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Brown chosen as new dean to shape CAS



Terry Brown

The new title kicked in just before spring break on March 1.

"She'll do an excellent job of representing the college," said Connie Foster, dean

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The candidates for dean of the College of Arts and Science have been sought out, put under the microscope and questioned by many entities. But only UW-River Falls' Terry Brown was chosen. The position is nothing new to Brown - she has been interim dean since last July.

of the College of Education and Professional Studies, and chair of the search and screen committee for the position.

The committee does not actually pick the candidate, but it does provide the provost and chancellor with the positives and negatives of each candidate. It is then up to the chancellor and provost to make the final decision.

"The search committee was very satisfied with the chancellor and provost's choice," Foster said.

Brown found out that she was selected for the position just one day before it took effect.

Waiting and hoping for the position was making her anxious, she said.

"It was a little like getting engaged," she said. As if to say, "I thought you'd never ask."

Now that they have asked, Brown is wast-

ing no time in shaping the college.

"I want to work with faculty and ask them where they want me to take the college," Brown said.

She said she would rather listen to the faculty and let them help steer the decision making of larger issues. She looked at Shakespeare and presidents' models throughout history, which helped her craft what type of college she would like to run, she said.

She also took lessons from Gordon Hedahl, the former dean.

"I learned a lot about being dean by watching him," Brown said.

She said that she also plans on hearing out the minority in a debate.

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Bazaar shows off campus diversity

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The annual International Bazaar, an event hosted by the International Student Association (ISA) to help students, staff, faculty and the community become more aware of different cultures around the world, was held Thursday.

Wallace Waruiru, the ISA vice president, said the bazaar has been an annual event at UW-River Falls for more than 10 years.

"The reason for starting the bazaar is because they feel the international students have been left behind and are not recognized," Waruiru said of the ISA members. "The bazaar is not just for international students, but for the community as well."

The bazaar is one of the few events held on campus that showcases the diversity of the University.

"The International Bazaar brings unity and cultural awareness to the students of UW-RF, staff and the community of River Falls," Waruiru said.

The bazaar, held in the Blue Room of Rodli Commons, brings together students from different nations who share cuisine from their respective countries.

"We will be having food from Japan, Taiwan, Africa, specifically Kenya, Europe and Mexico," ISA member Anne Beckman said.

The food served at the bazaar is one of the most important aspects of the event. Due to food shortages last year, the food budget has been increased.

"Last year, I saw people not get satisfied because certain foods were gone," Waruiru said. "This year, we raised the budget from \$1,000 to \$1,800 to make sure there is enough food for people in the bazaar."

Waruiru said the Diversity Awareness Committee plays a significant role in financing the International Bazaar.

"If they give us \$1,500, we have to return the money back to the committee from our ticket sale and bake sale, but if we make more than the amount they gave us, we keep the extra amount to reuse the coming year," Waruiru said. "So the Diversity Committee has been helping ISA to keep the bazaar alive."

The University and Chancellor Don Betz are very supportive of the ISA and the International Bazaar as well, Waruiru said.

"I am a life-long student and advocate of intercultural under-

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Athletics Department gains help from student fee increase, still searches for answers to budget woes

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Director of Athletics Rick Bowen addressed the Student Senate March 7, to ask for an increase in student segregated fees to keep the department afloat.

"We exist through your generosity with student seg. fees," Bowen said. "I understand the student pocketbook, but we cannot operate without an increase in seg. fees."

Over the past three years, Bowen said the department has given back more than \$40,000. While the athletics budget hasn't increased in the last four years, he said the department has tried everything it possibly can to financially survive.

Bowen proposed a five-year plan, with a \$3.50 increase in fees for the 2006-2007 school year, and .25 cents additional increases for the following four

years.

"It will stop the bleeding," he said. "We need this ... we need to be able to function in a positive way."

He said assistant coaches' wages are "frightfully below pay in other colleges," leaving one coach making a mere .53 cents per hour.

While Bowen said UW-River Falls is "way above the curve for providing [athletic] opportunities," coach salaries here are in the bottom half of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"I'm trying to be fiscally responsible from my end, and respectful of yours," he said to the Senate. "I am pleading for the 450 student athletes we have, and the way we want to represent you."

None of the athletes are receiving money to play, Bowen said, and the department doesn't even have a \$200 cushion going into next year.

Four years ago, he said, the department received \$97,500 to pay for assistant coaches. Three years ago, that amount was cut to \$57,000, and now it will receive only \$41,000. Bowen said the actual cost is \$147,000, with \$17,000 in benefits, totaling \$164,000. The athletics department's total budget this year without salaries is \$490,000.

"We have to come up with \$100,000 in expenses that haven't been fixed, without extra money," he said.

The highest budgeted sports of the 18 offered are football and hockey, which both cost in the low \$40,000s per year.

"We cannot drop any more sports; we're down to our minimum," he said. "Dropping football and hockey would save a lot of money, but let me know before you do it, because I don't want to take that grief."

He said it is a WIAC standard procedure to allow students free admission to

sports games. Even if a person paid and attended every game, at \$3 a piece that would only be an extra \$165 per student. On average, he said about \$45,000 is made from sports in a good year.

The department does not receive any money from the Kansas City Chiefs, who use the athletic facilities in the summer.

"That money goes to the school, not the athletic department," Bowen said. "Those decisions are made about four pay levels above me."

It also doesn't take revenue from open skating in Hunt Arena.

"We live and die from student seg. fee money," he said. "We need a more permanent fix; we need stability."

This message rang loud and clear to Senate.

"His presentation explained a lot to

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Dining Services holds focus groups

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From March 28-30, the UW-River Falls Dining Services will be holding focus groups to determine details of the food services to be provided in the new student center on campus.

The decision was made at the beginning of spring semester to extend UW-RF's contract with Chartwells through 2008.

Chartwells is a company that holds dining contracts with more than 900 elementary schools, high schools and universities, according to the Chartwells Web site.

The three-day focus groups have been divided into 11 sessions featuring different groups on campus, with each concentrating on discussing a different area of dining services, according to documents provided by Dining Services.

The focus groups will remain small to acquire in-depth input.

"It's critical to keep marketing groups to 8-10 people," said Jerry Waller, director of University Dining Services.

Meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday will be representatives from student organizations talking with a Chartwells marketing team and faculty from Dining Services about catering for student organization meetings, events and late night meal options.

The types of facilities, hours, food varieties, transfer options and hours of operation will be some of the many issues discussed.

"[We want to] seek out as much information from students of what they are looking for as possible," Waller said.

May Hall resident Michelle Abts will participate in the west residence halls focus group on Wednesday to express her opinions and share ideas.

"I decided to take time to participate in a food focus group because I have some strong feeling[s] about the food they serve on campus, and I thought this would be a perfect opportunity to express what I feel," Abts said. "I would like to see a couple of things change; for instance maybe the times at which transfers work, or how late food service stays open."

To allow the rest of the student body to participate in the decision, surveys were conducted outside Brandy's and Rodli Commons on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The goal was to get a lot of feedback and "make it as quick and easy as possible," Waller said.

Upon completion of the focus group sessions and surveys, the information collected will be compiled and analyzed by

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Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Students stand in line at Char's Grill around 6 p.m. Char's is a Chartwells eatery located in Hagestad Student Center.

VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Local high school holds Relay For Life

The 2006 River Falls Relay for Life will take place at River Falls High School March 24-25. The event will begin at 6 p.m. March 24, and end at 10 a.m. March 25.

A spaghetti dinner is scheduled from 5-8 p.m., and a breakfast from 7-9 p.m. Activities will entertain participants during their night-long walk around the indoor track.

Relay For Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivors and raise money to help the American Cancer Society.

Teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds or parks, and take turns walking or running laps with at least one team member on the track at all times. The event is open to the public.

Dance theater performs next week

On March 28, 29, 30, 31, and April 1, the UW-River Falls Dance Theatre will be holding its annual Spring Concert.

Each performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Davis Theater in KFA.

Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, and \$7 for anyone who is not a student. On March 28, it will be UW-RF Student Night, so any River Falls student attending will receive a ticket for only \$4.

Tickets are available now at the Ticket Office in KFA, and will be available until March 31. Tickets are also available before each performance at 6 p.m.

Many students have created pieces for the group to perform, including Dance Theatre President Ruby Lanoux and Penny Reinhold. Faculty members have also choreographed dances for the event.

Various forms of dance styles will be showcased, including lyrical, ethnic and contemporary modern dance.

Each show will begin with traditional Hawaiian chants that the dancers prepared while studying in Hawaii in January with Kuma Hula Rich Pedrina of the Halau Hula ‘O Napunahaleonapua. While there, the members of Dance Theater studied the Hawaiian language, history and culture to understand more about what hula really means.

The show will conclude with a large group of 34 performing a number choreographed by Dance Theatre director Karla Zhe.

For ticket information, call 425-3114 March 20-31. For further information, call 425-3131.

REGIONAL

UW-Madison plans for new research center

Officials at the University of Wisconsin - Madison announced plans to build a flu research center on campus during a meeting held in Madison March 15.

According to the *River Falls Journal*, the 20,000-square-foot “Influenza Viral Research” facility will be built in the University Research Park. It is planned to be completed by fall 2007, and will include specialized lab facilities designed for flu research.

Officials say it will help the University understand emerging influenza strains. The facility, along with \$1.8 million in federal aid, will help the state and federal government prepare for a possible flu pandemic.

Madison will be important in the fight against the rapidly spreading avian bird flu, which many fear will create a worldwide pandemic.

Wisconsin was chosen to become CDC North at the request of the Centers for Disease Control. A planned New Richmond bio-secure facility may help in fight against diabetes.

New Richmond plans new research facility

A non-profit research organization plans to construct a 21,000-square-foot pig raising facility in New Richmond to help find a cure for diabetes.

Spring Point Project, headquartered in Minneapolis, was formed 18 months ago to help raise enough donor pigs to meet the future demand for islet cells.

Once approved by the Federal Drug Administration, a process which may take up to two years according to the executive director, these islet cells from pig pancreases will be harvested for future transplantation into patients with diabetes.

University of Minnesota scientists Scott Fahrenkrug and Bernhard Hering have successfully implanted these islet cells into diabetic monkeys. If this break-through research succeeds, a cure for millions of diabetics worldwide would be discovered, according to Spring Point.

The organization hopes to transplant pig islet cells in the first human volunteer patients within three years. The New Richmond facility is scheduled to begin construction in May, and be completed in February 2007.

NATIONAL

University uses iPod in lectures

MILLEDGEVILLE, Georgia — Georgia College & State University educators are using popular digital music and video players as education and research tools. According to CNN, at least 100 out of 300 faculty members at the University are using iPods to help teach students.

