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Peter Johnson, a UW-River Falls alum, looks into a boiler at the Central Heating Plant. Johnson has worked at the heating plant for about a month. He regulates gauges that manage steam heating for all the buildings on campus. Johnson also oversees some coal delivery, along with many other duties.

Jen Dolen/Student Voice

The heat is on

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As gray, billowy smoke rolls from the 163-foot smoke stack, students, staff and faculty go about their daily activities, unaware of the impact the Central Heating Plant has on their lives. “Our mission is to provide uninterrupted steam to the buildings on campus,” Central Heating Plant Supervisor Bill Girnau said.

Although the heating plant has been a staple on campus, located behind Rodli Commons, since 1964, it is not unusual to find some students who are unaware of its intended purpose.

“Isn’t that where they burn the garbage?” senior chemistry and mathematics double-major Al Stumph said, upon mention of the red-brick building.

Although some heating plants do burn refuse as an alternative, this particular plant uses coal, natural gas and, on occasion, oil to provide heat to 27 buildings on the UW-River Falls campus. The plant is already providing heat to the new Student Union while it is under construction.

However, the heating plant does not provide heat to Hunt Arena,

the Knowles Center or the new Knowles addition, due to the location of the facilities. Environmental concerns have prevented the plant from running steam pipes underneath the Kinnikinnic River.

Although 95 percent of the steam is used for the heating of buildings, it is also used for other purposes.

Heating water, cooking food, drying athletic clothing and running sterilizers, humidifiers, pasteurizers and distillers are just a few other uses, Girnau said.

Due to high costs, oil is used primarily as a standby fuel, whereas coal is mainly used in the winter and gas in the summer, Girnau said. Coal is more abundant and cheaper to use than natural gas during the colder months of the year.

In the winter, the plant goes through an

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22 students nominated for campus’ top award

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Nominations for UW-River Falls’ highest non-academic award were due Feb. 17, and are currently being considered by a committee made up of a diverse group of campus community members.

Official recipients of the 2006 Chancellor’s Award will be announced at the Chancellor’s Award Reception April 17.

All juniors and seniors are eligible for the honor, according to the University’s Web site, and



Don Betz

nominees should demonstrate commitment, leadership and service in their lives. “As you might imagine, nearly everyone will have their own definition of what constitutes outstanding commitment, leadership and service,” said Blake Fry, dean for student development and campus diversity, and chair of the Chancellor’s Award Selection Committee. “For that reason, the Committee is composed of a broad range of students, faculty and staff to ensure that multiple perspectives are represented.”

The prestige of the award can be realized through its extensive nomination process.

“Nominators must do a great deal of work to complete nomination packets,” Fry said. “To dedicate the time needed to nominate a student, the nominator has to be passionate about the idea that the nominee is worthy of recognition.”

Those who choose to nominate students for the award had to submit a nomination form, letter to the chancellor, nominee resume and two letters of support. They are also required to participate in a March interview with the nominee and committee.

“The award is the highest non-academic honor the institution

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Submitted Photo/Jonathan Eisch

The “IceCube Project” members stand by the old South Pole. Left to right: Hiroko Miyamoto, Jonathan Eisch, Ralf Ehrlich, Albrecht Karle and Jim Braun.

UW-RF student designs device for research at the South Pole

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Most students spent their J-term on vacation, lounging around or working part time. One went to the South Pole.

Jonathan Eisch, 22, spent 22 days in Antarctica using a particle detector he developed over the course of a year.

“It’s really a computer in a briefcase that detects cosmic rays,” Eisch said.

To call it a computer, however, is a bit of an understatement, he said.

It is comparable to taking a shelf full of electronics and making them fit into a briefcase that uses high voltage batteries and a solar panel as its power source.

“That was ultimately the most difficult part,” he said.

The device searches for hard to detect neutrinos that collide with the atoms in the ice, making a flash of light. Eisch and the other scientists hope to collect information from the neutrinos to explain black holes, supernovas and other phenomena that science still ques-

tions, Eisch said.

Physics Department Chair Jim Madsen said this project is actually considered a telescope and is the largest of its kind.

“It’s still not big enough,” he said.

The ice at the Pole is “crystal clear” two miles deep, he said, making it the prime location for such an experiment. The project is dubbed “The Ice Cube Project.”

“We’re gaining information that no one has ever known before,” he said.

To be included in the project was not easy. Eisch worked 40 hours a week through the summer and up to 20 hours a week during school for a year to complete the device.

Eisch had to create an operating system and the software for the device, he said.

“It’s a lot of hard work,” Eisch said, “but it’s really paid off for me.”

He had to leave during finals week to travel to New Zealand so he could get to the Pole, along with 250 other scientists. He said everyone is together all the time, working on the

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D2L message ‘gets personal’

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A message posted on Desire2Learn sometime Wednesday contained inaccuracies, according to Jonathan Eisch, chair of the Special Technology Committee.

The message said that students on the committee voted to discontinue funding D2L at a meeting on Feb 21.

The message, signed by Bob Baker and Mary-Alice Muraski, stated that D2L has been funded by student money for the past two years.

The message also urged students to contact Eisch, Student Senate President Nick Cluppert and former student Nick Sirek to demand the reversal of the decision.

“It’s not the responsibility of the committee to fund that,” Eisch said.

He grew concerned about the alleged inaccuracies of the message because his name was mentioned in it.

“It’s getting personal to me,” Eisch said.

The message on D2L was removed early Thursday morning. A special Student Senate meeting was set for 7 p.m. Thursday night to discuss the issue.

Last year the University used around \$30,000 of the committee’s unallocated funds to cover the cost of D2L.

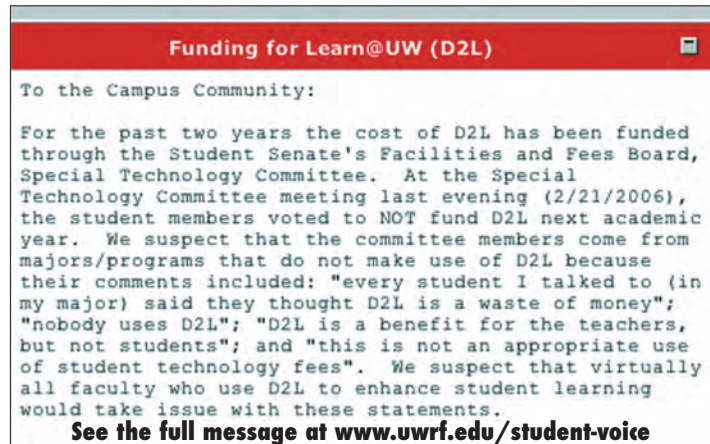
This year the committee allocated all funds for their proposed budget.

Mary Halada, vice chancellor of administration and finance, said she believes the committee should pay for the program.

The Special Tech Committee draws its funds from a 2 percent addition to tuition.

While the University budget is shrinking, Halada said this year the committee saw an increase of around \$45,000.

D2L was originally funded by UW System, but the program cost has since been passed on to the individual UW campuses.



Screen Capture/Student Voice

A screen capture of D2L shows a portion of the message that drew attention from both faculty and students.

Campus Mission Week aims to teach students about hope

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InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is aiming to help students on campus find hope in their lives through Campus Mission Week, a week of interactive displays that will be located in various campus buildings Feb. 27 - March 3.

“We want to open up a dialogue on campus to have anyone express hopelessness in their lives,” said Krista Milligan, a junior and member of the

mission team.

The theme of hope is going to be expressed through interactive displays to show areas in life where it has been lost.

Injustice, addictions, failed relationships, discrimination, abuse and perfectionism are areas that InterVarsity is focusing the displays around, encouraging students to express themselves and find hope where it may have been misplaced with despair.

“Hopelessness is a dangerous thing,” said Jason Hull, a staff member for the

UW-River Falls InterVarsity chapter. “When there is no hope, purpose for life is meaningless and dangerous things seem to enter into our minds when we sense a purposeless and meaningless life.”

The Davee Library, Student Center, South Hall and many of the residence halls will have the displays that the organization is calling ‘i-zones.’

A guest speaker will address the topic of “Is there hope?” in North Hall March 2, Milligan said.

Mark Slaughter will discuss the theme, speaking about the hopelessness that students may find in three areas - failed relationships, injustice and addictions, Hull said.

“After having the experiences in the past years, we have a better idea of what to expect of the week,” Milligan said.

With more involvement from members in the organization, the week should bring more students to interact in the

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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Play addresses recent political issues

River Falls University Theatre is presenting Two Rooms Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4 in the Syse Studio Theater in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building at 7:30pm.

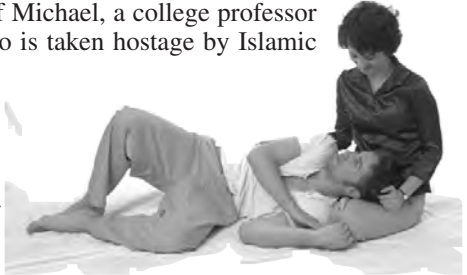
Two Rooms is a drama written in the 1980s, and is by Lee Blessing. It addresses issues surrounding today's politics. It tells the story of Michael, a college professor in Beirut, Lebanon, who is taken hostage by Islamic fundamentalists.

The play describes his suffering as well as his wife's, who works urgently for his release against a background of bureaucratic mismanagement and in the face of high media attention.

Director Meg Swanson says, "Two Rooms is a forceful reminder of the challenges we face in our understanding of the Middle East conflict. It brings this large and confusing issue into focus through the lives of four characters."

It is a sobering play that deals with issues of today.

Tickets are \$4 for students and \$7 for adults. For tickets, call 1-800-228-5423 or 715-425-3114.



REGIONAL

DNR tells snowmobilers to slow down

Five fatal snowmobile accidents occurred in Wisconsin last weekend, causing the Department of Natural Resources to tell snowmobilers to slow down.



According to the *River Falls Journal*, the series of accidents has pushed the total snowmobile deaths this year from 22, last year's total at this time, to 24.

The DNR has determined that speed was a critical factor in all five accidents.

A recently formed DNR Snowmobile Accident Reduction and Alcohol Enforcement team was active this weekend, patrolling in Eagle River for the first time, Eddy said.

There is currently a bill in the Senate regarding a 55 mph nighttime speed limit. The bill (AB 840) was passed by the Assembly and referred to the Senate in early December.

Two representatives propose UW changes

Two Assembly Republicans want to make changes to the University of Wisconsin system.

According to the *River Falls Journal*, Rep. Scott Suder, Abbotsford, called for an elected UW Board of Regents after the board voted at its January meeting to cut nonresident tuition in the 2006-07 academic year from four-times resident tuition to three-times resident tuition.

The board noted during their meeting that the higher rate was causing 900 fewer out of state students to attend UW schools since 2001, amounting to \$13 million in lost tuition revenue.

Meanwhile Rep. Rob Kreibich, R-Eau Claire and head of the Assembly's committee on universities and colleges, is putting forward a "Wisconsin Families First" initiative.

