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten is about the importance of apologizing after you hurt someone, putting things back where you found them, not hitting people, taking a nap every afternoon (simply genius!) and flushing the toilet.

There is nothing novel about Fulghum's suggestions to lead an honest, moral, well-rounded life. It is common sense everyone can embrace.

Apparently some members of congress could use a look at this book, especially the parts essential to their job: playing fair, not taking things that aren't theirs and cleaning up their own mess.

Yet another government scandal has unfolded over the past month - one involving political lobbyist Jack Abramoff and as many as 20 members of Congress. Abramoff, former senior director of government affairs for the Greenberg Traurig law firm, recently pleaded guilty to counts of fraud and tax evasion.

In order to win Republican votes, he bribed lawmakers with a glut of gifts including all-expenses-paid trips to exotic destinations, free meals at his upscale restaurant and expensive tickets to professional sporting events.

Many of the political scandals that have taken place recently seem to be as important as the gossip surrounding the plot of "Desperate Housewives," but this issue actually has importance.

If lawmakers are continually accepting personal gifts from lobbyists, then lawmakers are faced with a conflict of interest. Vote for legislation that will benefit the con-

stituents who constantly give you criticism about your political agenda or the lobbyist who gave them a free trip to the Cayman Islands?

No doubt, many members of congress would think of the Caymans' great scuba diving and phenomenal finger foods.

Hopefully the legal system will teach Abramoff a lesson. At least it will make him devise plans to capitalize on other governmental loopholes, but that should keep him busy for a while. More importantly, the true culprits - members of Congress - are in dire need of some lesson learning as well.

Abramoff was stupid, but the members of Congress should have shown more restraint. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert proposed cutting gifts to members from \$50 to \$20.

Hooray. Way to think reasonably, Mr. Hastert.

If that isn't sufficient enough, lawmakers from both sides are proposing to get rid of personal gifts altogether.

That is a step in the right direction. It's certainly better than that myth of campaign finance reform

that only seems to surface briefly once every four years.

Making such laws is only the beginning of having a Congress not fueled by corruption and greed. Lawmakers need to follow the rules that they make for themselves. The only thing easier than lawmakers passing legislation is to pull the wool over the eyes of Americans and pretend they are adhering to the legislation.

The sad truth is that, although personal gifts might become a thing of the past, lobbyists will always be the main source of campaign contributions, which are legal. Let us see how many members of con-

gress who recently voted in favor of legislation that will benefit major pharmaceutical companies will receive campaign funding from those companies.

My guess is a large majority will.

So you have campaign funding from large organizations on one side and the average American citizen with a small pocketbook on the other.

Again, to whom is the lawmaker going to lend an ear?

The only way to completely end this conflict of interest is to fund campaigns publicly. Imagine a country with political leaders more interested in serving their citizens than securing enough money to get reelected. That seems far too easy.

And not buying your way into a high political position? That seems un-American.

We'll have to settle for slight reform for now. After all, Americans can't expect any sudden major changes in national politics. That too seems un-American.

For the members of Congress, I have a proposal of my own.

First, they should take a look at Fulghum's book. It'll be a good way to separate from the scandals that have littered the political agenda for the past several years. The book is nearly 200 pages long, so it's likely they'll need to take a nap afterward.

Heck, they could even eat a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and drink a glass of chocolate milk. Then, as they continue to reformulate laws regulating the lobbyist-lawmaker relationship, they should keep this book in mind.

No more lying, no more cheating, no more taking things that aren't theirs. And when they're walking down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol, I hope they hold hands, stick together and look before they cross the street.

Ben Jipson is a 21-year-old fourth year English major.



Ben Jipson



# Guidelines for Super Bowl

The most exciting day of the year is here again and yes, I do mean Super Bowl Sunday.

And what will the best day of the year be without some sort of party? It will make the big game that much more fun and you get another excuse to get a little out of control.

You could invite your best friends and they could bring some new people that you have not yet had the chance to meet. Maybe you could even get a little gambling in since it is a sporting event, and what fun are they if you don't have a little bit of friendly betting?

All these are very good things to start out with, but there are many more ingredients into throwing the perfect Super Bowl party.

The first ingredient is to plan out and get what you need to throw this party of parties.

First off, you will need a reasonably-sized TV depending on how many people you are inviting. Everyone there should be able



Jason Conway

to see the television if they are so inclined to watch the game. You will also need to have enough seats so that everyone there will be comfortable.

The second, and maybe the most important thing that you will need, is food.

Everyone likes to snack when they watch football, so a large amount of snacks is very necessary, and if you want some main course items it would be cool to put them on your menu.

The next, and some would say the absolute most important item you will need, is tasty beverages. You should widen your horizons a little bit on this one so that you will have enough and everyone that comes will be very content on what they are drinking.

Or use the fail-safe method and just have everyone bring his or her own drinks, your typical BYOB. But it is still very important to have some drinks ready to go and to have plenty of mixes for those hard

drinkers.

Another thing that you need to keep in mind when throwing a great party is the more rules you have, the less time your guests will spend at your party.

I read this little bit of info in a book called The Modern Drunkard by Frank Kelly Rich, along with some of the other info in this column. Rules restrict people and that means they could just go home and do whatever they want in the privacy of their own home.

To get around having a bunch of rules, follow these couple steps.

First, have the party where there is not a lot of breakable stuff. A garage or a basement recreation room would be a very ideal place.

Then, instead of making rules that say guests cannot do something, make rules saying they have to get out of line.

For instance, encourage shouting, make everyone pick a winner before the game and make it a party foul to talk during those fascinating Super Bowl commercials.

Don't forget, the Super Bowl comes once a year so do the party right.

# Student majority remains unheard

As we begin our second half of the school year, I feel compelled to write a follow-up column to the one I wrote last term about the grading system.

On Feb. 15, 2005, the Student Senate voted to officially oppose a change in the grading policy from a straight letter grade format to a scale that incorporates plusses and minuses. This decision was based on a survey that showed opposition to the change from more than half of the students and faculty on campus.

It has been almost a year since the Student Senate voted to oppose the grading change, but what has this really accomplished?

The grading change is still in effect, there is little to no vocal opposition to the policy and we are left with a combination of old and new systems that has led to a lot of confusion and frustration.

Let's get our facts straight here.

Out of 867 people - composed of students, faculty and staff - 51 percent of those stated they did not want the grading change to occur, 42 percent voted for the change and seven percent did not care either way. In any rational free society, 51 percent of the population indicates a majority rule - simply look at the election results of 2004 for further proof of this.

So if the majority of students and faculty oppose the new grading system, why are we still considering it?

Is there some sort of secret "Electoral College" making these decisions behind closed doors without concern for the people who are affected by it? Do we as representatives of this University really have any say

in what goes on around us, or are we all supposed to sit back and hang on for the ride?

Based on my own observations this term, I believe most of the faculty do not really care for the grading scale in its current form.