Apple’s vice president of iPod product marketing, Greg Joswiak, said the college has been a leader in incorporating the iPod into the curriculum to enhance teaching and learning creatively. Colleges throughout the nation have begun to use players as education tools, a trend iPod maker Apple Computer Inc. hopes to capitalize on with “iTunes U,” a nationwide service that makes lectures and other materials available online.

GCSU officials say the school is ensuring its iPod lessons complement classroom work. The campus has loaned about 400 college-owned iPods either to students in certain classes, or for checkout at libraries. While iPods may be useful tools for reviewing coursework, some critics argue it is not the same as actively engaging with material in a classroom.

Briefs compiled by Amber Jurek

SENATE

Senate approves some fee increases

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An hour-long discussion about whether or not to pass increases in student segregated fees for the 2006-2007 academic school year by the Facilities and Fees board resulted in only approving the recreational, special technology and athletic portions, and not approving joint foods and residential living proposed increases.

The March 21 Student Senate meeting was almost completely devoted to the decision of approving the student fees.

According to the meeting agenda, the increase for joint foods will be \$40 for the entire year, breaking down to about \$20 a semester. The residential living increase for double, single and suite rooms in South Fork Suites will be \$166 for the entire year. These increases will be in effect once Senate approves the increases.

The joint foods and residential living portions of the fees are tabled until the next meeting March 28, when the chairs of the committees will be asked to present the Senate with more in depth information about the increases.

“There are some things we are experts on, and there are things we’re not experts on,” said Senator Joe Eggers.

The increases may or may not be a benefit for students.

“Students have seen an increase every year, but to no benefit,” Eggers said. “Some things are needed and others are just not.”

The debate came from the concern sena-

tors had over the increase in joint foods and residential living.

“I’m a student who has paid school with loans,” Senator Nate Cook said. “When I look at this budget increase and I think that we have to be willing to take on the cost or sacrifice our education.”

The urgency to pass the increase was stressed by senators to keep the quality of the education UW-River Falls offers its students.

“It’s an issue that I understand students are paying for,” said Jim Vierling, the Senate chair of Facilities and Fees Board. “I know we don’t want to pay for it now.”

Many of the increases for residential living are for new furniture in the future for some of the residential buildings, Vierling said. The cost for food has increased as well, because of natural disasters and shortages around the world.

“It has been increasing, but it goes into accounts to save for new buildings and equipment,” he said.

Compared to other universities, UW-RF is still lower in segregated fees because other campuses are building new residence halls, adding on to current buildings and looking to construct other buildings in the future, Vierling said.

“I’m not concerned with what other campuses are doing,” Eggers said. “UW-RF is unique. We really need to be conscious of the students.”

Questions arose from some senators about approving some increases and not others.

After the debate, the Senate passed the

approval for three of the five sections of segregated fees.

“This system is designed so Senate doesn’t have to pick through these,” said Senator Carolyn Schenk. “We need to have a little more faith in Facilities and Fees.”

Other Senate News

• Senate President Nick Cluppert said the Energy Campaign is showing progress with a 3 percent decrease for January and February compared to November and December.

“We’re in the right direction,” Cluppert said. “We need to continue to get out the word.”

• Matthew Meyer, president of UW-RF’s Eco Club, introduced a motion to be passed that Senate supports UW-RF signing the Talloires declaration. The declaration provides universities an opportunity to move towards a more sustainable future in preserving the environment. The Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future (ULSF) is offering universities the declaration.

“I’m asking you tonight to support the declaration,” Meyer said. “We want to tell the world that UW-RF cares about the environment.”

The Senate passed SS0506057 to support the signing of the declaration to pursue UW-RF’s future for sustaining the environment.

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

Snow storm keeps city plows busy

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River Falls’ snow plow operators worked hard to clear streets, parking lots and sidewalks after last week’s snow storms.

The first storm on March 13 produced 16 inches of snow. It was the most snowfall River Falls had received since Halloween in 1991, said Frank Gaillard, River Falls Public Works superintendent.

Plow operators began plowing the streets at 4 a.m., and contin-

ued until 6 p.m. They began again at midnight, plowing the downtown area and widening street passes throughout the city.

“It was difficult to plow due to the intensity, duration and timing of the storm,” Gaillard said.

During March, he said, snowfalls are typically wet and heavy because of warmer temperatures.

“Even our large plow trucks were unable to push the snow, or got stuck,” he said.

Despite the difficulties plow operators experienced, the streets were cleared and in safe

driving condition by 4 p.m. the following day.

River Falls received seven more inches of snow March 16, keeping snow plows busy.

“Plow operators were very busy the entire week and into the next week performing snow and ice control throughout the city,” Gaillard said.

Tom Weise, UW-River Falls director of Purchasing and Public Safety, said the timing of the storm allowed the University to take its time plowing student parking lots, and get a lot done properly without

rushing.

“Without the students, we were able to process what needed to be processed,” Weise said.

If it had happened while classes were in session, he said, it would have been more difficult for students and harder to plow. Plows would have needed to be scheduled, and students’ cars would have been ticketed and/or towed if they did not move after a notice was issued.

“As far as I know, no one was towed,” Weise said. “We didn’t have to ticket or tow cars since school was not in session.”



An instructor with the Mu Performing Arts group teaches a group of student the techniques of Taiko drumming. Taiko is a form of drumming that is both musical and artistic.

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Taiko drums pound UWRF

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Students making their way through Kleinpell Fine Arts Wednesday probably noticed deep, vibrating, rhythmic booms coming from the theater. It was different from the bass that you hear coming from the dorms at all hours of the night. It was the deep drumbeats of the Taiko, a Japanese word meaning “large drum.”

“It’s loud - kind of pulsating,” performer Iris Shiraishi said.

The Mu Performing Arts was on campus for one day, performing for students and faculty as well as teaching a thing or two to the world music class in a semi-

nar held in the afternoon.

The performance is considered both an art and music, Shiraishi said. It uses distinctive movements of the body, and drummers will shout while they strike, with impressive force, drums up to six feet in diameter. They move their arms in dramatic fashion, bringing them far behind their head before they hit the drums with sticks that resemble American drumsticks on steroids.

“Mu Daiko taps into the earthy energy of pounding drums and the ethereal powers of the heavens to create a musical experience like no other,” according to a pamphlet for the Mu Daiko.

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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March 8
Jessica J. Pries reported a her bike stolen from the Grimm Hall bike rack to Public Safety around 11:25 a.m.

Pries told officers she last saw her bike a week before she noticed it was stolen. Pries stated the bike was locked at the time it was stolen.

The bike was a pink Trek mountain bike valued around \$400.

March 9
• Alfred G. Stumph, 21, was arrested for domestic battery around 4:40 p.m.

River Falls Police received a complaint from Stumph’s girlfriend, who alleged Stumph physically abused her on March 8.

She told police she asked Stumph to leave around 11 p.m. March 8 while they were lying in bed. She stated Stumph became upset over a previous argument and threw her off the bed, causing her to land on the radiator.

Police report she was bruised on her left arm and leg from the fall.

Stumph told police he was awakened on March 8 to his girlfriend kicking and pushing him while asking him to leave.

He stated he allegedly kicked her back,

which caused her to fall onto the radiator. Stumph told police he did not intend to kick her that hard.

Stumph was arrested and taken to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department. His girlfriend told officers Stumph had allegedly hit her in the past.

• Julie M. Drzewiecki, 19, was fined \$375 for a second-offense underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

March 10
Cassie J. Staubus reported to Public Safety that her vehicle had been vandalized while parked in K-Lot around noon.

Staubus told officers the rear spoiler on her Ford Escort had been torn off. She said she parked her car in the lot around 11 p.m. on March 7, and did not return until March 10.

Damage is estimated around \$200.

March 14
Kabika O. Kakosso, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana around 8:40 p.m.

Public Safety was contacted by May Hall Resident Assistant Eli Eschenbauch after Kakosso had been wandering through the halls of the residence hall. Eschenbauch told officers Kakosso appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

Public Safety and River Falls Police

responded to the hall and spoke with Eschenbauch and Kakosso in Eschenbauch’s room.

Eschenbauch told police that Kakosso was allegedly looking for his cousin. He stated he invited Kakosso into the room so he wouldn’t be wandering in the hallway anymore.

Eschenbauch stated when Kakosso entered the room he allegedly pulled a bag of marijuana from his pants pocket and asked, “Is this cool?” Eschenbauch then called Public Safety.

After some questioning, Kakosso gave the officers the marijuana and allegedly admitted to being high.

RFPD placed Kakosso under arrest and took him to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department.

March 18
Robert L. Boddiford, 19, was issued a fine of \$501 for a third-offense underage consumption, and was later arrested on an outstanding warrant around 2 a.m.

While issuing the underage consumption ticket, River Falls Police were informed that Boddiford had a warrant out for his arrest.

RFPD arrested Boddiford and took him to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department. He was held under a \$248 bail bond.

Athletics: Senate approves increase of student fees

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why the athletic fee could go up,” said Senate President Nick Cluppert. “But it will be up to the Senate to decide whether or not they feel the increase is in the best interest of the students.”

At its March 21 meeting, Senate chose to approve the increase of \$3.50 to the athletics portion of student segregated fees for the 2006-2007 academic year. Senate also approved 25 cent increases for the next four years. With these changes, students in the 2010-2011 school year will be paying \$95 total in segregated fees for athletics.

“Athletics is in the red,” said Senator Nate Cook. “Last year they ended in the red. It’s important for

athletics to survive to represent us [UW-RF] in a professional manner.”

Chancellor Don Betz said he has been working with Bowen to develop fundraising opportunities, and he has complete faith in Bowen’s abilities as athletics director.

“He squeezes the penny hard,” Betz said. “He maximizes what he can afford.”

While the approved budget has alleviated some of its financial stresses, Athletics is still looking at a long road of recovery ahead.

“I view this as the start of a new era in Falcon athletics,” Bowen said. “I cannot continue to play David Copperfield and support sports with illusions. I am asking our students for help. If there were another way I would do it.”

Brown: New dean wants to hear the voices of minorities

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“Sometimes the minority is right,” she said, citing those in the minority who lobbied for the right of women and blacks to vote.

In that aspect, she calls herself a “feminist dean.” Not the bra-burning feminist many associate with the feminist movements.

She said it’s more the contemporary feminism that wants to hear the voices of those in the minority, and then work for decision.

“I do believe I work first towards consensus in a group,” she said.

She said she would also like to see the college get on a strategic plan. Doing so would allow for better allocation of funds, which is important in a time when bud-

gets are cut, she said.

“If you don’t have a plan, then you sometimes make a decision on a first-come first-serve basis,” Brown said.

Currently, the college has no such strategic plan, and Brown said she would like to stay in the position until that goal is met.

“It’s a great college,” she said. “It has great people in it.”

Bazaar: Event opens an awareness of cultural surroundings

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standing and of developing an informed global perspective,” Betz said. “I applaud all those involved in creating the International Bazaar.”