One of the key elements of his initiative is the idea of guaranteed admission to a UW school for any Wisconsin high school student who takes three years of math and science; gets a 25 on the ACT exam; and finishes in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

Kreibich said, "This bill guarantees admission. Financial aid programs are only relevant if you gain admission to college."

Other proposals included in Kreibich's initiative are a requirement that the UW system spend two-thirds of its general purpose revenue tax dollars on direct classroom instruction, a funding formula which would ensure that all UW schools receive fair share of all funds.

Also on his list is the banning of the use of taxpayer funds, tuition fees and auxiliary funds to pay for UW perks.

Finally, he wants to require that the UW provide "Truth in Tuition" by combining all tuition costs and student fees into one price so parents and students know the exact cost of the education.

NATIONAL

Financial aid may be cut by Bush's plan

President Bush revealed his budget request for the 2007 fiscal year last week, and had little good news for students who need financial aid, particularly those who are not high academic achievers.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the spending plan would not provide any additional dollars to the federal grant and work-study programs that are designed to help students from low- and middle-income families to afford a college education. Several key programs that benefit low-income students would be eliminated.

Under Bush's proposal, the maximum Pell Grant would remain at \$4,050 for the fifth year in a row, and for the second consecutive year, he is calling on Congress to eliminate the Perkins Loan Program and require colleges to return the federal share of the money they use to make new Perkins Loans to students.

The plan would also terminate the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships program, which matches each dollar that states commit to need-based aid, and would leave both Federal Work-Study funds and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, which augment Pell Grants for needy students, at their 2006 levels.

Last year Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike declared the administration's plan to dismantle the Perkins Loan Program dead on arrival in Congress.

Administration officials said they had taken aim at the program, which gives colleges money to lend to needy students at a fixed interest rate of five percent, because of its limited reach.

On the campaign trail last year, Mr. Bush repeatedly touted his support for Pell Grants. In his 2006 budget request, he had proposed raising the maximum grant to \$4,550 over five years.

Briefs compiled by Amber Jurek

SENATE

Senate names new vice president

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The Student Senate had a full agenda for the Feb. 21 meeting. The first motion was the appointment of the new vice president.

Bethany Barnett had been recommended and was appointed as the new vice president for the remainder of the spring semester.

"She is very organized and will bring a lot of ideas to the Senate," said Senator Carolyn Schenk.

After the appointment of the vice president, Senate moved on to other issues.

The Senate sent a letter to the United Council Staff and United Council Board of Directors to show the Senate's disagreements with the biennial budget campaign. The Senate will be formulating its own budget campaign to be motioned at the next meeting Feb. 28.

Since United Council campaigns can be altered at any general assembly, the motion prefers UW-River Falls to work on the campaign internally, according to an attachment to the meeting minutes. Senator Joe Eggers said the council has

drastically altered the budget, ignoring the need for an increase in campus employee pay and completely cutting the advising component.

The funding that was cut for academic and career advising was a benefit to students on campus.

According to the minutes, the pay increase for campus employees went from 1.77 percent to 2 percent for the next three years.

"The cost of living is rising in River Falls," Eggers said. "To keep such a low pay, faculty can't work or live here and cause a loss of faculty and staff on campus."

Senate also passed a motion to support Wisconsin Senate Bill 526 and Wisconsin Assembly Bill 452, which would make alcohol a legal intoxicant.

There is no statute in Wisconsin saying alcohol is an intoxicant in cases of sexual assault or rape, according to the minutes.

The motion encourages senators to call legislators and write letters to both the *River Falls Journal* and the *Student Voice* once a week to help pass the bills.

The Senate's goal is to reach 25 phone calls before the legislation will be voted on.

Other Senate news

• Senate President Nick Cluppert discussed the due date for student organizations to submit a letter of request for a one-time funding opportunity. The letters are due by March 22.

Cluppert asked for senators to volunteer for the hearings to be held March 27.

• Cluppert said tickets will be available to students for the All Campus Picnic April 27. Tickets will be available at the information desk in the Student Center for free to students. This is a chance for the Chancellor to have an event that revolves around students during his inauguration week, Cluppert said.

• Shared Governance Director Jeremy Bonikowske said there are still vacant seats on the Senate. He said he will be advertising and looking for students to fill the positions.

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

Competition spreads March Madness

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With the winter weather still blanketing the area, Recreational Leadership Coordinator Kurran Sagan is setting up an activity to provide a little relief to sports fans and competitors alike.

Beginning March 1, UW-River Falls students will be able to register their picks online at fantasysports.yahoo.com for the winner and ranking of the college basketball teams participating in the 2006 NCAA tournament.

The site will keep track of all UW-RF participants and rank them as the tournament goes along. Sagan said he also plans to post the standings on a leader board either online or in the Leadership Center.

To register to participate, the password for UW-RF's Yahoo! Web site must be obtained

by signing up at an information desk outside the Leadership Center, Sagan said. Then the participant must enter the site using the password and create their own Yahoo! account.

"It's easy and fast," Sagan said. "And there's no commitment."

The tournament, known as "March Madness," begins its first round on March 16. Similar to the activities put on for Monday Night Football, the NCAA tournament games will be shown in Brandy's. The games will also run on the big screen TV in the Falcons Nest.

The winner of the competition will be awarded a T-shirt in Brandy's on April 3, which is the date of the NCAA championship. Along with watching the final game of the tournament, the night will include a cookout and games. All food and activities will be free to students, Sagan said.

This is the second year the competition

has been held. Last year's tournament had more than 50 participants, and was started by the former Recreational Leadership Coordinator Tim Ryerson.

Registering online is a new feature to the competition this year.

"It's faster, it's more accessible, people are online anyway," Sagan said.

Sagan encourages anyone and everyone to participate no matter what their knowledge or background may be.

"The more the better," Sagan said.

Sagan will also be participating, and offers advice to others on how to succeed in the competition.

"The more you follow college basketball, the better chance you have of doing well, but there are upsets every year so a person who totally guesses on all their picks can do well," Sagan said. "Always pick some upsets, but expect the better seeded team to win most of the time."



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Chamber of Commerce staff say that it would be to the advantage of students and organizations to get involved with their group. Pictured are, from left, intern Becky Kulstad, Communications Coordinator Nick Carstens and CEO/President Rosanne Bump.

Students urged to utilize Chamber

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River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau is offering a wealth of information and resources ready to be utilized by UW-River Falls organizations and students.

The first step to accessing this information resides in east Hawthorn Hall.

Gretchen Link, senior counselor with UW-RF Student Health Services, is liaison for students and organizations wanting to get involved with the Chamber.

Link, a member of the 2006 Board of Directors for the Chamber, is continuing the work of former Chancellor Ann Lydecker who died in an car accident in March 2004.

Lydecker, whose picture hangs in the lobby of the Student Health Center,

renewed the emphasis of the community of River Falls and UW-RF working together to increase collaborations and make connections both groups would benefit from, Link said. Chancellor Don Betz also continues to carry her torch through his involvement with the Chamber by speaking at business breakfasts, Link said.

Link does not know of any UW-RF orga-

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Feb. 13

UW-River Falls Public Safety officers reported to Facilities Management to assist an ambulance crew around 2 p.m.

Christopher Hanson was injured when a crated window fell on his right leg. Hanson was unloading the window from a truck bed into a dumpster when the accident occurred.

According to the report, Hanson's leg may have been broken.

Hanson was transported to River Falls Area Hospital.

Feb. 14

Jenna J. Lee, 20, was fined \$501 for a third-offense underage consumption in Stratton Hall around 2:35 a.m.

River Falls Police officers were called to Stratton Hall to check on an individual.

According to the report, when officers found Lee they reported smelling alcohol.

Lee allegedly admitted to drinking later.

Police issued Lee a citation for underage consumption. Lee was taken into custody for emergency detention for her own protection.

Feb. 19

• Julia S. Meier, 19, was fined \$375 for a second-offense underage consumption in Prucha Hall.

• Nathan M. Garrett, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall.

Pierce County Court

Kyle J. Bechel, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Dec. 10, 2005.

Brady D. Crabtree, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Dec. 10, 2005.

Michael E. Lombardi, 19, pleaded no contest to failure to evacuate building during a fire alarm on Oct. 13, 2005.

Christopher E. Lowe, 25, pleaded no contest to deposit of human waste on Jan. 23.

Raymond M. Moore, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Jan. 29.

James Cameron M. Scott, 19, pleaded no contest to second-offense underage consumption on Dec. 8, 2005.

Andrew M. Thompson, 20, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Dec. 10, 2005.

Justin D. Townsend, 19, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on Dec. 10, 2005.

Andrew T. Truinstra, 19, pleaded no contest to failure to evacuate building during fire alarm on Oct. 13, 2005.

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

Award: Senate nominees strengthen impact of award



Eric Ebert/Student Voice

One of the first Chancellor's Award given at UW-River Falls hangs in the office of Dan McGinty, director of development and alumni relations. The award is a top honor on campus.

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awards to students," Fry said. "A very limited number of recipients are selected among numerous qualified nominees."

As far as its significance and how the University's top award will work in favor of its recipients, Fry said it's largely up to the student.

"Beyond the medal presented to each recipient, I imagine the benefits will depend greatly upon the individual," he said. "For most I am sure it is an affirmation of many long hours in the service to others. It will also indicate to future employers or graduate and professional schools that this individual achieved great things for others even though they may not have held a position with a title that is typically associated with providing leadership."

While Fry said Student Senate has made nominations for several years, this will be the first year that anyone, including students, can make a nomination.

"That is one major change this year," he said. "In years past, the award was given for accomplishments on campus only and nominations had to come from faculty, staff or Student Senate. We extended the award to recognize all service and leadership, not just that on campus."

Fry said he believes this adjustment will strengthen the impact of the award.

"For this reason, we are allowing nominations and letters of support to come from individuals who may be more familiar with the off-campus accomplishments of students," Fry said. "We believe this change better reflects UW-RF's core value of developing leadership through civic engagement."

Yearly Chancellor's Awards have been given to outstanding upperclassmen at UW-RF since 1980, said Dan McGinty, director of development and alumni relations and a recipient of the first annual award.

"The Chancellor's Award con-

tinues to be the most coveted award that has ever been bestowed upon me," McGinty said. "I remember receiving the award like it was just yesterday, even though it was 26 years ago. To this day I still feel very flattered and humbled by receiving this distinct honor."

The concept of a Chancellor's Award was initialized in 1977 by Chancellor George Field and the Student Development staff, McGinty said.

"[They] began considering a way of honoring students who have made significant non-academic contributions to the University," said Judy Kubera, program associate for the Dean of Students office. "Each nominee is carefully considered by a nominating committee, which reports directly to the Chancellor."

The committee then selects a group for interviews, and the chancellor and committee make final selections together.

"The students are presented the Chancellor's Award Certificate of Recognition along with a medallion cast in antique bronze, two inches in diameter, suspended from a red ribbon," Kubera said. "The medallion is a smaller replica of the Chancellor's medallion, a symbol of office worn on ceremonial occasions. It depicts the University's official seal."

