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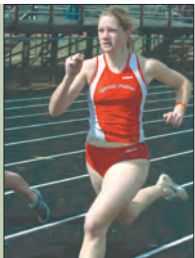
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## Student Union offers new, old services in central location



*Jen Dolen/Student Voice*  
**Additions of glass and brick to the south side of the new Student Union show how the finished building will look. The building is scheduled to be open in January 2007.**

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With less than a year to go, the new Student Union's construction is on schedule, growing closer to completion for students to soon enjoy the many old and new services it will offer.

Students walking on campus see the north side of the building, the side facing into the campus, with black and clear plastic covering the walls, and red brick that mimics the rest of the buildings on campus.

From the inside, wide open spaces, metal wall frames and cement floors start to resemble the many rooms and areas to be located in the Student Union.

"It is a really neat, open space that takes in the volume of the whole space," said Michael Stifter, director of Student Life Facilities.

The warm weather in January allowed the roof to be completed so the inside of the building could be worked on during the cold winter days, he said.

"Everything now is generally in our control,"

Stifter said. "We are entering a great time of year."

The main entrance on the south side of the building will be similar to the Falcon's Nest in Student Center. The area is completely open, allowing the view of the three floors on the west end of the building.

"The openness is a visual connection of the multiple levels," Stifter said.

All three floors are captured while standing in the entrance of the building.

On the main floor, four dining venues will be located all on the same level, including a grill, a stir fry bar and a flexible eatery, Stifter said. The fourth venue is still being determined. Between the retail and residential dining, the two areas will be able to seat about 1,000 students, faculty and staff.

On the second floor, a fireplace lounge will be next to an area that is temporarily being called the Involvement Center, Stifter said. This area will have similar functions and services as the

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## Students receive eminent awards to study, work abroad

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Two UW-River Falls German majors will work and study abroad next year thanks to prestigious scholarships.

"It doesn't come along very often," said Peter Johansson, chair of the modern languages department. "We're very proud of our students from River Falls."

Beth Eifler, a graduate student in the German education program, was offered a Fulbright teaching scholarship to Austria.

"It has been my dream for as long as I can remember," Eifler said.

Eifler will be a teaching assistant from mid-September to early June at a college in Baden, Austria, which is 15 miles south of the capital city of Vienna. Prior to that, she will be in Leipzig, Germany, for a scholarship from the American Association of Teachers of German. The one-month program will send Eifler and 20 other future German teachers with the intention of increasing oral competency.

As an undergraduate student at UW-Eau Claire, Eifler studied abroad in Wittenberg, Germany.

"This was a wonderful experience, which further instilled my love of German culture," she said. "I wanted to learn more about other German-speaking countries."

Although she will be teaching in Austria, Eifler said she will have to return to the United States for student teaching. But she said she hopes her visa will be extended.

"I hope to spend a few years living abroad," she said. "I am also going to spend one month in Rome getting my Teaching English as a Foreign Language certificate."

Eifler is married, and her husband Bob plans to join her in Austria in September.

Jackie Eckblad, a graduating senior with a double major in German and biotechnology, was awarded a U.S. Congress-Bundestag appointment in Germany.

Her scholarship will allow her to utilize both majors as she plans to do work in biotechnology.

Eckblad's time abroad will be spent in three phases. The first requires her to spend two months at a language school, which will adequately prepare her to work in the country.

"You can't actually get fluent in a language without living in the country," she said. "Knowing a language comes in handy with lots of things."

During the second phase, she will spend five months at a still undetermined university. The school placement will be based on her educational background and experience in phase one. During this time, Eckblad will be staying with a host family.

The final phase of Eckblad's journey requires her to have a five-month internship. The job will be based in the same city as the university she attends in Phase 2, and she will be able to continue living with the same host family.

Eckblad's appointment is part of a youth exchange program for young professionals, and is almost totally paid for by the German and U.S. governments.

"I'll probably want to come back here," Eckblad said of the time when her appointment is over. "The



**Beth Eifler**



**Jackie Eckblad**

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## A SIGN OF THE TIME



*Jen Dolen/Student Voice*  
**A new clock and patio serve as a resting point between the Davee Library and the Wyman Education Building. Finishing touches were put on the project last week.**

## No tick-tock heard from this clock

Swensen Sundial has fascinating history

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Anyone who has ever taken a tour of the UW-River Falls campus knows some of the history behind the Richard D. Swensen Sundial, the largest vertical sundial in North America, and the most accurate sundial of its kind in the world.

"In June I can read it to better than 15 seconds on the hour," former physics professor John Shepherd said. "For a vertical south-facing sundial, it still is the largest and most accurate."

Shepherd was in charge of designing the sundial, choosing to use figure-eight patterns, known as analemmas, instead of numbers, to tell the time.

Many customary sundials are designed using numbers to assist readers in determining what hour of the day it is. According to the Richard D. Swensen Sundial Web site, which can be accessed at [www.uwrf.edu/sundial/](http://www.uwrf.edu/sundial/), numbers were left off due to aesthetic reasons. This also helps avoid confusion during daylight savings time.

The actual size of the Swensen sundial is a bit unusual. There are not very many vertical sundials in existence that are as large.



*Jen Dolen/Student Voice*  
**Students walk by the Richard D. Swensen Sundial on the south side of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building last week. The sundial is the largest vertical sundial in North America, and was completed in May 1995.**

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## Election results pending

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Student Senate elections ended April 12, but official presidential results are pending due to grievances filed by candidate Joe Eggers and Ben Plunkett concerning candidate Dusty Pfundheller.

Pfundheller allegedly broke three rules during his campaign, including using a sign larger than the allowed dimensions, campaigning at Rodli Commons and using a taxpayer mailing list.

Parliamentarian and Ethics Chair Shaun Priesgen said Pfundheller denied any wrongdoing.

Priesgen said the election results are still being discussed, and an arbitrator has been brought in to resolve the issue.

Dean for Student Development and Campus Diversity Blake Fry will serve as arbitrator, and will examine the evidence and have a ruling today, Priesgen said. Fry will give a recommendation as to who the president should be.

Fry's decision will be final, Priesgen said, unless it is appealed to the Student Senate by one of the parties involved.

Unofficial election results showed a victory for Pfundheller by an 11-vote difference.



VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Leadership Center hosts Volunteer Day

The UW-River Falls Leadership Center is hosting Volunteer Day on April 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will meet at the Student Center, and can choose where they would like to volunteer. Students can register online on the Leadership Center’s Web site. The cost is free. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and breakfast. Pizza and prizes will be given after volunteering.

NFL player to speak at University

Esera Tuaolo will speak April 26 at 8 p.m. in North Hall Auditorium as part of the Wyman Series. Tuaolo excelled in the NFL for nine years as a defensive lineman, and played for five different teams including the Minnesota Vikings and Green Bay Packers. Tuaolo will tell about his experience as a gay man in the hyper-masculine culture of professional football, and being forced to hide his sexuality. It was not until retirement when he became tired of hiding it. The event is free for UW-RF students with ID, and open to the public.

REGIONAL

Voters may have say on death penalty

Wisconsin voters may get to vote on a state death penalty if the Assembly agrees to an advisory referendum, according to the *River Falls Journal*. A survey of 400 people conducted by Wisconsin Public Radio and St. Norbert College shows 61 percent favor the death penalty for crimes that are considered “vicious,” and where a conviction is supported by DNA evidence. It’s the same wording the Senate approved in a party-line vote last month and what voters might see on the ballot if the Assembly agrees. Death penalty opponents say the phrasing of the question and its timing may play into the outcome. The issue has made unprecedented headway this year in the Wisconsin legislature. For seven decades, bills on a death penalty languished. So far, one house approved the measure, but that decision did not determine whether the state should execute criminals, only whether the public should have a say on the matter.

Parking may change in downtown Hudson

An ordinance setting new rules and rates for parking in downtown Hudson was initially approved last week by the Hudson City Council. According to the *Hudson Star-Observer*, the council also authorized city officials to seek bids on five hand-held computer devices that will be used to issue parking tickets, and new parking meters to replace outdated meters in the downtown. The revised Municipal Parking System Ordinance includes changes regarding where motorists can park, how much they’ll pay for it and how much they’ll be fined if they violate the rules. Under the system scheduled to go into effect June 1, a total of 93 spaces in four city-owned lots will be reserved for motorists who purchase \$10-a-month permits. An annual permit, good from June 1 through May 31 of the following year, will be available for \$100. The current four-hour and eight-hour spaces in the city-owned lots will become permit-parking-only zones. The remaining spaces in the lots will be metered. The rates for parking at a meter will increase from 5 cents per half hour to 10 cents for 20 minutes, 25 cents for one hour, 50 cents for two hours and \$1 for four hours. The increase in meter rates and permit fees will help pay for new digital parking meters, as well as five hand-held AutoCite units that parking monitors will use to issue tickets. The council was expected to give final approval to the revised Parking System Ordinance at its April 17 meeting.

Gov announces proposal to reduce ID theft

Gov. Jim Doyle has announced a new initiative to combat identity theft. According to the *Hudson Star-Observer*, at a news conference in Eau Claire, Doyle said the new Office of Privacy Protection will provide information to consumers and businesses on how to protect themselves against identity theft, and provide assistance to victims of identity theft. Doyle is also proposing new legislation to increase penalties for identity theft, and he backs the creation of a document a victim could place in their credit file that would be called a “Factual Declaration of Innocence.” The governor says it’s needed because some victims can be arrested and charged with a crime before the identity theft is straightened out.

NATIONAL

College students’ Social Security numbers accidentally sent to classmates

COLUMBIA, South Carolina — University of South Carolina officials are advising students to watch their credit reports after the Social Security numbers of as many as 1,400 students were mistakenly e-mailed to classmates, according to CNN. A department chair distributing information about summer classes accidentally attached a database file with students’ Social Security numbers to an e-mail she sent Sunday. So far the school is not aware of any misuse of the information, but officials notified students of the lapse Monday and suggested they take precautions against identity theft. Similar incidents, or the fear of them, have led colleges nationwide to abandon the long-held practice of using Social Security numbers for everything from submitting grades to checking out library books. The University of South Carolina already was in the middle of changing its student database. That process will not be complete until fall 2007, when students will be assigned new ID numbers, said Chief Information Officer Bill Hogue.