Other gestures of assistance on campus do not go unnoticed, and the ISA is very grateful for everything being done by the campus community to make the International Bazaar a success.

“The night before the bazaar, the cooks let us use the Rodli kitchens to prepare food and get it ready to go,” Beckman said.

Some ISA members also showcase their cultures by teaching

cultural dances and songs from their homelands. It is common for some members to wear or display garments and cultural effects.

“The culture fair is a gallery of every country’s artifacts,” ISA member Keiko Komura said.

Beckman said the International Bazaar is the highlight of her spring semester.

“It’s a really fun time to expand your cultural horizons,” Beckman said.

She said the event is a great opportunity for everyone to become more acquainted with their cultural surroundings.

“You can learn different cul-

tures and experience those cultures without leaving the country,” Beckman said.

Events such as the International Bazaar are crucial for people of all different backgrounds to learn about other cultures.

“We live at a time in human history when there will be more contact and connection with peoples from other nations and cultures than ever before,” Betz said. “Understanding how others live and think is essential for success and for appreciating our rich and complex global community.”

Dining: Chartwells contract extended for new Student Union

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Chartwells’ marketing staff. With the combined efforts of the marketing staff, members of the joint foods committee, and Waller and various other faculty members, decisions will then be made.

Waller said with the extension of the Chartwells contract, assistance from the marketing team will be provided at no charge.

The decision to remain with Chartwells was made because a new company would have no data and background information to work off of when advis-

ing meal options for the new student center.

Chartwells’ history with UW-RF offered a better chance of a smooth transition.

“Bottom line, it came down to my recommendation,” Waller said.



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Education under fire

The proposed Taxpayer’s Protection Amendment, also known as TABOR, poses a serious threat to the financial stability of the UW System.

If TABOR is passed, tuition is expected to see a 35 percent change. Institutions would have to choose to either significantly increase tuition or cut the number of admitted students. Reciprocity could also be eliminated, and UW-River Falls would see the drastic effects in enrollment.

Chancellor Don Betz traveled to Madison this week to discuss the issue. He said the UW System strongly opposes the amendment.

Betz said budgets would be reduced by 15 to 20 percent, resulting in losses of \$150 to \$200 million from the System as a whole. This would be devastating, considering the state already falls short in offering enough money to support its universities, he said.

Betz said seven or eight universities wouldn’t be able to operate with the financial losses. He called the amendment “potentially destructive” and “very unsettling,” saying that no one is sure exactly what the effects would be.

“This distorts what constitutions are about,” Betz said, adding that lengthy, specific amendments such as this could change the face of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Sen. Glenn Grothman, R-West-Bend, is a supporter of TABOR, and spoke at a March 10 meeting of the Board of Regents. His comments regarding the amendment’s effects on education suggest TABOR supporters are off the mark when it comes to understanding the needs of Wisconsin’s students.

Grothman said students would be able to better afford tuition if they made different choices, recommending they save money and work while attending school. He added that universities should push students toward majors with strong job outlooks to solve financial problems.

According to Fox News, as of 2005, 30 states already had some form of tax and spending limitations on their books.

While the TABOR bill is designed to keep the government from unnecessary tax hikes, and in many cases requires the government to return a percentage of government surpluses to taxpayers, this bill will have a detrimental affect on UW schools.

Many students are already finding it hard to cope with tuition increases. If TABOR passes, we could see a potentially large number of high school grads choosing not to go to college.

This proposed law, although not intended to be, will be a direct shot to the UW System and may in fact cripple secondary education in the state.

It is our duty as members of this University and citizens in this state to contact our legislatures and deter them from passing this bill.

Education is the foundation of our society, and TABOR looks to undermine the centuries of work put into establishing our education system.

It’s time citizens stop looking to line their pockets with tax cuts and government returns, and start looking out for the future of Wisconsin.

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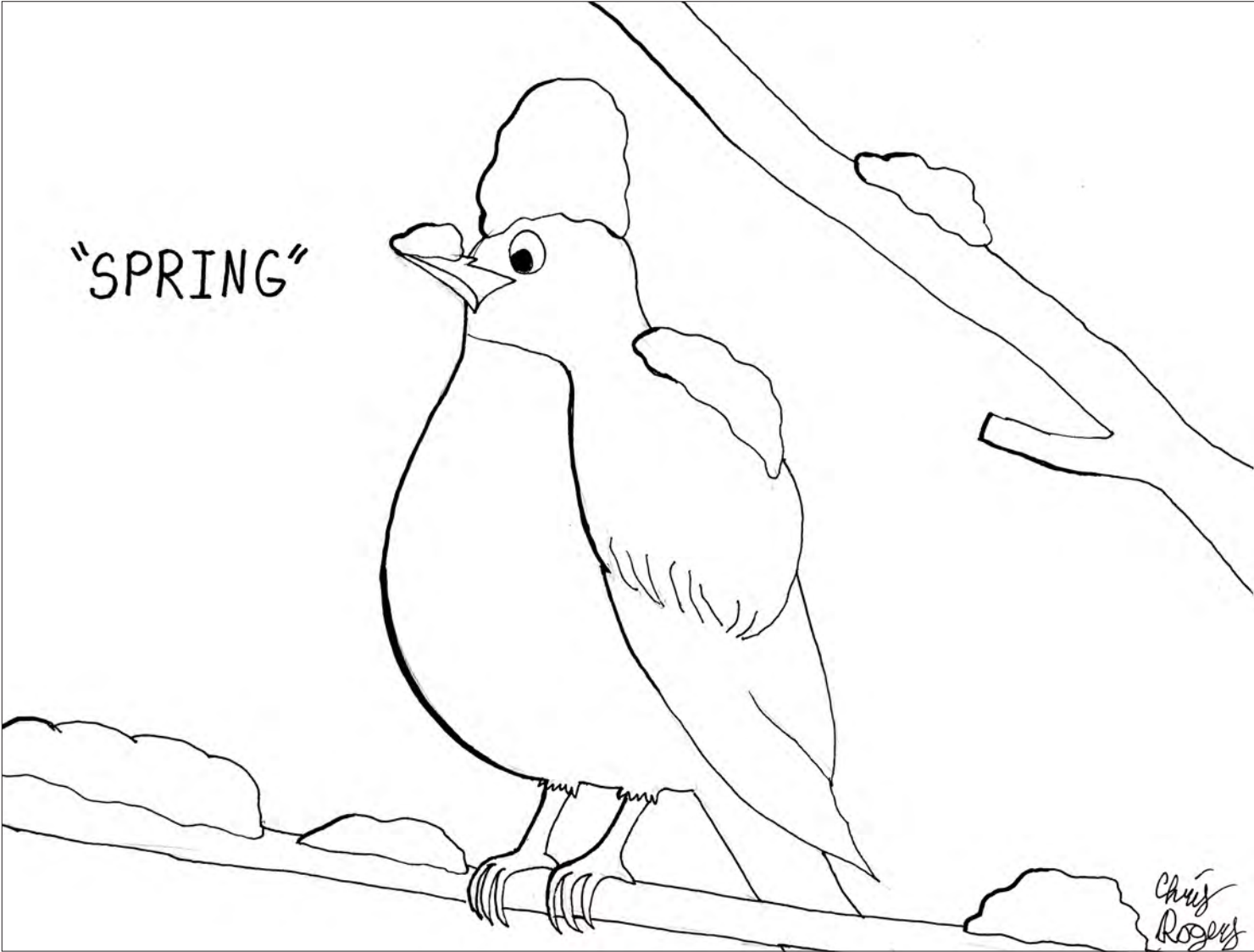
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. misses lesson in Iraq

To the students who supported the United States involvement in the Middle East in the March 10 edition of *Student Voice*, “Student Voices” section, I am disappointed and discouraged to hear there are still students on the UW-RF campus who support our president and the war he created with Iraq.

I don’t quite comprehend the arrogance associated with the dilemma we are facing in Iraq. The United States is not safer today because of George Bush’s decision to invade Iraq, instead we are less safe. Our president’s decision to invade another country under false pretenses and misinterpreted information has only made those who hate the United States around the world despise us even more.

It is true that Iraq harbors terrorist organizations that intend on harming the United States, but so do many other countries throughout the world.

The reason we invaded Iraq is simply economics. Iraq has one very important resource the developed world needs, and that is oil. Many politicians in power today have ties to oil companies and oil-rich nations. It is no secret that George Bush has made money from oil.

The amount of oil left in the world cannot sustain the demands of the developed nations. As countries such as China and India continue to develop, the competition for oil rises. Those who control oil supplies control where it goes and how much it costs.

Simple economics teaches us that if a resource is scarce and in high demand, the price of the resource rises. President Bush saw Iraq as an easy target to make his cronies wealthier.

Please make informed opinions when rep-

resenting your University. I support our troops but I do not support an illusion.

Brady Voigt,
Student

UC budget misses point

United Council just does not seem to get it. They have set budget priorities for the upcoming state of Wisconsin’s biennial budget for students but change them every chance they get. We need a consistent message and not one that changes all the time. If we don’t have realistic messages tuition will increase at unmanageable rates.

Two of River Falls’ top priorities for the upcoming budget were either reduced in the amount of funding or cut completely from United Council’s budget priorities. UW-River Falls students fought hard for faculty salary increases as well as career and academic advising incentives. Advising was completely cut from United Council’s budget priorities and faculty salary increases were reduced to an embarrassing amount of 1.77 percent one year and 2 percent the next - this is not even the rate of inflation.

The Student Senate opposed United Council’s budget priorities and maintained a commitment to our faculty and advising programs. With UW-RF faculty being the lowest paid in the UW System it is important to fight for increases here at UW-RF so we don’t lose good faculty to other institutions. The Student Senate will continue to fight in the best interest of students at UW-RF and have realistic campaigns that benefit all students.

Nick Cluppert,
Student Senate President

UW-RF athletes are without class

I am writing this from our campus library in disgust.

I don’t know when, but apparently at some point it became OK for a library to become not a place of study, but a place of socializing.

After observing this for quite some while, I have noticed that the loudest and most frequent offenders are male members of UW-RF sports teams. From what I understand, they have to put in a pre-determined number of hours in the library where they are to study each week.

This sounds like a great program, but what happens is these men come into the library and start talking to each other.

There have been times when one of the librarians has told them to be quiet and they are not even considerate enough to take her suggestion for a couple minutes and then startup again. Instead, they decide that it would be fun to start insulting her.

Like I said earlier though, this is not limited to the athletes; right now I can see three small groups of people talking and being loud and disruptive.

All students must start to respect the sanctity of the study environment that is supposed to be present in a library.

So until we change our attitude toward the library, students are probably better off studying in a place quieter than the library, like perhaps a steel mill.