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Juniors and Seniors nominated for top campus award

The spring 2006 Chancellor's Award nominees are: Michelle L. Backhaus, Jeremy A. Bonikowske, Caitlin A. Callister, Nicholas D. Cluppert, Diana M. Crear, Eric M. Ebert, O'Neal Hampton, Jonathan J. Hill, Stephanie A. Jicinsky, Emily S. Koerper, Jessica M. Kopp, Angela R. Kringle, Kristofer J. Kulsrud, Ruby R. Lanoux, Megan A. Learman, Vang Lor, Jennifer L. Mergen, Iris D. O'Brien, Nicole K. Peters, Carolyn J. Schenk, Mitchell D. Whyte, and Carol Xiong.

Hope: Group invites students to explore issues

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events set up around campus, Milligan said.

"It does help to get more students involved," Hull said. "At least it brings awareness to the campus that we are concerned about the topic of hope and about these areas of people's lives."

Interactive displays will use art, pictures and words to draw attention, said Gayle McDougall, a member of the mission team who is a junior majoring in elementary education.

The interactive display in the Student Center is focusing on failed relationships, she said. One zone will be a "love tunnel" with two blue panels next to each other. Inside there will be questions that people can interact with regarding finding hope in broken relationships.

The group is still in the process of making the displays and discussing what each will look like and consist of, Milligan said.

"The goal of these zones is to help get people thinking about these issues in our nation and if they feel there is hope in them," McDougall said.

The display in the library is concentrating on injustice and will have questions that people can interact with regarding racial, economic and religious injustice, McDougall said.

The zone in Rodli is devoting attention to addictions, focusing on different aspects of life that people tend to become addicted to, such as body image, perfection, reputation and substance abuse.

"One of our biggest goals is to be compassionate," Milligan said. "If they are skeptical about Christ, we are willing to listen to that too. Also, we

want to share how we found hope through these issues through Jesus Christ."

The residence halls will have discussion centers for students to sit and relax with members to discuss the topics in depth.

"We will invite people to further explore these issues Monday through Wednesday nights in various residence halls where people can ask tough questions about God or hear how God has brought hope into some fellow students' lives," McDougall said. "We want to be accessible to students and faculty so that they will be more willing to come to an event."

The organization wants to share and relate to students who otherwise would not have the opportunity or know where to turn for help.

"We felt that having three 'i-zones' on campus in three different places will help to reach more students and grab more people's attention," McDougall said. "We just really want people to become involved with our question and begin to think about the issues of love, addictions and injustice that all of us have experienced in one way or another."

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is a Christian organization based on the goal to provide a community on campus for students, faculty and staff, Milligan said.

This is the third year the group has done a big spring event, Hull said. "I think that we [the group] hope to get people thinking about and responding to these pertinent issues that are experienced by many of us on this campus," McDougall said. "Then, possibly exploring what God has to say about these issues."

South Pole: Project proves to student there is more information to be discovered

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same project. There wasn't a lot of down time.

"There is always something to get done," he said.

The sun is up 24 hours a day at the Pole, he said, and the weather can swing from a relatively warm 20 above zero to 20 below within hours.

"When it's 20 below or colder," he said, "it really hits you."

At that temperature, you have to wear specially designed cold weather gear, even if you are only outside for a short period of time, he said.

"It's just a lot of fun," he said, "it doesn't feel like work."

Eisch said when growing up and looking at textbooks, he thought everything was already discovered, but this project and

its predecessor, "The Amanda Project," has proved there is more to find. That project was similar but smaller, Madsen said.

Glenn Spiczak, physics professor, also worked with Eisch on the project and the Amanda project.

He said he helped with the design and is also excited for the outcome of the project.

"We hope to make a map of the sky," he said. "We're hoping to be pleasantly surprised."

"It shows students there is real science going on," Madsen said. "They get to participate in cutting edge science."

Madsen said his role was to get the electronic equipment for Eisch and to facilitate the project.

UW-River Falls is allowed to participate in the project thanks

to Madsen, who worked with the principal investigator at UW-Madison in the 1998-1999 season.

It will take another five years to fully construct the instrument, he said, and three years more of data collection.

It could continue longer if they discover new things or obtain new information, Madsen said.

"Historically, you'll see something that no one has ever seen before," Eisch said. "That aspect is really interesting to me."

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EDITORIAL

Cartoon draws extra attention

The cartoon featured in this week’s issue was heavily scrutinized by the editorial staff of the *Voice*. The cultural, emotional and political issues addressed in the cartoon are very strong.

After hearing Chris Rogers’ explanation of the depiction and analyzing our own values - both as people and a newspaper - we made our decision to run the cartoon.

We stand behind our cartoonist’s right to freedom of expression; the same right we offer to columnists each week. Rogers’ confidence in his own beliefs should be valued in a very controversial artistic demonstration.

It is important to protect the opinions expressed in the media, regardless of whether they reflect the attitudes of our audience or ourselves.

We also believe that the issue at hand is important, and needs to be discussed at both public and personal levels. Our hope is that readers will use this cartoon as a starting point for discussion, to expand education and understanding of international issues on the UW-River Falls campus.

We encourage ethnic and religious tolerance, and believe the published image will motivate people to deeply analyze subjects that are often considered too sensitive to scrutinize.

The basic truth found in the cartoon depicts events that actually occurred and hypocrisy that many believe stems from very real cultural values. The statement made by the cartoon is simply to uphold a principle.

We believe that ignoring these issues will ultimately be more detrimental to society, and they should instead be expressed, examined and acknowledged.

As a news organization, we have an obligation to inform and relay truths to the public that may have otherwise gone unnoticed.

We recognize that pictures are often perceived to be more offensive than words because they are able to provide an intimate look into a situation. However, for the same reason, it must be understood that images have the power to evoke consideration and insight to deserving issues.

Still, knowing the violence and pain that has erupted since the publication of Danish cartoons several months ago, the decision was a difficult one to make.

Rogers’ art brought a whole new level of debate to the *Voice* staff. Issues ranging from stereotyping to clarity to newsworthiness were brought up in the discussion, with almost every staff member having some hesitation about running the cartoon.

It should be known that the decision to run the cartoon was not easily made by the editorial board. But Rogers stood firmly behind his work, and we stand firmly behind his decision.

The illustration went to print with reservations, yet we chose to surrender to freedom rather than fear.

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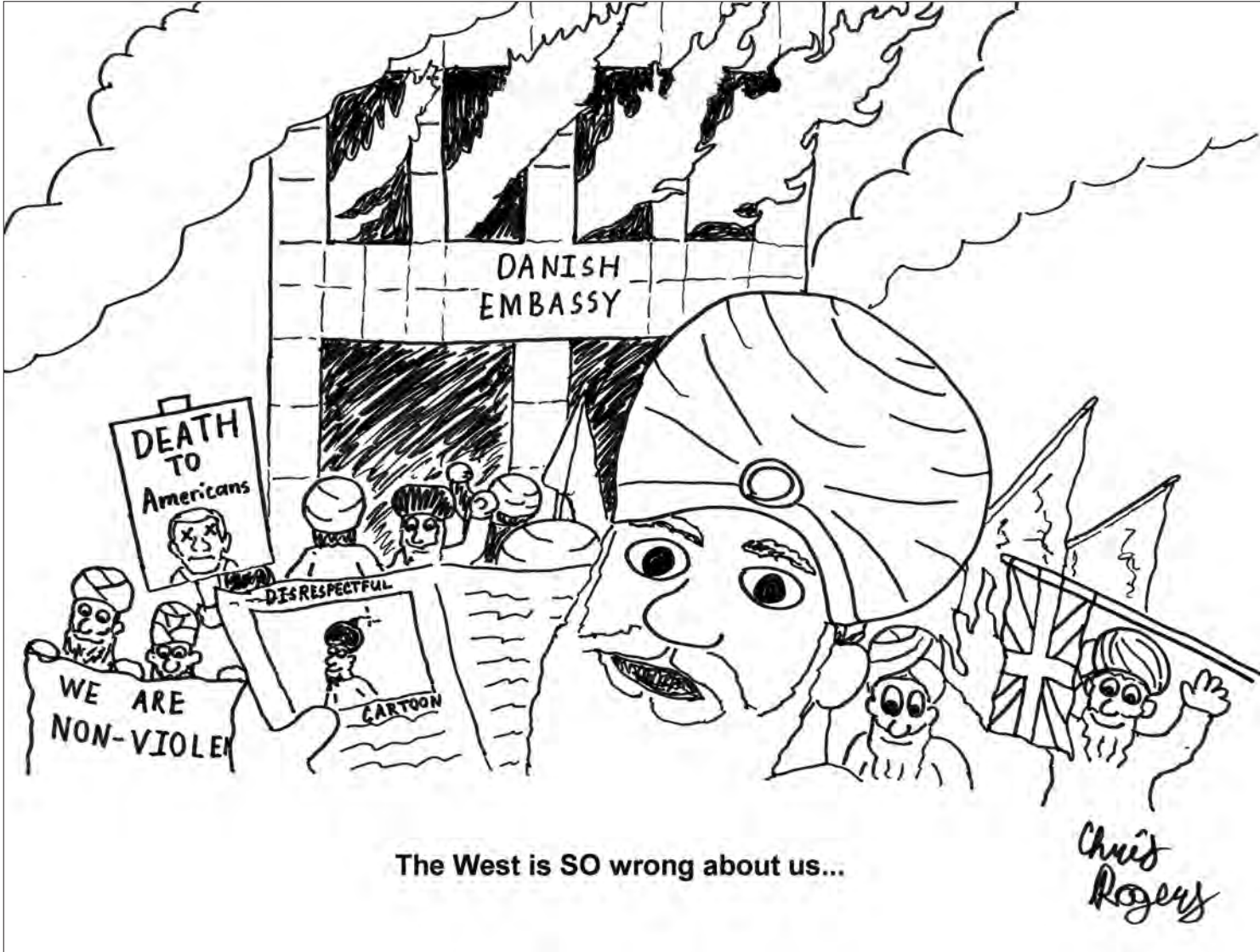
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The West is SO wrong about us...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smokers mistreated

As smokers we believe this is very unfair towards us. The issue of smoking too close to the resident halls is only a problem in the colder months of the year. We don’t want to get a cold or anything during the random 10 minutes we spend outside during the day. Every time the weather turns warm everyone moves towards the benches which gives us more than 25 feet from the buildings. Another point that should be brought up is that no one in their right mind would have their windows open in the winter. We believe we are doing no harm to the other dorm people. We have only had two very rude and obnoxious resident assistants come up to us telling us to move in a very indiscrete manner. We believe that if this “law” gets passed that a very small number of people will abide by this rule. Also if they didn’t think this will help people kick the habit of smoking, they should think again.

Rachael Langton
Margeaux Makey
students

You might ask, “If I am healthy, why should I have to pay sick people’s doctor bills?” My response is this: You already do. That is how insurance works. Your premium is higher because some people are born with diabetes or muscular dystrophy. Maybe that is unfair, but maybe tomorrow you will be hit by a bus and need twelve surgeries.