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SENATE

Gay intolerance addressed by student

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On April 18, the Student Senate opened the floor for a Student Association Meeting, allowing students to address the Senate with any issues, problems and suggestions. Only one student, Sean Eberle, a sophomore and member of the Gay and Straight Alliance, addressed the Senate with an issue on campus about intolerance and hate crimes that have been directed toward the gay students at UW-River Falls. “Generally, this is to inform students that I’ve seen a lot of crap with people not being educated about student problems, especially gay students,” Eberle said. He said he was just bringing up the situations and issues to let the Senate know about what is happening on campus that many students, faculty and staff don’t seem to see. “I just want to remind you as student senators that everything you say is heard,” he said. “I’m being very vague because I want to be.” The vagueness, he said, is because he didn’t want to name or call out anyone at this time and at the meeting. After the meeting, Eberle said he has heard of some senators saying things that were directly a result of being intolerable of other people. “I just want to say that no matter where you are, you have your position with you as well,” he said. The problems and issues, Eberle said, have gone back to last semester. A posting on someone’s Facebook profile

regarding gays and a response to the message occurred last semester, he said. Most recently, an issue of not supporting the gay students on campus has raised many concerns and problems this semester, Eberle said. “It’s not acceptable to be intolerant of other people,” Eberle said. “If you don’t see it, you don’t know about it.”

Other Senate News

• During the regular session of the meeting, the Senate motion to integrate a smoking ban on campus failed to pass on to Chancellor Don Betz and Vice Chancellor Mary Halada. Before the Senate voted on the motion, Senator Nate Cook defended his motion, which was introduced at the March 28 meeting. “Smokers do have the right to smoke,” Cook said. “However, non-smokers have the right to breathe in clean air.” Students were encouraged to come to the meeting to voice their concerns about the ban. A total of four students attended and spoke at the meeting. “Everybody needs to work together. Most people move when asked,” said Michelle Maccoux, a junior majoring in business administration and a non-smoker. “A lot of voices haven’t been heard, including employees that would be affected as well.” The enforcement of the 25-foot rule is subjective, Cook said. The placement of some of the smoking stations on campus is problematic because many are much closer than

25 feet from the buildings. “The placement is problematic because people have to walk through the smoke,” Cook said. After a long debate, the Senate voted not to pass the ban. • A motion was passed to further resolve that Senate continues to support the use of segregated fees to fund the new health and human performance building. The fees amount to approximately \$3.8 billion. • The Taxpayer Protection Act (TPA), formerly known as TABOR, will be in its first session in legislation April 26, said Senator Joe Eggers. The legislatures are trying to suspend the rules to have TPA pass only once through the house and assembly instead of the original rule of passing twice without any changes. Eggers said Rep. Kitty Rhoades is in favor of passing TPA, and Sen. Sheila Harsdorf is opposing the legislation. • Senate President Nick Cluppert said the All Campus Picnic is April 27 at 5 p.m. Tickets are available for free to students at the information desk in the Student Center. “I really encourage you to get as many students to go,” Cluppert said. “If there is a huge turn out, it will show that students care about the inauguration.”

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



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

The trash clean up event along the South Fork River was held Tuesday by ECO Club. The pile of trash was collected and displayed on campus in honor of Earth Day.

ECO Club cleans up campus

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Beginning April 17, ECO Club held a week-long series of activities devoted to Earth Day. Earth Day is officially April 22, but the UW-River Falls campus honored the holiday April 17 through April 21. A different event was hosted by ECO Club each day on campus, with the last being the announcement of the Residence Hall Energy Conservation Contest winners. Earth Week began on Monday at 5 p.m. at the Student Center mall. ECO Club planted a dozen seedlings that will be available for transplanting to campus in four to five years when they are grown. Other events that the club planned included the publicized Drive to Not Drive event on Wednesday, a global climate change discussion by professor of geology Robert Baker on Thursday and a trash clean up event along the South Fork River on Tuesday afternoon. The title of Baker’s speech was “The Long and Short-Term Effects of Global Climate Change.” The trash clean up effort was held Tuesday

at 5 p.m. The group went to South Fork River, specifically the section that runs through the UW-RF campus, to clean up scattered garbage. Even though posters were hung around campus, not all students knew Earth Week was happening. “I saw signs about the driving event, but haven’t seen anything else around campus. What else is going on?” freshman Doug Franzen said. Earth Day was officially started in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson. His idea to want the environment to be put in the political spotlight during Kennedy’s presidency began more than seven years prior. According to a publicized interview with Nelson months before his death in July 2005, he said, “I was satisfied that if we could tap into the environmental concerns of the general public and infuse the student anti-war energy into the environmental cause, we could generate a demonstration that would force this issue onto the political agenda. It was a big gamble, but worth a try.” Earth Day had unexpected success its first year, and has continued to be a part of communities across the nation. Other UW campuses including Madison and Eau Claire

have their own festivities planned for Earth Day. UW-Eau Claire is sponsoring “Earth Day is for Everyone” on April 22, encouraging the people of the community and students to get involved in a mass clean up effort and other fun activities to celebrate the day. Madison has organized a week-long schedule of events similar to UW-RF, like campus clean up and tree-planting. Communities across the nation are taking the time on Saturday to put a little extra effort into their daily routines in order to do something positive for the environment. Nelson was hoping to make an impact politically and environmentally, but was impressed with the response. “Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. We had neither the time nor resources to organize 20 million demonstrators, and the thousands of schools and local communities that participated,” Nelson said. “That was the remarkable thing about Earth Day. It organized itself.” The organization of the events on the UW-RF campus have been an on-going process since early in the semester. ECO Club arranged the week and publicized the Drive to Not Drive event around campus.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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April 14  
Etta Andersen, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Pierce County Court

Robert Boddiford, 19, pleaded guilty to a third-offense underage consumption on March 18.  
Julie M. Drzewiecki, 19, pleaded no con-

test to a second-offense underage consumption on March 9.  
Josef Hong Duk Knebel, 20, pleaded no contest to underage possession on March 3.  
Jill E. Kramer, 18, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on March 5.  
Michael T. Poterucha, 20, pleaded no contest to underage consumption on March 2.

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

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# Student Union: New, old services offered to students

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Leadership Center, but its official name is still being determined.

“The craftsmanship has just been amazing,” Stifter said.

The fireplace lounge is a formal lounge with furniture and furnishings that are easily accessible to be moved around for different events to be held in the area, he said.

“The entire floor plan has been planned for flexibility of furniture and space,” Stifter said. “The decoration is going to be edgy, funky and student oriented.”

An area located next to the Involvement Center lining the large windows that face the stream and open fields on the south side of the building will be another lounge area, he said.

The overhanging roof on the south side allows sunlight to be captured by the large windows in the building when the sun is at low levels in the sky, Stifter said.

“The angle will let the natural harvest of the light illuminate the area,” he said.

The bookstore will be located next to the Involvement Center with an information center between the two areas, Stifter said.

A copy center is being considered to be placed in the Student Union for a faster service for students who need a small, color copy of a document, he said.

“I think it will be a good addition,” Stifter said.

Two bridges connect the west and east wings on the third floor in the open space of the entrances. The vast, open space allows an abundant amount of light to shine in the area to help illuminate the

building.

“The bridges are a nice feature to connect areas,” Stifter said.

An entertainment complex resembles “Brandy’s on steroids,” he said. The stage will be used for comedians, bands and other performances.

A game room and lounge area furnished with pool tables, a big screen TV and other gaming services will be next to the entertainment complex, he said.

A theater, located on the fourth floor, that will seat 156 people, Stifter said. The metal frames enclose the area with the center at a slant toward the front stage.

Meeting rooms flank the theater, he said.

A third-floor banquet hall will seat a maximum of 500 people, or about 400 for a banquet. A catering preparation area is connected to the hall, Stifter said.

The cost of the Student Union is about \$34 million, and funded by student fees, Stifter said.

“It is a tribute to students’ foresight for doing it,” he said.

According to New Student Center eNewsletter, tax dollars and program revenue funds also contributed to paying for the cost of the building.

The building will be comparable in size to the current Student Center and Rodli Commons, Stifter said. It will be approximately 162,000 square feet.

Tours are being conducted for student groups and administration as the safety of the construction allows, Stifter said.

“It is still relatively unsafe,” he said. “The guys are really patient and willing. We want to have a safe job site.”



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

**The view from the entrance of the new Student Union is of the field and stream to the south of campus. The building’s design reflects the land around it, making it different from other buildings on campus.**

The Division of State Facilities, an agency of the Department of Administration, is fairly impressed with the outcome of the building so far, said Jim Murphy, facilities engineer.

The Student Union is very much unlike any other building on other campuses in the UW System, he said. The Division of State Facility is responsible

for all management of state-constructed facilities, including all university facilities in the UW System.

“We have a unique setting to work with,” Murphy said. “It allows the building to reflect the wetlands and stream behind it.”

## Abroad: First time scholarships awarded to UW-RF students in 10 years

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hardest thing will be not being able to come home at all.”

Although the students in the program are allowed to take vacations during the course of the year, Eckblad said they are discouraged from returning to the United States, even temporarily.

“But anytime you move some-

**“But anytime you move somewhere new, you meet new people.”**

Jackie Eckblad,  
senior

where new, you meet new peo-

ple,” she said, adding that the final 10 months of her stay will be spent in one city with one family.

Johansson said the last time a UW-RF student was awarded either scholarship was about 10 years ago.

## Sign: Sundial dedicated in honor of former CAS dean

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“Only the state of Wisconsin would construct a building with a south-facing wall with no windows in it,” Shepherd said. “That’s why it’s so large.”

The artistic sculpture on the side of the Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA) building was completed in May 1995, and dedicated in October 1995.

The sundial is named in honor of Richard D. Swensen, a former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Swensen began his 38-year career at UW-RF serving as a chemistry professor from 1955 to 1969. In 1969, Swensen became dean of CAS, a title he retained until 1988. After his role as dean, Swensen spent the rest of his career teaching. He retired in 1993.

“I like the fact that our campus has the largest vertical sundial in the Northern Hemisphere, and it was designed by one of the former professors,” teacher education major Carye Kringle said “It’s a cool thing to have here and nowhere else.”

Most of the facts about the design and installation of the sundial can be found on a free-standing plaque placed on the lawn in front of the structure. Another plaque adhered to the KFA building just below the sundial explains Swensen’s contributions to the University and the reasoning behind the dedication of the sundial in his name.

According to the Web site, Swensen asked the University physics department to erect a sundial on the south facing wall of KFA in 1973 after returning from Heidelberg, Germany. While in Germany, Swensen saw a sundial on the side of a castle and thought such a symbol would be a good addition to the UW-RF campus.

The sundial was constructed by Gene Olson, an artist for Mettle Works in Elk River, Minn., with funding from University alumni.

“The Swensen family contributed a lot to the construction to honor their father,” Shepherd said. “No state funds were used.”

Since it has been erected, the sundial has been a point of interest on campus tours. All of the guides are asked to make mention of its uniqueness while giving tours to prospective students and their families.