Michael Tate,
Student

Smoking ban promotes health

A recent discussion on the 25-foot rule for smoking has led to the need for some consideration of policies.

Currently, the University’s administrative policy (AP 3) states, “Smoking is not allowed in any UW-River Falls campus building or state vehicle; and effective January 1, 2004, smoking will be banned within 25 feet of all campus buildings. It is expected that all individuals will comply with this policy.”

This policy was adopted in an effort by UW-RF administration to promote public health while allowing for smokers to have a place to smoke on campus.

However, the trouble we see is that many smokers ignore this policy and smoke near buildings. This leads to many non-smoking students being subjected to secondhand smoke.

This also makes me wonder, why does our administration allow for smoking on campus at all?

According to the American Lung Association (ALA), secondhand smoke has been classified as a cancer-causing agent

by the Environmental Protection Agency. Both the ALA and EPA note that smoke lingers in the air for hours after it is first put into the atmosphere. Students who have chosen to lead a non-smoking lifestyle are forced to breathe in toxic air around buildings, and walking to and from classes.

The ALA also notes that secondhand smoke causes approximately “3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease deaths in non-smoking adults in the United States each year.”

Needless to say, secondhand smoke is extremely harmful to non-smoking students.

The first line of the UW-RF administrative policy (AP 4) begins as follows, “It is the policy of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls that every employee, student and visitor be afforded a safe and healthful working environment.”

This policy reflects Wisconsin State statutes, which empower

the University to take all necessary actions needed in order to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all individuals on the University campus.

It is evident by all of the harmful effects secondhand smoke has on non-smoking individuals that allowing smoking on the



Nate Cook

UW-RF campus and property clearly violates AP 4.

It is essential that the UW-RF administration adopt a new smoking policy in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of everyone on campus. The UW-RF administration must change AP 3 to read, “Smoking is not allowed in any UW-River Falls campus buildings, property or state vehicles.” Only if UW-RF administration adopts this new policy will they be able to fulfill their other policy, AP 4.

Many smokers will argue that a campus-wide smoking ban

would be unfair and discriminate against smokers. This is a flawed argument because it does not consider public health.

While there is an abundance of information on the negative and life-threatening health consequences facing smokers, there will always be a number of individuals who choose to smoke.

This freedom of choice is one I will not argue against; individuals have the right to smoke if they so choose. However, it is the University’s duty to protect the health, safety and well-being of all students, faculty and visitors on UW-RF property.

Allowing smoking on campus leads to the exposure of secondhand smoke, leading to negative health consequences and possibly death.

It is not discrimination against smokers to ban smoking on this campus. Instead, it is protecting the public health and safety.

While it may not be a popular change for some, banning smoking on all UW-RF property is the only way to protect all individuals’ health, safety and well-being.

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Break teaches race lessons

Recently, a couple of my friends that came back from a spring break trip brought something to my attention. They had traveled to Mexico and had a couple ideas or stereotypes of Latinos, and when they came back the ideas that they had were not only still there, but had also grown to be more offensive and vulgar.

This disturbed me a lot, and I had to address it.

I have been overseas for at least a year of my life, and had to deal with and accept different cultures. I have been to 16 different countries and have interacted with the people that live there. So I know I have some idea of what I am talking about.

When students go on spring break they have an idea that is not completely right. The main reason that they go to Mexico is to drink and have fun.

This is a great reason to go. But to come back and say, “the trip was great but it was a hassle to deal with all the Mexicans.”

I almost died when I heard this, and could not believe someone could even say it.

I do not understand the logic behind this comment because they did go to Mexico. What did they expect to be surrounded by? Some other group?

The first thing that you should have is some sort of understanding that if you go to a foreign place you are the foreigner. Keep your mind open a little and try to understand, if nothing else, the culture that is surrounding you. It is going to be different, and you are going to have to accept that you are not

in Wisconsin anymore.

Also, some ideas that you could get from a place like Mexico could be a little biased. If you are in some sort of resort and you do not leave the traditional tourist path you might not meet or see any of the main cultural differences.

The people in these tourist areas probably speak English and are used to interacting with Americans. This could be a good thing, but they also know how to exploit this, which is why some people come back with bad assumptions that lump the population all together.

To really get a feel of the area go off the beaten path and explore the culture that you paid all that money to see.

Open up and take the whole place in. Sure it might be a little poor. What they do not have they make up for with beautiful beaches and small rainforests. If you

open up your eyes and minds you could see the true beauty in the country that you traveled to.

So the next time you travel abroad try to see that every place is different and that it is not a bad thing.

Some places you will not like. One of my most hated places would have to be Jordan, but while I was there I was respectful and understanding of the culture.

Some tips would be to keep your eyes and mind open, explore more than just the tourist area and try to make a friend. Some of my best experiences have been just making a friend with a cab driver and having conversations with him.

Travel is supposed to open minds and hearts, not close them.



Jason Conway

S. Dakota needs to abort new law

South Dakota is preparing for a battle. They have passed a law that is blatantly unconstitutional in hopes of challenging the Roe v. Wade decision made in 1973.

The law is planned to go into effect later this summer, and both sides of the debate are now furiously planning their legal defense. Under this new law it would be a felony to perform any abortion unless the mother’s life is in jeopardy.

The attack by the legislators of South Dakota is a direct result of pressure from pro-life groups, which are hopeful that the Supreme Court is in a position where conservative judges will now reverse the 1973 verdict.

Although I do not believe that abortion is a healthy solution to a problem for the mother or for society, I cannot see how people could possibly feel that they have the power to make such a decision for a woman. People have to have the ability to make



Travis Grieman

their own decisions -- that is the most basic of our civil liberties.

I have talked to many pro-life defenders and they always claim they are fighting for the life of a child no different then one that is born.

However, when asked about their reasoning it is always the same. Their religion told them it was murder, so it must be true.

I don’t have a problem with this belief, I’m sure it can serve many people just fine.

Many groups attempt to use legislation to control the behavior of others so that it will match what their religion tells

them is acceptable. I know it is often overused and slightly cliché, but our country really is based on a division of church and state.

During this spring break I had the chance to visit Washington D.C. for the first time, and on the Library of Congress I saw etched into the marble stone a quote that stuck with me by James Madison. “Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.” James Madison was perhaps the most influential writer of our constitution, and was a strong supporter of separation of church and state. His words and wisdom are just as true today as they were more than 200 years ago.

Still today people are coerced into following a group because they are unconcerned with making informed decisions. Instead they follow people who

use powerful tools in order to convince the public to stand behind them; the most prevalent of which are often fear, religion and ignorance.

Politicians try to use religion as a tool to gather support; support that will not waver in spite of actions clearly hypocritical to what they say. People need to stop blindly listening to the religious leaders and actively ask questions.

I found evidence clear enough for me to stop searching for the answer in the Bible. Exodus 21:22-25 says that if a man causes a woman to abort he will be tried in a civil manner, while if he were to kill a child or woman he would of course be put to death, an eye for an eye and all that.

If you wish to lead your life by religion then do so knowledgeably, and please stop trying to force your beliefs on the country. These are not the principles on which this great nation was founded.

Snowstorm exposes weakness

Global warming, or whatever has caused the warmer winters as of late, is making us too soft. No longer are we the steadfast, blue-blooded Midwesterners depicted in Little House on the Prairie, capable of managing 10-foot snow drifts like they were nothing out of the ordinary.

Ok, so I’ll admit it - the snowstorm on March 13 was one of the worst in recent memory, but was there really the need for so much chaos from just a little snow?

The reaction by the administration, state and county officials was simply not acceptable during a winter emergency.

First of all, the University decided it needed to sweep out the lots on Monday morning, so most of us on the east side of campus were jammed into L-Lot, which is basically a small patch of gravel accessible by the road between Rodli Commons and Centennial Science Hall.

This wouldn’t have been a problem had someone realized that almost all of the students were parked in L-Lot, and that it should have been on the priority list of

places to be plowed.

This, however, was not the case.

It seemed every other lot (including empty faculty lots and even the deserted O-Lot) was cleared of snow before I was finally able to convince one of the plow

truck drivers to come clear us a path. Two hours of calling Public Safety resulted in nothing more than abject condescendence. After we

were finally freed from the frozen prison that we had come to know as L-Lot, my friends and I struggled to get out of River Falls by way of Highway 35. This was no simple feat due to the county deciding to pull plow trucks off the road until the weather was better.

The conditions on the roads were good enough for me to drive in 19 inches of packed snow, and therefore should have

been good enough for a plow to attempt to do the same.

It took us a half an hour to make it from Cascade Ave. to Interstate 94, by which point it had stopped snowing, the roads had cleared up and we were able to move at a fairly decent speed.

About a mile after merging onto I-94, however, we found the highway had become a parking lot and was backed up for miles in each direction.

The State Patrol didn’t even know there was a problem on I-94.

After waiting for more than three and a half hours with the car parked and turned off, we managed to slip along the shoulder and turn back West.

I realize that this was an unprecedented snowstorm, but various branches of government and emergency workers simply did not communicate well enough to handle the situation.

There needs to be a serious reevaluation of the snow emergency procedures so a similar storm doesn’t cripple us in the same fashion. There is simply no excuse for why we can’t manage a little snow.



Hans Hage

Television beams negative, unhealthy images to America

Along with late-night Arby’s trips and chocolate, television has to be one of Americans’ top guilty pleasures.

It is the best worst invention in history. Think about it. You turn on a switch and stare at a screen for hours and hours. It’s popular because it’s the form of entertainment that requires the least amount of energy. Even reading requires one to pick up an arm periodically to turn the page.

I have no qualms with television. There are more efficient ways to spend time, but I can’t think of a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than munching on saltines and watching football in an effort to cure a hangover. But man, is there ever a crapload of bad TV these days.

It seems like every time I turn on the television there is another incredibly stupid show that somehow made it to primetime, and most are in the form of reality TV.

The term “reality” is rather annoying because there is hardly anything real about the shows’ intended synopses.

For example, “Real World” - the Godfather of modern reality television - has been going on since the ‘80s, and it has somehow established a hefty fan base to maintain high ratings.

There isn’t anything real about “Real World.”

Viewers are attracted to what they think are real-life situations, but are simply amused by the fabricated melodramatic events. Ruthie’s apparent boozing problem was no less common than any other young binge drinker, and events like Landon’s knife-wielding incident - which was blown completely out of proportion - happen every Friday night in my house (okay,

every other Friday).

The sad thing is MTV pours millions of dollars into over-dramatizing these events with crying and cheesy music and slow motion - and people watch it.

Advertising “Real World” as reality television is the same as James Frey advertising “A Million Little Pieces” as a memoir. It is a nice bit of fiction, but real situations aren’t synthesized. They just happen.

