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## FAFSA deadline approaches for aid

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It's that time again - students who need financial aid should be thinking about submitting their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) within the next few days. The priority deadline for UW-River Falls is March 15.

People who file their FAFSA by this date will have aid ready when disbursement occurs in the fall, said Beth Boisen, interim director for the Office of Financial Assistance. If the deadline is missed, students may not have the funds ready at the time tuition and fees are due.

"What we're really hoping is people won't delay," Boisen said. "We don't want them to feel stressed when school starts in the fall."

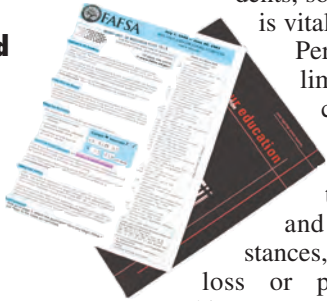
Students are encouraged to apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), because it's easier and faster than by hard copy. Using the correct Web site is also important, Boisen said, because other sites may charge for the application.

"If someone is asking for money, you're not in the right place," she said, adding that [fafsa.com](http://fafsa.com) - different from [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) - charges \$45 to its users.

When applying for financial aid with a FAFSA, tax return information from 2005 must be used. If a student or parent has not completed their taxes by the FAFSA deadline, it is important to file with estimated information to meet the deadline, Boisen said. Indicate that the numbers are estimated, and they can be changed later when corrections are known.

Meeting the priority deadline is important, Boisen said, because certain types of funds run out. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOGs) are limited and go to the neediest students, so applying by March 15 is vital.

**FAFSA forms can be picked up from the Financial Aid office in North Hall. The FAFSA is required to get financial assistance.**



Perkins Loans are also not limitless, and early application is best to receive these funds. Money is also set aside beyond the deadline for travel and unusual circumstances, Boisen said. If a job loss or parent death occurs, Perkins Loans can be made available to students who otherwise may not have needed the funding.

One of the most important details an applicant will use on the Web site is a PIN, which serves as a signature for as long as financial aid is requested. If a student is considered a dependent, a separate PIN is also needed to represent a parent signature.

Boisen said the Web site also offers a worksheet, which she encourages all students to complete before beginning the online application process.

Another important thing to remember is to keep both the confirmation number and Student Aid Report (SAR) that are sent via e-mail or postal mail after the FAFSA has been filed.

"Students should read it [the SAR] to find any glaring errors or missing information," Boisen said. "It needs to be reviewed in case you've made a mistake."

After the online filing is completed, the SAR is sent to the University and a student will be contacted by mail if more information is needed. A timely response can be the determining factor in how much aid will be awarded, Boisen said, so it is important for a student to provide any additional information as soon as possible.

"We can get any changes done within a week," she said. "Students that apply on time and respond to letters shouldn't have a problem."

Those who take their time may lose money if they wait too long. "The No. 1 problem is when the ball gets dropped and a student squirrels their mail away in their room," Boisen said, adding that this tends to happen to new freshmen who are very independent.

Students who have received financial aid at UW-RF in the past simply have to go through a renewal process. Their demographic information is saved online, Boisen said, and they only have to adjust the tax information.

If the filing process becomes confusing, help buttons are available on every page of the Web application. An online chat with a customer service representative is also available, and applicants may call a toll-free number at 1-800-4FEDAID.

If more assistance is needed, students can visit the Office of Financial Assistance at 315 North Hall.

## Public Safety puts students first



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

**Erin Brown, left, the new liaison officer, stops in at Hathorn Hall to check in with the front desk and to walk through the building. Katie Frisch, a desk assistant, comments about the night activities with Brown. Public Safety is experimenting this semester with a new officer, focusing duties mainly on the residence buildings.**

### New liaison officer focuses on residence halls, establishing a stronger connection with staff and students around campus

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Beginning this semester, UW-River Falls Public Safety is experimenting with a new officer who has a visible presence to develop a relationship with staff and students in residence halls on campus.

Erin Brown, a graduate from UW-Eau Claire, is the new residence hall liaison. She has been in the position for four

weeks and has worked in the department for two-and-a-half years as a part time employee, covering special events like graduation and hockey games. "I'm glad to have the opportunity," Brown said. "I was interested in the collaboration with the residence life and our department--to have everything run smoothly."

Brown said she went through the Wisconsin State Law Enforcement Training

Academy, making her a sworn officer, while she worked as a park ranger. Brown was required to complete the training in order to be a ranger.

"I knew it was always an option to pursue a police officer position," Brown said.

During the summer, she works as a police officer.

This semester, she said she is taking graduate courses for a teaching certificate.

"It's nice to have well rounded options in pursuing a career," she said. "Blending some of the aspects in the future to possibly become a school liaison officer at a high school."

Brown said she works about three days week monitoring the residence buildings. Each night varies with the amount of time spent at each building and the rotation of the buildings.

Walking through and talking to hall staff and residents are the main duties performed each night, Brown said.

"I don't want to invade or impose on them," she said.

Since the beginning of the semester, Brown said there has not been a high number of incidents to be alarmed about.

In fact, she said her response time is quicker compared to

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## 14 sex offenders reside in River Falls

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Any community comes with certain benefits and certain risks. While most people examine both before moving, some risks may not be as visible on the surface.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC), 14 sex offenders live in the 54022 ZIP code.

This number shocked UW-River Falls student Amy Loscheider.

"It's kind of a lot," Loscheider said. "It's not something I think of in smaller towns."

A possible reason for the double-digit number is that sex offenders are generally

released back to the county of conviction and probation is set to the county of residence, John Dipko, representative for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections said.

Convicts are also free to move wherever once their probation is completed.

"We don't have authority to tell them where to live," Dipko said.

While they can choose where to live, the state of Wisconsin requires sex offenders to register according to Wisconsin Act 440 the Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification law, Dipko said.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, offenses that require registration and result in a conviction as a sex

offender include sexual exploitation of a child, sexual assault and the charge of sexually violent person commitment, which requires mandatory lifetime registration.

A complete list of offenses can be found on the Wisconsin DOC Web site.

Once an incarcerated sex offender is soon to reenter a community, the question of awareness can be raised.

A special bulletin notification (SBN) is issued by the Wisconsin DOC to the area where the offender will be released, Dipko said. After this point, community aware-

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Screen Shot/Student Voice

**A screen shot displays the new "student center" page from the upgraded eSIS program. The new version will be in a more user-friendly format for students, faculty and staff to use. The system will be down at noon March 10 through March 20 to do the upgrades.**

## UW-RF upgrades eSIS to become more user-friendly

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UW-River Falls will upgrade eSIS over spring break, making it the second campus in the UW system to do so. eSIS will not be available starting noon March 10 through March 20.

Over this time, eSIS will be upgraded from its current version, 8.0, to 8.9. UW-Madison was the first university in the UW System to upgrade to this version.

"The new version delivers information in a more user-friendly format," said Mark Meydam, assistant director of admissions.

In the updated version, the main page is titled the user's

"student center," where students can view their current class schedule, finances and personal information. It also provides a search box, a sidebar displaying holds, a "to-do" list, quick links to campus resources, and the student's enrollment date and advisor.

On the "add class" page, course subjects will no longer be offered as four-letter codes, but as the full names of the subject in a drop-down menu. The class search is also simplified with three criteria boxes. A link is available for additional criteria.

Meydam and Associate Professor Mary-Alice Muraski said the University is upgrading eSIS because of the new functionality of version 8.9, and to

keep up with the latest versions.

"One of our main goals was to not remove any of the current functionality of eSIS," Muraski said.

UW-River Falls' faculty began considering the upgrade last year. The decision was finalized in June. Faculty agreed to upgrade eSIS March 20.

"We have been working towards this date since June," Muraski said.

In preparation for the upgrade, new hardware was purchased for the Web and for processing reports. Faculty have repeatedly performed tests to ensure the new eSIS works.

Faculty are training peer advi-

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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Federal grant benefits CAFES students

The University’s College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences was awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture Multicultural Scholars grant that will provide five full scholarships for incoming freshmen.

Five students will receive a \$6,000 scholarship - \$4,500 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and \$1,500 from UW-RF, for each year they are on campus - a four year maximum.

CAFES faculty hope to increase diversity in their academic programs by recruiting students from Vincent High School in Milwaukee and Arlington High School in St. Paul. Students will also be given the opportunities to participate in paid internships, undergraduate student-faculty research projects, and employment opportunities in the University pilot plants, greenhouses and farm enterprises, as well as professional development activities.

Media discusses same sex issues

John Stefany, a member of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, will talk about media coverage of gay and lesbian issues on March 23 at 7 p.m.



The talk will also include Western Wisconsin’s coverage of the Wisconsin marriage amendment. Stefany is an editor on the special projects team at the Star Tribune where he coordinates projects between the newspaper and its online edition.

He has a background in computer-assisted reporting, graphics editing and national/international news. Before joining the Star Tribune in 1994, he was an editor at *The Milwaukee Journal*. Cost is free, and the location is to be announced.

REGIONAL

UW President considers changing RA policy

The UW-System president in December is recommending that the UW Board of Regents enact a policy, which allows RAs to participate, organize and lead any meetings or other activities within their rooms as long as they do not overly influence dorm residents.

According to the *River Falls Journal*, Kevin P. Reilly, UW-System president, said he agrees with the recommended system-wide policy and will be presenting it to the board at its meeting next week.

The policy is a response to the controversy that arose in July after a resident assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire held Bible studies in his room.

Until now there wasn’t a system-wide policy governing RA activities, instead it was left to each individual UW campus to develop their own policy.

Audit: 40 felons employed by UW System

Some 40 convicted felons behind bars are still considered employees of the UW staff, according to an audit conducted by the Legislative Audit Bureau, released Tuesday.

Among the felons are five convicted of sexual assault of a child, two of homicide and two of child abuse.



The *Hudson Star-Observer* reported the audit was requested last summer after reports surfaced that three UW-Madison professors were still being paid, despite being convicted of felonies including sexual assault of children.

The audit only noted those felons who are still under state supervision and only focused on those convicted in Wisconsin. It did not include any felons convicted under federal jurisdiction or any incarcerated in county jails.

UW-Madison had the largest number of convicted felons on staff with 67.5 percent of those reported in the audit for a total of 27. The next closest was UW-Milwaukee with just four felons. None were listed for any area universities.

Two lawmakers, Rep. Scott Suder, R-Abbottsford, and Sen. Rob Cowles, R-Green Bay, followed the release of the audit with an announcement that they will be introducing legislation that will require background checks on all UW faculty and staff.

NATIONAL

Elite schools seek junior college transfers

At the most selective schools, only 3 percent of students came from the poorest socio-economic quarter of families, while 74 percent came from the richest, a 2003 study reveals.