“Tour guides are told all about the sundial,” Kringle said.

Kringle, a tour guide, said she has not figured out exactly how to read the sundial yet.

“There are always people on my tours that claim to be able to read it but you can see them

glance at their watch first,” Kringle said.

Before the Ames Teacher Education Building was torn down to make way for the new Student Union, a digital camera was attached to the building due to its location in respect to the sundial. Shepherd made the suggestion to have a camera set up to take images of the sundial. Marlys Nelson, an Information Technology Services (ITS) employee, played a role in getting the system up and running.

“There was a single digital camera mounted in a window frame in the old Ames building,” Nelson said.

The camera was computer-controlled, and was able to capture images of the sundial over certain durations of time.

“Software running on the computer instructed the camera to

take a picture every five minutes, and this was then uploaded to the Web server,” Nelson said.

When the Student Union is completed, Nelson said there is a good chance a camera will be installed to capture images of the sundial once again.

“We believe there will be a location that’s suitable, but this won’t be known until construction is finished and we can investigate further,” Nelson said.

Nelson also credited students for their participation and assistance with the sundial camera program.

“Matt Wagner was a student working for ITS at the time, and he wrote the software,” she said. “Other students have also participated in this project over time when small changes were needed.”

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# INAUGURATION 2006

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## INAUGURATION CELEBRATION

*of Chancellor Don Betz*

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

**St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra.** 3 p.m. Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Students \$2. Guest performers Rich Gaynor, trombone, and Randy Sabien, violin.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

**Unity in the Community.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hagestad Student Center and Campus Mall. Free. Celebration features Universal Dance Destiny; UW-RF Dance Theatre; El Arco Iris; UW-RF Hmong student performance; and Heart of the Earth Native American dancers.

**Creating a World of Tolerance: Esera Tualo.** 8 p.m. North Hall Auditorium. \$5. This gay former NFL defensive lineman now inspires others to speak to their individual truths without fear.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

**College of Business & Economics Executive in Residence.** 2:30 p.m. Rodli Commons. Sang Ik Hahn, a 1975 UW-RF graduate and president of the Silicon Valley real estate development company SIH Investments, Inc., explains his investment strategies.

**Research, Scholarly and Creative**

**Activity Day.** Noon-2 p.m. Falcon’s Nest, Hagestad Student Center. Free. Displays feature current research activities.

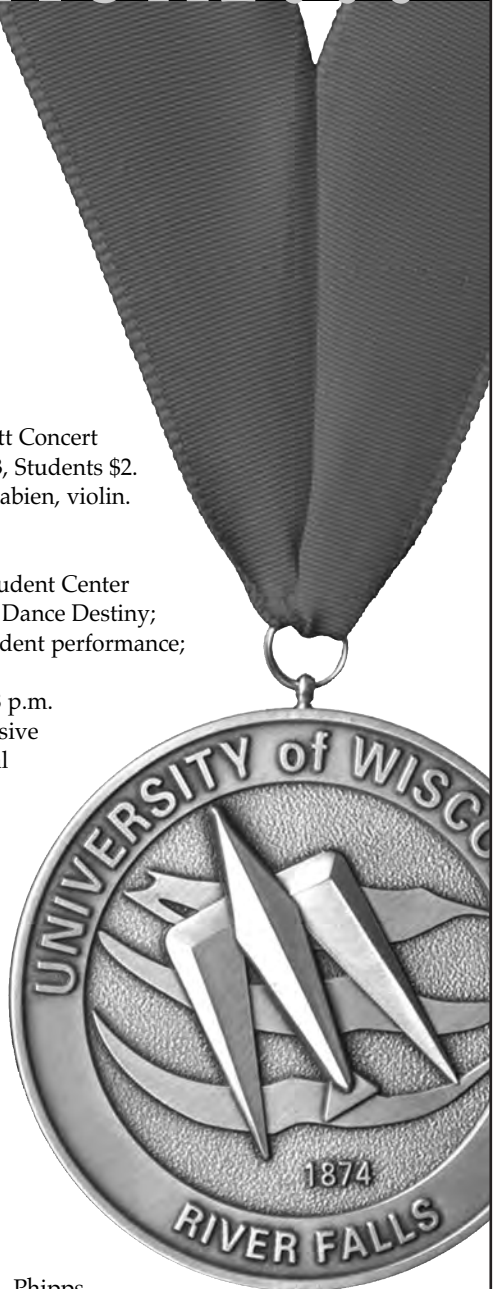
**All Campus Picnic.** 5 p.m. Hagestad Student Center Mall. Tickets available at the Hagestad Student Center or River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau. Music by Judging Ronald.

**The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.** 8 p.m. Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson. Free. Professor Tim Baughman recreates the exploits of the Heroic Era Shackleton expedition and the lessons it teaches in leadership.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

**Inauguration Concert.** 1 p.m. Robert P. Knowles Physical Education and Recreation Center. Free. Performances by UW-RF music ensembles.

**Installation of Chancellor Don Betz.** 2 p.m. Followed by a reception at the Knowles Center. Free. The investiture of Chancellor Don Betz with his inaugural address on UW-RF’s future: “Roots and Wings for the Global Century.”





EDITORIAL

# Earth Week an example of a cleaner UWRF

We at the *Student Voice* would just like to congratulate all those who participated in the Earth Week events in order to make our campus a more attractive place to live, work and attend classes.

Everyone involved with the campus will benefit in some way from the great job that was done.

The ECO and Resource Management clubs organized a cleanup of the south fork of the Kinnickinnic River on Tuesday. A noticeable difference from previous years was the amount of trash that was collected. There was considerably less trash removed from the river, meaning that students are doing their part in keeping the campus clean.

The Kinnickinnic River is the primary asset of the River Falls community, and one of the pillars of our University. It is so embedded in our campus that it is a part of the logo depicting UW-River Falls.

The river is a beautiful asset to this campus, and we need to ensure that it stays that way.

Although Earth Week is over, students, staff and faculty should continue the efforts to try to keep the campus clean. There may be only one week each year set aside especially for environmental awareness, but everyone should realize one week is not going to make a difference. Maintaining a clean environment is a year-round process.

The appearance of the grounds on the campus reflects on everyone who attends and works at this institution. If we don't keep it clean, visitors to the campus may think those who attend the University do not care about the environment.

Littering is not only a crime, but is also disrespectful to other members of the campus community. People don't want to see empty pop cans, disregarded flyers or cigarette butts strewn about the walkways as they make their way to class.

Chancellor Don Betz and the UW-RF administration have done a wonderful job of making our campus more attractive this year. New garbage and cigarette receptacles have been placed throughout the campus, and are not merely for decoration.

The fountain outside of the Student Center will soon be flowing again, and a new train-station-like clock has been added in the center of the campus mall to create a more prestigious atmosphere.

A great amount of work and planning is put into making this University look beautiful - not to mention the precious dollars we all spend to employ people to maintain our campus.

Don't ruin the work of others just because you are lazy. Clean up after yourself and keep our campus looking as beautiful as it can.

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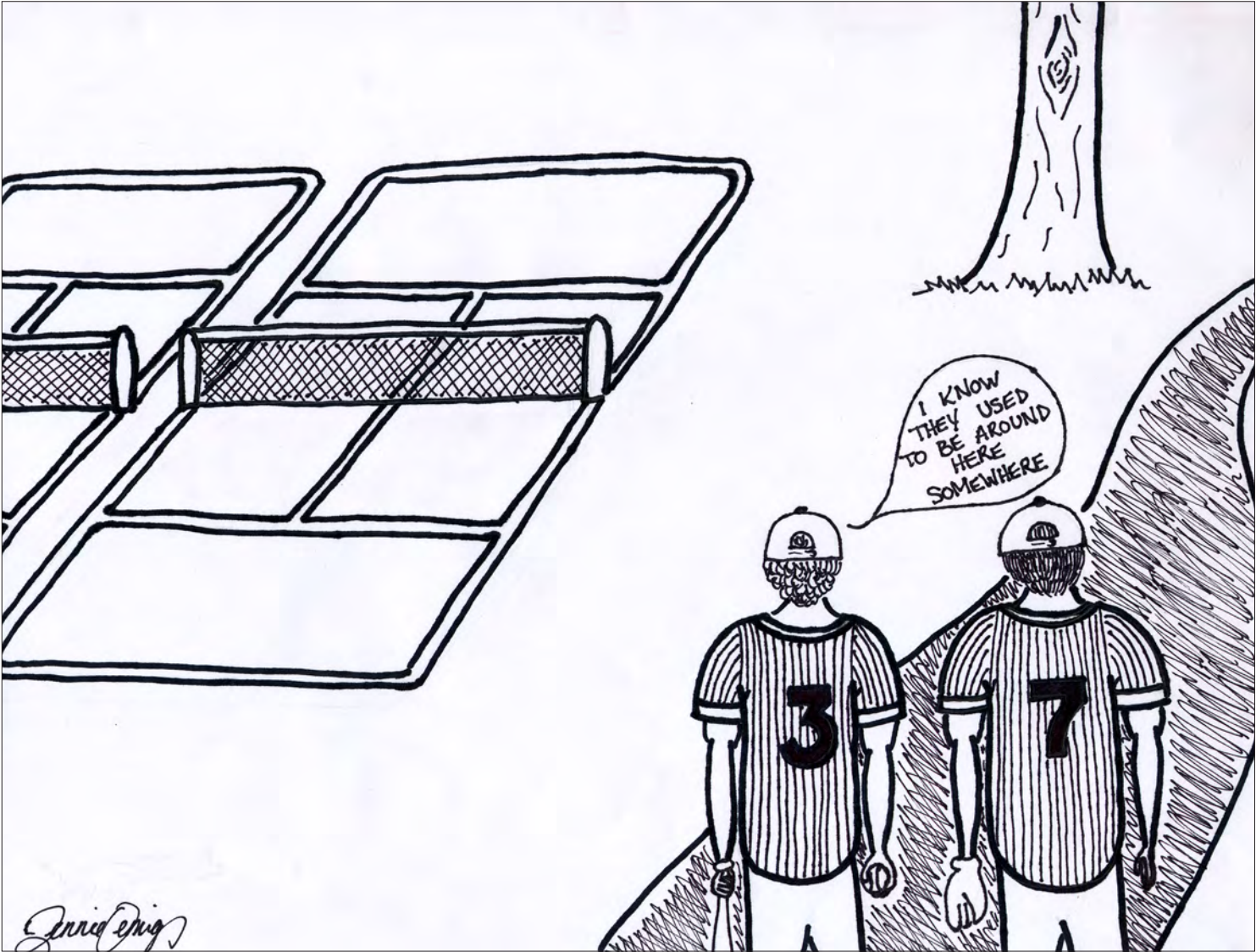
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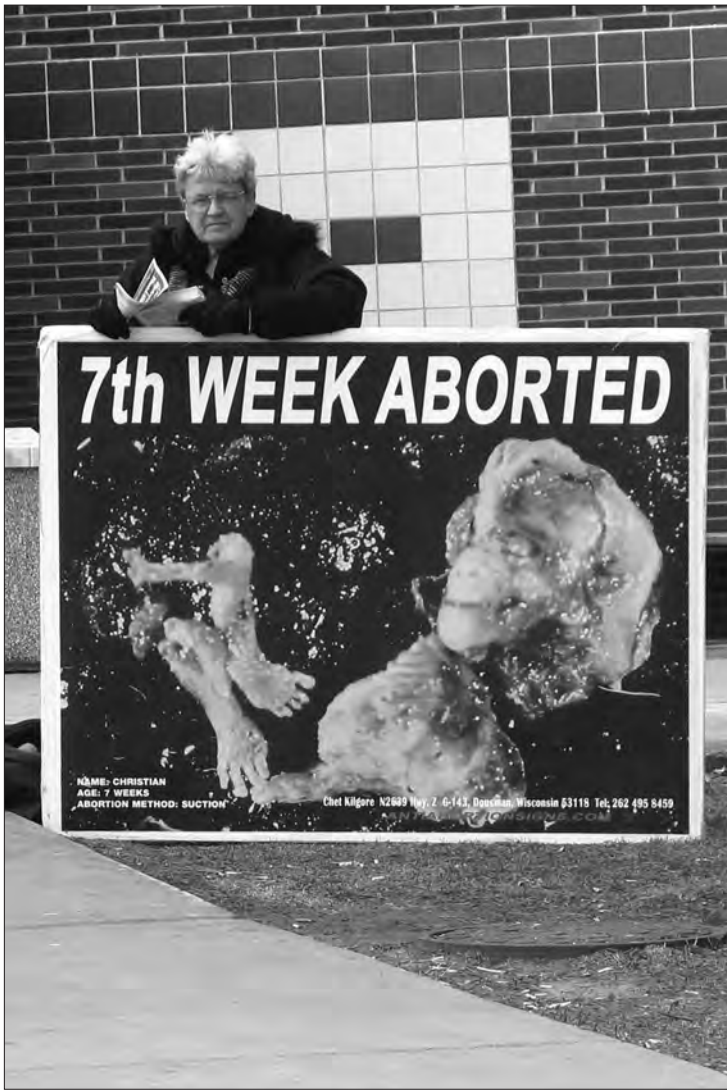
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