Of the seven classes I have this term, five are using the old grading system and one is using a modified version that does not incorporate the minuses. Only one teacher is using the new system in its entirety.

One of the teachers who elected not to use the new grading system even announced on the



Hans Hage

first day of class she would not use it because the students voted against it, and she was choosing to respect their wishes.

If only the people who actually made the decisions shared this respect for the students, there wouldn't be any controversy. Unfortunately, this is simply not the case.

In order to quell any confusion over the grading scale, the University should incorporate a policy that is applied uniformly across campus.

Most of the students and faculty have stated that they would prefer the old system. While our voices have seemingly fallen on deaf ears, this is no reason to lay down and admit defeat.

I encourage everyone to express their opinions on this matter.

Perhaps with enough discussion we can reach some sort of consensus that benefits not only the students, but the image of the University as a whole.

With rampant indecision and a governing body that ignores the opinions of its students, this University appears both hypocritical and uncaring. Is that really how we want to be seen?

# Oppose gun carrying for safety's sake

By the time this newspaper hits the stands, we will all know whether or not Wisconsin citizens are able to conceal and carry guns.

The bill (SB 403) has already been passed by both the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly, but Gov. Doyle vetoed the bill on Jan. 20. By the following Monday, the Senate had voted with a two-thirds majority to override the Governor's veto with the Assembly scheduled to hold a vote on Tuesday.

The proposed conceal and carry bill would allow citizens of Wisconsin to obtain permits by passing a course, which would allow them to carry concealed firearms.

However, what will in fact happen is that there will be more guns on the streets, and in my opinion, that will never make us safer.

Many gun-rights activists point to the Second Amendment of the United States

Constitution as protection to their right to conceal and carry handguns or to own semi-automatic or automatic weapons.

The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free States, the right of the



Nate Cook

people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The context United States Constitution was written in must be considered.

At that point in United States history, there were not a United States armed force as we know it today. There was a larger emphasis on individual states rather than the United States as

a whole.

During that time period, it was expected that states' militia would serve as the protectors of both the states and of the country.

However, that is not the case today. We have the largest and most highly advanced armed forces in the entire world protecting this country. There is no longer a need for the citizens to keep and bear arms as a means of protecting the state or country.

Perhaps one of the most troubling aspects of this proposed bill is the ability of the citizens who will be able to legally carry concealed firearms into places in a gun should not be present.

Citizens with the permit would be able to legally conceal and carry firearms in shopping malls, government buildings and banks among others. They also could potentially be able to conceal and carry firearms on UW campuses.

# American obsession with SUVs unsafe, overrated

I have often been left frustrated when trying to talk to others about this nation's apparent obsession with the large sports utility vehicles.

Why are some people so certain they require a mammoth vehicle for their daily travels? There are hundreds of justifications the owners of these new purchases give, but most often they just like the feeling of owning the big tough SUV.

To many people across the United States and the world, these suburban assault vehicles have become a symbol of our country's arrogance and ego-tism.

People have always taken an enormous amount of pride in their vehicles, and for many years now the trend has been bigger is better. If your automobile is larger than your neighbor's then

you have more to be proud of because you have the better vehicle.

This is just a ridiculous assessment stirred up by the big American car producers so that John Q. Public runs out



Travis Greiman

and buys a goliath he can't even fit into his garage.

Just look at the vast majority of SUV ads with large vehicles forcing their

way across open rocky terrain. A lot of people in the Midwest buy SUVs, but the closest they will ever come to blazing a trail across the open wilderness is driving down the gravel road to the cabin.

We have are fascinated by this consuming idea of freedom and superiority that an SUV will supposedly give us.

There are a lot of excuses we give to justify this status symbol, but they are often far fetched.

People claim that they need to pull massive loads or want a heavier vehicle for slippery roads. There are some jobs and hobbies that require more horsepower, but this sort of use accounts for a small fraction of SUV use.

Just watch daily commuters heading to and from work - I think the picture

speaks for itself.

And contrary to popular belief, a heavier vehicle doesn't give any more traction; that's just basic physics.

However, the largest obstacle I encounter when trying to debate our choice in automobiles is people claiming they need one to make their family safe. It is true that in a collision between cars the heavier vehicle is safer for its occupants, but this comes as a direct cost to those who are in the lighter vehicle. This means you are more likely to severely injure someone else's family while driving your protected fortress.

This is not a solution to our dangerous roads. If we all buy larger cars, we are right back where we started, but now the vehicles are more dangerous because car companies compromised

safety in order to increase size and ground clearance.

In actuality, this compromise makes SUVs more dangerous to its passengers on the roads, even with the added benefit of being able to crush the numerous smaller cars that still persist.

A study was conducted by the Children's Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania and compiled data of vehicular accidents from across the country. The end results showed that children in SUVs were almost twice as likely to become seriously injured than those riding in cars.

The stats don't lie. It may feel safer, but it is not.

I just hope everyone considering purchasing a vehicle looks at the facts of the matter and doesn't become manipulated by ad gimmicks.



Amanda Spangberg, sophomore

"For a week I went to Mexico. And for the other three weeks I worked."

## STUDENT VOICES

Joe Burger, sophomore



"Partied with the theater students at ACTF (American College Theater Festival). And I brought a new meaning to comic relief."



Jason Chorba, junior

"I went to Las Vegas and I lost like \$600. Other than that I sat at home and played video games."

## What did you do over break?

Leah Schellinger, freshman



"I slept and went sledding with my friends from back home."



Ashley Long, freshman

"I worked a lot, rode my horses and hung out with friends."

Andy Thompson, sophomore



"Slept till 11:30 each day and basically hung out with friends."



# Classic games renewed



Sarah Packingham

Ever since I was a little girl, I’ve enjoyed watching sports.

One of my favorite sporting events has always been the Olympics. On Feb. 10, when the Opening Ceremony takes place, I will once again be filled with pride for American athletes and excitement of what competitions will take place in the following weeks.

One of my favorite Olympic memories comes from the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

I remember sitting in front of my television and watching Kerri Strug land a vault that would clinch a gold medal for the U.S. Women’s Gymnastics Team.

I also remember watching young U.S. figure skaters beat Michelle Kwan twice. This year may very well be her last attempt at adding an Olympic Gold Medal to her collection.

Unfortunately, I was born in 1985 and wasn’t here to see one of the great moments in the United States Olympic history. In Lake Placid, N.Y., the last men’s hockey dream team took part in one of the greatest games that has ever been played.

The United States took a group of young collegiate players from across the country and, under the direction of legendary coach Herb Brooks, made history doing what nobody could have even dreamed.

Brooks handpicked his team almost the first time he saw them play.

Who would have ever believed they would turn into the greatest team in the world?

From the beginning, there was arguing between the players due to high intensity college rivalries. The team had 12 players from Minnesota, but only two from Wisconsin.

There was also a handful from other states across the country. It took some time before they were able to sort it all out, but once the team got their act together they were unbelievable.