According to CNN, five well-known private colleges and three highly selective public colleges are turning attention to certain students: the 6.5 million people who attend community colleges.

Historically, those students have been ignored by elite colleges, which recruit mostly at high schools and often accept few or no transfers because they want to offer a distinctive four-year experience.

The colleges were to announce plans Monday to accommodate a total of about 1,100 more community college transfer students from low- to moderate-income families over the next four years.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will contribute about \$7 million for support programs, while the colleges will spend more than \$20 million of their own money on support programs and financial aid.

Most participating colleges have not previously had strong community college ties At private Bucknell, vice president for enrollment management Kurt Thiede says his college faces growing competition from honors programs at state universities. It needs high-achieving community college students to maintain quality without cutting enrollment.

Typically, only a handful of Bucknell’s 30 or so transfers per year come from community colleges, but it aims to increase that number to 15.

Puckett memorial draws national attention

According to the *Star Tribune*, the Kirby Puckett memorial, set for Sunday at 7 p.m., will draw baseball greats like Cal Ripken and Ozzie Smith.

The memorial is non-ticketed and will be held at the Metrodome.

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SENATE

LDPB budget grows by \$18,000

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Senate passed motion SS0506053 to transfer \$18,000 from the University Reserve account into the Leadership Development and Programming Board account to fund student committees and organizations.

Requests for 2006-2007 annual funding from LDPB exceeded the expected amount, and the number of requests nearly doubled from last year.

“We felt it would be irresponsible to keep raising student fees,” said Carolyn Schenk, LDPB chair. She said organizations took an average budget cut of about 23 percent this year.

Individuals representing the Special Events Committee and Diversity Awareness attended the meeting, and spoke to Senate about budget concerns for their own committees.

Marcus Bonde, chair of the Special Events Committee, said events like Homecoming, a parade down Main St. and Winter Carnival would be devastated without the extra \$18,000 in the LDPB budget.

“Without the money, it’s not going to happen,” he said.

Diversity Awareness Committee Co-Chair Sean Eberle also addressed the Senate.

“Half our groups had no annual budgets

last year,” he said, adding that adequate funding is important to new groups that are trying to start up.

“We had to cut a lot of events,” Eberle said. The Committee’s budget, without the additional LDPB funding, would have been \$27,000.

According to Finance Director Adam Koski, the University Reserve account is expected to have between \$130,000 and \$140,000 this year.

Other Senate News

• Facilities and Fees Board Chair Jim Vierling introduced SS0506054, which lists segregated fee increases for the 2006-2007 school year that have been approved by the Board.

If approved by Senate, students can expect to pay higher rates for Joint Foods, Recreation, Residential Living, Student Health Advisory, Textbook Services, University Centers and Municipal Services.

The funds will support new cash registers, dining equipment, repairs and student union fees for Joint Foods; new furniture, FredNet fees, landscaping, and hall maintenance and improvement projects for Residential Living; and a new counselor, and payments to River Falls Health Clinic and Pierce

County Reproductive Health Services for Student Health Advisory.

The greatest change is with the HHP fee, which will increase by 57 percent, from \$15 to \$23.55 per student.

• Diversity Issues Co-Director Chee Moua introduced SS0506055 for Senate to support and approve this year’s Diversity Banquet.

The total cost is \$1,400, and includes \$10 per person buffet costs, certificate frames, certificates, flowers, decorations and store certificates.

The motion will be voted on at the March 21 Senate meeting.

• Director of Athletics Rick Bowen was the guest speaker at the Senate meeting. He asked Senate for a \$3.50 increase in segregated fees for 2006-2007, to be followed by \$.25 increases over the next four years.

“I am pleading for the 450 student athletes we have and the way we want to represent you,” Bowen said. “I’m trying to be fiscally responsible from my end, and respectful of yours.”

He said the department isn’t asking for anything outrageous, but simply wants to be able to pay bills, charter buses safely and adapt to rising referee prices.

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



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Show pigs at UW-RF Lab Farm 2 run around in their pen. The pigs will be auctioned off by the Swine Enterprise April 18. The auction will benefit the Lab Farm account to continue work with pigs in the future.

CAFES holding pig auction

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On April 8, the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences is holding a show-pig auction at UW-River Falls Lab Farm two.

The Swine Enterprise on campus, managed by student Jim Magolski, is hosting the auction in order to show off the stock that the organization has raised throughout the school year, and to hopefully sell them to a large number of bidders.

More than 200 farrowed purebred and crossbred show pigs that have been raised on-site at the UW-RF Lab Farm two will be up for auction.

In the past, the swine that are raised at UW-RF have been sold through private sales to interested buyers who each come in

individually to pick out the pigs. This year, an auction was chosen as a better way to sell the stock in order to more easily classify the pigs and their worth, as well as limit the amount of people openly walking through the farm and carrying unwanted illnesses or diseases that could spread to the animals.

“Anyone’s welcome to attend,” Magolski said. “All it takes is just signing up and getting an auction number. We’re looking for as many people to come and see what we’ve got.”

In the past, there were fewer pigs that had been bred on the farm.

Along with the increase in the number of stock, the quality of the show pigs is strengthening as well.

“We wanted to do it all in one day, let everyone see everything that we have and

go from there,” Magolski said.

The money raised by the auction, like the money made through the sales in the past, will go directly back into the farm account. The hope is to cover the costs of the auction and raising the stock so the cycle can continue next year.

The purpose of the program when it started six years ago was not to make a lot of money, but instead to give students necessary hands-on experience, and provide good show pigs for interested buyers.

“The goal is to produce high-quality show pigs for a reasonable cost,” Magolski said.

By keeping this goal, it has allowed the program to grow and keep the pigs at a high quality with low cost. The Enterprise itself

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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March 2

• Lacey R. Humphrey reported the theft of her wallet, keys and cell phone from Rodli Commons around 6:30 p.m. on March 1.

Humphrey told officers that she had left the items on her tray after returning it to the dish room. When she returned to Rodli to get the items they could not be found.

Humphrey later found out that her debit card had been used at a gas station in River Falls.

Public Safety was alerted to the situation after Humphrey’s mother tried contacting her by cell phone on March 2 and could only reach a male subject. According to the report, Humphrey’s mother called Public Safety to check the well-being of her daughter. Humphrey was located in her room and filed the theft report later that day. Loss is estimated around \$100.

• Michael T. Poterncha, 20, was fined \$279 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

March 3

• Jon D. Szatkowski, 19, Louis R.

Swenson, 19, and Andrew R. Wiley, 19, were all fined \$104 individually for loud and unnecessary noise.

River Falls Police were contacted around 12 a.m. about a loud party at 423 N. Pearl St. When the officers arrived, they knocked on the door but received no reply. After knocking on the back door, the officer reported seeing lights turn out and the voices inside get quieter.

The officer reported seeing several people in the house, but no one answered the door.

Officers returned on March 5 around 10:35 p.m. and issued fines for the loud party. The three admitted to being at home and said the party had gotten out of control.

• Josef Hong Duk Knebel, 20, was fined \$249 for underage possession in Prucha Hall.

March 5

• Alex R. Maas, 22, James C. Hansen, 20, Richard T. Shemon, 21, Andrew W. Gibbs, 21, and Cory M. Rondeau, 21, were all fined \$104 individually for loud and unnecessary noise around 10 p.m.

River Falls Police officers were called to the area of South Fork Drive and Cascade Ave. around 12:30 a.m. after a noise com-

plaint was received from the area.

Officers reported seeing a large gathering of people on the deck and around the home at 700 South Fork Drive. As the officers pulled up, people began running away and into the house. According to the report, the lights in the house turned off and no one answered the door.

Officers attempted to contact the residents several more times that evening, but no one answered.

Officers returned around 10 p.m. and spoke with Maas, Hansen, Shemon, Gibbs and Rondeau. Fines were issued and the residents were warned about future parties.

• Kerissa G. Morrin reported vandalism to her room window in Parker Hall to Public Safety around 3 p.m.

Morrin told officers that she and her boyfriend had been in the room when the vandalism occurred. Morrin stated that someone threw an object at her window from outside and broke the glass.

Neither Morrin or her boyfriend saw anything because the blinds were drawn at the time.

Damage is estimated at \$130.

• Jill E. Kramer, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.



## eSIS: Staff, faculty may offer help to students for new update to program

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sors and the Help Desk crew to work with the new version to help students when it becomes available. Faculty are also contemplating offering sessions to help students with eSIS during registration. A link is provided for a tour of the new version on the student page of eSIS.

Faculty have experienced only a few technical problems.

"Madison has been a great help to our technical staff in getting over those issues," Muraski said.

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Mary-Alice Muraski,  
Meydam and Associate professor

A potential problem, Muraski said, is that it may take longer to process updates for the new eSIS. She added there should be fewer

updates compared to the old version, possibly only one per month or even every other month.

Campuses in the University of Minnesota system and a few private Minnesota campuses have already been using the new version of eSIS. More UW System campuses will be upgrading in the future.

"Eight more are planned [to upgrade] in June, July and August, and one in December," Muraski said.

Students can e-mail questions or comments after March 20 to [esis@uwrf.edu](mailto:esis@uwrf.edu), or call 425-0660.

## Liaison: Officer focuses on residences

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some other officers, who may be doing other responsibilities on campus.

"I have more time to spend in the residence halls," Brown said. "My main focus is to be there."

The duties she has as a liaison are the exact same as other officers employed at UW-RF, Brown said. She focuses all her responsibilities on the residence halls, making herself available at any time during her shift.

In the past, there may have been only one or two officers on duty, said Mark Kimball, Public Safety director. With duties such as locking the academic buildings or having to check the lab farms, sometimes an officer is occupied and doesn't respond in the timeliest manner.

"Basically, it was the challenges of not being able to respond as timely as some of the hall staff would like us to," Kimball said. "It is another person in the halls to help."

The department approached her with the position, and Brown said she knew there was a need for help, especially when there may only be one officer on duty.

"If I can help get another permanent position, it can help us," she said. "I definitely think there is a need for more help in the department."

### "Basically, it was the challenges of not being able to respond as timely as some of the hall staff would like us to."

Mark Kimball,  
Public Safety director

Public Safety will be evaluating the impact of the position after spring break to see if there is a need for the position, Kimball said.

"A lot of little pieces have gone into making this a good year," he said.

Meetings are set up on a weekly basis with area coordinators on campus to discuss the work and impact the officer has done so far in the semester, Kimball said.

Any concerns staff has about the officer are addressed, and issues are talked about to keep the lines of communication open between Public Safety and the residence halls.

"So far, the response is that it has been positive," he said. "It's a quiet response, and that is what it should be."

## Offenders: Local law enforcement decides the awareness level for community

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ness is out of the hands of the Wisconsin DOC.

"Local law enforcement ultimately decides the awareness level when sex offenders are released from prison," Dipko said.