Unfortunately, “Real World” paved the road for scores of other knock-offs. “Survivor” created the “tribe has spoken” element that added some good suspense. Then shows like “Big Brother,” “Joe Millionaire” and “American Idol” started popping up like chicken pox on a kindergartner’s back.

And they are just as annoying and



Ben Jipson

hard to get rid of.

As if Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera weren’t already enough to look up to, now there are TV stars that are becoming celebrity role models.

“Sex and the City” character Carrie Bradshaw and Paris Hilton from “Simple Life” are now premier figures in the eyes of America’s young generation.

Instead of having something important to say, these numbskulls have coined phrases like “That’s hot” or “And that’s when it hit me: I finally found out a way to be promiscuous without feeling guilty.”

By the way, if any of you are considering watching a show like “Sex and the City” in hopes of better understanding the female population, it’s not worth it.

The worst part about all this bad television is how little good television is left. Sure there are shows on PBS and the Discovery Channel that provoke at

least a little intellectual thought, but there are few entertaining, intellectually-stimulating sitcoms anymore.

One such case is the former FOX series “Arrested Development.”

That show required an attention span of a bit more than 10 seconds because its intelligent humor was subtle. The average American couldn’t pick up on the humor because the average American is, well, average. They had no choice but to change the channel to “The Bachelor.”

This television craze will likely run its course just like everything else in this wonderful culture of ours.

Reality shows will come and go with only a precious few that will last. Until then we’ll be suffering through horrible television shows like “The Bachelor,” or maybe “Skating with a Bachelor,” or “Skating with a Bachelor who Wants to Marry America’s Next Top Model and Live Together in a House Built in Less Than a Week.”



Kyle Clark, freshman

“The media only shows negative, causing me to lose faith in American media.”

STUDENT VOICES



Darin Nei, senior

“I hope it doesn’t. I would like to think I’m educated enough not to be influenced.”



Adrienne Patterson, freshman

“The media influences me by creating an ideal identity that we’re all suppose to look like and never can be reachable, which sucks.”

How does the media influence you?



Jalaine Merrick, freshman

“I have never been concerned about my weight. But I have started to gain a few extra pounds, and seeing the ‘perfect’ woman in the media makes me a tad bit self conscious. I have never been self conscious.”



Katlin Miller, freshman

“It’s everywhere, so we are always aware of what’s going on and who is doing what. So we’re always following the styles and trends, trying to be like one another.”

Steve Baisden, sophomore

“Overall the media has a tremendous influence on students our age. Sports influence me because that is what I’m interested in. When they interview successful coaches I take the info and try to apply it to the kids I’m coaching.””



Student Voices by: Kirsten Farrar

Baseball classic succeeds



Chris Schad

The World Baseball Classic was the No. 1 topic of discussion around major league baseball. There were many concerns going into the tournament, such as star players becoming injured, the timing of the event, and even the fans were brought into the mix when Yankees owner George Stienbrenner posted a sign on the Yankees ticket window apologizing that Yankee stars Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Johnny Damon would not be seen due to their commitment to the WBC.

There were many players who were opponents to the inaugural event, as many players dropped out either as injury concerns or because of the event’s timing, which was right in the middle of spring training.

Twins outfielder Torii Hunter was quoted as calling the event “stupid” and if he asked to participate Hunter would have replied “Hell no,” because of the timing.

Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardenhire even blamed the timing of the event as the reason why the U.S. team didn’t do as well as experts predicted. Gardenhire used his closer, Joe Nathan, as a prime example. Nathan’s mid-season fastball has been clocked around 97 miles per hour, compared to 84 miles per hour at the beginning of March.

The point Gardenhire made was players simply weren’t ready for intense competition during spring training when players are just beginning to get their reps in.

All of these fears were put to the test in the first nationally televised game that was at 2 a.m. on March 7, when Venezuela took on the Dominican Republic. One quick look at the fans in the stadium, and it was realized that this was more than a series of exhibitions.

The game had the intensity of an October playoff game. The stadium in Orlando erupted when Venezuela’s Johan Santana struck out the Dominican Republic’s Miguel Tejada and became even louder once the Dominican Republic’s David Ortiz launched a home run over the centerfield fence. The announcers were even surprised at the intensity of the fans for their countries.

In America, the WBC may be considered a failure by some because of the United States’ poor showing.

At first, I was even disappointed with the showing of our own baseball team. I mean, think about this. Baseball and apple pie are associated the most with America, and we couldn’t beat some international teams at our own game with a team of all-stars?

However, I then looked at some major league rosters. Truth is, there is so much talent in baseball now that the Americans don’t have a distinct advantage that the Dream Teams for basketball once had.

It also brings up another point. Some people think the tournament was not a success because there weren’t superstars in final game between Japan and Cuba (Seattle Mariners outfielder Ichiro Suzuki was the only Major League Baseball player between the two teams.).

This was a success for the players who aren’t in the big leagues.

Scouts were all over this tournament, and chances were if a player played well in this tournament they were going to get noticed by some team.

Canada’s upset of the United States in the first round nearly made Canada second baseman Stubby Clapp a household name.

The WBC, however, achieved its ultimate goal.

The main point of the WBC

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Head coach steps down from the hardwood

Bowen focuses efforts on director position

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After 20 years on the hardwood with the UW-River Falls Falcons, Rick Bowen announced his resignation as head basketball coach on March 9.

Upon the announcement, Chancellor Don Betz named Bowen’s current assistant coach, Jeff Berkhof, as the interim head coach for the Falcon men.

Berkhof was not surprised to hear about Bowen stepping down as head coach.

“I have worked for Coach Bowen for 12 seasons. Naturally I have a pretty good idea of what he’s thinking,” Berkhof said. “We communicate with each other on a regular basis on more than just basketball matters, so I had an idea that he was thinking about stepping down.”

Berkhof was very pleased and surprised to be named interim head coach by Betz.

“Coach Bowen recommended to the Chancellor that I deserved a shot at the job,” Berkhof said. “I have a lot of ownership in this basketball program and University.”

“I played here two seasons, received my undergraduate degree here and I have been involved as an assistant coach for the past 12 seasons. So, I’m very excited about this opportunity the Chancellor has given me.”

Bowen, who has been working as the head coach for the Falcons and working as the athletic director for the past three years, has decided to focus his efforts solely on his athletic director duties.

In the past 20 years here at UW-RF, Bowen started off as a basketball coach instructor and the men’s athletic director. He was also the associate athletic director in the 1990s.

“It’s been difficult having both jobs,” Bowen said of his most recent duties. “They both suffer. A lot of people don’t understand the non-basketball part of the job, But the basketball part is



Rick Bowen

just a small part of the position.”

As athletic director, Bowen has a lot to do with trying to solve the budget demands and fundraising

opportunities. While coaching he also had to make his team’s schedule and work on recruiting, which is a huge job in itself.

Even though Bowen is pleased to be taking on the full-time duties as athletic director, he said he knows that he will miss coaching.

“I’m going to miss the relationships with the kids and what goes on in the locker room,” Bowen said. “All that day-to-day stuff.”

He said Falcon basketball has really become like an ideal family to him, and it will be hard to not be out on the court coaching the team next season. But he has many goals he would like to



Jeff Berkhof

accomplish with his new-found time and efforts that he can focus on the athletics department.

“I have a pretty large agenda,”

Bowen said. “I want to be able to create a viable athletics department and split us up from the Health and Human Performance. I also want to do everything to solve the funding problems.”

Bowen also said he would like to give the athletic department an image makeover, and he has ideas in mind to help UW-RF.

Even though Bowen has coached in countless games and seen numerous players come through the River Falls basketball program, there is one memory that comes to his mind as a favorite.

“We won the first conference championship in 54 years back in 2004,” Bowen said. “I really

think that we’ve put UW-River Falls basketball on the map. There are so many good memories and good kids, but the championship is really the highlight.”

Berkhof hopes to carry out the tradition that Bowen has set out for this program.

“I hope to continue what he has established, and that is a very respected basketball program,” Berkhof said.

He also said that Bowen has taught him a lot about basketball, and that will help out the Falcon program.

The fond memories Bowen has with Falcon basketball come from being in a place that he loved.

“I’m very appreciative of the opportunity River Falls has given me. It’s allowed me to do the job I love for 20 years in a place that I care for,” Bowen said. “Fifteen of my 20 years here I got to work with Chancellor Thibodeau, and I really enjoyed working for him and I’m really excited about the future with Don Betz.”

Falcon bats come alive in Florida sun

Falcons go 5-5 in Florida tournament

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After starting off the season going 2-0 in the Minnesota cold against Carleton, the UW-River Falls softball team traveled to sunny Florida to take part in a five-day tournament.

Over spring break, the Falcons participated in the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla.

The Falcons went into the tournament with high aspirations, hoping to win eight games. Unfortunately, the Falcons fell three games short of their goal, going 5-5, bringing their overall season record to 7-5.

“The record doesn’t do us justice,” sophomore Amanda Peters said. “We were playing against a lot of nationally-ranked teams. We played a lot better than the record showed.”

Sophomore Ashley Bertrand agreed.

“We lost all of our games by one run except for one,” Bertrand said.

While in Florida the women played teams from all over the country, including Rowan, Plattsburg and Rhode Island. The first two days of the tournament were rough for the Falcons as they went 1-3, but they managed to go 4-2 in the final three days.



Ashley Bertrand/Submitted Photo

The Falcons’ starting lineup is introduced during one of the teams’ 10 games played in the Rebel Spring Games over spring break. The Falcons won five games, including one game 14-0 and another 20-0. The Falcons are ready to contend in WIAC.

The Falcons also pulled out the bats for two of their games, beating Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts 14-0 and Macalester 20-0 on the same day. The Falcons had 21 hits against Macalester. In both of those

games, many of the women had perfect or near-perfect batting averages.

“Outscoring our opponents 34-0 was kind of cool; our bats really started to liven up,” Bertrand said.

Peters agreed.

“It all just clicked for us on that day,” Peters said. “All of it just came together, the bonding and the batting.”

Besides playing a lot of nationally-ranked teams, the Falcons

hoped to bond over the trip to Florida, and they were successful.

“It was probably the most fun trip I’ve ever been on. We all

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Culpepper trade not so kosher



Matt Zinter

After the NFL reached an agreement on the labor issue, it also did some rearranging of players to different teams.

Some big names include former Patriot Adam Vinatieri signing with the Indianapolis Colts, former Charger Drew Brees signing with the New Orleans Saints and even former Eagle Terrell Owens signing with the Dallas Cowboys.

The trade that involved former Viking Daunte Culpepper was to the Miami Dolphins for a second-round pick in return. The whole idea of trading Culpepper was good.

Culpepper was just bringing this team down. Nothing was going well for them so they needed a new quarterback. After getting injured last year, veteran Brad Johnson took the starting spot and won the next six games he started.

It impressed me that an old guy like Johnson can lead a team to six straight wins.