They were a dream team simply because they were young college kids, doing what they always wanted to do. This was the last time they used college athletes in the games.

Some people say that’s fine, others want to see the young, fresh talent taking part in the games.

Personally, I like the idea of having young athletes in the Olympics. If other teams aren’t using all of their professional athletes, why are we? These young men gave America the chance to once again believe in miracles just as Al Michaels questioned in the final seconds of the game when he asked the people, “Do you believe in miracles?”

The United States took on the Soviet Union Feb. 22, 1980 in a game that nobody expected them to win. The Soviets were all professionals, and had many years of experience playing together, whereas the United States had only been together for a few short months.

My dad once told me that this game has been boiled down to a game between democracy and communism.

I guess democracy won.

The United States also went on to win the gold medal.

Maybe this year we will see more miracles as we see a handful of athletes from around Minnesota and Wisconsin taking part in the games. There’s a ski jumper from Duluth, Minn. a curler from Bemidji, Minn. and even a women’s hockey player from Siren, Wisc. and a speed skater just to name a few.

So I know I will be watching the Olympics in anticipation, waiting again for a little piece of history or a miracle to come my way so I have something to write about.

# After a tough weekend Falcons look ahead

St. Norbert dominated Friday night’s game, Falcons regroup for victory over Lake Forest Saturday night at home

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On Friday and Saturday night the UW-River Falls men’s hockey team hit the ice for the first time since Dec. 14 with a full student section crowd backing them up, and they hoped to make the most of it this weekend.

There were, however, a few mishaps on Friday night as they took on second ranked Div. III school, St. Norbert. The Green Knights dominated over the Falcons and won 7-0.

Falcon goaltender AJ Bucchino let in three goals in the first period as the team dug a hole they were unable to climb out of. The Green Knights also scored two goals in each of the last two periods for the 7-0 victory, which was not what the Falcons were hoping for.

“This game was one of those situations where everybody has it circled on their calendar and everybody got really wound up. Maybe we were just wound up too much,” head coach Steve Freeman said. “It was just one of those games where nothing went right. I was impressed that the team kept playing hard and that the student section kept enthusiasm to the end.”

This was the first time River Falls had been shut out in nearly a year, which most recently took place on Feb. 4, 2005 when they traveled to Green Bay to take on St. Norbert.

“The score didn’t really tell about the game,” sophomore Pat Borgestad said. “It really gave us a reality check and helped us play on Saturday.”

Freeman said that it was very unexpected that River



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

**UW-River Falls sophomore Pat Borgestad crashes towards the net in an attempt to out skate a Lake Forest defender. The Falcons took on Lake Forest on Saturday night in an attempt to avenge a 3-2 loss earlier in the season.**

Falls lost such a lopsided game. He said the coach of St. Norbert was also surprised by the huge difference in score between the two teams.

Junior Aaron Venasky thought there was only one way to describe the Falcons’ play on Friday night.

“It was like our wheels came off the wagon. We put ourselves in a hole and couldn’t get out of it,” Venasky said.

River Falls was hoping for a change of pace with a different opponent on Saturday night. The

Falcons play was much better as they came out with a 4-3 victory.

River Falls came out flying in the first period of the game when Jim Henkemeyer scored his sixth goal of the season on the power play, while Wade Harstad and Tyler Kostuik assisted. The Falcons held that lead going into the second, but unfortunately, nearly halfway through the period, Lake Forest’s Mike Kneeland scored to tie the game.

In the third period, a majority of the games scoring took place when the Falcons took control in

**“He’s been Mr. Reliable throughout his entire playing career.”**

Steve Freeman,  
Head hockey coach

the early minutes of the period, scoring two goals. Borgestad gave the Falcons the lead 2-1, and Jared Sailer gave the Falcons more of a cushion. However, the falcons were unable to hold onto

the lead, Lake Forest was able to tie up the game and were hoping to force overtime with River Falls, but the Falcons would have none of that as Aaron Venasky scored his fourth goal of the season with only 1:54 remaining in the game to seal the Falcons victory.

“We were playing hard on that shift, we were due to get a goal,” Venasky said.

The Falcons dominated in shots 51-34, as Dan Meneghin

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# Men’s volleyball club takes shape

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When sophomore Jack Dunn first stepped onto the UW-River Falls campus in the fall of 2004, he knew that he wanted to start a men’s volleyball club.

“I was planning on starting the club right when I got here last year but had no luck,” Dunn said.

However, this year Dunn’s plan was finally put into action and a team was able to take shape after River Falls had been without a men’s team for about five years.

Dunn said that was the last talk he had heard about River Falls’ men’s volleyball, and that team sort of fizzled away.

Early this school year, Dunn recruited help for his team to take shape.

“This year, I had help from Kurran Sagan and Natalie Hagberg in the Leadership Center, and was able to find more guys who played,” Dunn said.

Dunn is the president of the organization, which makes him a captain on the court. The other captain is Vice President Damon Liberatore. Their team takes part in a well-known volleyball conference.

“Our club team is part of the Northern Intercollegiate Volleyball Conference,” Dunn said. “We are scheduled to play in several tournaments within our conference against schools like the U of M, UM-Duluth,

Eau Claire, Stout and Saint Cloud, to name a few. We are actually one of the last universities in the area to field a men’s volleyball team.”

This school year, the team has participated in two pre-season tournaments that took place last semester.

The Falcons recently hosted the UW-RF Open at River Falls High School on Sunday. This tournament was the first of the regular season.

Dunn said the high school has a great facility, which made the tournament much better. River Falls also had success in this tournament.

“We finished fourth in the tournament. We were satisfied with that finish because we were playing against some of the best teams in the Midwest,” Dunn said.

Five other schools took place in the tournament, including: Michigan Tech, Winona State, Saint Cloud State, UM-Duluth and Carleton.

Dunn said his team is always looking for new players who want to take part on the team. Even though the process to become a team has been difficult, he’s found the final results incredibly rewarding. He is also looking forward to this season.

“Things were extremely difficult when I was trying to get the club off the ground,” Dunn said. “It was hard work to get a solid roster, but we have some radical new talent and always a good lineup.”



Submitted Photo

**During the men’s volleyball tournament at River Falls High school, sophomore Bee Vue spikes the ball at opponents.**

# River Falls beats highly ranked UW-Oshkosh

**Falcons hit the court strong in second half**

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The UW-River Falls men’s basketball team is getting back on track in the second half of the season, winning the last two out of three games, both against top teams in the conference.

“We are starting to win when it counts,” head coach Rick Bowen said. “We are getting better when we are supposed to get better.”

The Falcons played the UW-Oshkosh Titans last Saturday. The Titans were first in the

conference coming into the game against the Falcons. With three seconds left in the game, sophomore Ryan Thompson threw a three pointer and missed, but senior Marcus James got the rebound and put in winning the game for the Falcons.

“I honestly don’t remember much about it,” James said. “All I remember is me having the ball, then being on the bottom of a huge pile of people.”

