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Senate resolves grievances, makes final decision

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Joe Eggers was named Student Senate president Tuesday, after the Senate Ethics Committee, arbitrator Blake Fry and the Senate resolved several grievances that had been filed against presidential candidates Eggers and Dusty Pfundheller.

In the first step of the process, the Ethics Committee sided with Eggers. That decision was appealed by Pfundheller, and the issue was taken to Fry, dean of student development and campus diversity, for arbitration, who sided with Pfundheller. In the final step of the process, Eggers appealed Fry's decision to Senate, and Pfundheller was disqualified for the position by a vote of 12-3-3.

Pfundheller was accused of eight violations, including: using the Newman Center e-mail list; distributing unaddressed brochures in residence hall mailboxes; placing campaign posters on the walls of Kleinpell Fine Arts, Agricultural Science and the Davee Library; hanging posters larger than the allowed dimensions; placing posters within 100 feet of computer labs; putting campaign materials in the McMillan Hall computer lab; vandalizing University property with sidewalk chalk on the steps of North Hall and campaigning in Rodli by approaching students.



Dustin Pfundheller

"After going through the campaign process, there are a small number of things I would have done differently, however, I believe that my campaigning was legitimate at the time," Pfundheller said. "Now, after the grievances were filed, many of the rules and regulations I had searched and asked for during the election were finally brought to my attention. It is unfortunate though that I was not aware of them sooner."

Eggers was accused of four violations, including: removing Dusty's campaign posters and sidewalk chalk drawings, sending an e-mail through the UW-RF College Democrats mailing list to endorse his candidacy, placing multiple posters within individual residence halls and leaving posters in residence halls for more than 24 hours after the conclusion of the election.

"Because Dusty used an array of cheating techniques doesn't mean I would do the same," Eggers said. "I was tired of the flagrant violations I saw across campus and was aware of the unfair advantage it was giving Dusty."

The grievances were brought to the Ethics Committee on April 13, and the group decided to uphold Pfundheller's violations and dismiss those against Eggers.

"The Student Senate Association Ethics Committee has ruled, that because of the rules broken by Dustin Pfundheller and whereas the election was a very close one, Dustin forfeited his right to run in the Student Senate presidential election," Senate Ethics Chair Shaun Priesgen said in the committee's report. "However Dustin will be able to stay on the Senate and gain more experience in Student Government and for future opportunities to run for Student Senate president."

After the committee's ruling was appealed by Pfundheller, the situation was taken to Fry for arbitration. After deliberation, Fry chose to dismiss all alleged violations that were not violations of University policy or election rules, as well as those violations of policies that are not commonly enforced on campus. The only charge he chose to uphold was Pfundheller's violation of campaign poster dimension requirements.

"The question I am left to ask is if two square feet of extra poster board is a violation serious enough to overturn the vote of the UW-River Falls student body," Fry wrote in the April 23 arbitration report. "I contend that it is not. The election of Dustin Pfundheller as 2006-07 Student Senate president is upheld."

Eggers appealed Fry's decision to the Senate at its April 25 meeting.

Pfundheller was notified of rule violations prior to the close of the elections, Eggers said, but opted not to correct his errors. Eggers said the president of the Newman Center e-mailed Pfundheller about misuse of the e-mail list, desk

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TIMBER TOKEN



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Dave Helberg adds the finishing touches on a wooden falcon sculpture in front of the Student Center. Student Senate hired Helberg to make the sculpture as a gift for Chancellor Don Betz. The gift will be presented on behalf of all students at the inauguration ceremony April 28.

New Senate leaders plan for next year

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Student Senate election results are finally official, and Joe Eggers and Beth Barnett will be serving UW-River Falls as Senate president and vice president next year.

Although Eggers lost the majority to candidate Dustin Pfundheller by 11 votes, Eggers was awarded the presidential position by Senate April 25 after Pfundheller

was forced to forfeit his right to run due to election rules violations.

"I would like to do several things to improve the campus and continue its excellence," Eggers said. "I would first like to look at the idea of keeping the library open 24 hours a day."

Eggers said each student on campus would pay about \$6 more per semester to pay for two full-time librarians and student workers.

"I would also like to look at putting lights on the back path," he said. "Because there is no



Joe Eggers



Beth Barnett

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Smoking fine proposed to Chancellor, administrators

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The Student Senate passed a motion Tuesday to implement a \$10 fine for people who violate the 25-foot smoking rule on campus. The motion will be forwarded to Chancellor Don Betz, Public Safety Director Mark Kinders, Director of Residence Life/Staff Development Terry Willson and Director of Student Life Facilities Mike Stifter.