River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said the city has three levels of enforcement. Level one provides information to law enforcement only, level two informs targeted groups and level three is a blanket notification of the area, Leque said.

One such blanket notification

occurred Nov. 22, 2005, when officials in Ellsworth, Wis., began informing the entire community about a sex offender. The Village of Ellsworth, located about 15 miles southeast from the city of River Falls, issued the sex offender information bulletin to raise awareness, Sergeant Eric Ladwig of the Ellsworth Police Department said.

The bulletin included a physical description and photo of the sex offender along with an explanation of why it was issued, Ladwig said.

Ellsworth residents received the bulletin containing this mes-

sage: "This person is not wanted by the police at this time. This notification is not intended to increase fear; it is our belief that an informed public is a safer public."

The number of children and schools in the community were the primary reasons for releasing the information, Ladwig said.

"Basically, we want to inform the public these people are living here," Ladwig said.

Ladwig, along with the bulletin, also reminded the community of the importance of treating sex offenders as everyone else.

"They served their time, they

should be treated as citizens," Ladwig said.

This sentiment is seen in the November bulletin, which states, "Citizen abuse of the information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated."

Loscheider agrees registered sex offenders should be treated fairly in the community.

"They know what they have done wrong," Loscheider said.

Sex offenders in a community are nothing new, and people have to live with that, Loscheider said.



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

**Zach Freese, a freshman and resident in Prucha Hall, leaps into the crowd from the stage in Brandy's at the seventh annual Beach Bash, a Prucha Hall tradition. The dance floor was filled with beach sand, and dancers enjoyed the warm weather in March. Two \$400 travel vouchers were also given away at the event through a raffle.**

Parking lots E, N, O and Ramer will be closed over spring break, starting at 10 p.m. March 12. Any vehicles remaining in the lot will be towed at the owner's expense. Barricades and closed signs will be at the entrance of the lots. Upon completion, barricades and signs will be removed, and the lots will re-open.

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EDITORIAL

# Prof deadlines need assessing

As students we know that adhering to deadlines is a must in the academic world. Failing to do so can result in loss of points, reprimand from professors and the always threatening F.

For students, passing or failing a course is a simple matter of completing specific tasks before deadline.

Instructors also have deadlines, which require them to complete certain requirements in their classes and their non-class times.

Aside from having final grades posted by a specific date, instructors have very few deadlines concerning students.

This can pose a problem when instructors neglect to correct or hand back assignments, tests or quizzes to students. Although most of the instructors at UW-River Falls are good at returning graded assignments, some are not.

This lack of accountability raises concerns for students. If a student is unable to monitor his or her grades it makes the class more difficult than it should be.

It is the instructor's responsibility to return assignments in a timely matter to ensure that students are well aware of their standing in the class.

Not all of the burden should be placed on the instructors. Students also need to be accountable for their work in class. If a professor doesn't return work on time it is our responsibility as tuition-paying students to ask when it will be available.

Students and instructors need to hold each other accountable in order to create a healthy academic environment.

It's a matter of respect and courtesy for one another.

# Voice elects ethics policy

On Wednesday the *Student Voice* approved an ethical policy for all news staff employees.

This ethical policy was designed hold *Voice* news staffers accountable for actions they take. It will act as a guide for maintaining an accurate, fair and trustworthy news staff.

We feel this policy will make us a better news organization and help the public hold us accountable for our actions.

It is our goal to serve the students on this campus, and it is our belief this ethical policy will maintain that students' voices will continue to be heard.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RA: Move away from the building

As I walk out of my residence hall and attempt to take a nice breath of fresh air, I am hit with a breath of smoke because someone is smoking right outside the door. The issue of smoking next to buildings is a year round problem. In the winter students will sometimes have their windows open a small crack because the rooms get very warm. Even if the windows are not open, they are very poorly insulated so air comes in along with smoke. When smokers stand right next to the building the smoke goes in the main doors from outside and through the building as residents go in and out. The outside of the building is no warmer than 25-feet away so smokers will not get any more ill or be more likely to catch a cold no matter where they stand.

I am one of the "rude and obnoxious RA's," as we are called, that yell at smokers for being too close to the building. I started off the year being nice about it but I received little response so I began getting upset, in turn, I had no choice but to become more direct.

I would like to thank all the smokers that do stand 25 feet from the building. I may not show it, but I do appreciate that they respect this rule.

If smokers do not have a problem heading outside for a cigarette, they shouldn't have a problem taking the extra 25 steps and respect fellow students.

**Tyrell Galetka**  
Resident Assistant

### Smokers cause problems

This is a response to the Smokers Mistreated letter.

Your worry about catching a cold or getting sick because of the cold weather is ridiculous.

If the common cold really does scare you more than cancer or emphysema we think you should wash your hands more often. People don't "catch" colds because of cold weather; they catch them by spending more time inside where the germs flourish.

Also, we commend those "two very rude and obnoxious resident assistants" for doing what other people do not have the nerve to do: tell smokers to get away from the buildings. They shouldn't have to be nice while telling you to move because it is annoying when smokers ignore the 25-foot rule.

People do keep their windows open in the winter time because they can not regulate the temperature in their own room. Certain rooms in the dorms have sensors that regulate the temperatures for the rest of the dorm rooms, therefore certain residents are constantly being cooked in their rooms by an over compensating temperature system. The worst is walking out of the doors from any of the buildings on campus and being hit by a wall of smoke from smokers that are too lazy to follow rules and get away from the building. You may not mind if your clothes and hair smell nasty, but we don't want that stink all over us.

If anyone is offended that we called the smokers that don't move "lazy," we think you should all take a moment to look at all of the cigarette butts left around campus. There are smokers stations for a reason, but what baffles us the most are the incredible amount of cigarette butts on the ground around the smokers stations. Seeing this makes us believe that it is not just laziness but blatant insensitivity. Our wildlife, soil, water and UW-RF campus do not benefit from this.

We should point out that not every smoker has troubles with following the rules, but we do feel like a significant number of smokers struggle with the concept of others. We fully support making any violation of the 25 foot rule a finable offense. We implore everyone on campus to look at this as a serious issue.

**Drew Martin and William Warner**  
Students

### Editing mistake alters meaning

I would like to clarify the intent of my letter last week. I did not mean to say our armed forces were anything but the most respected. My letter was a little more than 300 words, and the Student Voice did some justified but unfortunate editing. The full sentence was supposed to read as follows: "Do we have the most respected armed forces in the world because we have the most people or the most resources? No, our armed forces are the way they are because we have made our defense a priority." Instead it read: "Do we have the most respected armed forces in the world. No..." I hope some of you will now go and read my letter of last week without that possible misunderstanding. Thank you.

**Brian Estervig**  
Student

### Drinking column right and wrong

In his column, "Guilt-Free Drinking for College Students," Jason Conway makes several excellent points. The term "binge drinking" is controversial. Numerical indices (5/4 drinks per occasion for men/women) describing the

behavior ignore important factors like weight, prior use, and time intervals for drinking. We prefer focusing on factors like frequency of heavy use, level of intoxication, and drinking-related negative consequences.

Jason correctly notes that reported statistical data are often flawed and based on biased self-reports from selective samples.

Jason notes that occasional, heavy drinking can be "harmless." Unfortunately, even when using the simplistic "binge drinking" indices, the behavior is associated with increased risks of academic problems, risky sexual behavior, arrest, assault, rape, injury, and death.

Jason correctly notes that communicating drinking risks by focusing on morality is short-sighted and harmful. Data does not suggest that recreational drinkers are "less moral" than non-drinkers, and such messages are harmful.

Interventions should focus on helping students understand the risks of heavy drinking, creating climates where students can make rational decisions about drinking without pressure to comply or abstain, and providing support for students who want to change their drinking behavior.

Finally, we want to critique Jason's concern that people studying/developing interventions in this area haven't tried or don't understand motivations for drinking. Professors are former students. Some of them used alcohol, perhaps heavily, during their college experience and do understand these motivations. Others working in this area are current college students who drink recreationally, but like the professors they are working with, want to improve the safety and well-being of other students.

**Travis Tubré**  
**John Buckner V**

# Puckett will remain a star

I still remember it like it was just yesterday. "And in Centerfield ... Krrrrrrrry Puckkkkkket!"

Growing up a Minnesota Twins fan, there wasn't a more distinctive introduction anywhere in the world. When you were fortunate enough to hear his name called, you knew it was time for something exciting to happen. When Kirby was on the field, there was no need to be worried.

There really aren't a lot of people out there that can draw that type of excitement from a crowd. In an age where sexual indiscretions among athletes are common and we're all waiting to hear the next big steroids controversy, Kirby's life and the way he played the game stand out above the rest. Say what you want about his post-Twins personal life (he was acquitted of one of his alleged indiscretions, the others can be attributed to hearsay), but I still believe the man was a good guy.

Kirby played the game the way it was supposed to be played. He took it seriously, worked hard and eventually accomplished his goals, but he never stopped smiling. The thing that made Kirby different from most other players is that he realized he was fortunate to be able to make a living playing a game he loved.

After growing up poor in a racially charged Chicago neighborhood, Puckett didn't take anything for granted.

Many of us were fortunate to see Kirby play live a few times in our lives. Some of the people reading this column may not have even been born by the time Kirby had won his first World Series title, but I distinctly recall



**Hans Hage**

how much pride the two World Series Championships brought to my family.

Minnesotans who are sports fans have become accustomed to getting very close to winning it all, only to fall short at the end. What made Kirby different from the other Minnesotan athletes was that when we most needed him he came through in the clutch.

There's also something to be said about sticking with one team throughout an entire career.

Many years ago, players used to sign with one team and play out their entire careers as representatives of that particular city. This simply isn't how things are done anymore, as most players choose to go to wherever they can make the most money.

Players like Kirby Puckett, Kevin Garnett and Brett Favre epitomize this rare quality of devotion that just isn't seen in

professional sports today. With Kirby's passing, we are once again reminded that players like these are a dying breed, and soon won't exist at all.

A lot of us remember Kirby's miraculous leaping catch against the outfield wall that halted a rallying Braves team in game six of the 1991 World Series. Even more of us remember his dramatic walk off home run in the bottom of the 11th off of Charlie Leibrandt. One thing that many people do not remember about Kirby Puckett is that he appreciated every moment he had, and wanted to be sure that everyone else did the same.

I think that the best way to honor Kirby's memory is by living our own lives as if things could change at any moment. In his retirement press conference, Kirby advised everyone by stating, "Don't take anything for granted, because tomorrow is not promised to any of us."

I, for one, cannot think of any better advice.



# UW-RF should oppose TABOR

Most weeks I choose to write about political issues, which I know everyone will have a wide variety of opinions about. I encourage political discussion and understand and respect that people will have a different opinion than my own.