Another argument against national health care points to the failing of health care systems in some other countries.

Just because the health care systems in other countries need work doesn’t mean national health care can’t work in ours. Do we have the most respected armed forces? No, our armed forces are the way they are because we have made our defense a priority. They are well funded and we put the energy and innovation into making them great. If we make national health care a priority and make it well funded, then we can make it work. I’m not saying it would be easy or immediate, but we must move in the right direction. We should be willing to sacrifice a little so that we all can live in good health.

Brian Estervig
student

Healthcare needed

I am writing this letter in support of national health care. It is unacceptable that children in this country go without basic health needs. It is unacceptable that a major obstacle to changing jobs is the risk of going off of insurance. It is unacceptable that students all around the country must risk their health because they can’t afford both rent and a doctor visit. I think health care should be provided to everyone that needs it, even if that person cannot pay for it.

Columnist misses point

If Nate Cook’s Feb. 17 article in the *Student Voice* was meant to be persuasive, it was certainly missing something.

He started off telling us that the cartoons printed in the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten were “not just innocent satire but a disgusting attack on an entire religion.” After such vehement denunciation of the cartoons, one would expect some analysis of their content, some reason why his readers would have to see things his way; instead he simply

cites that “Muslim tradition prohibits the visual depiction of the prophet Mohammed.”

While this prohibition is probably binding in Islamic newspapers, it certainly does not prohibit the secular press from displaying images of Mohammed. Using God’s name in vain is similarly prohibited in both Islam and Christianity, but do a quick internet check you’ll find nearly every paper (including the *Student Voice*) violates this religious tenet with regularity.

In one paragraph, Cook states that it is a “dangerous to generalize” about Muslims.

Just a few paragraphs before that, though, he went out of his way to mention that the people he hears making “ignorant comments” are “often Christian.” Does the fact that they are Christians matter here?

He goes on to say that he “will always defend the First Amendment,” but then says that the subject matter was “hate speech,” a category of expression often lumped in with “fighting words” as speech not covered by the First Amendment. Is he saying the cartoons should be allowed, no matter how offensive, or that the cartoons shouldn’t have been printed in the US, as they were too offensive to be protected by the First Amendment? (In the same sentence he labels the cartons as racist- though there is no race mentioned in the article, and, indeed, Muslims come in all colors, shapes, and sizes just like Christians. Who is generalizing now?)

If Cook wants to convince us that the Danish cartoons are morally or ethically wrong, he needs more than empty labels of ignorance and hate speech- he needs the one thing most notably absent from his article: an argument.

Patrick Fillmore
student

Binge drinking known, ignored

When binge drinking is the subject, one need not look further than newspaper headlines to get an idea of the problem: “Teen Binge Drinking Can Do Long-Term Brain Damage,” “College Students Binge More Frequently, Survey Finds,” “Binge Drinking Can Lead to Fatal Alcohol Poisoning.”

College students know the facts and dangers of binge drinking, yet it is still an accepted and widespread activity among college campuses nationwide.

Why does this continue to be an ongoing phenomenon?

The most common reasons, like “it’s fun” or “there’s nothing else to do” or “I like acting stupid,” are the hardest to stomach. These superficial reasons are a prime example of how thoughtless some college students’ actions really are. But at the very least, they are a good start to finding some more meaningful and precise reasons.

College students have an understanding of how alcohol is consumed in college even before they get there.

The anticipation is palpable, and the curiosity is insurmountable. When some students move in freshman year, they are more interested in learning where to put their hands during

a keg stand than they are in finding the location of the nearest movie theater.

The presumption that binge drinking in college is socially acceptable - if not expected - clashes with the facts from medical experts, and the student is left caught in the middle.

Consider the way sex education is taught in the public school system. Health teachers and school nurses stand in front of their hormone-ridden teenagers - libidos the size of Manhattan - and tell them sex is such a dangerous act and it should be avoided at all costs, regardless of whether or not protection is used.

Everyone should abstain from sex because it’s the only way to avoid STDs and pregnancy, they say. (That has as much impact as a doctor telling a lush his drinking habits are worrisome.)

Yet, the talk around the lunch table is, “Who hooked up last weekend?” Once teens’ naivete and curiosity get thrown into the mix, they are left with a bunch of question marks once prom night rolls around.



Ben Jipson

Confusion and uncertainty yield poor decisions.

Using this comparison, it would follow that proper binge drinking education would help curb the problem, but there is no realistic way to safely binge drink. While protection can be used with sex, there is no way to achieve the same effects of binge drinking unless the drinking is in moderate amounts.

Drinking in moderation? Many students don’t know what that means.

When it comes to alcohol consumption, binge drinking is the popular choice. It’s the large pizza instead of the medium; it’s the Big Gulp instead of the regular-sized soft drink; it’s the CliffsNotes instead of - heaven forbid - the actual book.

This “go big or go home” mentality is harder to understand. Perhaps it’s the potential for unplanned mischief or the giggly stories that result from a roommate’s late-morning return.

Whatever it is, alcohol’s affects, like all mind-altering drugs, are fascinating to its users, especially in copious amounts.

But why is this alternative

state of mind so appealing?

To use a friend’s words, binge drinking provides a nice “mind vacation” every now and again. Students lead stressful lives, and the occasional binge is an easy way to break away.

Some argue that binge drinking is an ineffective way of dealing with stress, but it’s no more unproductive than watching TV for hours on end or even reading a book to escape reality.

Binge drinking may be less healthy, but it’s no more unproductive.

Even if there are healthier options to deal with stress, they aren’t nearly as common or realistic as binge drinking.

Binge drinkers would rather buy a keg cup for \$5 at a house party than go to the Guthrie with some friends and see a play for \$20. Binge drinking requires the least amount of a college student’s three invaluable commodities: time, effort and money.

There are reasons students shouldn’t binge drink, and there are excuses students still continue to do it: laziness, boredom, curiosity, social acceptance, escape.

They certainly are pathetic excuses, but they’re powerful enough to keep binge drinking as a large part of the college scene.

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Euro trip confusing, amazing

The plan was to go from London to Brussels to Paris to Milano. Well, like all things in life, that plan did not play out. The train from London to Brussels makes stops; it's not a direct shot. I didn't know that. So I got off the train with all of my luggage, and approached a man to ask him which platform I needed to be at to make my connecting train to Paris. He didn't speak much English - and I don't speak any French - so I showed him my ticket and he explained the ticket was to go from Brussels to Paris. I said I knew that, I needed to know what platform to get to in order to catch that train. He answered very plainly "Brussels." I let that sink in for a moment and said, "We're not in Brussels?" The man laughed and said we were not. Like in a movie, at that exact moment the doors on the train slammed shut and I watched the train go by and the circular tail light shrink as it got farther away. I looked around and saw a sign I had seen earlier that said "Lille Europe." When I had initially seen the sign I thought to myself, "What a cute nickname for Brussels." When a French woman told me the country I was in was "Lille," I panicked because I was sure I was going to fail this semester's geography course because I had never heard of that country.

Later, I found out it was a miscommunication and Lille is a city in northern France. After going through many service people who spoke no English, the final destination in Milano was reached. I was going to Italy to see the Olympics that weekend. The weekend was spent exploring the city of Torino and sharing in the Olympic atmosphere. It was amazing to see it all around me. I watched the Today Show being filmed and loved the people all around. A woman with a bronze medal around her neck walked by me and I was in awe. I had tickets to watch the women's half pipe snowboarding competition in Bardonecchia, a city near Torino in the Alps. When I got there and sat in my seat I was sandwiched between the families of the two American snowboarders who took the gold and silver medals. Since I was in the row and seats directly between the two families, my little brother, who was watching the competition on TV, told me he saw me during the competition.



Keighla Schmidt

It was great to hear people from other countries cheer for American athletes. When the Olympics were over I had to get on a train to Paris. It just happened to be Valentine's Day. I know, cliché moment if you've ever heard of one. I was sure that a great column on romance in the most romantic city in the world on the most romantic day of the year would come spewing out of me if I had some inspiration, so I dragged some friends with me to see the Eiffel Tower light up. Well there is nothing to report. No romance, no sparks flying, just a city at night. The lack of monumental events that night was in the shadows of a discovery-filled weekend. People always say you learn mistakes. Lille Europe is not Brussels, and French people are nicer to you if you speak French. But you will survive. Then your luck will turn (honestly though, how much worse could it get than being in a place you've never heard of speaking a language you don't know) and you'll get on TV while watching the country you love win the gold and silver medals at the Olympics. Then it's Valentine's Day in Paris; life doesn't sound too bad after all.

Parking lots leave students trapped

I have a bone to pick with IUW-River Falls parking enforcement. In most of my columns, I try to shy away from criticizing the office of Public Safety and those enforcing the rules of the school. I do this because I understand these people are only doing their jobs. They do serve a functional purpose on campus, and frankly, if you get caught urinating outside or passed out in a bathroom you probably deserve to get fined. I can live with that. What I do not agree with, however, is the way the student lots are ticketed. Here's my story: I parked in O-Lot on the east side of campus last weekend while it was snowing. My car was parked directly between the cars on the right and left of me, and was not sticking out too far. The parking lot had not been shoveled or plowed, and therefore the lines were not visible. Come Monday morning, after the lots had been plowed and the lines became slightly more visible, I was issued a ticket for "parking in more than one space" to the tune of \$25.00 by Attendant 2655. This is a manageable fee, and is yet again something I can live with. What really upsets me though, are the circumstances around which I was fined. I parked my car in an unplowed lot in an orderly fashion, and was ticketed the next day for being over the line when it is the University's fault for not having the lots plowed in time for me to be able to see the lines. The real kicker in this incident is that when I did go to drive next and found my parking ticket, it was very evident that I was not the only one parked over the

line, and yet I was the only one who had a ticket on their windshield. I don't bring this up as some sort of a conspiracy theory where parking enforcement is trying to "get" me, but this is important to note because if all of the other cars are parked over the lines as well, it is obvious that the lines were not visible (otherwise someone would have parked perfectly). Therefore, it was not negligence on my part for parking over the line. So now I am left with the option of appealing my ticket, or paying the fee. Although I do have pictures of my car along



Hans Hage

side the other cars, which clearly shows that the lines are not very visible and all of the others are parked over the lines, I do not think I will pursue this course because I don't think it will do much good. I will pay the fee and move on with life. However, this parking issue makes me wonder where the responsibility for the University really should be placed. If we are paying to park in student lots, shouldn't it be the University's job to make sure those lots are completely plowed and salted in a timely manner? If it is not possible for the lots to be plowed in a timely manner, then parking enforcement should give some sort of leeway in regards to when they ticket the lots. If we can't see the lines because the lots haven't been plowed on Sunday, then parking enforcement should not be out ticketing cars bright and early Monday morning. This type of behavior borders on entrapment, and really isn't fair to the students.