**Religious protestors were on campus April 5, attempting to persuade students to outlaw abortions. Offensive comments made by the protestors have sparked recent debate about freedom of expression on campus.**

### Columns need work

Just the fact that I have to write a letter like this saddens me. I'm writing not only in response to Jason Conway's column last week, but also to a growing trend in America to regulate free speech.

This is the United States of America, supposedly the freest country

in the world. However, all too often these days the government has been trying to limit when and where free speech can actually occur.

Listening to the radio recently, I heard a man in Texas complaining that while he and some friends were protesting the illegal immigrant rallies, he was forced to stand away from the rallies in a "Free Speech Zone." He became very upset and was in disbelief that such a concept existed in America.

Sadly enough, "Free Speech Zones" have been widely used by the government since the World Trade Organization met in Seattle in 1999, and in nearly every Bush event since his first inauguration.

The problem with this freedom-loving Texan is that he had to experience the restriction of free speech first hand to realize that people's rights were being infringed upon.

This brings me to Jason Conway's column. I'm sure most of the people on campus agree with him that the anti-abortion group was obnoxious, but if you think their free speech should be restricted, you're wrong.

I disagree with everything those people stood for, especially using little kids to push their agenda, but they have every right to stand there and hold their signs, especially if it offends you.

"I am not trying to stop all free speech on campus ..." he said near the end of his column.

My rebuttal to that is, if you stop some then you stop it all. Where do you draw the line? Only groups that pay to come on campus can say what they want? Or how about groups that spread sunshine and pixy dust?

It's hard to argue against such a poorly written column, but the idea that free speech needs to be regulated is the most un-patriotic thing I've heard since "love it or leave it."

He has every right to his opinion, but there will come a day when his regulations will prevent even him from getting on his soapbox.

**Mike Sonn,**  
student

## Campaign: 'If you're busty, vote for Dusty'

I am writing to you on behalf of women throughout campus. With the recent election chalkings, there were offensive slogans against women. Insulting our intelligence by insinuating that because we are female we must vote for Dusty. The slogan doesn't present an argument or respect our intelligence, it suggests that just because we have breasts we should vote for Dusty. Does this slogan set the standard for the treatment we would see if Dusty were president? Are we to be targeted by our cup size? I think not.

**Shell Maccoux,**  
student

# Evolution wins over religion

Education is not to be dictated by the majority's religion.

In recent years it has astounded me to discover how many people refuse to accept evolution as a scientific truth. It is not some loosely-based theory of how the world came about; it is a clear and concise record of evidence that leads to a simple conclusion.

This misconception of science would not be such a problem if members of the "religious right" were not trying to impose their beliefs on our future generations. They have taken an issue of which they know very little about, and have declared themselves more knowledgeable on the topic.

I would like to try to make people aware of how the naïve claims of evolution being unscientific and unfit for our schools are unsubstantiated.

It has become clear to me that many people do not realize that evolution has been proven. Evolution is happening every day and is well recorded. Over the last 100 years, clear evidence for the change of species over time as they have adapted to their environments has been documented.

The existing problem is that people do not understand that adaptation and evolution are the same thing; there is no difference. Evolution is just the explanation of genetic adaptation happening over long periods of time. This evolution is most notable for organisms with very short life spans, such as bacteria that can form

new species in a relatively short timeframe.

Yet this clarification is well known by many of those who speak out against evolution, and yet they continue to argue that, although evolution may now be occurring, it did not in the past for we were "obviously" created by God. This is a much harder issue to prove because it deals with time past. But as a society we accept that through evidence we can determine what has already occurred. We can not "prove" the Trojan War was ever fought, but we can come to a pretty clear decision that indeed it was. The evidence of it still exists, just as evidence for millions of years of evolution occurring exists.

Another misconception is that creationists claim that evolution fails to explain where the world came from. It is important to

realize that evolution has nothing to do with such events as where we came from. It has nothing to do with the big bang theory, or why we are here. This is not some failing of the theory, these are just unrelated topics. The very fact

that people have such erroneous beliefs makes it clear to me that a much stricter approach to teaching evolution in schools must be implemented.

Those opposed to evolution claim that they do so based on a lack of scientific

knowledge. This is simply not the case.

They do so because they will not accept that there is evidence that goes against their holy scriptures.

Evolution is one of the most substantiated theories in science to arrive in the last 100 years. There are much newer and less-proven theories in biology, genetics, physics and chemistry that are known to be true and taught in schools without opposition. Once they are accepted by scientific study and can accurately predict the effects of causation they are incorporated into our school of thought.

But not evolution. Not because of a lack of evidence, but because people are too stubborn to admit when they are wrong. The argument that this fight is based on the pursuit of knowledge is absurd, and in actuality it is a fight based on their religion. The educational curriculum of a society that values tolerance and religious freedom should not be determined in such a way.

Creationists want everyone to believe that the world suddenly came into existence within the last 6,000 years. If this were the case there should be some indication of this. Instead, the exact opposite exists. How does light from distant stars reach Earth if the universe is too young for the light to have made it here yet? Where did the millions of dead organisms that we use for fossil fuels come from if they did not have enough time to live? The evidence of our world clearly suggests an antiquated universe, evidence that creationists choose to ignore.



**Travis Grieman**



# Throw a porch party for summer

Summer is finally here. Well, close enough for me, and that only means one thing: It is porch party time. If you do not know what a porch party, or PP, involves, here you go: It is outside on a porch, deck or balcony, it involves alcohol and may involve some food. It is my favorite kind of party, and everyone should try and become part of one of these fantastic PPs. Many things go into making a great PP, but the most important thing is the location. My friends and I have found that a balcony or deck is the best location. Some of my friends have also decided that yelling at people that walk by is a lot of fun. If this sounds fun to you, then you might want to find a place that is next to a busy street or sidewalk. It is fun for us, but it might cause some unwanted attention to



Jason Conway

your PP. The PP should start before the sun goes down, so that you can soak in some sun-rays. And if it is hot, those tasty beverages seem to go down real nice and easy. You should also consider that everyone should be comfortable. So round up some chairs so that everyone can sit. Food also could be involved in your PP, and then it can be called a grill out. This is not a porch party, because at a PP your main goal is to get a little crazy and get good and warmed up before the bar. But in any case, food might make the party more popular if you are worried about people showing up. Another very important rule for a great PP is that you should only invite your closest friends. This is very important so that you do not

have any huge problems, and if you do they will be easy to resolve. The main idea about a PP is that everyone should be very comfortable and respect each other. Sometimes when strangers become involved the party gets uncomfortable for some and they do not have a good time. You should announce beforehand if your PP is BYOB so that everyone has ample time to stock up. This can get very expensive, so either get some money from every-one or just invite your rich friends so they can pay for it. So, the main idea here is to make your PP small so that everyone can have a good time. When a PP becomes too large some friends might feel uncomfortable. A couple positive outcomes might be that, since you were there pre-bar, they might let you back for some post-bar action. So just remember that a lot of fun can be had at a PP, but safety should come first. You do not want anyone impaired at your PP.