The year has been pretty hectic for the Falcons, but players have been improving.

“Ryan Thompson and Ryan Zylstra are the two most improved on the team,” James said. “Zylstra is said to be a solid

force in the WIAC, and Thompson is extremely confident now.”

Junior Hans Hoeg agrees.

“Ryan Zylstra has improved his post game dramatically,” Hoeg said. “Early in the year it was shaky, now it is very solid.”

The Falcons have four games left in the season. All four of these teams beat UW-RF earlier in the year.

“It’s going to be tough winning these last four games,” Hoeg said. “I have confidence in my team that we could come out with at least three out of four.”

Bowen said that the key to winning these last four games,

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## FALCON FOR A DAY



Sarah Packingham/Student Voice

**Freshman men’s hockey player Derek Hansberry signs a young fans shirt at the annual Falcon For a Day. The event started by skating with the young fans and showing off the new locker room. The event ended with autographs, a question and answer session and pizza.**



SPORTS WRAP

Falkons sweep St. Mary’s at home

On Saturday the UW-River Falls men’s and women’s swim teams took on St. Mary’s at home. Both teams came away with a fairly sided victory. The women won 121-67 as the men were victorious 94-55. Marissa Merchant had one of the best days for the Falcon women as she helped the team win the 200 medley relay and individually took fifth place in the 100 freestyle race. Tom Fritchen had one of the best performances for the men, winning the 1000 freestyle. The Falcons have until Feb. 9 to prepare for the WIAC meet to take place at the University of Minnesota.

<b>Women</b> <b>January 28 results</b> <b>vs St. Mary’s</b> <b>UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)</b> 1. Westlund, 1000 yd freestyle-12:45:80; 1.Sandeberg, 200 yd. freestyle-2:07:41 <b>January 21 results</b> <b>UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)</b> 3. Mandich, 100 yd freestyle - 57.43; 1. Cannady, 200 yd breaststroke - 2:38.66; 2.Thompson, 50 yd freestyle - 26.35; 3. Cannady, 100 yd breaststroke - 1:13.72.	<b>Men</b> <b>January 28 results</b> <b>vs St. Mary’s</b> <b>UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)</b> 1. Fritchen, 1000 yd. freestyle-11:58:75 2. Banz, 200 yd. freestyle-1:55:68 <b>January 21 results</b> <b>UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)</b> 4. Smaagard, 50 yd freestyle - 23.37; 2. Banz, 100 yd butterfly - 58.65; 1. Brudzinski, 200 yd breaststroke - 2:33.65.
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Track and Field off to a running start

The UW-River Falls Track and Field team took part in their second meet of the season over the weekend. The Falcons traveled to the UW-Stout Open to show what they have been working hard on during the off-season. Distance runner Jason Phillippi had a big day for the Falcons winning the 3,000 meter run with a time of 8:52:81. Dave Jones placed second in the 400 with a time of 51:89. Kevin McDonough was just another one of the Falcon runners with an impressive time of 2:01:09 in the 800.

The men’s team wasn’t the only ones having a strong day. The women’s team also started off the season on a high note. Krista Hasselquist won the shot put and finished third in the weight throw. In the pole vault, Holly Kromray received a second place for her efforts. Two Falcon women also placed first and second in the 55 meter hurdles. Brittany Smith finished first, with Jessica Reed close on here heels. There were no team scores kept during this event. The Falcons travel to Mankato this weekend to take on MSU-Mankato.

<b>Women</b> <b>January 28 results</b> <b>Stout Open</b> <b>No Team scores kept</b>	<b>Men</b> <b>January 28 results</b> <b>Stout Open</b> <b>No Team scores kept</b>
<b>UW-RF top finishers (event/performance)</b> 4.Smith, 200-meter - 27.70; 3.Reed, 55-meter hurdles - 8.91; 2.Kromray, Pole Vault - 9’7.1”; 6.Smith, Long Jump - 16’4.25”; 1.Hasselquist, Shot Put - 43’0.25”.	<b>UW-RF top finishers (event/performance)</b> 5.Meissner, 200 meter - 23.43; 5.Moore, 55-meter hurdles - 8.57; 4.Moore, High Jump - 5’11.25”; 2.Christy, Long Jump - 21’1.25”; 4.Olson, Shot Put - 43’9”.

Women’s basketball defeats Oshkosh

The Falcons lost by eight on the road at UW-Stout on Wednesday evening, looking to beat another WIAC foe. On Saturday afternoon, the Falcons took on UW-Oshkosh at home. River Falls came out with a 67-48 victory. Krista Cordes was the leading scorer for the Falcons with 14 points. Megan Lindman, Traci Reimann, Miranda Biteler and Kim Sorenson all scored over 10 points. The Falcons had impressive numbers all around including scoring 49.1 percent from the field and 77.8 percent from the free throw line.

<b>February 1 results</b> <b>UW-River Falls</b> 31 25 - 56 <b>UW-Stout</b> 28 36 - 64	Sorenson 3-13; Nakaikie 2-20 <b>UW-Stout (pts-rebs-assist)</b> Duoss 18-7-1; L.Geissler 11-5-3; Hendricks 7-2-2; Oeltjen 6-1-1; Nemitz 5-3-0; McDermid 5-4-0; Boese 4-1-1; A.Geissler 3-1-1; Edwards 2-3-0; Oelkers 2-3-0; Bird 1-0-2
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Sports Wrap compiled by Sarah Packingham

STANDINGS

<b>Men’s basketball</b> <b>WIAC Standings</b> UW-Stout(16-4) UW-Whitewater(14-5) UW-Stevens Point(13-7) UW-Lacrosse(17-4) UW-Oshkosh(15-6) UW-Platteville(9-10) UW-River Falls(5-15) UW-Eau Claire(10-10) UW-Superior(5-15)	<b>W</b> 9 8 8 8 4 4 3 0	<b>L</b> 3 3 3 4 7 8 9 11	UW-Superior(4-15) 0 11
<b>Women’s basketball</b> <b>WIAC Standings</b> UW-Oshkosh(15-6) UW-Stevens Point(15-5) UW-Stout(13-7) UW-Lacrosse(16-5) UW-River Falls(10-11) UW-Platteville(9-10) UW-Eau Claire(10-11) UW-Whitewater(10-10)	<b>W</b> 9 8 8 7 6 5 5 4	<b>L</b> 3 3 4 5 6 6 7	<b>Women’s hockey</b> <b>NCHA Standings</b> UW-Superior(14-2-2) UW-Stevens Point(10-4-3) UW-River Falls(11-8-1) Lake Forest(11-5-3) UW-Eau Claire(5-10-4) Finlandia(7-10-2)

For complete stats check out UW-RF Sports Information Web site at [www.uwrf.edu/sports](http://www.uwrf.edu/sports)

TOP PERFORMERS



Jenny Wallace  
Women’s hockey

Wallace was named NCHA Player of the Week. Wallace scored two goals over the weekend, including the game winner against Finlandia on Sunday.