No excuse for professor disrespect

This has probably happened to everyone that has been in a high school class, but in college that is just bad manners. It is a pet peeve of mine that people do not calm down even when they know someone is trying to get their attention. As I said before, making the professor wait for you is very rude. He or she is trying to give you what you are paying for, but you still don't want to pay attention. Another thing that students do is get ready to leave before the professor is done. This is also very impolite and may lead to confusion next time you go to that class. Those few seconds that you could have waited are not going to get you there that much faster. Students in classes can also be very rude, especially those who like to talk during



Jason Conway

lectures. By doing this you distract other students and make it hard for them to pay attention. Your best bet if you want to talk in class is to not go, sleep or doodle. What you do in class affects everyone else, so let's try and be respectful to the students who are there to learn. Students that think it is real funny to make jokes and act out in class can also distract. I am always up for the occasional laugh - it makes some lectures not so bad, but to act out to get attention is something that a high school student would do, and we are all college students, so this should never happen. I do not understand what is so funny sometimes. So here - laugh and giggle. Penis, penis, penis. There are also a lot of hard workers on campus that keep it clean, make sure that

everything works and make our food. These people deserve our respect. When I was living in the dorms my freshman year, some guy threw up all over three stalls in the bathroom. We had a meeting about it and asked who did it. One student that was at the meeting said, "Who cares, it is the janitors job to clean it up." That just makes me sick. Yes, it is their job to clean the bathrooms, but it is not their job to clean up after someone who blatantly made a mess. Food service workers from Rodli to Char's demand our respect. Which relates back to a little quote I recently heard "Do not **** with people that serve you your food." It is not hard to do. Just be quiet in class and be polite to those service workers on campus. I am going to end on another little quote from one of my favorite shows, South Park. "There is a time and a place for everything, and it's called college."

Patriot Act not patriotic, needs revamping

The Greek word "stasis" means paralysis and the inability to move. This word perfectly describes the feeling most Americans felt for a great length of time after Sept. 11 leading to a series of events, which just recently have begun to unravel. Immediately after Sept. 11, most Americans felt as though they were unable to think or act rationally, myself included. Not only were most of us unable to critically think about any legislation being passed by the U.S. Congress, there was an atmosphere present in which any political dissension was deemed "un-American". However, Founding Father Thomas Jefferson stated, "to dissent is the highest form of patriotism." Taking advantage of this atmosphere, the Bush Administration pushed through a piece of legislation, which has single-handedly done more to damage the civil liberties of Americans than any other piece of legislation, The Patriot Act. With the U.S. Senate and the American public

in complete stasis, The Patriot Act was passed shortly after Sept. 11, with only one lonely Senator voting against it, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin Russ Feingold. The Patriot Act allowed for the federal government to "sneak and peak" by being able to search houses, monitor citizens, and subpoena financial, medical and library records, among other things, without notifying the suspect. Many of these acts were also committed without any sort of prior court approval. The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects citizen's rights to "due process of the law" in all circumstances. This amendment has guaranteed that U.S. citizens would not be deprived of their rights (i.e. being under surveillance by the government) without just cause and a court approved warrant.



Nate Cook

This amendment protects U.S. citizens' right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as well as personal property. But the Bush administration has been able to undermine the Fifth Amendment by taking advantage of our stasis and conducting illegal surveillance and wiretapping without "due process of the law". In 1978, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) was passed, and set up what has been labeled "secret courts." FISA courts are top-secret courts in which the federal government seeks approval to surveill suspects of terrorism. These courts provide a protection for citizens' civil liberties while allowing the federal government to conduct surveillance in order to protect national security. The Bush administration has, however, decided that this "due process of the law" was unnecessary and has begun to conduct secret wiretapping and surveillance of U.S. citizens without court approval. This surveillance is a gross violation of the Fifth Amendment right of U.S. citizens to the

"due process of the law." The Bush administration would like to have us just trust them in protecting our civil liberties. What has happened more recently is the stasis of the U.S. citizens seems to have finally disappeared. Now that citizens are able to think critically and rationally again, there has been a negative backlash against the Patriot Act and the secret wiretapping and surveillance. Currently, the U.S. Congress struggles over the renewal of the Patriot Act as some Senators, led by Feingold, have listened to the outcry for the protection of civil liberties and have stood opposed to the renewal of the Patriot Act as it is written. U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez has also testified in a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the legality of the warrant-less surveillance. We live in uncertain and dangerous times. We need to keep in mind that sacrificing civil liberties for the sake of protection sacrifices the very democracy we want protected.



Amber Dohlman, sophomore

"Orlando, Florida. For Rebel Spring Games for softball."

STUDENT Voices

Kelly Sauer freshman

"I'm going on a road trip to Pensacola, Florida with my best friend."



Joseph Ereyi, sophomore

"I plan on getting plenty of rest and stay pretty till the day I die."

What are your plans for spring break?

Robert Kelly, freshman

"Touring Winnipeg to learn the night life of a Canadian city. And drink and drink because it is legal."



Karwee Marshall, sophomore

"I'm getting sexier. I'm staying beautiful. I'm working on a movie project."

Tony Waldo, sophomore

"Hopefully work, but I probably won't get a job. So I'll probably sit at home and relax."



Swinging into spring



Matt Zinter

Spring training for the Major Leagues is starting next week, and I am going to make my prediction on how the whole season is going to go. Let's start with the National League. In the East, I am really liking the Nationals to be a contender. They have a solid roster now that they have Alfonso Soriano. I also see the Mets being up there in the standings too. They now have Carlos Delgado for the whole season, and youngster Kaz Matsui is full strength. The Braves will still run away with the division. They have made great things happen in the off-season by picking up shortstop Edgar Renteria.

In the Central, there is no doubt in my mind that the Cardinals are going to be the team to beat again this year. They are an unstoppable force that has improved even more in

As for the playoffs, the White Sox won't be back in the World Series, but the Yankees will.

the off-season by picking up pitcher Sidney Ponson. I like the Reds this season too. A healthy Ken Griffey Jr. last year showed us that he can still play. With the help of Eric Milton on the mound and the heavy-hitting Adam Dunn, who knows what this team could do this year.

In the West, the Dodgers now have Nomar Garciaparra. So what? Garciaparra will not help the Dodgers' chances at winning the division. If Barry Bonds can stay healthy the whole season, the Giants should be winning the division.

Now to the American League. In the East, The Blue Jays are making things happen in the off-season that could possibly make them a contender. They now have two solid pitchers in Roy Halladay and A.J. Burnett, and they picked up Lyle Overbay from the Brewers. Obviously it will be a toss up between the Yankees or the Red Sox once again this year. Manny Ramirez is still a Red Sock, but Johnny Damon turned the corner and is now in the pinstripes. I think the Yankees will take the division this year.

In the Central, the Twins made an impressive move bringing Luis Castillo in. That will greatly help their hitting woes. Other than that, the Twins are about the same as last year. The defending champion White Sox brought in power hitter Jim Thome to be its designated hitter for the upcoming season. White Sox will for sure win the division again this year.

Now for my upset pick. In the West, I have to go with the Mariners winning the division. The Rangers and Angels did nothing in the off-season to help themselves out, and the one thing that the Athletics did was bring in the old Frank Thomas who is too washed up to play anymore. The Mariners brought in Carl Everett to be the designated hitter, and they also brought in pitcher Jared Washburn, who was by far one of the best pitchers for the Angels the past three seasons.

As for the playoffs, the White Sox won't be back in the World Series, but the Yankees will. They will be playing the team from the National League that got the wild card. That team will be the New York Mets. I am predicting another Subway Series, just like the 2000 World Series, which was the Yankees against the Mets.

So there are my picks for the upcoming season of Major League Baseball.

Falcons misstep, end season at UW-La Crosse

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The season came to an end for the UW-River Falls women's basketball team on Monday night as they concluded with a 63-53 loss at UW-La Crosse. "Both teams played decent," Head Coach Cindy Hovet said. "Neither of the teams played spectacular, but they also didn't play horrible."

The Falcons finished this season with a respectable record of 12-14, falling just two games below .500. That record gave them a final standing of fifth place in a very challenging WIAC conference.

Even though the Falcons weren't able to escape the first round of the playoffs, they are still pleased with the outcome of their season.

"We've beat some very good teams," Hovet said. "We beat La Crosse and Oshkosh when they were both number one. We played with everyone in our league."

Much of the Falcon success this season was due to the

incredible work ethic of the team. Hovet said her team will only be losing three seniors, and she has high hopes and expectations for next season.

"We have a lot of players

"The recruits come and meet with some of our athletes and that's it."

Cindy Hovet,
head basketball coach

returning with experience," Hovet said. "They've fought through a lot, and hopefully their fight will carry through to next season."

The team went through struggles early on in the year with roster changes, but the Falcons didn't allow anything to dampen their spirits. River Falls persevered and nearly ended the season with a home playoff spot, but unfortunately the Falcons fell short in their final regular season games where they hoped to catch that home playoff birth.

Next year, when the Falcons

hit the hard court for the first time, they hope to be able to secure a home playoff spot and show off their old and new players.

Hovet said she plans to have a very strong recruiting class next season. She also briefly mentioned some of the steps she and her staff have to go through to get recruits who will end up eventually playing for River Falls.

Coaches make initial contact with the athletes during their junior year of high school, and then follow through the players' next season. During that season the coaches keep in contact with the players via phone or mail.

"The biggest selling point is our players," Hovet said. "The recruits come and meet with some of our athletes and that's it."

Hovet can hardly wait for the next season to begin. With high expectations she hopes the Falcons of 2006-2007 will uphold, but she will also miss her three graduating seniors.



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice
The Falcons play their last home game against UW-Platteville. On Monday, the Falcons ended their season.

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Falcons lose over weekend, remain in second

River Falls plays a waiting game for NCHA Tournament

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The Men's hockey team found themselves on a slippery patch of ice last weekend, dropping their second and third consecutive home losses to the UW-Stout Blue Devils.

The Falcons hosted the first round of NCHA playoffs Feb. 17 and 18.

The Falcons entered the weekend with an overall record of 17-5-3 and a No. 2 ranking in their western region of Div. III hockey. Head Coach Steve Freeman also entered the game one game shy of his 200th career win in his 10-year tenure at UW-River Falls.

But the Falcons fell short and ended the weekend with a record of 17-7-5. As of Tuesday, the Falcons were still ranked No. 2 in the west.

"Everybody assumes their season is done," Freeman said Tuesday. "The NCHA says to keep practicing until it's decided; it's a waiting game."

During the first game the Falcons were dominated in nearly every aspect of the game, including shots. River Falls goaltender AJ Buccchino made 39 saves on 40 shots, while the Falcons barely got half as many shots as the Blue Devils, with 21 total.

The only goal of the night



Eric Ebert/Student Voice
UW-River Falls sophomore Pat Borgestad takes a shot against UW-Stout on Saturday night. Borgestad and the Falcons came up short over the weekend, losing two games to UW-Stout in the playoffs. The Falcons lost 3-2 in overtime Saturday night.

was scored at 2:10 of the first period when Blue Devil Cory Mozak scored the game winner on a power-play.