This upcoming season,

Johnson will be the starting quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings. I don’t think that it is going to work for them. Don’t get me wrong, Johnson is a good player, but he is old. The Vikings need to look for a younger quarterback to fill that spot. Johnson will be a great backup for the rest of his career, but not a starter. What the Vikings should have done was try to pick up Drew Brees before the Saints did, or just traded for a different quarterback. They might have a chance to do well in the draft if they choose a quarterback.

But quarterbacks Matt Leinart, Vince Young and Jay Cutler will all be gone before the Vikings get their pick at number 17. Omar Jacobs from Bowling Green. He did very well for them in his senior year, having thrown for more than 2,500 yards and 26 touchdowns.

He is a scrambling quarterback as well, which will be the perfect fit to replace Culpepper.

This is definitely not the year of the quarterback, so the Vikings are just going to have to find a way to cope with the aged Johnson.

I am not expecting a great season by Minnesota. I do believe that they will end up with a losing record because of this deal. At this point in time, maybe they should have kept Culpepper.

Hasselquist leads Falcons

Sophomore throws her way to the top

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Krista Hasselquist

Nobody would ever think that a star track member from UW-Stout would come here and be an even bigger star for UW-River Falls.

Sophomore Krista Hasselquist is one of the top individual performers for UW-RF this year. She made it to the national meet this year in shot put, and took ninth place.

Sports have been in Hasselquist’s life since she was in fifth grade. She played basketball and volleyball for Salem Lutheran, a small private school in Stillwater, Minn. She didn’t actually pick up the sport of track until she reached high school. In her freshman year at Osceola High School, she decided to get into throwing for the track team.

“I knew it would help my other two sports out if I threw for track,” Hasselquist said. “Plus, the coaches said I would be pretty good at it.”

In her senior year at Osceola High School, she was all-confer-

ence in volleyball and basketball, and was named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-Star team. For track, she set the school record and the Middle Border Conference record in the shot put and discus her senior year.

“I broke the shot put record my freshman year,” Hasselquist said. “Then I kept breaking my record every year. Same thing happened with discus, except I broke that my junior year.”

She doesn’t just throw for the track team. She is actually quite the Internet junkie.

“I am just a big nerd,” Hasselquist said. “I like to instant message my friends all the time.”

One of her favorite pastimes when she was growing up was looking at antiques at the local antique store.

“Same thing happened with discus, except I broke that my junior year.”

Krista Hasselquist, sophomore thrower

“I don’t know why I liked looking at antiques,” Hasselquist said. “It was just very interesting inside that store.”

She also loves to bowl. Whenever she goes home, she makes sure to go to the bowling alley before she comes back.

“My friends and I always go bowling,” Hasselquist said. “I am not very good though. My high game is 154.”

Hasselquist first attended UW-Stout for her freshman year, majoring in Graphic Design. She was also on the track team. She made it to Nationals her freshman year for both indoor and outdoor shot put, taking 11th and 18th place respectively.

“It was pretty sweet,” Hasselquist said. “I was the only freshman to compete in Nationals.”

She transferred to UW-River Falls to major in Health and Human performance in the fall of 2005. She immediately became a loved person on and off the track.

“She brought such a personality here,” teammate Amy Piersak said. “It just makes you want to hang out with her.”

This year, Hasselquist went to nationals once again for indoor shot put. She placed ninth in the nation for that event.

In the future, Hasselquist wants to be a physical education or health teacher at any type of school. She also wants to go back to school for her master’s degree so she can be a “big time athletic director.”

In the meantime, she is a thrower for UW-RF track.

The next meet for Hasselquist and her teammates will be on April 8 at the Falcon Invitational.

SPORTS WRAP

Campus to hold dodgeball league

For any students interested in taking part in a dodgeball league, there will be one taking place on the UW-River Falls campus. The deadline for signing up for the league is March 29 with games beginning on April 3. There will be a mandatory captains meeting on March 29 in the International Room of the Student Center. Anyone who wishes to sign up can stop in the Leadership Center to get a form. If there are any questions, students can call 425-4911 or e-mail intramurals@uwrf.edu.

Intramural softball to start up for Falcons

As soon as the snow melts, the UW-River Falls campus hopes to host the annual intramural softball. The leagues are accepting men’s, women’s and co-ed recreation teams. The deadline for sign up is March 29. With only a \$10 fee to play, what could be better? On March 29, there will be a captains meeting in the International Room of the Student Center. Team rosters and money will be accepted at the meeting as well as in the leadership center. If anyone has any questions they can send an e-mail to intramurals@uwrf.edu or phone 425-4911.

Devil’s Lake trip takes place in April

From April 21-23, the UW-RF staff along with KinniConnections is going rock climbing at Devil’s Lake located in Baraboo, Wisc. The trip is open to anyone, no matter what level of experience you may have with climbing. All the equipment for the trip is provided by UW-RF. This two day climbing and camping excursion will be a great experience for anyone involved, and for a great price. The cost is only \$55 for transportation, food, gear and rentals. Also, if an individual chooses to bring their own food, they will only have to pay \$35 for the trip. Anyone interested in more information on the trip should contact Laura Merrifield by e-mail at laura.e.merrifield@uwrf.edu, or by visiting the Leadership Center.

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Varsity Sports Week

Saturday, March 25
Softball at Coe Tournament
vs. William Denn, 10:45 a.m.
vs. Mt. Mercy, 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 26
Softball at Coe Tournament
vs. Central, 10:45 a.m.
vs. Cornell, 2 pm.

Tuesday, March 28
Softball vs. Hamline, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 1
Softball vs. St. Scholastica, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 2
Softball vs. St. Mary’s, 1 p.m.

Standings

Fastpitch		
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WIAF Standings		
UW-Stevens Point(4-0)	0	0
UW-Eau Claire(7-3)	0	0
UW-La Crosse(6-4)	0	0
UW-River Falls(7-5)	0	0
UW-Superior(8-6)	0	0
UW-Platteville(4-6)	0	0
UW-Oshkosh(3-7)	0	0
UW-Stout(3-7)	0	0
UW-Whitewater(0-0)	0	0
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Schad: World Baseball Classic goes from disaster to success during inaugural year

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was not the opportunity to sell billions of dollars worth of U.S.A. jerseys and Venezuela hats. The main goal was to spread the game internationally. By the looks of the crowds that showed up at the games, many natives seemed very excited for their own nations to get a chance to show what they have against the world’s best. Some countries outside of the United States are almost

obsessed with baseball, such as Venezuela, which almost built a statue of Santana when he won the American League Cy Young Award in 2004. The country also nearly printed money with Chicago White Sox Manager Ozzie Guillen’s face on it after he won the World Series in 2005. MLB Commissioner Bud Selig’s vision was that he could make everywhere that excited about baseball, which is why he

included such lackluster teams as Italy, South Africa and the Netherlands. Selig even has a vision of expanding Major League Baseball into countries other than the United States and Canada. Selig has predicted himself that one day there will be a MLB team in Mexico. The WBC can only get better with time as the inaugural tournament will most likely be used to fix what was wrong. It’s still

possible that it could be moved to mid-July or early November, or they may expand the tournament someday to include more teams. The WBC opened the doors of baseball for the world to see and become excited about the game. And as Selig said, don’t be surprised if some day we’re talking about a Twins road trip where they have to go to Mexico City.

Preparing for the outdoors

Falcons run in San Antonio Relays

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With the indoor track and field season completed, the UW-River Falls track and field team now focuses its efforts on the outdoor season. Before spring break, the Falcons participated in the Indoor Track and Field Championships, accomplishing quite a bit. “We did well; we got fifth,” sophomore sprinter Amy Piersak said. “Last year we tied for last, so we did good for what we have.”

There are eight other teams in the conference, and the competition is fierce. Piersak said UW-Oshkosh and UW-La Crosse are the two top teams in the WIAC. The men’s team finished in eighth place ahead of UW-Superior. UW-Oshkosh was the overall winner for the women, and UW-La Crosse won handily for the men.

Falcon sophomore Krista Hasselquist’s performance in the championships gave her the opportunity to take part in the NCAA meet at St. Olaf in Northfield, Minn.

Hasselquist, a thrower for River Falls, placed ninth at the prestigious meet. Her shot of 43-8 was her best of the meet.

Over spring break, River Falls headed south to San Antonio to compete at the San Antonio Relays.

But besides just competing, the Falcons got to bond and enjoy the sun.

“It was a great team bonding experience for everybody who went,” Piersak said. “On the last night we all just stayed up all night and talked since we had to leave the hotel at 5:45 a.m. anyway.”

At the relays, the Falcons found themselves against some very fierce competition. Most of the teams that River Falls ran against were Div. I and II schools. There were only a few



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Members of the UW-River Falls outdoor track and field team gather after the San Antonio Relays. The Falcons’ first home meet of the outdoor season is going to be April 8.

other Div. III teams there. “We all ran decent times, but they were just so much faster,” Piersak said.

While on the trip, the bonding between the athletes was very evident. All the athletes were always walking around to check up and see how their teammates were placing in their events, Piersak said.

Now that the Falcons are working toward the outdoor title, the team is also going to grow in numbers.

Athletes who were involved in winter sports and wanted to participate in track are now joining the Falcon outdoor team.

There are a few main differences between indoor and outdoor track, but the biggest is the size of the track. The indoor track is 200 meters, and the outdoor track is 400.

Since the indoor track is so much smaller, there are a lot of curves, and the runners have to whip around the course.

The track surface is also different. The indoor track is harder, whereas the outdoor tracks have a little bit more bounce to them. One problem for the outdoor

“We all ran decent times, but they were just so much faster.”

Amy Piersak,
sophomore sprinter

season is the weather.

“Sure there’s wind and rain, but that’s part of an outdoor sport,” Piersak said.

This season, Piersak named five athletes for Falcon fans to watch: Hasselquist, Brittany Smith, Jess Reed, Michael Zander and Clint Christy. But she also said that there are so many quality runners on the 2006 team that it’s hard to narrow it down.

Until the Falcons have their first home meet on April 8, the men and women will be pushing themselves by lifting weights and doing a lot of running.

The Falcons can only hope to be outside on April 8.

“As long as all the snow is gone it doesn’t matter how cold it will be, we’ll be competing,” Piersak said.

Women
March 3-4 results
WIAF indoor championship
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

UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)
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.

Men
March 3-4 results
WIAF indoor championship
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

UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)
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.

Softball: Team goes .500 in Florida

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really bonded, and we’re not sick of each other yet,” Bertrand said.

The women spent time on the field along with just sitting around the pools relaxing.

“It really was an amazing bonding experience,” Peters said, adding that one of her favorite memories from the trip was when the team all went to a dinner theater together.

Even though a 5-5 record is not something the Falcons were ashamed of, it is also something that they can improve on.