Hans Hoeg  
Men’s basketball

Hoeg was named WIAC Player of the Week. Hoeg scored 21 points to lead his team to victory over UW-Oshkosh. Hoeg is the teams leading scorer.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

A River Falls defender attempts to get to the puck before players from UW-Superior. The Falcons lost the game 2-1.

Falcons earn weekend victory

Wallace named WIAC player of the week

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After going 4-3 over the winter break, the UW-River Falls women’s hockey team was looking for fan support to lead them to victory over UW-Superior and Finlandia last weekend. The Falcons first took to the ice against UW-Superior and were outshot horribly in the game, 42-19. Falcon junior goaltender Amber Linder kept the team in the game despite the uneven shot attempts, but the Falcons still lost 2-1.

Superior scored just 2:50 into the game to take a 1-0 lead that they would carry into the third period. Superior would score again to make the lead 2-0. Falcon senior Lindsay O’Keefe scored on a power play with an assist from freshman Leigh Lindsgraph. The Falcons pulled Linder with less than a minute remaining on the clock, hoping to tie the game in the final seconds, but the team had no such luck and UW-Superior skated away with a 2-1 victory. “I think we just came out flat,” senior Lou Paulson said. Despite losing, Linder had a good game. Her 40 saves displayed her at the top of her game. “She played really well; she was on her toes,” Paulson said of Linder’s performance. Following the loss to Superior, the Falcons hoped to regain momentum and beat the visiting Finlandia Lions. The Lions scored first, but they didn’t keep the lead for long as Falcon forward Leah Baron scored to tie up the game at 1-1. That wasn’t the only goal River Falls would get in the first period, as Jenny Wallace scored at 13:35 and Lindsay O’Keefe

<b>January 29 results</b> <b>Finlandia</b> 1 3 0 - 4 <b>UW-River Falls</b> 3 1 2 - 6	<b>First period</b> 04:43 FINW - Horrigan (Danielson, Syrowik) 07:00 RF - Baron (Anderson, Halseth) 13:35 RF - Wallace (Buehner, Halseth) 18:41 RF - O’Keefe (Anderson, Paulson) <b>Second period</b> 03:51 FINW - Horrigan (unassisted) 05:10 RF - Paulson (Juven, Scanlon) 05:25 FINW - Sleik (Leitch, Peterson) 06:21 FINW - Sleik (Riutta, Cote) <b>Third period</b> 09:12 RF - Wallace (Landgraf, Halseth) 10:00 RF - Jenson (O’Keefe, Baron)
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<b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b> FINW - Markovich 59:26-41-35 RF - Lindner 60:00-30-26	<b>January 28 results</b> <b>UW-Superior</b> 1 0 1 - 2 <b>UW-River Falls</b> 0 0 1 - 1
<b>First period</b> 2:50 WSUP - McClintock (Evoy, Bennett)	<b>Second period</b> No Scoring <b>Third period</b> 04:22 WSUP - Jenkins (Kegley, Aubin) 12:32 RF - O’Keefe (Landgraf) <b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b> WSUP - Faechner 60:00-19-18 RF - Lindner 59:50-42-40

Bowen talks about legendary career

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UW-River Falls men’s basketball coach Rick Bowen has accomplished a lot in his life - much in this year alone. Bowen entered his 20th season this year as head coach of the Falcons. He has had the privilege of coaching some of the biggest names in the school, which include Dean Cook, Rick Montreal and Rich Melzer. Bowen, like most coaches and players, started playing the game of basketball when he was in fifth grade. He played all through high school and went to Indiana University where he was student manager for the basketball team there. “I wasn’t good enough to play in college,” Bowen said. “I decided to be a manager so I

could still be a part of the team.” Bowen served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969. He served as a combat medic in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions. Bowen first started his coaching career at various high schools in Indiana. Then, after years of coaching high school basketball, he was given the opportunity to be the assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin. After five years as a Wisconsin Badger assistant coach, he was offered the head coaching position at UW-RF. Standing by his side as Bowen’s top assistant for nine years is Jeff Berkhof. Bowen and Berkhof have known each other for 12 years. “Jeff is a great assistant coach along with the rest of them,” Bowen said. “It’s amazing how

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was in net for the fifth time this season, earning also his fifth victory. “He’s been Mr. Reliable throughout his entire playing career,” Freeman said. River Falls had not lost in their last nine games, with their last loss being on Dec. 3 to St. Norbert, where they lost 5-2. Over the winter break they beat Marian, Bethel, St. Mary’s, St. Thomas, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stevens Point. The Falcons are on the road this weekend as they travel to Duluth to take on St. Scholastica Friday night, and then they will head over the bridge to Superior to take on UW-Superior Saturday night. The Falcons have already beat Scholastica and tied UW-Superior.

<b>January 28 results</b> <b>UW-River Falls</b> 1 0 3 - 4 <b>Lake Forest</b> 0 1 2 - 3	<b>First period</b> 17:46 RF - Henkemeyer (Harstad, Kostjuk) <b>Second period</b> 10:23 LFC - Kneeland (Lee, Russette) <b>Third period</b> 00:56 RF - Borgestad (Hansberry, Dahl) 03:39 RF - Sailer (Malark, Underwood) 06:56 LFC - Tobias (Morrison) 11:41 LFC - Kniaziew (Russette) 18:06 RF - Venasky (Tiberio, Sailer) <b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b> RF - Meneghin 60:00-34-31 LFC - Campbell 59:46-51-47
<b>January 27 results</b>	

“Every remaining game is huge; we can’t stress it enough,” Borgestad said. “It’s going to come down to the last weekend of play to see where we are in the standings. Freshman Derek Hansberry has only had a run-in with UW-Superior and St. Scholastica once in his career, but he feels confident about the upcoming weekend. “Scholastica is a good time, they’ve been hot. We have to come out hitting every shift,” Hansberry said. “We’re a bigger team that Superior, so we should come out using our size.” The Falcons haven’t had much luck in up in Superior recently. “We haven’t beaten them in Superior since I’ve been here,” Venasky said. The Falcons are hoping this weekend their luck can change and come out on top.

<b>UW-River Falls</b> 0 0 0 - 0 <b>St. Norbert</b> 3 2 2 - 7	<b>First period</b> 11:22 SNC - Hughes (Derton, Belanger) 12:10 SNC - Cote (Mitchell, Wosnack) 16:23 SNC - Belanger (Hazelwood, Hughes) <b>Second period</b> 7:48 SNC - Wing (Hughes) 16:09 SNC - Wing (Belanger, Cote) <b>Third period</b> 5:41 SNC - Hughes (Carbery, Belanger) 19:10 SNC - R. Peterson (Boisjoli, K. Peterson) <b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b> RF - Bucchino 60:00-38-31 SNC - Jones 60:00-30-30
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Men’s basketball: Defeats Oshkosh

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especially the ones on the road, is to play them “one game at a time.” The Falcons’ next game is at UW-Platteville on Feb. 4 The Falcons next home contest is against UW-Eau Claire on Feb. 8.