# Double standard from Christians

In early February, I found myself compelled to write about the outrage and controversy in the Middle East over cartoons run in a Danish newspaper. Just two months later, I once again am drawn to another controversy revolving around a cartoon negatively depicting a religious figure. However, this time the controversy originates in America, in a two-part episode of the cartoon, South Park. Creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone point out a hypocrisy, which exists with freedom of speech and the cartoons of Muhammad. The original cartoons, which started this entire controversy, depicted the Muslim prophet Muhammad in several offensive ways, including the prophet wearing a turban shaped as a bomb with a lit and burning fuse. This led to great outrage and violence throughout the Middle East, as it clearly states in the Muslim faith that any visual depiction of the prophet Muhammad is strictly forbidden. Immediately after these events unfolded, many voices were heard throughout the United

States defending these cartoons under freedom of speech and freedom of the press. I understood this defense but posed the question to those in our country, "... would the same Christians defend freedom of speech if ... (the) ... cartoons ... disgraced the images of Jesus Christ or the Virgin Mary?" It appears as though I now have my answer. The plot of the South Park episode revolves around a controversy over cartoons depicting the prophet Muhammad. Some characters in the episode argue that showing Muhammad would be offensive, dangerous and needs to be censored. Other characters argue that giving in to fear and censoring the episode is allowing terrorism to work, and that these images are defended by the freedom of speech. The real-life television station that airs South Park, Comedy



Nate Cook

Central, refused to allow any visual depiction of Muhammad to occur for fear of violence or retaliation. However, in the South Park episode, shortly after the cartoon was shown to the characters, images of President Bush, random U.S. citizens and Jesus Christ are shown defecating on each other and the American flag. Immediately after this episode aired, Christians who defended the printing of the Danish cartoons of Muhammad as part of freedom of speech have now come out condemning these South Park cartoons. William Donohue of the Catholic League has called for a resignation of the show's creators, Parker and Stone, and stated that they are hypocrites and "they'll take their shot at Jesus." This is a sentiment carried by many, as the South Park episode aired in the days leading up to Easter weekend. It

seems to me that many in the United States defend religiously offensive material under freedom of speech, so long as it does not attack their own religion. This double standard of free speech is the hypocrisy, which exists in our country. In order for individuals to truly have freedom, they must be allowed to have full freedom of speech. This is an all-or-nothing right for citizens of the United States. Citizens must be allowed to voice their opinions, no matter how offensive they may be to others. While I may not agree with the printing of the Danish Muhammad cartoons, I will not ask for them to be censored and neither will I ask for the depictions of Jesus Christ in South Park to be censored. The South Park character of Kyle commented on freedom of speech by saying, "Either it's all ok, or none of it is." While we all may be offended by what we see or hear at one time, we must accept this as part of our basic right to free speech.

# Lose weight the Hage way

I've shed 70 pounds since September, and all it really took was the right plan for me. Now, I'm not saying I'm an ultra slim and physically fit guy, and I'm also not saying I'm the end-all-be-all expert on diets. This may or may not work for you: this is just how I was able to do it. I look at weight loss like a simple math problem. You take in a certain amount of calories per day, and you expend a certain amount per day. If you take



Hans Hage

in less than you spend, then you are going to burn up reserve fat in your body and lose weight. This is fairly common sense, but what a lot of people don't realize is that this type of weight loss requires a real time commitment. It does work; you just have to stick to it. When I had the opportunity to splurge and eat something that really wasn't all that good for me, I asked myself - which would give me more pleasure? Being physically fit for a lifetime, or eating that fattening piece of food for a few minutes? The answer was simple. As for my diet, I did some research before starting and found out that for every 500 calories less you consume per day, you lose one pound per week. I don't know if that information is true, but I do know that I took it to heart and slashed my daily caloric intake by 1,000 to get a steady two pounds per week average loss. My food consists primarily of things that are filling but do not provide tons of extra calories. Most breakfast cereals with skim milk are about 200 calories, most turkey or roast beef sandwiches without cheese or mayonnaise are around 300,

depending on how much meat you put on them. I eat a lot of fish, salmon in particular, and drink a lot of water. For snacks, I generally eat fruit, rice cakes, or pretzels and salsa. Lean Cuisine and Healthy Choice TV dinners are great to. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: the key is consistency. The first 10 pounds come off really fast, due to extra water weight being released by your body. After that water weight is gone, the pounds don't come off as easily. Many people get discouraged at this point, deciding that they're happy with the ten pounds they've lost and returning to their normal diet. This is bad because not only do they usually put back on the water weight, but they consume a lot more of the food they have been depriving themselves of and generally gain more in the end. You may have noticed by now that I haven't mentioned the word "exercise" anywhere prior to now. There is a very simple reason for this: I didn't start exercising until about 2 weeks ago, after I had already lost 70 pounds. In hindsight, I probably should have exercised so that by now I would be in better shape physically. I'm not saying you shouldn't exercise, but it is possible to accomplish your goals without doing so. There may be difficult times, like the holidays or going out to eat with friends, where you feel that you just have to eat something else. You just have to keep reminding yourself that the end goal is more important than any of the daily trials, and make smart decisions. As long as you do this, you'll be fine. Trust me, I've been there.

# American voters may be ready for a female president

Step aside, George W. Bush. I've given up on you. Your wire-tapping fiasco and divisive declassification practices have done you in. I'm finished with the controversies that develop week after week, so you leave me no choice but to look toward the next presidential election. Sure, it's a year or so before the big-time campaigning starts, but I don't want to miss out on an early analysis. For the first time in our country's history, there is a good chance that a major political party will endorse a female presidential candidate. Now Americans are beginning to wonder if our country is ready for a woman to serve as our leader. A recent CBS News/New York Times poll showed that 92 percent of Americans would vote for a woman president if she were qualified, yet only 55 percent said America was ready for a woman president. This differential is troubling. It is not hard to say Americans should vote for a president that is



Ben Jipson

qualified and capable enough to serve as our country's leader. This poll suggests some Americans might think they are open to a well-qualified female candidate, but since there hasn't ever been a woman president, the thought that it might actually happen makes some uneasy. Interestingly, the poll also showed that of the people surveyed, liberals were more likely than conservatives to think the country is ready for a woman president. It's this sort of political close-mindedness that is keeping the U.S. from being the politically progressive country that it once was. Many of these possible candidates have been around politics for much of their professional lives. Hillary Clinton has shown admirable qualities as a senator. Through co-signing several Republican bills, she has shown she understands the need of bipartisanship in making any progress in the current legislature. Her political following has become popular in

New York, and her success has some Republicans worried. Stephen Minarik, the state GOP chairman, has recently launched a campaign to oust Clinton as senator and keep her from running for president in 2008. If the GOP sees her as a political threat, she must be doing something right. It isn't only the Democrats that have a legitimate chance of endorsing a woman for the presidential race. Current Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is also inching her way into the realm of presidential prospects as a possible Republican candidate. Although her association with the Bush administration might have detrimental effects on a future campaign, she is no doubt qualified and experienced enough to be considered as a candidate. Neither of these women have officially declared an intention to run for president, but our country has finally come to a point where female presidential candidates have a realistic shot at earning a party bid. Women like Rice and Clinton have proven to be

as powerful, influential and qualified as any other prominent political figure. They have shown they fit in U.S. national and international politics - a place dominated by men for centuries. The women may be ready to take on the country, but is the country ready to take on a woman president? Well, that's a pointless question. What does it mean to be "ready," and how do we know if we are going to be "ready" for something that hasn't ever happened? I'll tell you what our country is "ready" for: change. George W. Bush and some pigheaded members of his administration have turned the Oval Office into a sty, and somebody is going to have to wade around in the mess until it's clean. Maybe a female president could offer some new perspectives in the political world. In any case, quit asking meaningless questions like "Is the U.S. ready for a female president?" It doesn't matter. Just please, let the next president be qualified, and let this country be clean again.



Thiago Scolari, freshman

"I want to see what is going on all the time. I want to see if I have a message or a comment. I want to see peoples' profiles and see how they describe themselves and know more about them."

# STUDENT Voices



Nick Marty, sophomore

"I check it maybe once a day. So to me it's not much of a distraction."



Brianna Egan, freshman

"It distracts when you start to do homework and you go on Facebook and you don't do your homework. It distracts you from what your supposed to be doing. Your break lasts a couple of hours."

# How does Facebook distract you?



Amanda Schaub, freshman

"Every time I come back from class I go check my e-mail and then Facebook. I check my e-mail quick, and then you notice people have updated and you have to check what they updated. The poking starts to get annoying. I sometimes just get on to see who poked me."



Nate Martinson, sophomore

"I don't get my school work done. I have many stalkers now."



Haylee Kovarr, freshman

"I don't think it distracts me, but it is something to do other than homework. It's one of my tools of procrastination."



# Scandals taint sports



Sarah Packingham

So the Twins beat the Yankees two out of three games over the weekend. That was pretty exciting.

Needless to say, I was pretty ecstatic about the results. It was unfortunate that they couldn't pull off the three-game home sweep, but I'll take the two wins anyway.

The Twins won 5-1 on Friday, 6-5 in a thriller on Saturday and then lost 9-3 on Sunday. The two wins were great for the Twins. They were, by far, two of the biggest wins of the young baseball season. I think these two victories can jumpstart my favorite baseball team to a whole new level for the rest of the season.

It was good to see them play so well against the consistently good New York Yankees.

Though things are going well for the Twins thus far, professional baseball, as well as many other professional sports, is under scrutiny.

Scandals over the use of steroids are still swirling around the entire league.

As hard as we try to get away from scandals like that, we can't. They constantly give us something to talk about, even if we don't really care or it doesn't affect us. We bring them up into our daily conversations because sometimes they're so

It was good to see them play so well against the consistently good New York Yankees.

unbelievable, or maybe just because we're bored.

Do you remember when Sammy Sosa hit home run after home run a few seasons back? He had fans in awe. Later, to only find out, he had cork in his bat en route to obtaining the home run title.

Who can forget when baseball legend Pete Rose, bet on a game and lost his chance at the Hall of Fame.

Let's not forget about Kobe Bryant and the accusations brought against him in recent years. There was also much speculation that Bryant and Shaq didn't get along. People always love creating drama, especially about famous people.

Seeing famous people do illegal or immoral things will always give us something to talk about. It's unfortunate that we hardly ever see the famous people receive punishment for their actions.

It's often not because they're innocent, it's because they're famous.

I remember the figure skating incident between Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan. Kerrigan was one of my favorite figure skaters of that time, and I was devastated with the news of her inability to skate after Harding allegedly hired someone to injure her.

But all sports scandals aren't national; there have been some to remember right here in our region.

A few years back, there was a huge scandal surrounding the University of Minnesota and its men's basketball team. There was a handful of so-called "academic dishonesty" cases that caused drama with the Gophers for years to come.

More recently, the Gophers have seen another scandal. Fox 9 hidden cameras supposedly caught underage members of the Gopher hockey team drinking in a bar in the Twin Cities, and even getting in for free. This violates NCAA rules, and not to mention the law.

It was quite a big deal at the beginning of the collegiate hockey season this year, but has since calmed down.

# Sophomore Piersak excels in two sports

## Falcon spends time on track and soccer

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While growing up in Shoreview, Minn., sophomore Amy Piersak fell in love with a game and with running.

Now, 20 years later, she's playing soccer and running track at the collegiate level as a UW-River Falls Falcon.

"I've been playing soccer since I was born," Piersak said. "My dad's been a coach all my life. It's in my blood, I think."

Here at UW-RF, Piersak is a defender on the women's soccer team and a sprinter for the Falcon track team.

"I do the open 100, open 200, the 4x100 and the 4x400. I also do the long jump," Piersak said.