However, there is one current piece of proposed legislation in the State of Wisconsin Congress that I believe all students, professors and faculty should universally oppose TABOR.

TABOR is a direct assault on the UW System and UW-River Falls.

The bill, known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights or the Taxpayer Protection Amendment, has been defended as a way to prevent sky-rocketing taxes for the citizens of Wisconsin. The argument in

favor of TABOR says it will do this by placing ceilings on fees and taxes, leading to more money in the pockets of Wisconsin citizens.

With this limitation on state revenue in place, we will see - as we have in the past - legislators reallocating money from the UW System to fund other state agencies. UW System tuition is one source of state revenue, that will be exempt from any sort of limits or ceilings.

The inevitable state cuts for the UW System will undoubtedly lead to tremendous increases in tuition, therefore surpassing many students' price range. TABOR will lead to increased tuition for students, a reduction in quality of professors, faculty and staff due to increasing cut-backs in wages and benefits, and reduced enrollment.

It also hurts UW-RF, perhaps more than other UW schools, because it would eliminate Minnesota reciprocity. For those who do not know, Minnesota reciprocity has been

in effect to reduce the amount of tuition for students from Minnesota attending UW-System schools.

If a full-time student from Minnesota were to enroll for next semester, they would have to pay \$2,793.67 in tuition. If TABOR is passed, the same student would have to pay the non-resident price of \$7,565.23 for tuition, more than doubling and almost tripling the price. A Minnesota student would have to pay an astounding \$15,130.46 for tuition for one full year of school at UW-RF.

TABOR would out price many Minnesota students and threaten to dramatically reduce enrollment, thereby having a dramatic affect on the University, all programs and buildings funded by student segregated fees, and the community.

While we can all recognize that taxes and the state budget are always important issues facing the citizens of Wisconsin, TABOR is not an answer.

Rather than acting to protect Wisconsin taxpayers, TABOR will hurt UW-RF and the rest of the UW System through more state cuts, skyrocketing increases in tuition, the elimination of Minnesota reciprocity, and the reduction in the quality of pay and benefits for professors, faculty and staff.

Student Senate has taken a strong position against TABOR.

The Senate strongly urges UW-RF student participation in the campaign against TABOR. Write, e-mail and call your Wisconsin State Senator and Representative, and urge them to oppose this legislation.

Or just call and state, "Hi, my name is \*your name here\*, and I am a citizen of your district. I urge you to strongly oppose the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights in any form. Thank you for your time."

For more information go to <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/>.



Nate Cook

# U.S. should focus on languages

"Yo sprechen no German," was all I could say as I was shaking my head when someone on the street asked me something I couldn't understand.

Making my own hybrid of three languages in such a classy way was the only response my brain could muster at the time. That forced me to really acknowledge what has been bothering me on this trip.

The people who I have encountered in each country have been able to communicate with because they know at least a little English.

I took a few years of Spanish, and could do a little communicating. I started to think more and more about that and the double standard there is in the United States.

Many U.S. citizens expect people they are dealing with to speak to them in English. At stores and in restaurants almost everything is in English.

Here, things are different. If you know how to ask, and ask politely, most people will

say they speak a little English and talk to you as much as they can in English. They offer to let you see an English menu or find a co-worker who can speak English. They don't often get frustrated or short with you, but explain things the best they can.

In the Netherlands, English is spoken so widely that most times you don't even have to ask. They have to learn English along with Dutch in school, and then choose another language to learn when they are older.

Some universities require all students to communicate in the classroom, and to write papers only in English.

That brings me back to my double standard. In the U.S., many children are growing up in a household speaking English. The difference between the U.S. system and the system in the Netherlands is that not every student in the U.S. is being exposed. It is not a requirement in the curriculum of our nation.

At a time when some people predict Spanish will soon take

over and become the country's main language followed by English, I think it is important for young children to be taught other languages, which will promote the international relations of the U.S in the future.

I have a 2-year-old sister, and we started to teach her sign lan-

guage and simple phrases in other languages right away when she was born. She learned to count to 10 in Spanish before she did English. It's not that learning a language other than the one spoke at home would be too difficult for children, so where is the hesitancy in teaching other languages coming from?

My theory is that it would be an expense the government is not willing to invest in right now.

The United States would have to employ educators who were fluent in a language and could teach it to children. Then the education would have to continue in secondary and post-secondary schools.

Would this take away from some money currently invested in other government programs? Or would it require that more money be raised? Neither situation seems to be plausible with the economy right now.

So what am I doing to help other people learn languages of other countries?

In each postcard I write back to the U.S., ...I begin by saying "hello" in the language of the country I am, and end by saying "goodbye" in that language.

It's a small effort, and it seems a bit corny, but it's making me feel just a little more influential. So, for now, "Guten Tag."



Keighla Schmidt

# Hangover tips for RF drinkers

Well, since last week we decided that drinking is all right as long as you're a little responsible, let us now talk about how you can avoid one of those lost days where you spend the entire day sleeping and dry heaving.

This can be avoided very easily by not drinking, but as I decided last week, most of the campus drinks some, and some people drink a lot.

For those people, this column is for you.

Drinking can be fun, but if you have too much fun then you might end up with a hangover.

Everyone is different when it comes to how alcohol will affect him or her, but there are a couple of easy remedies that may help you out. The first way to help the hangover is the water and aspirin method.

This is very easy to do, just put a glass of water and two aspirin on your nightstand, and when you get home from the party or bar, take the aspirin and drink the water before you go to bed. This will get some fluids back in your system and help with the headache when you wake up.

This method works if it was a light night, but if you are pretty sloshed, then this probably will not work.

The second method is the "hair of the dog" method.

This method is only for experienced and well-seasoned drinkers because it calls for a lot of balls. When you wake up in the morning, just have another drink.

This will just keep you going with the alcohol and you will not have a hangover, because you will still be drunk. This is not a very safe method, because people drive places and go to class.

This would also be what alcoholics refer to as a "ben-

der," and is not very accepted in today's society.

I would only recommend this for the weekends, and if you are not planning on driving around. This method works great in getting rid of a hangover, but if you want to be sober, I would not recommend it.

The next method is a homemade shake. This shake could contain everything from protein powder to raw eggs. This is usually a home recipe, and if you have one that



Jason Conway

# Travel abroad to better understand other races, cultures

In the wake of the Danish cartoons controversy and Chancellor Don Betz's commitment to make UW-River Falls a more diverse campus, there is an obvious need and motivation for increased tolerance of people of other races, religions and ethnicities.

The first step in becoming tolerant of contradicting views is becoming educated. Learning how and why people across the world think or act the way they do is essential to embracing cultural differences.

Students are in a unique position to become exposed to other races, ethnicities and religions while in college through studying abroad. There are more than 50 study abroad programs offered by the International Programs Office (IPO) at UW-RF, but there are

not enough students taking advantage of these programs.

According to the IPO, the number of UW-RF students who study abroad has doubled in the past three years.

In order to truly understand another culture - its customs, traditions and ideologies - one must become completely submerged in that culture.

The IPO's ongoing effort to get more students across our borders is showing promise, but it's ultimately the choice of the students.

And that is where the problem is rooted.

Students' excuses for not traveling abroad vary, but to be very frank, they are ridiculous.

Cost is a common excuse among students. They feel that they are already

paying enough for living expenses and tuition.

Study abroad programs work to make experiences more realistic and financially feasible for college students.

Studying abroad should be thought of the same way as buying a house or a plot of land is thought of; it's an investment. It's an experience you cannot place a definite dollar amount on, and the rewards are valuable beyond any dollar amount.

Academic conflict is another popular excuse.

Students fear that if they study

abroad, their credits won't transfer back to their academic program.

Most college students are legally independent from their parents, and they don't have a spouse or children.

This freedom is incredibly valuable, yet students feel this certain rush to get through college and on to life's next task.

Young adulthood is the prime of everyone's life. There is a small window of time after high school and before the burdens and responsibilities of true adulthood become inescapable. This window should be used to explore the world and gain personal development. The need to learn a foreign language

before studying abroad is nothing more than a myth. British colonization was good for one thing: English is the national language of many countries around the globe - even countries in South America and Africa.

English is widely spoken in countries like Germany, Thailand, and Japan now more than ever because there is a need for a common language between many countries, so take advantage of it.

Once exposed to a different culture, there is a greater likelihood people across the world will not only tolerate, but embrace cultural differences.

So, if you were ever a prospering Miss America contestant who longed for world peace or just someone who wants to see everyone get along, opportunity is knocking.



Ben Jipson



Brandon Blaisdell, sophomore

"Yeah, it's better then doing nothing. I'm sure there are better ways to go about it. I think there is a lot more information that the government is not giving us. But that happens for all wars."



Michael Defenbaugh, freshman

"I think that though it's a virtuous and caring thought, we stray off the path of righteousness. We have gone so far that it will not only make a reformatting of our plans but those of the entire world. I don't see an end to this for a very long time."



Angie Miller, freshman

"No, because I don't agree with their reasons."

# STUDENT VOICES

## Do you think what the U.S. military is doing in the Middle East is appropriate?

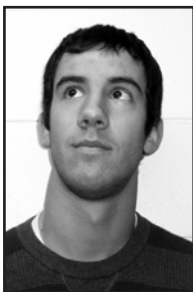
Lutsen Adrian, sophomore

"I think it's a good as long as the U.S. continues to work and support the Iraqi citizens. Hopefully allowing them to regain their country and elect their own leader by free choice without fear. And I hope for all the soldiers at home and overseas that it happens sooner than later."



Josh Grover, sophomore

"I think it's good because they are protecting our country just in case anything happens. Go Bush!"