<b>February 1 results</b> <b>UW-River Falls</b> 21 28 - 49 <b>UW-Stout</b> 30 33 - 63	<b>UW-Stout (pts-rebs-assist)</b> Farmer 16-7-2; Ja. Nonemacher 15-11-3; Chandler 10-5-3; Jo. Nonemacher 6-10-0; Stangl 6-3-0; Chaisson 5-9-4; Clopton 3-0-0; Buck 2-1-0 <b>UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist)</b> Olson 14-2-0; Zylstra 9-1-0; Hoeg 7-1-1; Elling 5-2-1; James 4-6-0; Thompson 3,2,5; Maas 2,3,2; Rondeau 2,0,0; Pearson 2,1,0; Kossoris 1,1,3
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Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

A River Falls men’s basketball player attempts to escape from two defenders from visiting UW-Oshkosh on Saturday. Oshkosh was ranked in the top 10 in the country, and River Falls was able to escape with a last second victory.



Rick Bowen

hard our assistants work for such little money they get.” Everything isn’t just basketball for Bowen. He likes to play golf in his free time over the summer, but planting orchards is his real passion. “When I retire, I plan on growing my apple trees,” Bowen said. “I also plan on growing my ponytail.”

Bowen loves coaching and teaching in River Falls. He wasn’t planning on coaching at UW-RF for 20 years, it just sort of happened. “They treat me very well here,” Bowen said. “I love the community and the people in it.” Sophomore Ryan Thompson commented on Bowen, saying that he was very “passionate” for the game of basketball, and knows the game very well. Junior Hans Hoeg added to Thompson’s comment, saying that when he coaches, he is very “intense” out on the court. The biggest accomplishment of the year for Bowen was moving into seventh place on the all-time wins list for the WIAC conference. Bowen now has 264 wins in his 20 years of coaching. Bowen and his Falcons next home game is Feb. 8.

Make sure to check out the Falcon athletics on Pure Radio 88.7 WRFW-FM. They work hard to carry Falcon men’s hockey along with men’s and women’s basketball.



## Languages: Prospective benefit for University and students

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While the final outcome will not be known until the 2007 fiscal year budget is approved, the recognition of need for a global connection at both the national and local levels has been appreciated on campus.

"It's too early to know the specific impact that the initiative

might have on the UW-RF," Chapin said. "However, it is very encouraging to know that our Chancellor was one of a very select group of university leaders who are involved in the early stages of the program."

UW-RF faculty members are hopeful that the University will reap the benefits of the NSLI. None of the initiative's critical

foreign languages are currently offered.

"I certainly would like to see some of it [the money] come this way," said Peter Johansson, Modern Language department chair. "We already have links to China, and perhaps something will happen to benefit this institution and its students."

# State of the University

## Chancellor addresses campus about issues, accomplishments

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Chancellor Don Betz and campus governance leaders led a meeting Tuesday to inform students, staff and faculty of UW-River Falls' recent accomplishments and upcoming issues. The meeting was held in Abbott Concert Hall from 4 to 5 p.m.

The major piece Betz spoke about was the advanced draft of the University's core values,

mission statement and vision.

Core values of the institution will be: integrity, academic excellence, inclusiveness, community and continuous improvement.

The mission statement says, "Our mission is to: Help students learn so that they are successful as productive, creative, ethical, engaged citizens and leaders with an informed global perspective."

The vision serves as an expansion of the mission statement, and dictates what the University strives to accomplish.

Another important topic addressed at the meeting was the initialization of a private funding

campaign to reinvent Ramer Field. The goal is to envelop the area in pine trees, improve the lighting system, frame the superstructure with brick, extend the size and improve the quality of the press box, and construct brick fencing with stone caps. The renovation will also include updating the center section of the bleachers to include seat backs, and creating a soccer-ready field to expand opportunities for soccer game times.

Other issues discussed at the meeting were fundraising, new hires, the campus beautification project and the campus leadership initiative.

## JAZZ IT UP



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Kyle Tennis (left) and Anthony Bloch (center) entertain students at Brandy's Jazz and Open Mic night Feb. 1. The house band performed the entire night before being joined by a lone guitarist from the crowd.

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To abnormally warm temperatures



To the start of another semester of classes

To new issues of the Student Voice



Falcon Favorites



Jenna Bilskemper  
Writing Center Tutor

Bilskemper is one of the students who tutors in the Writing Center. It is her job to help assist students of all majors with writing papers. The goal of being a tutor in the Writing Center is to help individuals with writing weaknesses. She has been a tutor in the Writing Center for the past three semesters, four if you count the one semester of training that is required. When not in the classroom or helping other students, she can be found camping, hiking and learning to snowboard. “The best part of being a tutor is the practice and hands-on experience,” Bilskemper says. These are two things that will prove helpful because she is majoring in education.

Campus Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 5

3 p.m. - Soprano Krista Palmquist  
A faculty recital featuring soprano Krista Palmquist, who will be accompanied by Twin Cities pianist Thomas Bartsch, will feature Edvard Grieg’s only song cycle, “Haugtussa,” sung in Norwegian. Grieg’s music was most influential in Norway’s independence from Sweden 100 years ago. Also on the program are works by Rorem, Ireland, Head and Vaughan Williams.  
Fee: Free  
Location: Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building

Monday, Feb. 6

8 p.m. - Wyman Series: Race and Religion Symposium  
This program brings together three slam poets of very different backgrounds to perform their politically charged poetry and to inspire dialogue with the audience. Through the art of spoken word, you will gain a better understanding of race and religious issues in the current state of American politics. The Symposium features Bryonn Bain, Harvard Law School graduate wrongfully arrested by New York City police; Jason Carney, former skinhead from Texas; and Kevin Coval, poet, emcee, essayist, activist and educator from Cape Town. Contact the Leadership Center at (715) 425-4911 for more information.  
Free for UW-RF Students with ID  
\$3 for 18 and under  
\$5 for general public  
Location: North Hall Auditorium

Wednesday, Feb. 8

3-4 p.m. - Lion’s Paw Book Club: Bel Canto by Ann Patchett.  
Retired English professor Margaret Odegard will lead this Lion’s Paw Book Club discussion. For more information call the library at 715/425-3321.  
Fee: Free.  
Location: Chalmer Davee Library (Breezeway)

FALCON REVIEWS

Band hits new Heights

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Punk, pop-punk, emo, screamo or indie rock. Call it what you want, but that does not take away from the fact that young bands across the nation are blowing up everywhere. This new style of music for today’s teens and young adults has minds boggling at how many new bands there really are. Whether you like it or not, this style of music is here. Who knows for how long, but it’s here.  
From Dayton, Ohio, Hawthorne Heights has made a name for themselves in the never-ending list of punk/emo bands.  
With their debut release of *The Silence in Black and White* in 2004, “they have staked their claim as one of the leaders of the new rock scene. Their debut album, *The Silence in Black and White*, hit the music world with a bang in 2004, breaking sales records and receiving gold record status during the summer of 2005,” according to Victory Records.  
Hawthorne Heights brings a unique sound to the punk/emo scene. With catchy vocals, hardcore power chords and some not-so-unique - maybe misplaced or unnecessary - screaming, Hawthorne Heights has found its place among any teenager’s favorite bands.  
Whether or not you consider them original or mainstream, their album is definitely worth a listen. Some tracks you should check out are “Niki FM,” “Ohio is For Lovers” and “Dissolve and Decay.”