This is the first time in two years that Piersak has even attempted the long jump. Even though she is new to the sport at River Falls, she is hoping for good results in the future.

"I think I can do well down the road; I'm quick on the run-way," Piersak said. "But I don't have good technique right now."

Piersak is very busy with classes and being a two-sport athlete, but she wouldn't trade it for the world.

"It keeps me on schedule with school, sports and my social life," Piersak said.

This season, Piersak is forming a very close bond with her track and field teammates. She

also said she was very close with her soccer team last fall.

"We have movie nights every week," Piersak said of the track and field team. "We get along really well. It's a really good network of friends."

Besides having all of her friends from soccer and track, and other friends made along the way, Piersak has one other person who is very close to her at River Falls.

Piersak's sister Kelly is a freshman, and also a member of the soccer and track team.

"It's cheesy, but we're like best friends," Piersak said. "We're as close as you can be. We've been playing soccer together for years. Our family is also close; we do a lot together."

Besides her sister, she has a younger brother who is a sophomore in high school.

Piersak is spending her time in the classroom working on her degree in biology secondary education and a Spanish minor.

She is also planning to add an agriculture education double major.

"I'll be here forever," Piersak said.

Some may wonder why a girl who grew up so close to a big city chose a small campus and town like River Falls, but for Piersak the decision was all too easy.

"Again, it sounds cheesy, but I came here the summer before my senior year and it just felt right," Piersak said. "It's not too far from home. It's the per-



Jens Gunelson/Photo Services

Sophomore Amy Piersak, middle, runs in one of her races at the UW-RF Invitational on the weekend of April 8 and 9.

fect setting for the type of person I am."

Piersak has a lot of different interests other than soccer and track.

She likes to hunt. She said she was part of a small minority of females at Mounds View High School who participated in such a sport. She hunts deer and

pheasant with her father.

"I guess I fit in better here than at home," Piersak said.

When it comes to relaxing, in her very limited free time Piersak loves to watch movies and hang out with her friends.

Before graduation, there are many things that Piersak hopes to accomplish, both in her per-

sonal life and with sports.

"In soccer I strongly believe we can make it to nationals. We've got the talent and the player connection," Piersak said. "Track is more of a team goal. I hope we can get the entire program off the ground. We know where we can go."

# Falcons search for victories against WIAC foes

## Team falls to Eau Claire and drops one against Scholastica

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Freshman Ashley Quance runs toward first base in a game against Hamline University. The game took place on April 11, and the Falcons beat the Pipers in both games. This weekend the Falcons take on UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse at home.

The softball season has hit the middle of the road for the UW-River Falls Falcons, and it seems the team may have hit a bit of a stumbling block.

"We've had some good competition lately with both Eau Claire and St. Scholastica," junior Margo Taylor said.

On April 17, the Falcons played a two-game double header against St. Scholastica, from Duluth, Minn., in a match up that was postponed from earlier in the season.

The two games against the Saints were quite different. In the first game, there was hardly any scoring, as River Falls narrowly escaped with a 2-1 win. In the second game, the Saints dominated, winning 13-4.

In the first game, Scholastica

had an early lead, but was unable to hold on as Ashley Bertrand and Brittany Rathbun combined to pitch the whole game for the Falcons. The Falcons' only two runs of the game were scored in the fourth inning. Emily Howlett and Breamber Syverson scored.

In the second game, St.

**"For both teams we seemed to play one good game and one not-so-good game."**

Margo Taylor, junior softball player

Scholastica scored three runs in the first inning, and the Falcons were never able to get back into the game. Bertrand and Rathbun pitched in the game and were helped out by Kelly Quinn.

Things weren't much better for the Falcons last Friday, as they took on conference rival UW-Eau Claire at home in another double header.

"For both teams we seemed to

play one good game and one not-so-good game," Taylor said.

The Falcons lost two games to the Blugolds, marking this the second time they lost two games since the conference season started. The first time was on April 8 to UW-Oshkosh. Eau Claire, however, is ranked No. 8 in the country in women's softball.

The first game didn't start easily for the Falcons as they fell behind 6-0 in the first inning. They were never able to catch up and ended up losing 10-1.

Starting pitcher Bertrand was pulled after the first inning.

In the second game, Rathbun was the starting pitcher, and despite her efforts and pitching an entire game, the Falcons lost 7-3.

"When we played our game against St. Scholastica, we won," Taylor said. "When we played our game against Eau Claire, we went into extra innings and lost."

The next home game for River Falls is April 22 at 1 p.m.

April 17 results										
St. Scholas.	10	00	00	0	-	1	5	2		
River Falls	00	02	00	x	-	2	1	0		
Batting										
St. Scholastica	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so				
Erickson K., rf	3	1	0	0	1	1				
Thomas, ss	3	0	1	0	0	2				
Heise, p	2	0	2	1	1	0				
Bond, lf	2	0	0	0	1	1				
Cordie, c	3	0	0	0	0	0				
Madden, dh	2	0	0	0	0	1				
Juten, cf	3	0	2	0	0	0				
Yurczyk, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0				
Kneisl, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Dawson, ph	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Erickson M., 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Total	23	1	5	1	3	6				
UW-River Falls										
Rudiger, ss	3	0	0	0	0	2				
Syverson, 2b	2	1	0	0	1	1				
Howlett, 3b	3	1	0	0	0	0				
Wojnowiak, cf	3	0	0	0	0	1				
Peters, 1b	2	0	0	1	0	0				
Rathbun, dh/p	2	0	0	0	0	1				
Quance, lf	2	0	1	0	0	1				
James, c	2	0	0	0	0	1				
Kelley, rf	2	0	0	0	0	1				
Total	21	2	1	1	1	8				

Pitching										
St. Scholastica	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf			
Heise	6.0	1	2	0	1	8	22			
Total	6.0	1	2	0	1	8	22			
River Falls										
	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf			
Bertrand	4.0	4	1	1	3	3	18			
Rathbun	3.0	1	0	0	0	3	10			
Total	7.0	5	1	1	3	6	28			
April 17 results										
St. Scholas.	30	19	0	-	13	11	4			
River Falls	10	02	1	-	4	8	7			
Batting										
St. Scholastica	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so				
Erickson K., rf	4	2	3	3	0	0				
Thomas, ss	3	1	2	2	0	0				
Kahilainen, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Heise, p/dh	2	1	0	0	1	0				
Kinney, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Bond, lf	4	3	3	1	0	0				
Cordie, c	3	1	1	1	0	1				
Wood, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Yurczyk, 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0				
Madden, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Dawson, ph/p	2	1	1	3	0	1				
Kneisl, 3b	2	1	1	0	0	0				
McNamee, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0				

Juten, cf	1	1	0	0	0	0				
Weiss, ph	0	1	0	0	0	0				
Total	29	13	11	10	1	2				
UW-River Falls										
	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so				
Rudiger, ss	3	0	0	0	0	1				
Syverson, 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0				
Howlett, 3b	3	2	1	1	0	0				
Wojnowiak, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0				
Peters, 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1				
Rathbun, p/dh	3	1	0	0	0	0				
Quance, lf	2	1	2	0	0	0				
James, c	2	0	1	2	0	0				
Mathias, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Kelley, ph/rf	1	0	1	0	0	0				
Total	24	4	8	4	0	2				
Pitching										
Hamline	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf			
Heise	3.0	3	1	1	0	1	12			
Dawson	1.0	4	2	1	0	0	7			
Jansen	1.0	1	1	0	0	1	5			
Total	5.0	8	4	2	0	0	24			
River Falls										
	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf			
Bertrand	0.1	3	3	2	0	0	5			
Rathbun	3.0	6	9	0	1	2	20			
Quinn	1.2	2	1	0	1	0	7			
Total	5.0	11	13	2	2	2	32			

# NBA prepares to honor most valuable player



Matt Zinter

The NBA regular season is over now, and there are many talks on who will be winning this year's Most Valuable Player award.

It is said that five different players have a shot at the prestigious award: last year's MVP Steve Nash, Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, Pistons guard Chauncey Billups, the All-Star MVP LeBron James, and of course, the infamous Kobe Bryant.

When people think of MVP, what exactly runs through their minds?

Is it the fact that the player scores the most points, or is it the player who helps their team the most, or is it something

else? I really don't know what to think of when choosing a most valuable player.

When you think about who scores the most points in the league, Bryant and James come to mind right away. But what about Allen Iverson? Or how about Gilbert Arenas? They are both top five in the league for scoring, but not in the MVP race.

It's an interesting concept we have here.

How about if we find out who helps their team the most? We

**When people think of MVP, what exactly runs through their minds?**

have the defending MVP Nash, who has helped his team to another Pacific Division title, even without their star player, Amare Staudemire.

Another player that has helped

his team is Nowitzki. He has been the heart and soul of the Mavericks nobody in their right mind could say that he wasn't.

But what about Kevin Garnett? He led his team in points per game, led the league in rebounds per game and he was second on the team for assists per game.

Now tell me this much: Why is Garnett not in the running for the MVP award?

The reason is simple. When



SPORTS WRAP

Recreation Dept hosts basketball tourney

On April 22, the Recreation Department is putting on a Co-Rec two-on-two basketball tournament. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. on the east end basketball courts outside of McMillan and Grimm Halls. This free tournament is open to all students on campus. Since the tournament is co-ed the roster must have at least one male and one female. Students interested in participating should stop at the Leadership Center and sign up. The tournament is weather permitting, and weather decisions will be made by 12 p.m. on the day of the event. Anyone who wants to get more information can e-mail intramurals@uwrf.edu or call 425-4911.

STANDINGS


Fastpitch		
WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Eau Claire(24-4)	8	0
UW-Oshkosh(18-12)	7	1
UW-Superior(17-9)	4	2
UW-Platteville(10-16)	5	5
UW-LaCrosse(14-12)	4	4
UW-Whitewater(15-11)	4	6
UW-Stevens Point(17-8-1)	1	3
UW-River Falls(15-13)	1	5
UW-Stout(5-19)	0	8

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

Check out Pure Radio 88.7 WRFW to keep up to date on all Falcon sports.


SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Softball



UW-RF

vs



Platteville

1 p.m. Saturday  
Ramer Field Complex

The Falcons return home at 1 p.m. on April 22, for a WIAC game against UW-Platteville. This game will be the Alumni Reunion for the Falcon program. The Falcons will be fresh off a game at UW-Stout on Thursday. UW-RF will also be at home the next day, April 23, at noon for their Parent Appreciation Game against UW-La Crosse. After this weekend the Falcons only have two home games; one against UW-Superior and the last against St. Mary's.