"We had a slow start," Freeman said. "We started the game with two penalties in the first three minutes, and Stout found themselves on a 5-3 power play. We got stronger as the game went on, but we were already behind."

Going into the second game of this crucial series, the Falcons had to win the game in order to force a 20-minute mini-game to decide the series winner.

The Falcons came out a lot stronger in the second game, but still fell short, losing with a 3-2 overtime loss.

The Falcons hit the scoreboard first with a goal by Tyler Kostik

at 1:39 with the assist from Wade Harstad. Six minutes later the Blue Devils scored the tying goal, but with only 2:12 left in the first period, Pat Borgestad scored the go-ahead goal for the Falcons and the period ended with a 2-1 Falcon lead.

In the second period, there was only one goal scored, and it was scored by Stout.

Jake Erickson got the puck past Buccchino for the tying goal. And the game would remain that way until overtime.

With around a minute to go in the overtime session, the Falcons took a timeout and pulled Buccchino, hoping to capitalize on the man advantage.

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Keeping Minnesota pride alive, Gophers succeed



Sarah Packingham

With the regular season winding down for most of the collegiate winter sports, that means that March Madness is looming on the horizon.

This season in Div. I hockey two teams have gone above and beyond, exceeding everyone's expectations.

At this University we have a very decent Div. III men's hockey program, which is currently ranked second in the west region of Div. III.

There's no debate that we love our Falcons, but when it comes to Div. I who do we cheer for? Many students here come from Minnesota and Wisconsin, and lucky for us those just happen to be the top two teams in the country.

It might as well be called a

battle of the rodents. In one corner we've got the Badgers, and in the other the Gophers.

With only two weekends in the regular season remaining, the maroon and gold lead the red and white by only two points.

And with that being said, I must admit I am cheering for the Gophers to take the WCHA championship.

Being from Minnesota and a fan of college hockey, I've followed the Gophers for a long time. Even though I'm from Duluth and I love the Bulldogs of UMD I have to be real in the final two weeks and know the Gophers are going to come out on top of the WCHA.

Since returning from the holiday break the Gophers have gone 12-1-1, including a series sweep of the Badgers.

Could the Gophers even ask for an easier final two weeks of the season? Truthfully, yes. This weekend they will travel to the University of Alaska Anchorage, and next weekend they will end up at home against my beloved Minnesota Duluth.

Alaska has been playing better hockey this season, beating four

WCHA teams including UMD, St. Cloud State, Denver and North Dakota.

The Bulldog and Gopher battle is always a good one where you might as well throw all the records out the window, even the three points the Dogs ran away with earlier this season.

Wisconsin's conclusion to the season looks like it may be as difficult as Minnesota's. They travel to Mankato this weekend and then finish off the season at home against St. Cloud.

There is one reason I believe that Minnesota will run away with the title. The Badgers' top goaltender may still be a little bit shaky after just getting back into the playing rotation a week ago, when the Badgers tied.

The only way the Gophers can not take first is if they take the next two weeks lightly, and if that happens look for Minnesota Duluth to play the role of the spoiler, because I see Minnesota taking three of four points from Alaska to head into the final weekend of the series with good standing, and they will then bring the WCHA title to Minnesota again.

Falcons end with splash at WIAC

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On Feb. 9-11 the UW-River Falls men's and women's swim teams hosted the WIAC Championships at the University of Minnesota.

Even though the men's and women's teams both finished with a sixth place score, Head Coach Bill Henderson couldn't have been more pleased.

"I thought for having such a young team we had a great meet."

Bill Henderson,
head swim coach

Henderson said that many of his athletes were swimming their best times of the season at this huge meet.

The overall hosting of the championship was also a success for the Falcon program as a whole. This was the first time the Falcons hosted the meet since sometime in the 1970s when the event was held in the Karges

pool.

"I thought for having such a young team we had a great meet," Henderson said.

The hosting of the meet went well for the Falcons in all respects, and the Falcons would be pleased to host the event again sometime in the future.

"It all went so very well. They really came together," Henderson said. "The athletics office, sports information department and the volunteers all really helped out. I think we set the standard for the future conference meets."

Henderson also said that hosting this event at such an adequate facility might help the Falcons and the WIAC conference have great locations for future championships.

"I think that the University of Minnesota really showed us what an adequate facility was," Henderson said.

With the team being young, that leaves a lot of promise for the Falcons for next year and the seasons to come. With only three seniors on this year's squad, the Falcons should be able to come out strong once again next season in WIAC.

SPORTS WRAP
Falcons end regular season with a loss

The UW-River Falls women’s hockey team ended the regular season with two losses to UW-Superior.

In the first game on Saturday, the Falcons started off with a 2-0 lead going into the second period. That is when Superior took over. The Yellowjackets scored five unanswered goals in the period to take a 5-2 lead. There was no scoring for either team in the third period.

Sunday’s game was no different in the overall result. The Yellowjackets scored two goals in the first period, which the Falcons could not overcome. Superior ended up winning the game 4-3.

This was the last series for the Falcons before entering the playoffs. Jenna Scanlon led the team in goals for the season with 12, followed by Kelly Jenson and Lou Paulson with nine each. Lindsey O’Keefe was the leader in assists for the team with 11, followed by Sara Halseth with 10 in the regular season.

February 19 results		February 18 results	
UW-Superior	1 1 1 – 4	UW-Superior	0 5 0 – 5
UW-River Falls	1 1 2 – 3	UW-River Falls	2 0 0 – 2
First period		First period	
11:34 LFC - Caligiuri (Wilson, Rushing)		01:22 RF - Wallace (Dahle, Halseth)	
16:59 RF - Scanlon (Landgraf)		19:30 RF - Halseth (Juven)	
Second period		Second period	
01:41 LFC - Hill (Wilson, McGrath)		04:53 SUP - Aubin (Evoy)	
13:22 RF - Scanlon (Dyslin)		07:48 SUP - McClintock (Bennett, Crabb)	
Third period		08:59 SUP - Kegley (unassisted)	
13:52 RF - Scanlon (unassisted)		17:41 SUP - McClintock (unassisted)	
16:28 RF - Wallace (Halseth, Snedeker)		19:36 SUP - Theofilatos (unassisted)	
18:54 LFC - Snowden (McGrath, Richmond)		Third period	
		No Scoring	
Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)		Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)	
LFC - Bevis (59:00-35-31)		SUP - Nespor (60:00-35-33)	
RF - Lindner (60:00-33-30)		RF - Lindner (40:00-19-14)	
		RF - Mohwinkel (20:00-4-4)	

Men’s basketball bows out early

The UW-River Falls men’s basketball team played UW-Stout in the first round of the WIAC tournament last Tuesday.

The Falcons started out strong in the first half leading at its end 37-29. Then the Blue Devils came back in the second half. They went on an 11-3 run to start off the half. The Falcons couldn’t come back from the deficit and lost the game 75-65.

Leading the way for the Falcons was junior Hans Hoeg, who had 18 points. Following right behind Hoeg was sophomore Ryan Zylstra with 14 points.

The Falcons concluded their season with an overall record of 6-19 and a 5-11 record in WIAC.

February 21 results		Chandler	8-4-5;	Buck	7-7-0;	Jo.
UW-Stout	29 46 – 75	Nonemacher	4-1-0;			
UW-River Falls	37 28 – 65					
UW-Stout (pts-rebs-assist)		UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist)				
Farmer 20-10-3; Stangl 17-3-1; Ja.		Hoeg 18-3-0; Zylstra 14-7-1; Kossoris 13-				
Nonemacher 10-7-0; Chaisson 9-4-3;		7-1; James 8-5-3; Thompson 6-2-5; Kelly				
		6-1-0; Rondeau 0-1-0				

Track finishes in top half at Stout

The UW-River Falls men’s and women’s track teams competed in their first ranked meet of the season last Friday, Feb. 17. Out of nine teams that competed, the men took third place in their events, and the women took fourth.

Some of the male individuals that performed the best were Michael Zander, who took third place in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 52.53 seconds; Charlie Sowa, who took fourth in the high jump with a jump of 1.79 meters; and Eric Olson, who took fifth in the shot put with a throw of 13.43 meters.

Some of the individual women that performed the best were Amy Piersak, who took fifth place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.55 seconds; Marlene Yaeger, who took first in the 3000-meter run with a time of 10:29.32 seconds; Holly Kromray, who took third in the pole vault with a jump of 3.11 meters; and Krista Hasselquist, who took second in the shot put with a throw of 12.82 meters.

The next meet for the Falcons is on Feb. 24, at St. Olaf. The meet starts at 10 a.m.

Women		Men
February 17 results		February 17 results
Blue Devil Open		Blue Devil Open
UW-Eau Claire 249.33; UW-Stout 142;		UW-Eau Claire 233.5; UW-Stout 195.5;
St. Mary’s 83.33; UW-River Falls 82.33;		UW-River Falls 78.5; St. Scholastica 22;
St. Scholastica 32; North Central 8;		Northwestern 18; St. Mary’s 14.5; North
Northwestern 8; Martin Luther 5		Central 6; Martin Luther 6; UW-Superior
		3
UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)		UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)
5. Piersak, 200-meter - 27.55; 4. Crandall,		3. Zander, 400-meter - 52.53 ; 4.
400-meter - 1:01.73; 3. Smith, 55-meter		McDonough, 800-meter - 2:00.27;
hurdles - 8.75; 2. Kromray, Pole Vault -		3.Kamper, Pole Vault - 4.30m; 4. Sowa,
3.11m ; 2. Hasselquist, Shot Put - 12.82m.		High Jump - 1.79m; 5.Olson, Shot Put -
		13.43 m.

Sports Wrap compiled
by Matt Zinter

STANDINGS

Men’s basketball						
WIAC Standings	W	L				
UW-Whitewater(20-5)	13	3				
UW-Stout(20-5)	12	4				
UW-Stevens Point(17-9)	11	5				
UW-Lacrosse(20-6)	10	6				
UW-Oshkosh(17-9)	10	6				
UW-Platteville(12-13)	7	9				
UW-River Falls(6-19)	5	11				
UW-Eau Claire(12-14)	4	12				
UW-Superior(5-20)	0	16				
Women’s basketball	W	L				
WIAC Standings	W	L				
UW-Oshkosh(19-7)	12	4				
UW-Stout(18-7)	12	4				
UW-Stevens Point(19-7)	11	5				
UW-Lacrosse(19-7)	9	7				
UW-Eau Claire(13-13)	8	8				
UW-River Falls(12-14)	8	8				
UW-Whitewater(12-14)	6	10				
UW-Platteville(10-15)	6	10				

For complete stats check out UW-RF Sports Information
Web site at www.uwrf.edu/sports

Men’s hockey players on All NCHA Team:
TJ Dahl, Derek Hansberry, Mike Salmela
and AJ Buccchino.
Pat Borgestad was named
Honorable Mention.

All NCHA Academic Team:
Dan Meneghin, Mike Salmela and Devin
Underwood.

Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Mike Salmela

Men’s hockey: Drop third straight

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“We had to pull the goaltender to try and score and advance to the mini-game,” Freeman said.

Freeman said there was not a lot of offensive hockey this weekend. Stout scored three power play goals and one open net, and the Falcons’ two goals were at even strength.

The Falcons had another disadvantage during the game on Saturday when they lost one of their more seasoned defensemen. Mike Salmela was called for checking from behind in the second period and was given a five-minute penalty and a game misconduct.

Freeman thought that made it more difficult for the team as it left them a defensemen short for the remainder of the night.

“We couldn’t score this weekend,” Devin Underwood said. “We’re a more talented team than they are; they just played better defensively. The fact that we couldn’t score is really what killed us.”

Bucchino kept the Falcons in both of the games this weekend as he made 39 saves on Friday and 46 on Saturday.

“He did unbelievable. We can’t put the fault on AJ,” Underwood said. “He did his job.”

Even though the Falcons’ season may be over, there were many bright spots. One game Underwood can clearly remember is the win against St. Thomas.

Even though the Falcons had a rough weekend with the Blue Devils, the fan support was never-ending.

“I really think we have the best student section in college hockey,” Underwood said. “They always supported us.”

The Falcons are looking forward to being even better in the future, and bringing home a championship in the years to come if they don’t get an opportunity to play again this season.

“I guarantee you that we will be better next year,” Underwood said.

With the possibility of the 2005-2006 season being over, the Falcons have to face the fact that they will be losing four senior athletes. Nate Hanson, Mike Salmela, Andy Scanlon and Dan Meneghin may have pulled on the Falcon jersey for the last time over the weekend.

Underwood said it would be hard to fill their slots next season, especially trying to find two goaltenders who have the ability to play like those two do.

“Even though we were kind of disappointed in the last few weeks, we still had a tremendously good season,” Freeman said.

Now for the Falcons it’s a waiting game to see where they will end up in the rankings on March 5. Depending on those rankings the Falcons may still be able to make a run for the national championship.



Eric Ebert/Student Voice
Senior Nate Hansen gets physical with a UW-Stout opponent on Saturday night as the official tries to break up the fight.

February 18 results		RF - Buccicino (63:49-47-45)	
UW-River Falls	2 0 0 – 2	STOU - Stone (64:13-42-40)	
UW-Stout	1 1 01 – 3	February 17 results	
First period		UW-River Falls	0 0 0 – 0
01:39 RF - Kostniuk (Harstad)		UW-Stout	1 0 0 – 1
07:33 STOU - Mylnarczyk (Stearns, Kautz)		First period	
17:48 RF - Borgestad (Hansberry, Dahl)		2:10 STOU - Mozak (Wiesner, Boche)	
Second period		Second period	
14:17 STOU Erickson (Schroeder, Mozak)		No Scoring	
Third period		Third period	
No Scoring		No Scoring	
OT		Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)	
04:13 Stearns (Mylnarczyk)		RF - Buccicino (59:30-40-39)	
Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)		STOU - Stone (60:00-21-21)	

Softball gets ready to take to the field, both here and in Florida

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On March 1, many UW-River Falls students will still be sitting around waiting for baseball and softball seasons to start, but the Falcon women’s softball team will be taking place in their first game of the 2006 season.

This season the Falcons team is noticeably smaller than last year or in other years in the past.

“We’re a more compact team,” sophomore Amanda Peters said. “We know each others ins and outs and strengths and weaknesses. That way we’re able to compensate each others weaknesses.”

At 8 p.m. on March 1 the Falcons will take on Carleton College at the Rosemount Dome.

“We’re really psyched about our game on Wednesday,” Peters said. “We’re focusing on that and we’re not really worried about Stout or La Crosse.”

This season head coach Faye Perkins will be leading the women as her 17th season as head coach. Perkins team will be playing for first in the WIAC conference. If they earn first place it will be the first time since 2001.

Jody Gabriel will be assisting Perkins this season. This is Gabriel’s fourth season with UW-River Falls as a head coach. She also played for the Falcons from 1994-1996. The Falcons finished first in WIAC all three of those years when Gabriel was



Jens Gunelson/Photo Services
The 2006 UW-River Falls softball team is ready for the season to begin on March 1. After its first game in Minnesota, the team travels to Florida for a tournament.

a member of Perkins’ team.

“Faye does a good job keeping us together and Jody stays current on all that’s new in the game,” Peters said. “They compliment each other really well.”

Last season River Falls finished with a record of 18-23 overall and an 8-8 record in WIAC. They Falcons hope they can improve on that record this season.

“Our big goal is to go eight out of 10 at our tournament in Florida and we want to win the

“Our big goal is to go eight out of 10 at our tournament in Florida .”
Amanda Peters,
softball player

conference and the conference tourney,” Peters said.

This season the Falcons have a lot of players playing dual positions due to the fact that the team

is smaller.

Also this season’s team is quite young.

“We’re really young and I don’t think that will hurt us,” said Peters.

As of this point in the season, the Falcons have yet to choose captains so they are looking to the upperclassman to lead them in the early points of the season.

After Wednesday the Falcons get ready for the Florida trip and tournament to begin on March 12.

Women’s basketball: Falling short

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“Miranda Biteler brought leadership to this program. She’s the kind of player you want in your program,” Hovet said. “We’re definitely going to miss Chi [Chiasto Nakiake] and Kendra [Sticha] too.”

The Falcons are waiting for the next year as a chance to start fresh, but this season was nothing for River Falls to be disappointed about.

“We had some challenges. I’m really proud of how our team stuck together.”
Cindy Hovet,
head basketball coach

“We went 12-14. We had some challenges,” Hovet said. “I’m really proud of how our team stuck together.”

In the final game against UW-

La Crosse, River Falls was led by Biteler’s 14 points, and Krista Cordes was close behind with 13 points. The Falcons never got closer than within two points of La Crosse in the season finale.

Graduating only three seniors, next years Falcons are on the mark to do just as well as this seasons team, if they don’t do better.

The season concluded with an overall record of 12-14 and an 8-8 record in the conference. They finished the season fifth in the conference.

February 20 results		February 19 results	
UW-River Falls	16 37 – 53	UW-LaCrosse	31 32 – 63
UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist)		UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist)	
Biteler 14-5-2; Cordes 13-5-0; Lindman 10-6-0; Sticha 8-6-1; Preiner 4-5-2; M. Hunstock 2-2-0; Nakiake 2-0-0; C. Hunstock 0-0-1;		Palmer 17-5-2; Searing 14-6-0; Hunter 11-1-3; Wagner 10-6-6; Johnson 10-5-0; Fall 1-4-0; Schmitz 0-2-0; Lamers 0-1-0; Halat 0-0-1	



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice
Megan Lindman goes up for a shot against UW-Platteville.

Chamber: Web site offers organizations the experience to market themselves

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nizations that are involved with the Chamber.

This leaves a valuable resource and learning tool unused, Link said.

Students and campus organizations have the opportunity to volunteer and gain contacts through networking with the Chamber, Link said.

UW-RF graduate Nick Carstens knows the importance of a relationship with the Chamber.

As Communications Coordinator for the Chamber, Carstens said it would be a great advantage for students and campus organizations to get educated on the Chamber.

"We offer internships for any-

one interested in what the Chamber does," Carstens said.

Work with the Chamber could include time on committees such as the Ambassadors Club, Ambassadors Golf Outing, Leadership River Falls, River Falls Days, Town N' Country Day, MS Tram, Kinni River Trout Trot and Government Relations, Carstens said.

Another advantage of Chamber involvement is the Business Billboard.

Carstens said the Business Billboard is a section in the monthly Chamber newsletter informing members of current events such as awards or recognition of members. There is no charge for any Chamber member wanting to make an announcement in the Billboard.

For those wanting public access to their organization or experience with marketing, the Chamber's Web site marketing is a choice satisfying both needs.

The Chamber Web site is in the process of being upgraded with a community calendar, which is projected to be finished around the middle of March, Carstens said.

The cost of Web site marketing for Chamber members ranges from \$35 to \$70 a year.

The UW-RF Foundation is also a Chamber member. Kimberly Gould-Speckman, Director of Annual Giving and Advancement Services, said the Chamber is a great benefit for its members.

As the fundraising arm for the University, the UW-RF

Foundation is a separate non-profit organization, Gould-Speckman said.

"The Chamber provides people within the community and outside of the community with a snapshot of what organizations are about," Gould-Speckman said.

Gould-Speckman participated in the Ambassadors' Golf Outing and Leadership River Falls last year, she said.

Involvement with the Chamber from a student or campus organization would further the work done by Lydecker.



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UW-RF alum Nick Carstens talks with Rosanne Bump at the River Falls Chamber of Commerce building.

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To two more weeks of classes before spring break!

Falcon Favorites



Robert W. Baker
Asst. Dean of CAFES,
chair of plant & earth science

Baker has been working at UW-RF for the past 29 years. Baker was an undergraduate at Florida State, Tallahassee. He received his master's at the University of Maine and finished with his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in geology and glacial geology. Baker has used his studies in glacial geology by working in the Canadian Arctic, northern Sweden and here in Wisconsin and the Midwest. Baker says the best part about working here is working with the highly-motivated students that enjoy learning. Some words of advice that Baker would give students is "be prepared to budget your time when you come to college. Make sure to study and attend class." He has spent about 15 years as an assistant swimming coach. He is also involved in faculty government. When not teaching or working on glacial studies, Baker enjoys playing golf. "The only time I'm ever dangerous is when I'm on a golf course, so you better watch out."

Campus Calendar

Feb. 23-25, March 2-4

7:30 p.m. - University Theatre: Two Rooms. A drama by Lee Blessing that tells the story of a couple separated by terrorism and united by fear. It examines the issue of terrorism from both a personal and a political perspective, and bristles with topical relevance for these uneasy times. Directed by theatre Professor Meg Swanson. For more information, times and season ticket information, contact the University Box Office at (715) 425-3114 or 800-228-5423 or visit www.uwrf.edu/scta Fee: Adults \$7, students/seniors \$4. Location: Syse Theatre, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building

Saturday, Feb. 25

American Birkebeiner Alumni Event. All alumni, friends and families are invited to join UW-RF at the 33rd annual American Birkebeiner Cross Country Ski Race held in Hayward, Wis. UW-RF will have a booth near the finish line at the baggage pick-up area. For more information call the UW-RF Office of Advancement toll free at 1-877-258-6647.

Monday, Feb. 27

3:30-4:30 p.m - English Faculty Presentations Greta Gaard: "Writing Nature, Writing the Self." UW-RF English professor Greta Gaard presents. For more information contact Marshall Toman, chair of the English Department at (715) 425-3537 or at marshall.toman@uwrf.edu Location: Chalmer Davee Library Breezeway.