Erica Laffin, freshman

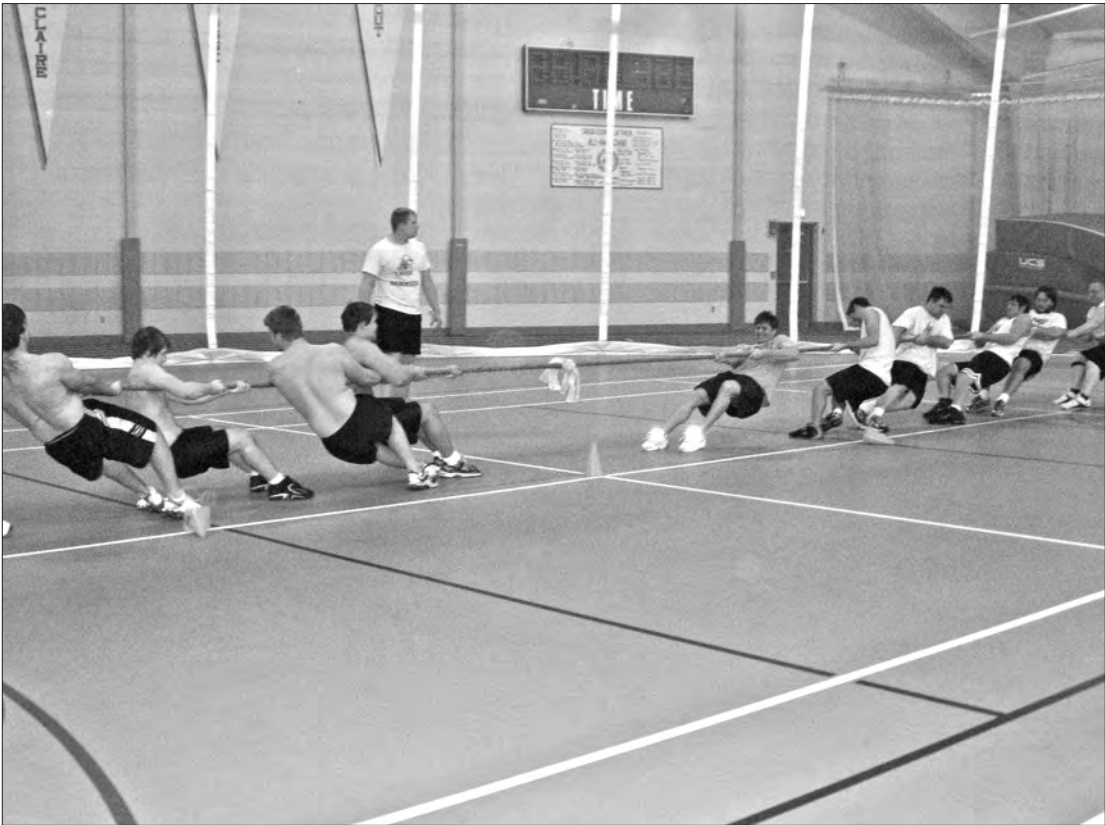
"Yes, because the soldiers look hot in their BDUs. And because there would have been more terrorists attacks in the U.S. if we didn't go to the Middle East. I love the United States of America."



Student Voices by: Kirsten Farrar



# Falcons prepare for new season with new event



Members of the UW-River Falls football team take part in a game of tug of war as part of the Game Day Friday event. This event will be taking place all semester long.

Sarah Packingham/Student Voice

## Falcon football begins Game Day Friday

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While waking up at 6 a.m. on Fridays may be a burden for some, it seems to be a burden the UW-River Falls football team is happy to carry out, in hopes that it will help them accomplish more during the season.

By 6:15 a.m., 65 members of the football team begin the morning taking a lap around the track, shoes squeaking as they go. After the lap, the athletes begin stretching before beginning a series of five different activities put together by Falcon football coach Carmen Pata.

When the new semester started, so did this program. This is the first time in Falcon history that the program, known as “Game Day Friday” has been put together.

“I’ve been playing around with the idea for awhile, and all the guys were helping me and giving

me input on the program,” Pata said.

Since Pata is the strength and conditioning coach for the Falcons, he put together a series of five exercises to work on the

**“For the most part, I haven’t heard a negative thing about it.”**

Carmen Pata,  
football coach

strength and conditioning for his players. Some of the activities include a tug of war game and an obstacle course.

These activities last from approximately 6:15 to 7 a.m. on Fridays during the semester.

The attendance at Game Day Friday has not been mandatory for next season’s returning Falcons, but Pata said that he has 65 athletes show up every Friday morning.

“I think the guys are seeing the benefits you get from doing this,” Pata said.

These activities help the team remain competitive during the off season.

“It’s a competition. You’ve got individuals versus individuals, and groups versus groups, and teams versus teams,” Pata said.

Even though most people may not be awake and chipper at 6:15 a.m., these Falcon athletes are.

“It’s been surprising. I’m just as tired as these guys are, but they’re fired up,” Pata said. “It helps to get me going.”

Certain activities are difficult for the athletes.

“The obstacle course is hard for the bigger guys; you have to dive under hurdles and such, and you can’t hit anything,” junior Andy Kolstad said.

Game Day Friday has had positive feedback for the Falcons thus far.

“It’s been an overwhelming success,” Pata said. “For the most part, I haven’t heard a negative thing about it.”

Besides Game Day Fridays, the Falcon football players do a lot

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# Minnesota loses superstar



Sarah Packingham

I have lived in Minnesota my entire life minus the time I have spent here in River Falls.

So naturally, I have followed Minnesota sports since I was a young child, including: the Vikings, Timberwolves, North Stars, Wild and especially the Twins.

What’s better than watching a baseball game on a Sunday afternoon? On those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, I wouldn’t want to be doing anything else. There’s nothing better than watching a baseball game, relaxing.

When I was about four-years-old I went to my first professional sporting event with my parents and older brother. It just so happened to be a Twins game, and I believe that has a lot to do with what instilled the love of baseball in me.

If you look through my family photo albums you will see a picture of my brother and I donning matching Minnesota Twins shirts and holding up our Twins pendants that our parents got us at the game.

What I didn’t realize then, was while at that game I got to see a Minnesota legend in the making.

I’ll admit I only cheered for the Twins at that time because I knew they were my home state, and I didn’t know who else I was supposed to cheer for. I was only four, after all. But it was worth cheering for the Twins, since

**Kirby Puckett was my first memory of baseball. Sure, at the time I was told he was great...**

they have now become my favorite professional baseball team.

I also remember that was the same time I started watching Twins games on TV, and I started cheering for someone even more than I did at that one game who would go on to become one of my favorite Twins players of all times: Number 34, center-fielder, Kirby Puckett.

As a fan who was knowledgeable about the sport at that time, I’m not sure what it was that drew me to him in the first place. But he was my favorite player to step onto the field for the Twins.

His career for the Twins may have started before I was born, but he retired when I was about 10.

I remember being sad that I

wouldn’t be able to watch my favorite player hit home runs and do post-game interviews.

The fact that a young, seemingly healthy athlete had to retire due to Glaucoma just seemed hard at the time to fathom. Puckett was blind in his right eye due to the disease.

**All of those numbers and honors came while he wore a Minnesota Twins jersey.**

I felt that he was a phenomenal player, who was still quite young and should have had a few more years of professional baseball in him. But his career was drastically cut short.

He, however, didn’t leave the Minnesota Twins without anything to show for it. He was there when the Twins won the World Series in 1987, and again in 1991. His career batting average was a substantial .318 won the Golden Glove Award six times and was an All-Star 10 times. Where else can you find a player that would live up to those numbers?

All of those numbers and honors came while he wore a Minnesota Twins jersey. Throughout his entire career, Puckett stepped up to the plate in a Twins uniform, which is quite an abnormality in any professional sporting event. He spent a total of 12 years with the Twins.

In 2001, Puckett earned a rightfully deserved place in the Hall of Fame, an honor that is only bestowed on the baseball greats. Kirby Puckett truly was a baseball great.

His numbers on the field, along with his attitude and personality off the field, would have made him any reporter’s dream to work with.

Puckett was constantly smiling, during the game and after, making him really a joy for everyone around the sport of baseball.

Presently, Minnesota and other baseball fans alike are faced with the sad realization that our legend is gone.

I was as shocked as everyone else to hear that he had a stroke on Sunday, and even more shocked to hear that he died on Monday. I know that when I think of him, I think of being strong and fighting through anything. It’s so hard to believe that such a heroic man is gone.

Like when the announcer once said, “Touch them all Kirby,” he touched all his fans, old and young alike, along with the bases.

Kirby Puckett is my first memory of baseball. Sure, at the time I was told he was great, but as I got older, as I am now, I appreciate what he did for the sport of baseball and the state of Minnesota. Kirby Puckett will surely be missed.

# Working to fulfill many roles

## Faye Perkins leads her Falcons to victory

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Faye Perkins

Not many coaches ever have the opportunity to obtain 330 career wins in any sport. UW-River Falls Head Softball Coach Faye Perkins has won 330 games in WIAC, which is more than any other coach.

But the winning record is just one of Perkins’ many accomplishments.

Before starting at River Falls, Perkins spent her days playing the sports she loved, and receiving an education.

Perkins participated in softball, basketball and track at Iowa State University. Her athletic efforts at Iowa helped her to be placed in the Iowa State University Athletic Hall of Fame. She received that honor in 2004.

While at Iowa, she studied physical education and exercise physiology. She also went on to receive her Ph.D. from the University of Utah in health education.

Perkins originally hails from a town in Iowa about two and a half hours away from here, where her mother and sister still live.

Having family nearby is part

of the appeal that River Falls had on Perkins originally taking the job here.

“I was completing my Ph.D. in Utah, and we had to make a decision to stay in the mountains or return to family,” Perkins said. “We could either live in the mountains and visit family, or live by the family and visit the mountains. So we returned to the Midwest.”

It just so happened that when Perkins returned to the Midwest she found the job at River Falls, and it appeared to be a perfect fit.

“It allowed me to combine my love of athletics and teaching,” Perkins said. “I love it; it’s been the perfect fit.”

Throughout her coaching career at River Falls, Perkins has had some memorable experiences.

Some of the highlights of her career include the conference championships in 1993 and 1994 ,and playing in the NCAA Championships those same years.

Perkins also found her first season as head coach to be an interesting memory, even though it was a challenging season.

“My first year was a difficult transition. I was the fourth coach in four years. There was no stability in this program,” Perkins said. “I almost quit. But I decided to take two to three years to be fair, and in the second year we did a complete 180-degree turn around.”

Being around the players on and off the field has given Perkins a chance to get to know many of her players, which is

one of her favorite aspects of being a coach.

She also loves seeing her players succeed post graduation. While being a part of the game for such a long time, Perkins now sees herself coaching against many of her former players.

“That’s really something that stands out,” Perkins said. “It’s great seeing the accomplishments of my former players.”

Perkins’ relationships and knowledge of the game make her a great coach for the Falcons.

**“...in the second year we did a complete 180-degree turn around.”**

Faye Perkins,  
head softball coach

“She brings a lot of knowledge of the game to us,” junior Margo Taylor said. “Also, she’s always so peppy. She also teaches us that it’s all about fundamentals. You need fundamentals to do anything.”

Perkins has seen a vast improvement in gender equity in sports since the beginning of her career here at River Falls 18 years ago.

“We used to have a terrible softball diamond. We had to carry out our own benches to sit on them, and now we have one of the best in the conference,” Perkins said.

Besides coaching, Perkins has spent a lot of time in the classrooms.

She has taught a variety of dif-

ferent classes including the human sexuality class, and she also helped develop the PE 108 class.

Perkins has also traveled along with the Wisconsin in Scotland program, which she said was a great experience. She traveled to Scotland three separate times.

“It’s an exceptional program for students who want to take the international experience in a safe atmosphere,” Perkins said.