Varsity Sports Week

- Saturday, April 22  
Softball vs. UW-Platteville, 1 p.m.  
Track and Field hosts Border Olympics, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, April 23  
Softball vs. UW-La Crosse, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 26  
Softball vs UW-Superior, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 30  
Softball at Stevens Point, 2 p.m.

Sports Wrap compiled by Sarah Packingham

American League Central is no joke

GUEST COLUMNIST



Chris Schad

On one summer day in July 2003, I sat in a friend's basement in Rochester, Minn., and I was almost embarrassed to watch my Minnesota Twins play baseball. This wasn't as bad as last season's sick feeling of watching the Twins; this was different. Since the Twins franchise resurrected in 2001, the Twins were almost masterful in not letting one loss result in another. They played hard and well, and for most of the two and a half years before that, they led the American League Central Division.

Of course this wasn't as credible as it is today. So I sat with my friend after another Twins loss to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (who in simpler days were known as the Anaheim Angels.) We watched ESPN and heard one of their analysts call the AL Central, "Comedy Central." Just as I was about to jump up and defend the division, I realized it was no use. He was right. At that point, only two teams were over a .500 record, the Chicago White Sox ... and the Kansas City Royals? Yes, baseball fans, the division was so bad that the Kansas City Royals were in first place of the division. (Note: At that time the Royals had a young, rising star named Carlos Beltran. You may have heard of him.)

However, as I flash forward to this year, one question remains about the AL Central. What's so funny about it? The American League Central has evolved into possibly the best division in baseball. Just look at what they have to compare with in the American League. The American League is set up into three divisions, East, Central and West. This was set up in 1995 when commissioner Bud Selig came up with the idea of entering a Wild Card team into the playoffs along with the three division winners. Changes have been made to the divisions in the past couple of years, such as the decision for Selig's formerly owned team, the Milwaukee Brewers, to move from the American League Central to the National League Central. This accommodated the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in 1999, which opens the door to what baseball looks like today. There is the American League East, which holds the super-teams of New York and Boston. People may say this is the best division but there is a significant drop-off after the two teams, as Toronto, Baltimore

and Tampa Bay aren't anything to write home about. People may say the West division, is the best because of its three main teams, Los Angeles (of Anaheim), Oakland and Texas. However, it also houses Seattle, and that's it. The West only houses four teams. It would be interesting to see how it would fare with a fifth team, but that won't happen for a while as the last four expansion teams have had problems within their respective front offices. That leaves the American League Central which holds many storylines. The Minnesota Twins: the hometown team that could. The Twins raise their own players and use witty trades to outsmart bigger and more financially stable teams such as the AJ Pierzynski for Joe Nathan, Francisco Liriano and Boof Bonser trade, where the Twins got a closer and a future ace for their pitching

The Tigers tied a modern day record for losses in a season in 2003...

staff. There's the Chicago White Sox. The 2005 World Series Champions have a manager (Ozzie Guillen), a front office (GM Kenny Williams) and a catcher (Pierzynski) who love to talk smack to anybody else in baseball that's not on the White Sox. The Cleveland Indians, who just two years ago were in full fledged rebuilding mode and the young players who received playing time such as designated hitter Travis Hafner and outfielder Grady Sizemore are becoming superstars. The Detroit Tigers are the same class as the Indians. The Tigers tied a modern day record for most losses in a season in 2003 with 119, but have also given young players an opportunity to play such as pitcher Jeremy Bonderman, and the man who leads the league with nine home runs through Monday, first baseman Chris Shelton. Then the Central also has the Royals who pretty much have nothing. With the exception of the Royals there is no division in the American League that compares with the AL Central. The East and West have two or three teams that are capable of winning the division, the Central has four. The AL Central may still be "Comedy Central" to some people in Massachusetts and New York, but they can enjoy their 57 combined meetings with the poor teams in the bottom third of their division. The only thing comical about the AL Central is how badly they'll destroy the East and the West this year.



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Sophomore Vicki Cooper participates in the javelin throw at the UW-RF Invitational in early April.

Tracksters make run for nationals

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The UW-River Falls track team traveled to Eau Claire last Friday for the Bugolds Open. No team scores were kept, but some individuals for River Falls had outstanding days. "We did a pretty good job," freshman Kelly Piersak said. "We are pretty happy with our performance." Sophomore Krista Hasselquist took first place in the women's shot put, with a throw of 13.4 meters. Sophomore Shannon Zweifel also took a first place in the 400-meter hurdles, with a time of 63.18 seconds. That time qualified her for nationals. Sophomore Vicki Cooper also qualified for nationals in the discus, with a throw of 42.85 meters. "I feel ecstatic about Vicki and

Shannon making nationals," Hasselquist said. "We had a great meet all together and great things happened on both the men's and women's side." For the men's side, freshman Dave Jones took fourth place in the 400-meter dash, with a time 50.43 seconds. Freshman Jason Phillippi took third place in the 3,000-meter run, with a time of 9:37.17. The team is nearing the end of the season, and some tough meets are coming up, including the Drake meet and the Macalester meet. "Drake will be extremely tough," Hasselquist said. "They are the best in the nation. All of the divisions that are there are the best." The Falcons' next meet is on Saturday. They will be hosting the Border Olympics starting at 10 a.m.

Women  
April 14 results  
Bugold Open  
No Team Scores Kept

UWRF top finishers (event-performance)  
1. Zweifel, 400-meter hurdles - 63.18; 3. Reed, 100-meter hurdles 15.32; 3. Cooper, Discus Throw - 42.85 m; 5. Cooper, Javelin Throw - 31.51m ; 1. Hasselquist, Shot Put - 13.40m.

Men  
April 14 results  
Bugold Open  
No Team Scores Kept

UWRF top finishers (event-performance)  
3. Meissner, 100-meter - 11.20 ; 4. Jones, 400-meter - 50.43; 5. Stewart, Triple Jump - 12.45; 3. Wahlberg, Long Jump - 6.42m.

Zinter: Kobe a top pick for MVP award

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people vote for the most valuable player, they look at how well the player did, how well they played with their team, and most importantly, how well their team did. So yes, Garnett did do very well for his team, but his team did not do very well to support him. When you see Nowitzki or James, you see a great player that also had a great team to support him. Then there is Bryant. What can you say about Kobe Bryant? All I can say is that he has done remarkable things this year.

This year, he scored 81 points in one game, something that only one other person in history has done. He led the league in scoring this year with an unbelievable 35.4 points per game, and he has had six games this year where he scored 50 or more points in one game. Kobe Bryant should be this year's MVP award winner, no question. If he doesn't get the award, I might quit watching basketball forever. End of story. LeBron James will come in second, and then right behind him will be Dirk Nowitzki.

Packingham: Duke involved in scandal

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So, like I was saying, you can't really escape scandals. No matter how hard you try, you'll find them whether it's on a national, or even regional or local, level. The most recent sports scandal to plague the nation is that of the Duke University lacrosse team. It's been said that the members of the team hired a stripper to dance at a party they were throwing off campus. After the party, there were accusations flying everywhere that these players had kidnapped the woman and then raped her. That was just the beginning of a downward spiral for the team. Their season was canceled, they no longer have a head

It's often not because they're innocent, it's because they're famous.

coach and many of the players' good names and reputations are now tarnished. It has been proven that some of the players were innocent, but as recent as Tuesday, two of the players were also arrested and charged. Now we only have to wait around and see what more will come out of this high profile scandal at Duke University. Hey, at least we'll have something to talk about.

STUDENTS HIT THE SAND



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

A group of students gathers on the volleyball court between Prucha and Stratton Halls to play sand volleyball on a warm afternoon early this week. Now that the weather is nice, students across campus are heading outside to participate in a wide variety of springtime activities, including volleyball, baseball, frisbee and just taking walks.

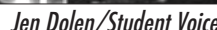


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Activities to be held inside the

An event first, Huffman said the goal of adding a second round is to recreate the same

Daytime events are set to take off at 10 a.m.



**Grammy Award winner George Winston plays for students and the public in Abbott Concert Hall April 15.**

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Winston also had music for sale. Part of the proceeds of those sales also went to food shelves, Winston said. He said he became aware of the hunger issues in America in the early 1980s.

“Last time he was here, it was packed,” Gnatzig said. “It was packed.”

"Just keep working at it and someday maybe you'll get it," he said. "Whatever 'it' is."

## Jen Dolen/Student Voice

**This year's Queer Prom was an event open to anyone and everyone. The event was free and held by the UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance. The prom was held in Brandy's from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. April 13.**

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To the winners of the Chancellor's Award

To Tom Cruise reproducing



To the start of the NBA Finals and the NHL Playoffs

Falcon Favorites



Claire Kilian Associate professor of management

Kilian came to work at UW-RF in 2000. She attended UW-Madison, and received degrees in psychology and anthropology. She then she got her a Ph.D. at Ohio State in pharmaceutical sales. Kilian taught in Ohio for a few years, then went on to Massachusetts for management and human resources. Kilian is involved throughout the UW-RF campus in the Affirmative Action/EEO committee, as well as the long range planning committee. She is also the advisor for the Society for Human Resource Management. "I have not had a traditional work life. I was in a tenured track and then I had kids," Kilian said. "You don't have to know exactly what you want to do." Kilian has taught overseas in the Wisconsin in Scotland program. She is teaching in the International Traveling Classroom in Spring 2007. Kilian said the traveling classroom is "great for students. Many have never been on a plane before, and it's great for international experience." Kilian made it a point that the meetings she attends are not the best part of her job, but rather teaching. "I knew I always wanted to be back at a small teaching school," Kilian said. "I like teaching and the interaction with students." Some advice Kilian would give to students would be to "Value the choices you have. You shouldn't throw it away. You can do anything you want and value the opportunities."