If you have a hard time letting go of \$15 for a Compact Disc, then check them out at [www.purevolume.com/hawthorne-heights](http://www.purevolume.com/hawthorne-heights) to score a free download or two.  
Don’t forget to also check out their new album, *If Only You Were Lonely* which is scheduled to drop on Feb. 28.  
If you find yourself stuck with their catchy lyrics in your head, you can see them live on a stadium tour with Fall Out Boy, All-American Rejects and From First to Last in March and April.  
For a list of tour dates and tickets to upcoming shows check out their webpage at [www.hawthorneheights.tickets.musictoday.com](http://www.hawthorneheights.tickets.musictoday.com).  
Ratings based on five-point scale.

3.0

Du jour

Tequila Slammer

Ingredients:  
1 oz Tequila  
1/2 oz Mountain Dew

Mixing instructions:  
Pour tequilla into shot glass. Next pour in Mountain Dew. Hold your hand over the top of the glass and slam it down. The shot will change color. Take the shot.

Coconut Toastie

Ingredients:  
1 oz Light rum  
5 tblsp Vanilla ice cream  
1/4 oz Whipped cream  
Shredded Coconut

Mixing instructions:  
Combine all ingredients (except coconut) in an electric blender and blend at a low speed for a short length of time. Pour into a chilled champagne flute, garnish with shredded coconut, and serve.

The Student Voice does not condone uderage drinking. If you are of age and choose to drink, please do so responsibly.

‘Annapolis’ reminiscent of past



Nick Welsh

The movie “Annapolis,” is about a young man, Jake Huard (James Franco, Spiderman), from a blue-collar background who is accepted at the Naval Academy in Maryland. As a child, Huard grew up dreaming of someday going to Annapolis, which is right across the river from the naval shipyard where he worked alongside his father.  
Even though we are never told how his mother died, we are told he wishes to fulfill her hopes by one day graduating from there. Although he isn’t known for having high grades, he is finally accepted into the school, but only after a couple of applicants decided not to go at the last minute.  
Upon arriving, he comes face-to-face with drill sergeants determined to weed out only the best and the brightest. Among them is Lieutenant Cole (Tyrese Gibson, Four Brothers), a stern Marine who has already spent three years in combat.  
Huard’s flaws come out over the next few months, which include his stubbornness to receive help from others, his insubordinate attitude towards superior officers and difficulty in his classes. There are many times when he seriously considers dropping out and following in his father’s footsteps in construction.  
But like so many other films before this one, it’s simply a story of a person who ends up changing their views on life so they may succeed, which does happen.  
While this film tries to be inspirational, it is too much like movies we’ve already seen time and time again. At least with “Rudy,” it was a true story.  
At times, the movie does become involving, like with his growing concern for a roommate who is struggling, as well as a growing affection between he and a female officer. There are areas that offer some comedic relief, but overall the humor wasn’t anything special.  
What really annoyed me was that the pieces of the film that were explicitly advertised in commercials for television and radio were cut out for unknown reasons.

For example, at the end of the pre-views on the radio, there was always a woman’s voice asking Lt. Cole “Why are you so tough on him?” (Huard)  
Cole answers, “Because I believe in him ... I believe he can become a leader.”  
Why is it the studio heads would advertise this scene so much, yet not even use it?  
There is another previewed scene in which we see an airborne jet and a sudden explosion.  
You think, ‘Oh, this is an action movie. We’re going to see him learn how to fly jets and somehow things will go wrong, resulting in explosions they’re showing.’ Again, this is not in the movie.  
In fact, the only action in this movie is takes place in a boxing ring.  
We learn that Huard has been fighting for years, and is now quite skilled. He hears of a tournament that takes place at the end of the school year, and spends a good amount of time training for it.  
What I don’t understand is there is more footage of him training for this event (which was never mentioned) than him actually studying and going to his classes. This is supposed to be a school, isn’t it?  
In short, this movie proved to be quite disappointing. Instead of seeing an action movie involving the Navy, it resembles a lesser version of “Rocky.”

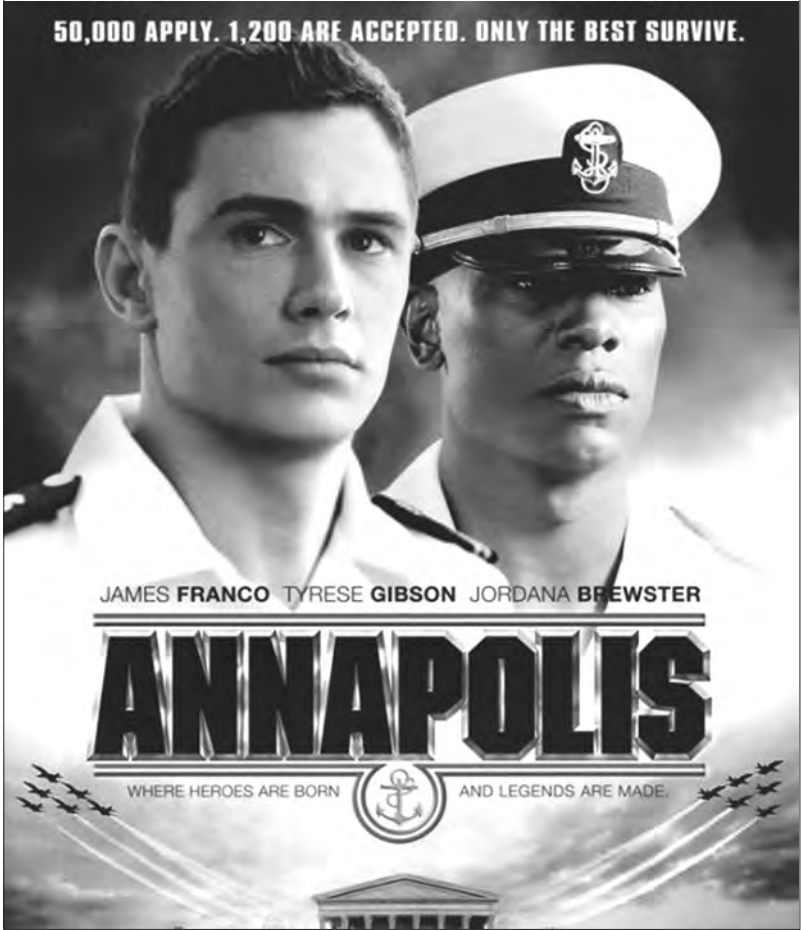
Nick is a 21-year-old junior majoring in history. He enjoys watching comic book superhero movies.