“Our biggest opponent down there was ourselves,” Peters said. “We could have beat anybody down there. We were playing on dirt down there for the first time, and a lot of us have not played together like that before.”

The Falcons were lucky enough to spend seven days in Florida, competing on five of those days, thousands of miles away from their snowy homes in Wisconsin.

The Falcons’ first home game is supposed to be March 28 against Hamline University, but if the snow sticks around, like it’s supposed to, the Falcons may be forced to play in the Rosemount Dome once again.

Bertrand also said if they can’t get into the Dome the games may have to be postponed or possibly canceled. They might not reschedule, since they are not conference games.

This weekend the Falcons travel down to Iowa for the Coe College Tournament, where they will face some very tough competition.

The Falcons will play on both Saturday and Sunday.

“We like facing so much tough competition, because it gives us a chance before we reach conference play,” Peters said.

This season, the Falcons are very well-rounded, with more than one power hitter to lead them offensively and defensively. Bertrand said they have no all-stars.

“We all contribute, and we all work hard,” Bertrand said.

This season the Falcons hope to finish in the top three in the WIAC, and after the first 12 games, they are poised to do so.

“People are saying Eau Claire is the team to beat, but I’ve been looking at all the statistics and overall records, and we’re at the top right now,” Peters said.

If the Falcons do get to play at home next week, their first game is March 28 at 3 p.m.

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Jones, 3b	2	1	1	0	1	0						
Roland, ss	4	1	1	0	0	0						
Pawlus, c/pr	3	1	2	0	1	0						
Baltzly, 1b	4	0	2	2	0	1						
Shellabarger, dh	4	0	0	0	0	1						
Kanz, rf	2	0	0	0	0	1						
Phillips, ph	2	0	0	0	0	0						
Bernard, lf	3	0	0	0	0	3						
Robins, ph	1	0	0	0	0	1						



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Brittany Rathbun pitches a strike at the Rebel Spring Games. The Falcons went 5-5 in this tournament.

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Feller, dh	3	0	2	1	1	0	3.1						
Mathias, pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	7.1						
Peters, 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	7						
Mathias, pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	4						
Howlett, 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0	2						
James, c	3	1	1	1	0	1	2						
Kelley, rf	3	0	2	0	0	0	4						
Quance, lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	6						
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Bowling for Big Brother Big Sister

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Bud's Lanes of River Falls will spend a day traveling time to an era of love beads, Nehru jackets and mini skirts.

The bowling alley is hosting Bowl for Kids' Sake, with the theme of the '60s Tye Dye or Bowl Trying, the largest fundraiser for the program Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Chairman Gail Hafele said all of the money raised would help the River Falls Area Big Brothers Big Sisters create and maintain support matches between adults and children.

UW-River Falls' own history-making group will attend the fundraiser.

The Friends Program offers on-site mentoring at UW-RF to elementary and middle schoolchildren.

The child and mentor spend time together participating in many activities, such as making door hangers for nursing homes, or learning how to make a newspaper at the *Student Voice*, said Co-President Bridget Degel.

A remarkable aspect of the Friends Program is that it is the first student organization in the country to be a match program for Big Brothers Big Sisters, she said.

"That says something huge about River

Falls," Degel said. She attributes the program's accomplishments to the surrounding community.

As Big Brothers Big Sisters program coordinator for the Hudson and River Falls area, Pat Millselt agrees with Degel, but knows there is something more adding to the organization.

"The program wouldn't be a success without college kids," Millselt said. "In the last five years, college kids have been 90 percent of our volunteers."

Friends Program advisor Joan McDonald not only thinks the organization is a great partnership between UW-RF and Big Brothers Big Sisters, but she also sees something special in the students who participate.

"They're awesome," McDonald said. "It is incredible to see students that are outside of daily operations of college life in a community serving a role with outside impact. I feel blessed to be a part of this experience."

The Friends Program will mark its presence at Bowl for Kids' Sake with tie-dye T-shirts complete with its logo, Degel said.

She will soon be working on pledges as the Friends Program executive board registered its team for Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Last year Degel raised \$250, although each team of five is only asked to raise \$75 in addition to the \$25 team registration fee.

When she was recognized as being the top

pledge for her age group, she was saddened, Degel said. Awareness for Big Brothers Big Sisters needs to be increased, she said.

"I know there is something else we could do."

The money raised at Bowl for Kids' Sake will benefit three other programs offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters, in addition to helping the Friends Program.

All types of mentoring benefit the children, although it may not seem so in the beginning.

"You don't see the impact right away, but somewhere down the line you will see the impact," she said.

If time is a constraint, Bowl for Kids' Sake is a great way for anyone with a single day to get involved, Millselt said.

"Come to the bowling alley and raise money with us," Millselt said.

The event includes activities besides bowling such as a dancing contest and prizes for best costume.

Bowl for Kids' Sake is April 23 at Bud's Lanes in River Falls at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Registration information is available by contacting Gail Hafele at (715) 425-8650.

Drums: More than 200 groups are now forming in North America

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"You use these really big fluid movements," Shiraishi said. "You just feel the vibration in your body."

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cult with a group of people in harmony.


There are now nearly 200 groups in Canada and America, Shiraishi said. Along with her performing partners, Gregg Amundson and Jeff Ellsworth, they do approximately 100 shows and presentations like this a year in Minnesota and surrounding area.

"You just feel the vibrations in your body."
Iris Shiraishi,
Taiko performer

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To the NCAA basketball tournament

Falcon Favorites



Karla Zhe
Dance Theater director, HHP professor

Zhe has been working at UW-River Falls for the past 25 years teaching dance and directing dance theater. She completed her undergraduate career at UW-Stevens Point, and received two graduate degrees in dance from UW-Madison.

Out of all the types of dance that Zhe has taught and studied, her favorite type is modern dance.

"It really taps into the creative side of students and requires a lot from them," she said.

A majority of the students who come into the dance program have some kind of dance experience or some kind of sports with movement, so they are aware of their body.

The best part about teaching here at River Falls is being around and interacting with young adults, Zhe said.

"They keep you young. I can teach the same class, but with different students. They keep you updated," she said. "If you really care about teaching you can't do some of the same things you did five years ago."

"The students challenge you, force you to change, force me to think young."

Some advice Zhe would give to her students would be to "Always ask a lot of questions. Just speak up. Expect a lot from your classes and challenge me in a positive way."

Campus Calendar

- Friday - Saturday, March 24 - 25**
- 6 p.m. Friday - 10 a.m. Saturday - River Falls Relay for Life
- The 2006 River Falls Relay for Life, a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society, will be held at the River Falls High School. The event starts on Friday at 6 p.m., and concludes at 10 a.m. on Saturday. There will be a spaghetti dinner on Friday from 5-8 p.m., and a hot breakfast on Saturday from 7-9 a.m., as well as activities to keep you entertained and walking around the indoor track all night long. The Relay for Life is open to the public -- everyone is welcome. For more information go to <http://www.acsevents.org/riverfalls>.
- Monday - Thursday, March 27 - 30**
- 8:30 p.m. - Observatory Viewing: Murmurs of Earth - Announcing Our Existence.
- Physics professor Eileen Korenic will hold a talk entitled "Mumurs of Earth - Announcing Our Existence" in Room 271 Centennial Science Hall on the first clear night only. Following her talk, the observatory viewing will be held from 9-10:30 p.m. at the UW-RF Observatory, Centennial Science Hall. Free and open to the public. For weather updates, call (715) 425-3560 or visit uwrf.edu/physics/obsviewtime.html
- Location: Room 271, CSH
- Tuesday, March 28**
- 4 p.m. - Women's History Month Event "Women Organize!!," a film by Joan E. Biren of the Union Institute Center for Women, will be presented in room 271 of Centennial Science Hall. All events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Barbara Werner at b.l.werner@uwrf.edu .

FALCON REVIEWS

Band put ‘UnderOATH’

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At a time when music cannot be classified into a single genre, many subgenres have evolved to categorize several varieties of music.

Punk has given rise to emo, which has brought forward screamo, which is derived from metal. Metal relates to hardcore, which is transformed into metal-core or screamo metal. These last two categories may classify one of Tooth and Nail Records' rising and explosive bands, UnderOATH.

Fitting into a subgenre all its own, UnderOATH has brought new meaning to the words "religious" and "gospel."

Created in 1998 in the bedroom of vocalist Dallas Taylor, UnderOATH "evolved from a run of the mill Christian metal-core band into a fluid, dynamic and energized rock group that adeptly blends emotive melody, charged punk rock rhythm, and chunky, engaging bottom end," Ryan J. Downey said in the All Music Guide.

In July of 1999, the band released its EP, *Acts of Depression*, selling more than 2,000 copies. Two years later, Takehold Records licensed the band and sold them to a label out of Seattle, currently known

as Tooth and Nail Records.

The actual music UnderOATH so brilliantly created has captured metal fans everywhere.

On the band's second album *The Changing of Times*, listeners are engulfed into a world of electronic screamo, yet another subgenre.

With lyrics such as, "So I pray, and angels came to watch us play," the gospel and religious presence is evident. With *They're Only Chasing Safety*, released about two years ago, UnderOATH has done nothing different except please fans.

Personally, I think the latest release is more solid.

Obviously with two more years under their belt, the lyrics seem more grounded and relatable. Tracks like "A Boy Brushed Living in Black and White," "Reinventing Your Exit," "It's Dangerous Business Walking Out Your Front Door" and "The 80's Song," possess the energy and fluid dynamics needed to make it big in the never-ending list of emo/punk/rock bands.

With a new album set to be released June 20, fans haven't been left waiting for nothing. The band recently reissued the highly popular *They're Only Chasing Safety: Special Edition*, which fans can



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4.0

out of five points

pick up at Best Buy or any other music retailer. Hell, even Wal-Mart sells UnderOATH.

Although UnderOATH has decided to go on tour everywhere except Minneapolis, you can still catch the band live this summer screaming their hearts out at the Metrodome on June 18 for Warped Tour 2006.

This screamo/metalcore

band is definitely worth a listen, even if you can't stand it. These guys possess talent that many bands lack. UnderOATH knows how to incorporate screaming into a fluid rhythm of highly charged audio miracles. For a category such as screamo/metalcore, UnderOATH has set the standards high, and even set the stage for music in this genre.

Du jour

Red Royal

Ingredients:

- 1 oz Crown Royal
- 1 oz amaretto
- Cranberry juice
- 1 splash 7-Up
- Ice

Mixing instructions:

Pour Crown Royal and Amaretto over ice in a Collins glass. Add splash of 7-up, fill with cranberry juice and serve.

Cosmonaut

Ingredients:

- 2 parts Tang
- 1 part vodka
- 3 ice cubes, crushed

Mixing instructions:

Mix ingredients really well in a cocktail glass and serve.