This season, Perkins hopes to coach her Falcons to victory. They have already started off at 2-0.

Even though River Falls is a young team, she holds high expectations and said she hopes for them to really be able to play as a team, which she sees as one of her coaching strengths.

Perkins said she sees her main weakness as not being able to devote all the time she can to the program.

Her daily life is so busy being a coach, department chair, teacher, advisor, a mother and a wife, along with taking part in many different committees.

“It’s hard not having enough time to do everything,” Perkins said. “I’d like to be able to balance all those.”

But even though Perkins may be incredibly busy, she wouldn’t have it any other way. She wouldn’t change her experiences with River Falls for anything.

“The reason I’ve stayed here is because I love the people I work with,” Perkins said. “It’s an extremely supportive environment and I’ve worked with some exceptional mentors. This is where my heart is.”

# Lacrosse gaining ground at River Falls



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Members of the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams take time out from a recent practice for a picture. They are currently practicing indoor at the Knowles Complex.

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The fastest growing sport in the United States has hit UW-River Falls once again this year, and another season is about to begin.

The UW-RF men’s and women’s lacrosse teams have already started practicing for their upcoming season.

“We do a lot of running right now,” freshman Ashley Pillsbury said. “We haven’t been able to get outside yet, so we are stuck in Knowles until it gets warmer.”

For practice, both the men’s and women’s teams run sprints and long distance. They also do lunges and backward running.

“Right now we only run,” sophomore Maria Hockert said. “We should be getting outside soon, once the snow melts.”

While lacrosse is a growing sport, not very many people know how it works.

There are 10 players on the field: one goalie, three defensemen, three mid-fielders and three attackers. In women’s lacrosse there are 12 players on the field at a time.

The object of the game is to put the ball into the goal. The team with the most goals at the end of the game wins. The games, and

each period, start out with a face-off. The ball is put between the two centers’ sticks, and the whistle is blown.

“Lacrosse is a sport you can catch onto quick,” Hockert said. “But it is not like any other sport that you can know what is going on right away.”

Last year, the women’s team had a rough year. They did not

**“But then it started snowing out, so we had to come back inside.”**

Blake Ashley,  
lacrosse player

live up to the potential they were expected to.

“We struggled last year as a team,” Hockert said. “This year is going to be our year though, we are the underdogs that are going all the way.”

This will be the first year there is a men’s lacrosse team, and sophomore Blake Ashley couldn’t be more excited.

“We are already outside practicing,” Ashley said. “But then it started snowing out so we had to come back inside.”

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SPORTS WRAP

Track and field places in championships

The UW-River Falls men’s and women’s track teams participated in the WIAC Indoor Championship, which was held last weekend in Stevens Point, Wisc. The men’s team took eighth place out of the nine teams, and the women’s team took fifth out of the nine teams.

Top performers for the men’s side were Clint Christy, who took third place in the long jump with a jump of 6.87 meters. Christy also took third place in the heptethlon with a score of 4850 points.

On the women’s side, Marlene Yaeger took sixth place in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:27.43 and Jill Crandell took second place in the high jump with a jump of 1.62 meters. Krista Hasselquist took third place in the shot put with throw of 13.01 meters.

Hasselquist will be the only Falcon taking part in the NCAA Track & Field Indoor Championships at St. Olaf on Saturday.

Hasselquist will compete in the shot put, while having the 11th best throw in the nation. She will be competing against 13 other athletes.

The first outdoor track meet is on March 17 and 18, in San Antonio, Texas.

<b>Women</b> <b>March 3-4 results</b> <b>WIAC Indoor Championship</b> Oshkosh 179.5; LaCrosse 166.5; Eau Claire 113; Platteville 77.5; River Falls 64; Stevens Point 60.5; Whitewater 16; Stout 16; Superior 8	<b>Men</b> <b>March 3-4 results</b> <b>WIAC Indoor Championship</b> LaCrosse 191; Whitewater 152; Oshkosh 123.5; Stevens Point 78.5; Platteville 52.5; Eau Claire 35; Stout 32; River Falls 29.5; Superior 8
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<b>UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)</b> 6. Yaeger, 3000-meter - 10:27.33; 3. Smith, 55-meter hurdles 8.52; 2. Crandall, High Jump - 1.62 m; 3. Kromray, Pole Vault - 3.26m ; 3. Hasselquist, Shot Put - 13.01m.	<b>UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)</b> 10. Kirmse, mile run - 4:25.64 ; 9. Phillipi, 3000-meter - 8:48.91; 3.Christy, Long Jump - 6.87m; 8. Christy, High Jump - 1.88m; 21.Olson, Shot Put - 13.17m.
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Women’s hockey ends with a victory

The UW-River Falls women’s hockey team ended its season last weekend in the NCHA tournament. The first game was against second-ranked Superior, which is a team that they have not beat all year. This time was no different. The Yellowjackets started off with a 2-0 lead, and the Falcons could not come back from that, losing the game 4-1.

The next game was against Lake Forest. The Falcons had a 3-1 lead going into the second period, and the Foresters could not catch up after that, losing the game 4-2. The Falcons took third place in the NCHA tournament.

The leading scorer for the Falcons was senior Lou Paulson with two goals in the tournament. Leading in assists was Jennifer Wallace with two assists.

<b>March 4 results</b> <b>Lake Forest</b> <b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>1 1 0 - 2</b> <b>3 0 1 - 4</b>	<b>March 3 results</b> <b>UW-Superior</b> <b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>1 2 1 - 4</b> <b>0 1 0 - 1</b>
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Softball box score from March 1

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Sports Wrap compiled by Matt Zinter

Racquetball tournament held on campus

The UW-River Falls Racquetball Club is hosting the third annual “Braggin Rights Tournament” on campus March 28 and 30.

Play will begin both days at 5 p.m. The tournament will take place in the basement of the Karges Center at the racquetball courts. All students and faculty are invited to take part in this tournament, no matter what skill level.

Winners will receive prizes, and the first 30 players who sign up for the tournament will receive a free T-shirt.

Anyone who wishes to participate can sign up in the Leadership Center or on the racquetball Web site. The deadline for signing up is March 28.

TOP PERFORMERS



Lou Paulson Women’s hockey

Paulson, a senior, led her team to a 4-2 victory over Lake Forest to conclude the season for the Falcons. She scored two goals leading the Falcons.



Krista Hasselquist Women’s track

Hasselquist, a sophomore, is the only Falcon Track and Field member to take place in the NCAA Track and Field Championship.

These girls know how to ruck

Women’s rugby scrums up for spring season

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Every fall and spring, there is one particular group of dedicated and athletic UW-River Falls women that takes to the field and giving all they have to a sport.

These women are members of the UW-RF Rugby team.

While most sports here at River Falls have just one playing season, these Falcons suit up in their red and black two times throughout the year.

In the fall, the Falcons play their more competitive games in hopes of winning as much as possible and getting placed in the post-season playoffs, but in the spring, it’s a little bit less stressful.

“In the spring we travel around to five or six tournaments, and we throw people in at different positions,” sophomore Denise Burce said. “It’s good for those who want to try playing a different position.”

Each semester, River Falls takes on new girls who want to try out the sport of rugby so there is a mix of experienced players and girls who have never played the game before.

“We don’t send new girls out there to get hurt, we teach them how to fall right,” Burce said. “We teach them how to play smart.”

Even though the team’s ages have a wide range, they all get along well on and off the field. Burce said the girls frequently get together outside of practices and games and go to the movie in town or grab a pizza. She also said a lot of the rugby girls are her closest friends, which is one of the reasons the team does so well on the field.

“We’re a support system, and

the older girls are mentors,” Burce said. “Jeanna James is my mentor, and she has helped me academically, and she has taught me a lot about the game.”

Senior Jeanna James was very flattered that Burce thought of her as being a mentor.

“We both want to be the same kind of teacher; it’s strange how we found each other,” James said. “My heart melted when she told me I was her mentor.”

Rugby is a sport that is very physically demanding on the body, and anyone who starts playing it should be aware of how hard it is.

“There’s a lot of physical endurance about the sport. You run around a field for 80 minutes, you’ve got to run miles,” Burce said. “It’s very strenuous on the body and players get very frustrated when they get injured.”

The injuries are abundant in

“But the worst injury I’ve ever seen was a possible neck injury.”

Jeanna James, senior rugby player

rugby, which is not uncommon for a sport where there is so much full-body contact.

Torn ACLs are common, along with concussions and broken bones, as well as various bumps and bruises.

“The worst injury I had was that I broke my nose and had to get it shifted back into place,” James said. “But the worst injury I’ve seen was a possible neck injury. They couldn’t move the girl, and the game had to be stalled for about 30 minutes while waiting for the ambulance to come.”

River Falls head coach is certified to teach her Falcons the safe



Submitted Photo

UW-River Falls attempts to score a tri at a tournament in the fall. This spring the Falcons participate in more tournaments.

way to play rugby, James said. She stressed that if players participate in a game and do something in an unsafe manner, they will be penalized or kicked out of the game.

The Falcons are fresh off the Frozen Dip Tournament, where they went 0-2 down in Mankato, Minn., but they played well despite losing both games.

In the second game against Winona, the Falcons played offense nearly the entire second half, which was quite an accomplishment because Winona is a very tough team in women’s rugby.

“The game was basically a complete turn-around from beginning to ending,” James said.

Even though many people may see rugby as just running around and hitting people, that is not

how James sees it.

“It’s more like an organized beating,” James said.

This weekend the Falcons are planning to attend a benefit tournament taking place in Hoffman Park, in River Falls.

Teams taking part in this tournament would have to pay to play, but the money would go toward a former member of a local team who is going through cancer treatments.

Finally, even though it’s already quite a ways through the semester, the Rugby team is always looking for new members.

It doesn’t matter if the athlete has no experience or used to play in high school.

“No one gets kicked off,” James said. “You come to the practices and you will play in the games.”

Lacrosse: New sport hits campus

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Freshman Matt Ribar is a key player for the men’s lacrosse squad this year. He received all-state honors in his junior and senior years in high school at White Bear Lake High School as a defenseman.

The men’s and women’s teams host a “playday” at the intramural fields April 8, which includes seven women’s teams from around the Twin Cities, and six to nine men’s teams.

The women’s first game is April 2 against the University of Minnesota. The men’s first game is to be determined.



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Two members of the UW-River Falls women’s lacrosse team practice passing the ball back and forth at a recent practice. The Falcons start play in the beginning of April.

Game Day: Makes for early mornings

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“It’d be nice if we could take spring ball to another level.”

Andy Kolstad, junior football player

of other training in the off season. They lift four days a week and go for morning runs three days a week. But there is one thing that the Falcons believe would do them even more good next season.

“It’d be nice if we could take spring ball to another level,” Kolstad said. “We have to practice without pads, whereas many of our non conference opponents get to play in pads, so they get a head start.”