A previous motion, which proposed to ban smoking on all campus property, failed to pass at the Senate meeting on April 18, although a question on the Senate election ballot showed a majority of students were in favor of the ban.

A total of 727 students voted, with 410 in favor of a smoke-free campus.

"Students have voiced their opinion on this issue, and a clear and definite majority believes that the campus needs to become smoke free," Senator Nate Cook said.

Cook proposed the all-campus ban at the March 28 Senate meeting. It was tabled until a later date to get information and input from students and smokers on the issue.

"In addition, this is only going to cause bigger issues with smokers possibly going across Cascade to smoke," Senator Jim Vierling said. "This is a policy I don't think Public Safety is able to enforce."

A total of four students were at the meeting to offer their opinions as to whether there should be a smoking ban on campus.

"I think everybody has the opportunity to smoke, and if they are



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Freshman Emily Ambrose lights a cigarette between Prucha and Stratton Halls. Many problems with people violating the 25-foot rule have been reported surrounding the residential buildings.

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Committee reviews applicants for new provost

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Ginny Coombs

UW-River Falls will soon have a vice chancellor to add to the list of new faculty members. Applicants are currently being considered to fill the position, since Provost and Vice Chancellor Ginny Coombs' resignation takes effect this summer.

The position will be open as of July 1, said Suzanne Hagen, chair of the provost and vice chancellor search and screen committee.

The 14-member committee has just begun the review process of the pool of applicants, Hagen said.

This point of the screen and search process can be a challenge.

"We are near the horizon," she said.

After reviewing the applications, the committee will move on to phone interviews with around 10 to 12 candidates. From there, Hagen said the committee will do reference checks on candidates to narrow down the applicants to a select group that will come to UW-RF for interviews.

While there is no set number of candidates that will be interviewed, the committee has a general idea.

"Five is probably a ballpark figure," Hagen said. However, Hagen went on to say that no number has been set in stone.

The committee is hoping to begin bringing candidates to campus in early June. Hagen said they will try to correspond interview dates with summer registration dates when more students and professors are on campus.

It is uncertain right now when the position will be filled, but Chancellor Don Betz said he would like to see the position filled as soon as possible. "All you need is the right one," Betz said. "It's a very important position."

As chief academic officer of the University, the provost also serves as chief executive officer in the absence of the chancellor, according to the vacancy notice posted at www.uwrf.edu/provost-search.

Fourteen qualifications for the position are also

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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

University triathlon is Saturday

The Falcon Mini-Triathlon is April 29, and will start at 10 a.m. The event will begin with a 400-yard swim at Karges pool, and will be followed by a 3.6-mile bicycle leg and a 1.8-mile run.

Contestants pay at the registration table on the hill next to Karges Center north of the parking lot the morning of the event.

Cost is \$5 for students, staff and faculty, and \$10 for the public. Contact Bill Henderson at 715-425-0636 for more information.

Students present mysterious play

The student theater group, Masquers, presents “The Butler Did It” at 7:30 p.m. April 27—29 and May 4—6 in the Davis Theatre of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

The play is a story about the last attempt of Anthony Lefcourt to re-establish his career as a director and author through a well-calculated play that goes madly awry.

“The Butler Did It” is a ‘play’ on the classic “whodunnit,” said Iris O’Brien, a senior at UW-RF and director of the piece. “It is a play within a play that is filled with interesting characters and a dizzying storyline.”

“The Butler Did It” is the latest in a long line of shows produced by Masquers annually. The play is completely student organized, from the props and costumes to the lights and set. “The production serves as a way for the students of River Falls to see a show where all acting, design, technical and artistic aspects are done and accomplished by fellow students,” O’Brien said.

Actress Alexis Delve said, “It’s nice to have a peer as a director. It’s more rewarding to have praise from an equal peer.”

The play has taken three months to rehearse, and has a cast and crew of 20 students.

The play is produced by Walter and Peter Marks. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$4 for students and seniors.

REGIONAL

Report reveals declining household income

An annual report issued by Competitive Wisconsin Inc. showed that, since 1995, household incomes in the state have dropped from 20.2 percent above the national average to 3.5 percent in 2004, a drop of more than 20 percent, according to the *Hudson Star-Observer*.

Over the last five years, Wisconsin’s average household income remained nearly unchanged, while the national median increased 9.1 percent and Minnesota’s was up 19.3 percent.

The report also found that, compared to neighboring states, Wisconsin residents face higher state and local taxes relative to income.

On the positive side, the report showed that the state has an excellent education system, with the number of high school graduates growing. It is 10 points above the national average of 69.7 percent. It also showed violent crime in the state is down by 25 percent since 1995; home ownership is up in the state with some 73.3 percent of the state’s residents owning their own home; and Wisconsin remains below the national poverty rate average and continues to enjoy an unemployment rate well below the national average.