Monday, Feb. 27- March 2

8:30 p.m. - Observatory Viewing: Space Disasters. Talk at 8:30 p.m. by physics professor Eileen Korenic in Room 271 Centennial Science Hall; talk is held the first clear night only of each set. Free and open to the public. Viewing 9-10:30 p.m., first clear night only, UW-RF Observatory, CSH. For weather updates, call (715) 425-3560 or visit uwrf.edu/physics/obsviewtime.html Location: UW-RF Observatory, CSH

FALCON REVIEWS

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As the unforgettable and haunting lyrics of "Dirty Little Secret" race through your mind 10 times over the course of five minutes, you may realize that you've only heard the song once - of course on the radio - and yet you have no idea if you like it or not. That decision is up to you, but the so-called "talent" at hand lacks in many areas. A four member power-pop band from Stillwater, Okla., The All-American Rejects formed at a high school house party. According to Mackenzie Wilson, All Music Guide, The All-American Rejects received production work from Tim O'Heir for the independent album release entitled *Doghouse* in October of 2002. They found their so-called stardom when DreamWorks signed them and reissued their album. What? The All-American Rejects have another album aside from *Move Along* (2005)? Yes, that's the album with the one-hit-wonder "Swing Swing." So now that you remember a song from their older music, can you tell that nothing has changed? These guys have found nothing new from their keyboards, pianos and unnecessary overused guitar distortion. Actually, in their album *Move Along*, they ever so cleverly added a choir of teenage kids. Johnny Loftus of All Music Guide points out, "The songs are also impeccably arranged, even if they're

relentlessly processed and some of the instrumentation seems like overkill. (A children's choir? Come on...)" When listening to *Move Along*, I find myself to be in total agreement with the above statement. With weak, catchy lyrics, teenage melodic voices and bothersome choruses, The All-American Rejects were wrongfully placed when it comes down to genre placement. "Alternative and Punk," according to iTunes. Are you joking? This is more like serious power-pop overload. Whether you have heard it on the radio, through a friend or playing Madden 2006, you probably can sing their worn-out annoying choruses. I definitely do not recommend giving your hard earned college-job dollars to this overexposed, lackluster pop-punk band. Johnny Loftus could not have said it better, "It's easy to like the All-American Rejects if you're looking for 21st century mainstream rock that takes very, very few chances." The album, "Move Along," offers nothing different throughout the entire album. It's the same old repetitive, annoying, etched-in-your-mind



lyrics over and over again. You might as well dig out the old Simple Plan and Bowling for Soup albums and make room for *Move Along*, and when you're done put them back where you found them.

Ratings for music reviews are based on a scale from one to five. An album that scores a five is worth a listen, while an album that scores a one is better left on store shelves.

1.0
out of five points

Du jour
Watermelon Crawl
Ingredients:
1/3 Southern Comfort
1.5 oz Amaretto
1/3 Watermelon schnapps
orange juice
pineapple juice
Mixing instructions:
Fill a 16 oz pint glass with ice, pour ingredients in. Garnish with cherries.

Lewie
Ingredients:
2 oz Captain Morgan
1 oz Amaretto
8 oz orange juice
1 splash Grenadine
Mixing instructions:
Fill glass with ice. Add rum, amaretto and OJ, shake, top with grenadine.

Green Whale
Ingredients:
1 1/2 oz Blue Curacao
1 splash Vodka
1/3 part pineapple juice
2/3 part orange juice
1 tsp sugar
Mixing instructions:
Pour all ingredients in a shaker and shake well.

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

'Date' is a don't 'Rent' moves in



Nick Welsh

In the past 20 or so years, movie executives began running out of ideas for films. Instead of creating new material that would be immortalized like "The Graduate" or "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," they tried revamping material already proven financially successful. For example, classic television shows like "The Dukes of Hazzard" have been made into embarrassing adaptations on the big screen. Memorable films like "Planet of the Apes" are done again, leaving you wondering "What the hell were they thinking, trying to redo a flawless classic and failing miserably?" Adaptations from novels and short stories are becoming common (*Brokeback Mountain*, *The Da Vinci Code*), as are adaptations of comics like the X-Men or Spiderman. Or, as in this case, writers have begun producing comedic parodies of over-hyped films. This is the category the film "Date Movie" would fall under. Created by two writers of "Scary Movie," this film mocks successful chick flicks as well as a couple of action epics. In this case, it pokes fun at a good 20 or so films that have been released in the past decade. Its mockery ranges from a subtle fashion to spending a good 10 or 15 minutes on it. A few of these films would include "Shallow Hal," "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," "When Harry Met Sally," "Napoleon Dynamite" and "King Kong."



1.5
out of five points

The television program "Pimp My Ride" is also tossed into the mix. First of all, you have to realize that I don't have any problems with these kinds of movies. Some of them I have a lot of respect for due to their witty writing and creativity. To have the ability to mock other films in a comedic fashion, capable of entertaining the audience for a long period of time without insulting or scarring their memory, really does take skill. "Austin Powers," "Scary Movie" and "Not Another Date Movie" all did a great job poking fun at these movies loved by the public, ridiculing them in a comedic fashion. Unfortunately, "Date Movie" doesn't quite reach the bar made by previous parodies. The movie starts out strong with a bag of cheap laughs. Like other comedies dealing with locker room humor, it would best be seen with a large group of people. Like other parodies, if you've already seen the films mentioned in here, you'll be capable of seeing how they twist the material. In fact, it's sometimes more fun to see it this way. Unfortunately the jokes slowly begin to thin out, its impact weakening. Your attention swings from the big screen to your watch. As the story develops, it becomes odd, if not strange. The jokes become less humorous and you're wondering why the producers would put some of them in. Some of the jokes don't even seem to add to the experience, but act more like space fillers. Toward the end of the film, the only laughter you do hear comes from other people in the corner, whose faces you can't see in the darkness. But that's the thing. Some people may enjoy seeing this film, others may not. It just depends on the sort of humor you like. Personally, a few jokes proved to be a bit disgusting for me. I'm just disappointed that one of few scenes advertised (a tree branch falling on Owen Wilson from "Wedding Crashers") was cut out. Just to see that would have been worth paying for the ticket.

Nick is a junior majoring in history. He enjoys watching comic book superhero films. Ratings for movie reviews are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores a five is a stellar movie worth seeing at least once, while a film that scores a one is a horribly acted or directed film with no substance.



Helen Clarke

Two hours, 15 minutes and 25 songs later ... "Rent" was finally over. No intermission. The story focuses on a group of young people struggling in the East Village of New York City amid AIDS, homelessness and drug abuse. With a cheese factor reminiscent of "From Justin to Kelly," this film clearly experienced the usual difficulties transitioning from the stage to the silver screen. "Rent" is an adaptation of the Broadway hit by the same name, which has won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the Obie Award, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, four Tony Awards and three Drama Desk awards since its debut. The film, however, is overloaded with lengthy, repetitive songs that make you want to violently shake each character and tell them to get a job. Some of the songs are so drawn out it was nearly impossible to distinguish between them. At times, it was a struggle not to be literally sung into boredom. It's hard to write anything great about "Rent," because the headlining stars are Rosario Dawson and Taye Diggs, two of the worst actors ever. Neither of them have exceptional voices, making it pointless torture to put them in a musical with all those songs (Did I mention there are 25 of them? That's an average of one song every 5.4 minutes!). Diggs' musical role is an unimpressive one. You'll find yourself thanking the film gods for his mere two minutes of screen time. The man is clearly out of his element.

The plotline frequently contradicts itself into confusion, leaving the audience wondering what the hell just happened. The characters seem to have multiple personalities - especially Mark (Anthony Rapp), who's sometimes a badass, but ordinarily not. The film's lowest moment is near the halfway point, when Maureen (Idina Menzel) performs a wannabe rock 'n' roll poetry reading about

milk that has her audience literally mooing by the end. The strikingly similar sounds of "moo" and "boo" make you wonder whether the extras in the scene were simply expressing the undeniable disappointment you feel as a viewer. It's really too bad, because the cinematography is excellent, although, not necessarily original with its transitions between scenes. Every cut seems to go to a panoramic view of the New York City streets, suggesting the director (who also did the first two Harry Potter films) was just as disconnected from the characters as the audience. The shadowing and lighting effects are successful in giving the film an intimate feel, which is unfortunately offset by one-dimensional characters with occasional spurts of bipolarity. But the Broadway musical's original score is able to carry this movie on its back, forcing a barely survivable path through the sporadic break-into-song music moments. Still, despite countless power ballads, the film's deepest moment occurs when a homeless woman tells one of the "starving artists" to get a job. Isn't that ironic. "Rent" is actually an entertaining movie when they're not singing. But doesn't that sound like a contradiction, considering the music is amazing? Ultimately, the combination of the two is what kills this film. There are good things and there are bad things. The problem is the good doesn't make up for the bad. Bottom line: If you like Kung Fu drag queen raps, aged 19-year-olds with really bad hair extensions, Jon Bon Jovi look-alikes, and a whole bunch of AIDS and whoring around, this is your movie.

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2.0
out of five points

Heat: Central Heating Plant provides warmth for UW-RF campus

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ample amount of coal to keep the buildings heated. It is not uncommon to find about 300 tons of coal stored in the heating plant during this time.

“We burn 25 tons of coal a day on average, with 40 tons being the high,” Girnau said.

The ability to use coal as an alternate fuel source has allowed the plant to maintain a reasonable annual fuel bill.

“The concept of the heating plant is to provide steam cheaper and more efficiently than if each building had its own boiler,” Girnau said.

As the fuel burns, heat is transferred through water-filled tubes, heating the water until it boils and produces steam.

The 338-degree steam leaves the plant with a pressure of 100 pounds per square inch (psi), and is carried via several miles of underground pipe to each of the buildings on the campus. When it reaches the buildings, the pressure is reduced to between five and seven psi before it is released through the heating system vents, Girnau said.

As the steam heats the buildings, it condenses and the water is pumped back to the heating plant to be reheated and reused.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Web site, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maintains air quality standards for fine particulate matter or very small bits of material, such as smoke, that can cause impurities in the quality of the air.

Environmental concerns are closely monitored by the WDNR as well. The WDNR requires that plants such as the Central Heating Plant maintain certain



Peter Johnson stands in front of close to 300 tons of coal stored inside the Central Heating Plant for use in heating campus buildings.

Jen Dolen/Student Voice

standards in order to keep its operating license.

“Both particulate matter and sulfur dioxide are tested in the stack every two years,” WDNR Air Management Engineer John Stoffel said.

When the building was erected in 1964, all of the equipment used to operate machinery in the plant was run on air. Now, everything has been converted to run electronically from a single switchboard in the control room.

The heating plant has seven full-time employees, operating the plant around the clock.

“We have a small crew. I’m the supervisor, and we have an oper-

ator in chief who is the lead mechanic, and there are five operators,” said Girnau, who has been on the Central Heating Plant crew since 1977.

All of the full-time employees maintain rigorous work schedules that are posted nearly a year in advance. If any of the workers need time off to attend their children’s extracurricular activities, they must use vacation time, Girnau said.

At the end of spring semester after students have removed all of their belongings from the residence halls, the plant closes down for two weeks.

UW-RF GOES GOSPEL



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