Even though the Falcons aren’t playing with pads right now, Kolstad is very optimistic about what’s going to happen next season.

He says that next season holds the most returning starters in at least five or six seasons.

“It’s going to be a fun year,” Kolstad said. “We’ve got a solid core group of juniors and seniors.”

Varsity Sports Week

March 10 & 11

Indoor Track at NCAA Div. III Meet at St. Olaf, 10:30 a.m.

March 12

Softball at Rebel Spring Games

March 13

Softball at Rebel Spring Games

March 15

Softball at Rebel Spring Games

March 16

Softball at Rebel Spring Games

March 17

Softball at Rebel Spring Games

March 18

Track at Texas-San Antonio Relays

Loyal fan upset by Wild trade



Leah Danley

Dwayne Roloson, goalie for the Minnesota Wild, was traded Wednesday to Edmonton. I think the Minnesota Wild will be at a loss without him as goaltender. Although this year may not be the best year for Roloson, he is still considered to be a better goaltender in the NHL. Manny Fernandez is indeed outplaying Roloson this year, but in the past they have made a fantastic team. When one goalie is not playing well the other one will step in. This year Roloson is 6-17, but that does not show his average for

the four years that he and Fernandez have been teammates. Roloson has been at the top as well. In 2004 he was a Western Conference All Star. Roloson has also had seasons that outdid Fernandez. I think that whenever you have more than one goalie, each year a different goalie may have a better season than the other. I do not think that a trade should be made on one bad season that someone may have. It happens in every sport. Now with him being traded, Minnesota will take on the fact that they will no longer have two extremely strong goaltenders that can handle their own in most situations. Roloson was indeed a good asset to our team, and I think we will be sorry to see him go. He has been with the team since the beginning and now is leaving. He has made a home for himself in Minnesota, as well as in our hearts.

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# Mentors seek training at UW-River Falls

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On Monday, UW-River Falls played host to a group of current and potential mentors seeking training to hone their skills and become better prepared to assist first-year teachers with everyday challenges.

Prospective teachers planning to teach in one of the 10 districts associated with the UW-RF mentoring program will benefit greatly from such opportunities.

“The program focuses on producing quality teachers who help children learn,” said Mary Manke, associate dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Those students majoring or minoring in education will learn the importance of the mentoring program once they start their teaching careers.

“River Falls students who teach in Wisconsin will be getting a mentor, which could be a key to success in their future,” Manke said.

The mentor training session, which was held in the Regents Room of the Student Center, began at 8:00 a.m. with Sharon Nelson, director of the Wisconsin New Teacher Project (WNTP), supervising the 28 mentors who attended.

Nelson, a former U.S. Department of Education liaison and current science teacher in Waunakee, Wis., is in charge of implementing superior quality mentor training statewide.

Although mentoring can be a valuable learning experience for graduates in the education field, those who want to become mentors must have the proper training.

“Teacher mentors need to hold a teaching license and be trained to offer support to new teachers,” Nelson said. This particular mentor training session, entitled “Coaching in Complex Situations,” is the fourth and most complex installment in a five-part series of training sessions, Manke said.

According to the Web site, the WNTP offers a series of sessions to train mentors in order to ensure “seamless professional development.” These training sessions, offered at several locations throughout the state, originated from the New Teacher Center at the University of California-Santa Cruz and have been modified to meet

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Mary Manke  
Associate dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies

Wisconsin Teacher Standards.

Each session covers a different aspect of the mentoring process and assists mentors with strategies and ideas to make their experience and relationship with first-year teachers successful.

The “Coaching in Complex Situations” session is designed to provide mentors an opportunity to have concerns about beginning-teacher classrooms answered.

“I look at my own teaching and ask myself if it is the best for my students’ learning,” mentor Sarah Eichten said.

Mentors have to be well aware of possible situations they may encounter when placed with a first-year teacher.

“It’s one thing to be well-prepared and another to go in and do it,” Manke said.

The day-long session was offered primarily to help mentors find solutions to challenging situations they have already or may come across during the process of their mentoring experience.

“As mentors, we have different situations to deal with and strategies to handle these situations are important tools in our belts,” Eichten said.

Manke emphasized the importance of mentors building strong relationships with first-year teachers.

“Practically no mentoring relationship is perfect,” Manke said, adding that communication is essential for mentors to maintain a successful relationship with first-year teachers.

Manke said the need for such a program has become more apparent with the increase of teachers leaving the profession in the early stages of their career.

“They came in to help kids learn and they’re not seeing results,” Manke said. “This program helps teachers be more effective in teaching students.”

Manke said that the mentoring program, which is funded through the UW System, has trained more than 100 mentors since it was instituted in Wisconsin about five years ago.

The 10 Wisconsin school districts which take part in the UW-RF mentoring program include Pepin, Osceola, Prescott, River Falls, Ellsworth, New Richmond, Hudson, St. Croix Central, Boyceville and Somerset.

## Pigs: Hogs raised strictly for showing

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has been able to put more money into genetics and breeding, which in the long run improves the quality of the animals.

The hogs that are being sold are raised for the purpose of showing them at city, county and state fairs usually through 4-H exhibitors. The difference between these animals and maternal-line pigs is their leanness and quality.

Pigs bred for commercial purposes are looked at “to see how

## “My goal for the auction is to have a lot more people.”

Jim Magolski  
Student Manager

they would hang on the rail,” Magolski said.

“They’re not looked at for show purposes ... We want to show what we are doing to conform to both [the commercial and show] industries,” he said.

The students and staff involved in the auction, and the Swine Enterprise itself, are correlated with the Ag department, but not directly connected with any class or other organization.

The members of the Swine Enterprise are hoping the auction is a success in the number of people who attend and the number of pigs sold.

“My goal for the auction is to have a lot of people,” Magolski said. “The more people we can get there to see what we actually have, the better publicity for our University’s program.”



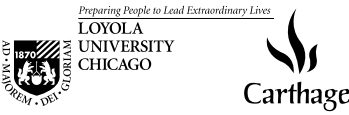
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Dean Culpepper  
Physical Education Teacher  
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Culpepper is in his second semester here at UW-RF after transferring from the University of Houston, where he taught physical education at an elementary school.

Culpepper received his bachelor’s degree from Berry College in Georgia in health and physical education. He then went to the University of Houston where he received his master’s in physical education and his Ph.D. in sports psychology.

He currently teaches motor learning, motor development, introduction to health and human performance and two method teacher’s classes. “Getting to see the students teach,” Culpepper says is the best part of his job, as is seeing students “applying what they learned in class.”

Some advice that Culpepper would give to students is to “get involved in anything: dance theater, student senate or intramurals...anything, just get involved.”

Culpepper is a Certified Sports Psychology Consultant by AAASP. He works with kids in the community with performance problems.

Outside of working at UW-RF, most of his time is taken up by his fifteen-month-old son.

Culpepper is also working on some research activities for future journal articles. The focus of the research is on overall physical activities of youth, and body image perceptions of young adults.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, March 22

12:15 p.m. - Women’s History Month Event  
Featured book: “A Beirut Heart: One Woman’s War.”

Refreshments will be served. Books available at the University bookstore.

Location: Chalmer Davee Library Breezeway

Wednesday, March 22

3:30 p.m. - Coffee with the Times

A conversation series on current issues and events.

“Obituaries in the Times”

Michele McNelly, government documents librarian, will lead the discussion.

The “Coffee with the Times” series is sponsored by the American Democracy Project and The New York Times Readership Program.

Fee: Free

Location: Davee Library Atrium

Thursday, March 23

7 p.m. - Working Journalists Seminar

John Stefany, an editor on the special projects team at the *Star Tribune* and a member of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA), will talk about media coverage of gay and lesbian issues, including Western Wisconsin coverage of the Wisconsin marriage amendment. As an editor of the special projects team, Stefany coordinates projects between the *Star Tribune* newspaper and its online counterpart, *StarTribune.com*. His background is in computer-assisted reporting, graphics editing and national/international news. Before joining the *Star Tribune* in 1994, he was an editor at *The Milwaukee Journal*.

Fee: Free

Location: TBD

FALCON REVIEWS

The Academy Is... here

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“Attention! Attention! May I have all your eyes and ears to the front of the room,” The Academy Is... is finally here.

After years of inner-band rivalry between William Beckett and Mike Carden, the two came to their senses and “gradually found themselves talking more and more; engulfed in amazing conversations about music. After realizing they were very much alike, they decided to try their hand at writing songs together and The Academy Is ... was born” (Fueled By Ramen Records).

When listening to their debut album, *Almost Here*, you are led into a world of never-ending musical passion created by this five-piece Chicago punk band. The album opens with an explosive call to attention, then gradually works its way into what is said to be a “love letter to music itself; a smart, honest record about growing up, having dreams and making them come true.”

*Almost Here* is solid in every way possible needed to make it big in the ever-growing punk rock scene. With a graceful lyrical flow and solid chords and breakdowns, The Academy Is... leaves listeners in awe.

In an overview of the band, they tell fans immediately: “We want to move people...to impact in them the same way we’ve been affected through music” (FBR Records).

Some of their favorite classics include Pink Floyd, U2 and Led Zeppelin. When you take a look at these classic rockers, you may understand that these are some of the most influential rock bands of all time who share the same passion as The



Academy Is... currently does.

Nowadays that’s definitely hard to come across, especially in a genre of music where there are more bands than you have socks and underwear!

I don’t know if I have ever heard a more solid album when it comes to alternative punk bands. The only band that comes to mind that has produced such a wonderful album would have to be their co-headliners on The Truckstops and Statelines Tour, Panic! At the Disco. You can catch them live on March 17 at the Quest Club in Minneapolis with Panic! and hellogoodbye.

*Almost Here* is in stores now, and once you’ve given this disc a listen, you will be glad you spent the \$11.

4.5  
out of five points

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.

Du jour

Key West Lemonade

Ingredients:  
2 shots vodka  
2 shots sweet and sour  
1 dash Sprite  
1 dash cranberry juice

Mixing instructions:  
Mix vodka and sweet and sour proportionally. Add a dash of Sprite and cranberry juice per serving.

Crazy Maker

Ingredients:  
2 oz Southern Comfort  
2 oz cranberry juice  
1 oz orange juice  
Juice from lime wedge

Mixing instructions:  
Mix southern comfort and cranberry juice in a glass with ice. Top with orange juice and squeeze lime juice over top of drink.

Red Beard

Ingredients:  
1 part Captain Morgan  
1 part Parrot Bay  
1/2 part grenadine  
1/2 part 7-Up

Mixing Instructions:  
Mix over ice and serve.

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

Chappelle hosts ‘Block Party’

Last week Dave Chappelle’s “Block Party” came out, which documents the comedian’s efforts to organize a concert in Brooklyn, N.Y. I do have to say, it took me by surprise.