Ratings based on five-point scale.



Jenna Lee

Is this a war movie? Is this a boxing movie? Or perhaps a ‘coming of age’ story about another sullen teenager with a hard-on for lofty goals and pain? I really couldn’t tell you - “Annapolis” steals bits and pieces from many characters and plots.  
I don’t even think that I could get a real hoo-rah jarhead to like it.  
The real problems begin with James Franco, who plays the brooding main character, Jake Huard.  
This is an amazing feat for the actor, considering that he only says about 60 words through the entire movie, which was fine with me because his New England accent was ridiculous. Someone should send Franco the memo - yes, we know you did a great job playing James Dean in a biopic, but you’re not James Dean. You can’t use the dark eyes and the chip on your shoulder for every character you’ve ever played.  
Even when Huard’s roommate tries to commit suicide, Franco barely yelled out at the lieutenant (Tyrese Gibson) who drove the chubby plebe to the edge. Because Franco never truly shows any sign of emotion for the plot or other characters, I could not feel any for him either.



What a waste of two hours, considering you don’t even care if he wins the ‘Rocky vs. Mr. T’ fight at the end.  
But what Franco lacks in his method acting, he makes up for in aesthetic beauty - the guy is ripped. So rock hard, in fact, that during his training for the big fight, his higher-up crush (Jordana Brewster) bounces tennis balls off his glistening abs.  
Speaking of Tyrese Gibson, he does a great job being Franco’s nemesis. At first, I thought Lt. Cole was a professor or something at the college, but the closer it gets to the boxing match, the more you feel that Cole has military experience. But he is still a student in his own right. Although he teaches some of the drills, he is still allowed to box in the student competition - which is how he gets to the face-off against Franco.  
Unfortunately for that role, he gets the last, and the worst, line in the film.  
Franco thanks Gibson for his help surviving through school and Lt. Cole says something awful like, “if you think this is hard, I’ll see you in the Marines.”  
Because of this line, I can’t help but wonder if the state or the Department of Defense fronted any of the bill for renting out the Annapolis campus, as long as the movie fits the agenda of the current military idea.  
The rest of the movie is filled with lackluster storylines and mediocre conflicts between Franco, his dad and old friends.  
It’s not that Franco’s character is really ‘growing up’ or gaining any legitimate experience, he’s just a jerk. I would describe those failed relationships to you, but the truth is that you’ve already seen them in some other, better film.  
“Annapolis” may fulfill the basic requirements for a film, characters and plot, but it doesn’t make you care about them personally, or the outcome.  
It’s too bad, because James Franco is just too pretty to fail.

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Ratings based on five-point scale.

2.4

1.5



# JOHNNY HOLM BAND ROCKS UW-RF



*Jen Dolen/Student Voice*  
**Students cheer as the Johnny Holm Band entertains Thursday, Jan. 26 at Knowles. Holm’s influences include musicians such as Bob Dylan, the Beatles, Neil Diamond, Elvis and The Mills Brothers.**



## Hot Air Affair “Celebrates Winter with Flakes and Flames”

“Celebrate Winter with Flakes and Flames” at the Hudson Hot Air Affair, the premier winter hot air balloon rally in the Midwest. The 17th annual rally and winter festival, presented by Bernick’s Pepsi, will take a wintery theme Feb. 3-5, 2006 in Hudson, Wis.

Nearly 40 hot air balloons, including special shapes like “Burgess the Penguin,” “Flying Bottle,” “Garfield” and “Rubber Duckie” will launch Saturday and Sunday mornings. Other specially designed balloons will represent Mayflower Transit, ReMax and U.S. Bank. Because February flying is a rarity, hot air balloonists come from throughout the United States to participate in the winter rally. This year’s roster includes pilots from as far away as North Carolina and Georgia. The Saturday evening Moon Glow allows visitors to walk among the aerostats tethered on the ground illuminating the E.P. Rock elementary school launch field.

The winter festival kicks off Friday night with a torchlight parade, featuring marching kazoo bands and “Flakes and Flames” theme units. A fireworks display over the St. Croix River will start after the parade. Other evening activities include bingo, karaoke and dances.

Saturday activities include a pancake breakfast, marketplace and craft fair, volleyball in the snow, kite flying, winter Olympiad games including turkey bowling, smooch board competition, pet costume contest, crafts for kids, wagon rides



*Jen Dolen/Student Voice*  
**Turnitin.com may put an end to plagiarism. The site allows professors to check student papers against those stored in an online database.**

# Service helps faculty detect plagiarism

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Students looking to coast through their time at UW-River Falls will have a harder time this semester. Some faculty have enlisted a new friend in fighting plagiarism called turnitin.com. The 17 UW-RF professors and teachers are using the service as a trial.

“It’s basically billed as an anti-plagiarism service,” said Marshall Toman, English department chair. Toman researched the site for the University.

“Students tend to like a level playing field,” Toman said.

The graduate student who made the site wanted to do just that, said Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, political science chair and point person for the trial.

The site allows professors to check a paper against a database of journal articles and other papers. It will then give an originality report to the professor and the student.

The trial costs \$500 for this semester, but will cost \$3,860 for the next school year.

“It could be 70 percent or 40 percent,” Toman said, “but too much of someone else’s work (is a red flag).”

The service is being used at other schools and seems to be working, Toman said.

“I had a situation last year where if I had this it would be a lot easier,” Gladstone-Sovell said.

However, the site also offers other services besides checking for plagiarism.

A grade book, commonly used comments for grading and a discussion board are some of the other services professors can opt to use.

The discussion board “is not that sophisticated,” Gladstone-Sovell said. But she does like the idea of using pre-existing comments for papers.

Toman said the service is also a teaching tool for research papers, but not everyone will see it that way.

The site does not guarantee everyone will do his or her own work.

“I am sure there will be ways to get around it,” Toman said.

Others hope to catch plagiarism on their own.

“I suspect if they weren’t original I would recognize something like that,” said Associate Professor of chemistry Lisa Kroutil.

There are ways to thwart those who do not want to do their own work, she said.

“If you design the project well, it is hard to not be original,” Kroutil said.

By making the project very detailed and specific, she said, it is much more difficult to copy work from the Internet.

Kroutil still uses Desire2Learn for grading and turning papers in, but said she could see the benefits of an anti-plagiarism service.

She said her introductory chemistry class has the greatest opportunity to copy information off the Internet.

“I know for a fact some of their stuff was copied,” Kroutil said. Some students copied directly from Wikipedia, an online public-use dictionary.

“If other people find it helpful, I would be interested in doing that (service),” she said.

A decision will be made later as to whether or not the service has been deemed useful, but Gladstone-Sovell said she has faith in the service.

“I am sure there will be more people that will do this,” she said.