Campus Calendar

Monday-Thursday, April 24-27

9:30 p.m. - Observatory Viewing: Exotic Effects of Black Holes. Talk at 9:30 p.m. by physics professor Eileen Korenic in Room 271 Centennial Science Hall. The talk will be held the first clear night only of each set. Free and open to the public. Viewing is between 10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. at the UW-RF Observatory, Centennial Science Hall. For weather updates, call (715) 425-3560 or visit uwrf.edu/physics/obsviewtime.html

Wednesday, April 26

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Unity in the Community This day-long festival is a celebration of diversity on our campus, among our neighbors and in our world. Location: Student Center mall

Thursday, April 27

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. - RSCA Day RSCA Day is a day of celebration of the research, scholarly and creative activity of UW-RF students, staff and faculty. We'll show 60-70 posters depicting work from every college and most disciplines on campus. Free UW-RF ice cream cones will be available. Location: Falcon's Nest, Student Center

FALCON REVIEWS

Tour comes to St. Paul

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Sounding better than ever and hinting at a new record late this year, Fall Out Boy was back in Minnesota for the first time since last November. The Xcel Energy Center opened with the calm, yet unique sound of Chicago's own The Hush Sound. The four-piece band began with an indie, yet emo sound. The Hush Sound is definitely not an opening band, especially for the Black Clouds and Underdogs Tour. I've been to a few concerts in my lifetime, and this was by far the worst opening artist. The band is not worthy of opening a stadium tour, especially for a band like Fall Out Boy. Up next was From First To Last, a screamo/hardcore/alternative band out of Los Angeles. The band recently dropped a new album, *Heroine*. Prior to the show, I had only listened to the band's older music, which I thought was pretty decent for the genre. I was, absolutely appalled at how amazingly awful it sounded live. With chaos cluttering the stage, sounds of offbeat rhythms and horrendous tone filled the Xcel. It seemed like forever, with a



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4.5 out of five points

raging crowd desperate for water, and a never-ending drone of guitars coinciding with the frightful roars of From First To Last. I enjoy hardcore music, but this was something I have never truly understood. Next up was one of my personal faves, Hawthorne Heights, out of Dayton, Ohio. After professionally introducing themselves, Hawthorne Heights proceeded to open with a new single, "This Is Who We Are," which lit the crowd on fire. Mosh pits began forming immediately, along with a great amount of crowd surfing. Other favorites the band played were "Niki FM," "Ohio Is For Lovers," "The Transition," and the fan favorite, "Saying Sorry." The band closed their part of the show by announcing their current filming at Xcel for the release of a new single. Footage from the performance of the final song will appear in an

upcoming music video. The most dreaded band of the show, The All-American Rejects, totally shocked me. Boy, did my ears ache, not only from the haunting lyrics, but from the absolute encompassing roar of the St. Paul crowd. I was shocked at the fan base this unoriginal band has. It was almost scary to see how influential radio is on people's music tastes. With the grand finale set to happen in less than five minutes, empty seats began filling like mad. The entire Xcel Energy Center may have filled, no lie. The event was totally worth the pre-ticket wait, and the final \$40 price.

Fall Out Boy blew the roof off. Playing a mix from every past and present album, Fall Out Boy left a mark in history of amazing concerts. I was shocked at the pyrotechnics involved in a punk rock show. With amazing crowd awareness, a flawless performance and eye shattering special effects, Fall Out Boy truly gained my respect back, after losing it all to comments made by members on the radio and by magazine critics. Fall Out Boy left St. Paul with thanks and hints at a new album, which brought about one final roar to this incredible display of phenomenal rock music.

Du jour

**Seduction on the Rocks**  
**Ingredients:**  
1 oz. orange juice  
1/2 oz. butterscotch schnapps  
1/2 oz. lemon-lime soda  
**Mixing instructions:**  
Pour butterscotch schnapps and orange juice into glass and add soda. Serve over ice.

**Voodoo Sunrise**  
**Ingredients:**  
1 shot vodka  
1 shot Bacardi white rum  
2 oz. grenadine  
orange juice  
**Mixing instructions:**  
Add rum and vodka to a tall glass. Tilt the glass and add grenadine while pouring down the inside of the glass. Fill with juice.

**Spearmint Lifesaver**  
**Ingredients:**  
1 oz. Jack Daniels  
2 cups Mountain Dew  
**Mixing instructions:**  
Mix ingredients. Garnish with a slice of lime if desired.

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

No more 'Scary Movies,' please

Like I have said before, I am not Laverse to dick and fart jokes. In fact, with "Scary Movie 4," I welcome them. Never has a movie that had no plot done such a good job of holding my attention. Before I had time to stop snickering at one parody, it had changed pace and was doing another. Notice that I said snicker - it wasn't a good enough movie to laugh out loud. It was only funny enough to chuckle with disgusted satisfaction. It's the kind of humor I really would have loved as a freshman in high school, when the first one came out. I give most of my props to the actresses, Regina Hall and Anna Faris. They have kept this movie series alive when its other sequels were not big successes (if you can really call any of them a 'success'). They manage to play very fresh characters when the premise for each movie has been the same. I also loved how they didn't just parody movies, but also the president. Leslie Nielsen did a great job as a national leader who just didn't understand what to do in a time of war. (Sound like anyone we know?) Remember that during the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush was busy doing story time with some grade-schoolers and actually waited until it was over to deal with the terrorism. Nielsen parodies the same thing when the world is being attacked by giant 'tr-iPods'. But it was probably even more disturbing because Nielsen has a very masculine, educated voice. You wouldn't look at him and think, "What a geek president."

All the cameos were good and generally stuck to their stereotypes. Dr. Phil finally had to admit that he wasn't technically a 'doctor.' Shaquille O'Neal had to make a free throw-like shot to survive (like the movie "Saw") and "Brokeback Mountain" is still incredibly gay. I only wish some of the actors would have gotten a bit more screen time. Bill Pullman was in there for a good five minutes for a spoof on "The Village." It just went to reinforce the fact that Pullman was only funny in "Space Balls," and had he quit making movies then, he would be considered a much better actor. Dane Cook was also in the movie, but he played Jigsaw (the weird doll on the tricycle from "Saw"), so you never got to see his full comedic genius. Carmen Electra made one small poop joke, and Chris Elliot was apparently in the movie but I don't remember seeing him at all. I didn't know he was even a part of the cast until I looked it up online. This is one of those movies that, if you saw it, and then a week later your best friend begged you to go because he or she hadn't see it, you would go. But only if they paid. Jenna is a sophomore studying journalism and music history. She enjoys watching dark comedy movies.



Jenna Lee



Nick Welsh



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3.2 out of five points

Though the story isn't as well-written as the previous ones, I do have to admit that this installment not only uses material from other films, but also from technology, current events and pop culture. For example, after an object crashes into a street, people stare at a massive and towering ... iPod. The story continues with the dim-witted Cindy (Anna Faris). We learn that she is now a widow, has left her son at a military academy and has moved to a new house to restart her life. She ends up falling for her neighbor, Tom Ryan, a clueless loser who disappoints his ex-wife and children time and time again. Taking Tom Cruise's role from "War of the Worlds," I believe the actor here does a better job at being the idiot than his character really is. The writers expand on this, even including Cruise's now infamous interview with Oprah and his 'jumping the couch' incident. But unfortunately, it wasn't able to live up to its predecessors. Masturbation runs rampant, to the point of killing the humor in it. The actors do present their characters well, but the same sort of creativity that was there before doesn't reappear, and is instead replaced with cheesy jokes that are one too many. I do like how material was used from different sources this time around, but I feel that it would have been more effective if more information were woven into the movie. It did prove to be a decent flick. Funny, yes, but it just doesn't reach the bar placed by its predecessors. The storyline doesn't seem to flow as well as before, instead feeling as though it is repeatedly interrupted. I can remember when everyone was saying "WHAZZUP!" to each other when the first one came out. Such an impact on the audience isn't as capable this time around. I believe the latest installment was funny, but it wasn't hilarious. If you're a fan of the "Scary Movie" franchise, go ahead and see it. It's just that I'd recommend seeing it in a full theater at a discount price.

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2.0 out of five points



# UW-RF to inaugurate 16th chancellor

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Don Betz, the 16th chancellor of UW-River Falls, will be formally inaugurated at 2 p.m. April 28 in Knowles Center.

"It's a milestone in the history of the institution," said Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders. "An inauguration is never about the person who's being installed. It's used as an opportunity to send critical messages of what the institution is about and the vision for the future."

In the Chancellor's inaugural address, Betz will be laying out the University's vision, which focuses on leadership and will encompass globalization, inclusiveness and service within the St. Croix Valley, Kinders said.

"First impressions may be stating the wrong things; it takes time to have a better appreciation of the campus," Kinders said of why an inauguration occurs months after a new chancellor's job has started. "This is a consensus of what the Chancellor has been hearing for the last nine months."

At the April 28 ceremony, Betz will be greeted by campus governance representatives and alumnus Boyd Huppert, a reporter for KARE-11.

Patricia Steiner, a distinguished alumna and member of the Metropolitan Opera, will perform during the ceremony, and there will also be greetings by Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Rod Nilsestuen on behalf of Gov. Jim Doyle, Regent Brent Smith on behalf of the Board of Regents and UW-System President Kevin Reilly. River Falls Mayor Don Richards will also offer a greeting at the ceremony.

Gifts will be presented to Betz representing various campus groups, including: a falcon sculpture from Student Senate on behalf of all students, a tree from Classified Staff, a bench from Faculty Senate and the installation of a leadership resource materials section in the Davee Library by Academic Staff Council.

Art professor Lynn Jermal will also present an

inauguration mural, which students, staff and faculty had the opportunity to create. The artwork consists of 5.5-inch square tiles painted to express themes of the University.

A concert of UW-RF musical ensembles will be held before the event.

"A ceremony like this is also a reflection of the state of Wisconsin," Kinders said, adding that about 150 people will be marching in academic garb, and representatives of higher education institutions, regents, chancellors, legislators and members of Congress will attend.

While Faculty Senate has encouraged faculty members to allow their students to attend the inauguration, Kinders said classes will not be dismissed April 28.

In celebration of the Betz's installment to the University, several events have been planned for Inaugural Week, April 23-28.

The all-campus picnic is April 27 at 5 p.m. on the Student Center mall. Students must get a free ticket at the Student Center information desk by April 24 in order to eat.

Judging Ronald, a cover band made up of UW-RF students Kris Kulsrud and Mike Allen, as well as friends Brett Patterson and Nick Ingles, will perform at the picnic.

The band was formed about a year and a half ago, and has performed at Brandy's and various private parties. The group will finish writing and producing its first album this summer, with an anticipated release in July or August.

"Our set is going to consist of a lot of recent, and some not-so-recent, songs that hopefully everyone knows," Kulsrud said. "So come up to the front of the stage, sing along, rock out, and help us celebrate this awesome time in our University's history; we are proud to be a part of it."

Some other inaugural week highlights will be the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra performance April 23, the College of Education and Professional Studies annual reception April 24, the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science exhibit and awards ceremony, and the College of Arts and Sciences awards ceremony April 25 and Unity in the Community April 26.

More information on these events can be found at the UW-RF Public Affairs Web site.



Submitted Photo

Judging Ronald, a cover band composed of two UW-RF students and two friends, will perform next week during the inauguration events for Chancellor Don Betz.

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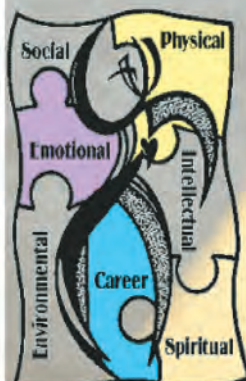
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