Ginger Spice

Ingredients:

- 2 oz Captain Morgan
- Ginger ale
- Ice

Mixing instructions:

Pour rum over ice in high-ball glass. Fill with ginger ale and serve.

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

V is for villainous vengeance

In the past couple of years, Americans have become more attentive of politics, whether it is due to escalation of violence in the Middle East or criticism of the Bush administration.

Lucky for us, "V for Vendetta" is all about politics.

As we all know, back in the 1940s the Allies defeated Nazi Germany in World War II. Well "V for Vendetta" shows how Great Britain may be if the Allies had lost.

Set in the near future, we learn that Great Britain has become a fascist state, ruled by a power-hungry dictator (brilliantly played by John Hurt).

Secret police walk the streets, abusing their power to fellow countrymen.

Like the days of the Gestapo, people are dragged blindfolded from their homes at night, never to be seen or heard from again.

This happens to Evey Hammond (Natalie Portman), who one night is affronted by a handful of lustful secret police. Out of nowhere comes a masked vigilante to her rescue, known only as V.

Though frightened by him, she soon learns that this mysterious figure is a charming gentleman.

Only after she hears outlawed concert music on street speakers and sees the explosion of a building does she realize the capabilities of this man.

We come to learn that this charismatic and roguish terrorist is not only fearless of the government, but is well trained in deception and hand-to-hand combat.

Like the hooded figure Zorro, V is a citizen who believes the government has fallen into the hands of the corrupted, and should be handed back to the people.

Using the government's television station, V reveals himself to the people stating that others should join him and rise up against tyranny and oppression.

But that isn't the only grudge this man holds. He holds in his heart rage and vengeance to those who wronged him (many of whom are of high ranks in the government).

Loyal to V, Hammond soon

becomes his closest ally and the film's passionate heroine.

This film, created by the guys who did "The Matrix" trilogy, makes some people quick to think it is another attempt at the same idea.

I'm sorry to disappoint you, but that would be incorrect. This film isn't only a visual treat, but it also makes you think. For all we know, this could be America in 20 or 30 years.



Nick Welsh

The storyline proves to be twisting like a Dan Brown novel. But there is one similarity with "The Matrix," V is the same guy who played Agent Smith.

Even though we never do get to see his face (which I think is a terrific idea because he remains something more than just a man), his voice is expertly put to use. It ranges from being poetic and fatherly to Hammond, to dark and mysterious to enemies.

In short, there are just too many positive aspects of this movie to put down on paper.

By and far this is easily the best film I've seen this year. The action was stylish and impressive, and the story is chillingly realistic.

As you leave the room, it'll keep you thinking.

You realize that a nation without the freedom of speech, ideas or debate, is doomed to fail. Only with hope and understanding can a society continue to thrive.

Nick is a junior majoring in history. He enjoys comic book superhero movies.



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4.5

out of five points

I've been sitting at my computer know for several minutes, trying to decide how to do this movie justice without putting it on too high of a pedestal.

Like Ronald Reagan said, "One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter." The same goes for movies - one man's "film" is another's crappy, conspiracy theory, comic book rip-off "movie." But whichever you prefer to call it, "V for Vendetta" is beautifully disturbing.

The character named V is played by Hugo Weaving, also known as Agent Smith of "The Matrix" films. Although his face is always concealed by a Guy Fawkes mask - just think of the "Scream" mask with a goatee - his actions and body language are as elegant as Charlie Chaplin's. With a flick of the wrist or cock of the head, you felt that even though V was blowing up buildings to the "1812 Overture," perhaps he was just as human as you or I, not a crazed monster set on killing all of those who hurt him.

But the character references to the "Phantom of the Opera" and "The Count of Monte Cristo" are laid on too thick. The personality itself is overplayed, and Edmond Dantes was better played without an endless supply of knives under his cape.

Natalie Portman's character, although mostly mousey and confused, was played with unrelenting intensity.

Her character, Evey, questioned everyone she knew and all that she saw - even in V as her teacher - without being obnoxious. Some may call her a victim of the terrorist who



Jenna Lee

locked her up, shaved her head and tortured her. But when Evey was let out into the rain she accepted a new perspective with grace, which most of us refuse to do even when we know we should.

Thank you, Natalie Portman. You are now forgiven for your own acts of terrorism (or should I say, lack of acting) against the "Star Wars" prequels.

This film takes you to a futuristic Britain ravaged by disease, war and a totalitarian government. You're not quite sure how one of the world's greatest powers fell into such a hand basket, but short background news clips make it clear that America screwed up big time, and now everyone else is paying for it.

In order to fix the damage, curfews are imposed, surveillance is key and civil liberties are ripped away from the people.

As unsettling as this plot may be, haven't you contemplated the possibility before? "1984," "Cats Cradle," and even "Dr. Strangelove" have already planted the seeds in our brain. Today, we watch competing news networks contradict themselves again and again on television, and there never seem to be any straight answers from anyone.

But don't be fooled by the message in this movie that propaganda is the root of evil and controlling your every decision with fear. I'm using propaganda right now to persuade you to see this movie, and I hope that doesn't scare you completely.

Even the movie itself is full of tiny details that trick you. For example, the fictitious government is known by a red, white and black symbol. Its army stomps around in formation with this symbol on armbands. Ring any bells? Any dictators come to mind? Hmm? I dunno, maybe ... Hitler?

The movie uses the set, costumes and overall design to remind you of the most hated government on Earth. So you see V, the masked avenger, who blows up parliament as a man of the people. The freedom fighter.

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

4.1

out of five points

PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES



Submitted Photo
UW-RF Dance Theater will be holding its annual Spring Concert Tuesday, March 28, through Saturday, April 1. Tickets are on sale now through March 31, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the ticket office in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Tickets will also be available each performance evening beginning at 6 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for UW-RF students and senior citizens, and \$7 for non-students. UW-RF student night for the event will be Tuesday, March 28. Tickets for UW-RF students will be \$4 for that night's show.

SIGN UP

for 2006-2007
Fall Housing & Meal Plan

ON-LINE RESIDENCE HALL SIGN UP

- You will need to know your Falcon Account username (example: w2500000) and password.
- Go to <http://www.uwrf.edu/student-services>
- If you will be requesting a current student or a new incoming student as a roommate, you must know his/her eSIS ID (example: w2500000).
- Projected Fall Semester double room rate is \$1558.00
- Projected Fall Semester single room rate is \$1708.00

REMINDER: Residence Life will be enforcing the Board of Regents' policy that all 1st and 2nd year students live in the residence halls.

In order to be eligible to live off campus, you must have at least two complete years of full-time course study **OR** have received an exemption from Mr. Terry Willson, Director, Residence Life, to live off campus for the 2006-2007 academic year.

If you sign up for 2006-2007 Fall and are eligible to cancel your housing contract (must fall within one of the above guidelines to be eligible to live off campus), you will receive a refund of your housing deposit **if canceled in writing by May 1, 2006.**

Throughout the sign-up process you may view the contract booklet on-line at www.uwrf.edu/student-services/rs/pdf/contract2006-07.pdf.

The following wings/floors are guaranteed single wings:
1st North Crabtree (male), 1st East Parker (female), 1st West Grimm (female), 1st East McMillan (male), and all of 1st floor Johnson (both).

PHASE ONE: March 27 - 28 (after 8:00 A.M.)
A current hall resident may reserve a space in his/her present room online. If already on a guaranteed single wing, you may reserve your same room at this time.

PHASE TWO: March 30 - 31 (after 8:00 A.M.)
A current hall resident may reserve a space in his/her present residence hall online. NOTE: Guaranteed single room sign-up not available during phase two.

PHASE THREE: APRIL 3 - 7 (after 8:00 A.M.)
Any current student may reserve a space in any hall online, including any open guaranteed singles.

If you have questions regarding sign up, please email us at housing@uwrf.edu

ON-LINE MEAL PLAN SIGN UP for your Fall Semester Meal Plan NOW!

Choose your Meal Plan when you do your Residence Hall Sign Up. Your 2005-2006 plan DOES NOT carry over to the new academic year.

All Freshmen and Sophomores residing in the University Residence Halls ARE REQUIRED to participate in one of the approved meal plans.

Projected 2006-2007 Fall Semester Board Rates:

- 19 Meal Plan \$965 w/ \$30 bonus points
- Flex 19 Meal Plan \$1150 w/ \$30 bonus points
- Any 14 Meal Plan \$935 w/ \$30 bonus points
- Flex 14 Meal Plan \$1100 w/ \$30 bonus points
- Any 10 Meal Plan \$900 w/ \$30 bonus points
- Flex 10 Meal Plan \$1050 w/ \$30 bonus points
- Take 5 Meal Plan \$832 w/ \$165 bonus points

****Upper Option \$575 w/ \$50 bonus points**

**** The Upper Option Meal Plan does not meet the mandatory requirement for Freshman and Sophomores residing in the University residence halls. It is for students that are not required to participate in a standard plan. (Juniors, Seniors, commuters, 21 years old, those with independent status)**

Detailed information regarding the meal plans can be found on our Dining Services web site at www.uwrf.edu/student-services/fs.

Contact the Dining Services Office at food@uwrf.edu if you have any questions.

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Discussion Leader: Ogden Rogers, Social Work Department

Wednesday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m.
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WHICH CAR IS YOURS?

Brand New

Smashed Up

(Okay, so maybe this isn't quite what you drive...but you get the picture!)

69% of UWRF Students have never driven a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

88% of UWRF Students have not been in a vehicle with an intoxicated driver.

Data from UW-RF Alcohol and Other Drug Use Survey, Spring 2005

68% of the student body drinks zero to five days per month.

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Larissa Fildes Spring 2006

THE STUDENT SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES:

3...2...1...0 Countdown to **Leadership!**

10 REASONS TO RUN FOR SENATE:

1. Make Student Issues a Priority
2. Have a Say about How \$ is Spent
3. Improve Communication Skills
4. Network with Community Leaders
5. Challenge Yourself
6. Gain Organizing/Event Planning Experience
7. Have Fun and Meet New People
8. Travel to Conferences and State Events
9. Make Changes on Campus
10. BE A LEADER!

HOW TO RUN FOR SENATE

Pick up a petition at the Leadership Center Front Desk in the Student Center. The petitions will be available on Friday, March 24th at 8 a.m. and will be due on Friday, March 31st at 4 p.m. President and Vice-President Candidates are required to collect 100 signatures of currently enrolled students at UW-RF. Students running for Senate seats in the spring election will need to collect 50 signatures. Students may begin to campaign only after the petitions are turned in.

OPPORTUNITIES

There are a variety of positions available for you in your Student Senate. Involvement in Senate is rewarding for you and for the campus. Senators serve as representatives of the UW-RF student body by leading and participating in campus decisions. Senators elected in the spring serve a term of one academic year, beginning May 2nd 2006. Get Involved!