Originally, I had assumed that it would be very much like his television program, “Chappelle’s Show,” which I have always found hilarious. I had reason to believe the film would consist of him doing mostly standup, while having music artists perform every so often.

Unfortunately, that was not the case.

The film starts out in Dayton, Ohio, where we learn he spent much of his childhood. He walks the streets, coming across strangers and old friends, seeing if he can persuade them to come to a party he is organizing in New York later that week.

We learn this has been a dream of his for years, something he has been very passionate about.

Throughout the film, we see a mixture of clips of the concert with flashbacks occurring earlier that week. They include Chappelle meeting people in Ohio, as well as New York, where he tries to get everything organized so spectators may have a good time.

We meet and get to know some local Brooklyn residents, from teachers and students to rap artists.

Though the weather turns from sunny to rainy, people are entertained for the most part by these artists, with an occasional few minutes of standup by Chappelle.

As soon as I learned that this would be the case, I thought, “Well, I guess he won’t be making as many jokes as I thought. Oh well, I can still have a good time watching these musicians perform.”

Unfortunately, I had never heard of them before.

Perhaps if I were an avid listener of rap and hip-hop, I would have had more interest in the film.

There may have been a likelihood that I would have recognized at least a couple of songs, perhaps even sing along to a few of them.

But I’m not a fan of this sort of music, which resulted in my interest

in the film to plummet. At times I looked at my watch, wondering: “When is this going to end?”

The only performers I recognized were Kanye West, mainly because of his recent and publicized duet with Jamie Foxx, and Mos Def, because he happened to be in “The Italian Job.” I honestly did not know he was also a musician.

My only relief was from Dave’s comedic persona, which I regret to

say didn’t occur frequently enough.

However, one positive from the film was the dialogue (from the musicians and the fans), which was true and genuine, not scripted.

You really get to know some of these people from their backgrounds to their hopes and dreams. The emotions they emit are real, not acted.

Now let me make this clear, I don’t have any grudge against the comedian. Since the first time I saw “Half-Baked,” I’ve had enormous respect for the man.

He’s proven to be a really funny guy and a master at the craft.

I’m sure if I were actually a fan of this music genre I would have had a better time.

But because I’m not, my interest slipped, thereby making it a bore.

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part of a diverse crowd, Chappelle hands out ‘golden tickets’ to several little old white ladies who live in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio. He also invites the marching band from the University of Ohio South Central to perform, just because he happened to walk by one of their rehearsals.

Chappelle is not the only high profile performer to grace the screen. In some respects, he may not even be comparable.

But he does draw the creative connection between musicians and comedians, “Who knew Mos Def was a funny guy and Jamie Foxx could play the piano?”

Dead Prez gives a great performance focusing on the politics within black America. Erykah Badu and Jill Scott celebrate their womanhood within the African community with song and poetry. The Roots’ performance shows how fluidly jazz, blues, hip hop and funk are all melded together in beautiful harmony.

But the show stopper was definitely the reunion of Praz, Lauryn Hill and Wyclef Jean as the Fugees. I don’t care what kind of music you like - everyone has been waiting for that reunion for almost a decade now.

What could Chappelle have done or said to get that together? How can one man get three egos to put such a feud aside, just for a block party?

Perhaps that is what makes Chappelle and this film so likeable. The crowd is full of college students, old hippies that have lived in the neighborhood for years, children, gangstas and famous musicians.

To Dave, and ultimately the crowd who loves him, people are equal. Chappelle’s “Block Party” celebrates where we have come from and where we are going - something we all take for granted.

Maybe Chappelle’s film could teach us more than just ‘being rich, biatch.’

Jenna Lee is a sophomore studying journalism and music history. She enjoys watching dark comedy movies.



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. A film that scores a one is a horribly acted or directed film with no substance.

1.5  
out of five points

3.9  
out of five points



# ‘CSI’ triggers interest in criminal justice

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The membership of students in the criminal justice minor has more than doubled in the past few years, thanks to the CBS string of shows about crime scene investigators.

But students should do some of their own investigating before jumping into the University’s criminal justice minor.

A few students come to the program thinking they will end up working on crime scene investigating, said Rich Wallace, criminal justice professor, but they quickly figure out that they are far from it.

“‘CSI’ gets them interested in criminal justice,” he said. The show, however, is just Hollywood being Hollywood.

Alan Gocken, criminal science minor, said that while he knew all along that the program was nothing like “CSI,” not all were as lucky.

He said he knew a girl who claimed the minor but the minor was not what she thought it was.

“She found out it was not like the show, so she changed her mind,” Gocker said. “It was kinda funny.”

While Gocker does watch the show, he knows better than to buy into it.

“A lot of the stuff they use isn’t actually how it’s done,” he said. “Their stuff is what we would like in the future.”

Wallace said the shows portray DNA tests going to the lab and coming back within a day or two, when in reality it would take a week. He said the investigators could also run fingerprint tests that come back with only one result. In the real world it would come back with a half dozen, then more work would need to be done.

“I had such a bad taste in my mouth after watching a preview for one of them,” Wallace said.

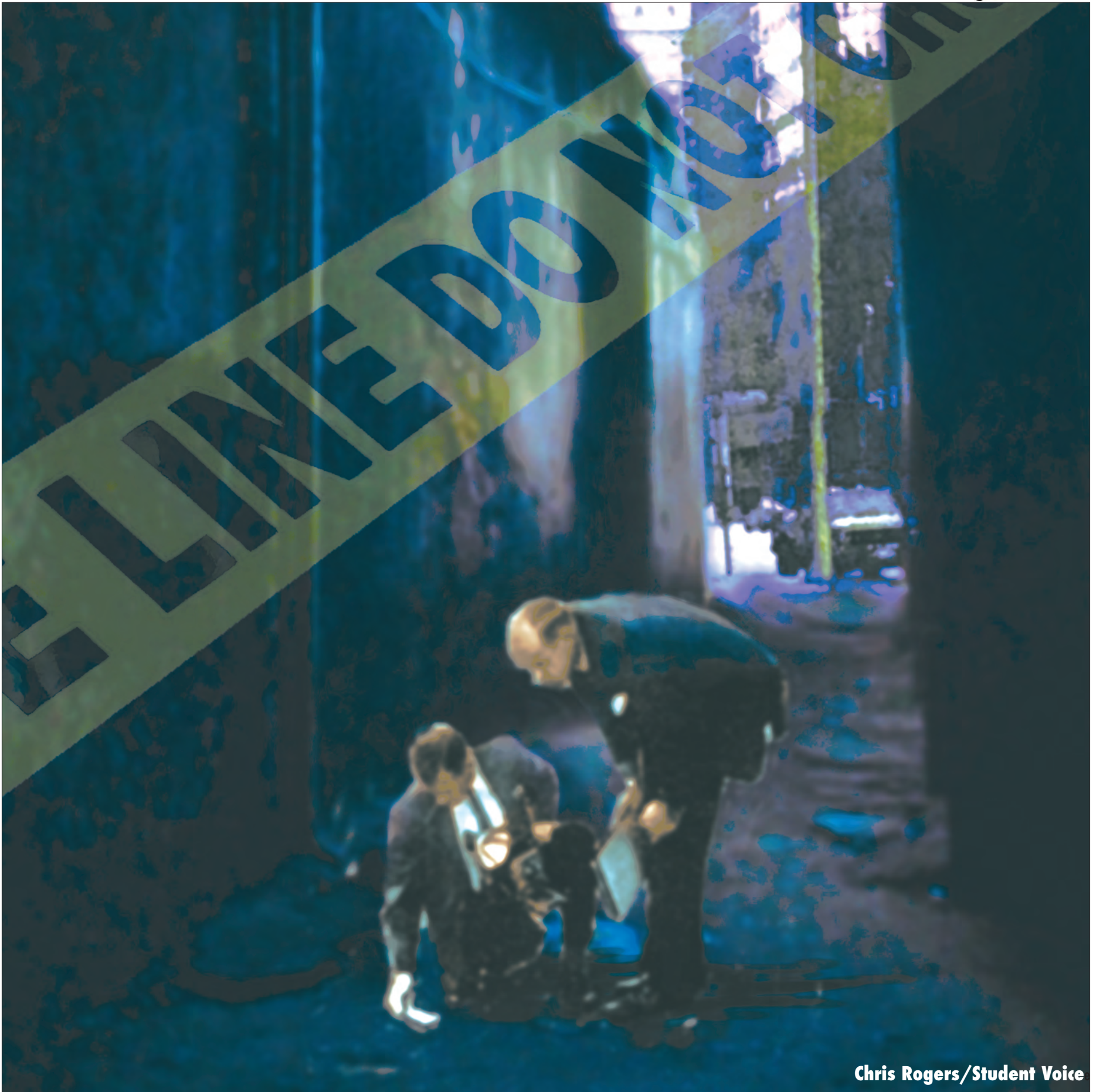
The preview briefly showed investigators making their way through a house using flashlights.

“One of the first rules of investigating - turn on the lights,” he said. Not doing so ruins evidence when people step on things or accidentally move things around.

“A lot of people watch the show and think they are crime experts,” said Aaron Cernohous, criminal justice minor. For him that’s the biggest problem with the show.

“It’s an hour out of life,” he said. “It’s a trip.”

Cernohous watches the original “CSI,” but like the rest of his colleagues, knows better than to



Chris Rogers/Student Voice

think it’s reality.

In reality, a criminal science minor won’t get you to a scene of a murder looking at footprints in the mud, Wallace said.

Investigators are almost always majors in hard science from a graduate school, he said. Many investigators are called in to testify and they have to be experienced professionals.

“If you got a bachelor’s degree,

we tend not to see you as an expert,” Wallace said. “You get a smattering of a taste at the physics and chemistry classes here.”

If you want to become a crime scene investigator, Wallace said, you should major in a hard science like physics or chemistry, and look at a good graduate school.

Cernohous thought about

becoming an investigator long before the show rose to popularity, “but the whole biology and chemistry is not my thing,” he said.

Most people don’t realize the work the investigators do and the problems the show causes, Wallace said.

For instance, he said the number of national murders is down from the more than 24,000 in

1991 to around 16,000 per year for the last six years.

But, “public fear of crime has not dropped,” he said. “It’s at a very good lower level.”

Juries who watch the show pose another problem for prosecution, Wallace said.

He said juries want the prosecution to prove everything with DNA and fingerprints - along with everything else they see on

the show.

“Juries come in with the perception that this is the way investigations are supposed to happen,” Wallace said.

He said he doesn’t have a problem with the show, even though he doesn’t watch it.

“It’s enjoyable, it’s entertainment,” Wallace said. “But don’t use it for what police investigation is supposed to look like.”

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