Grass carp in lower St. Croix raise concern

A 45- to 50-pound grass carp was caught in the Lower St. Croix River earlier this month, fueling concern about several types of Asian carp that are making their way up the Mississippi River from southern states, according to the *Pioneer Press*.

A commercial fisherman caught the carp April 7 near Prescott, Wis., said Jay Rendall, invasive species program coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Grass carp is one of four species of Asian carp that were imported into the United States in the 1960s and ‘70s, escaped into the lower Mississippi basin, and now threaten fisheries by consuming food normally eaten by native fish and wildlife.

A small number of grass carp have been caught in the Mississippi River between Minnesota and Wisconsin over the past two decades, Rendall said.

The latest catch underscores the continuing threat from those fish, he said. Grass carp, which consume up to 40 percent of their body weight in underwater plants each day, can reach a length of 5 feet and can weigh up to 100 pounds.

They were imported to control nuisance plants in farm ponds, but escaped or were released within several years. They have since been found in more than 40 states.

So far, there is no evidence that they are reproducing in Minnesota, Rendall said. In recent years, Minnesota and Wisconsin have sought federal help to keep Asian carp from becoming established in the upper Mississippi River.

NATIONAL

Bush announces new plan for gas prices

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Calling the oil issue a matter of national security, President Bush outlined a plan Tuesday to cut gasoline costs, and temporarily stopped deposits to the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Bush is delaying this summer’s deposits to the reserve — an emergency stockpile of government-owned crude oil — as he faces political pressure from campaigning members of Congress and angry consumers about high gas prices.

“So by deferring deposits until the fall, we’ll leave a little more oil on the market,” Bush said during a speech at the Renewable Fuels Association in Washington.

However, oil experts said the impact of withholding deposits, while positive, will have a negligible impact on gas prices.

The plan calls for making sure consumers and taxpayers are treated fairly, promoting greater fuel efficiency, boosting the U.S. gasoline supply and investing aggressively in gasoline alternatives.

Bush has also ordered a federal investigation into possible cheating, price gouging or illegal manipulation in the gasoline markets.

Oil companies reported record profits in 2005, led by Exxon Mobil, which said it made \$36.1 billion — the largest-ever annual profit for a U.S. firm.

As the nation’s busiest driving season approaches, American consumers are paying a national average of \$2.91 per gallon for regular self-serve, according to the Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gasoline stations.

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SENATE

Senate threatened with a lawsuit

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Student Ben Plunkett threatened to take legal action against the Student Senate at its April 25 meeting, after he filed a grievance against presidential candidate Dustin Pfundheller. The complaint was not taken into consideration during the arbitration process, and Plunkett was not notified of its progress, Plunkett said.

“The ethics board upheld the complaint and ruled that Dusty would not be eligible,” he said. “The arbitrator failed to address any of the evidence I brought.”

Plunkett said he had already picked up the paperwork to file suit against both Pfundheller and the Senate, to ensure that the rules were followed.

“We have rules and laws that are there for a reason,” Plunkett said. “When a candidate refuses to follow the rules and correct an error that is brought to their attention it creates an unfair advantage for the person breaking the rules.”

At 12:04 p.m. April 11, Plunkett sent an e-mail to Pfundheller notifying him of his policy violations regarding signs posted in the Davee Library, Kleinpell Fine Arts and other buildings on campus. He included a link to the Web site of the administrative policies that were violated.

Plunkett also called Pfundheller and left a phone message, as well as filed a formal complaint with Student Senate less than 30 minutes later.

Pfundheller replied to Plunkett via e-mail at 5:07 p.m. April 11, and Plunkett said the problem was not corrected until the next morning, on the last day of elections.

“In any other election this is called electioneering, and is a criminal offense,” Plunkett said.

Plunkett and Pfundheller exchanged two other e-mails, in which rules were discussed

and clarified.

“Had Mr. Pfundheller corrected the error when it was brought to his attention I would have dropped my complaint,” Plunkett said. “Mr. Pfundheller failed to do this even when the appropriate rules were shown to him.”

Because Senate chose to uphold the Ethics Committee’s ruling, Plunkett said he will not follow through with legal action at this time.

“The parties in this election were not just the candidates, but all of the students that will be affected by the decisions the Student Senate will make with our student money in the next year,” Plunkett said.

Other Senate news

• Senate chose not to increase the stipends of several Senate positions by a vote of 5-7-3.

The proposal called for the president’s pay to go from \$225 per month to \$300 per month, the vice president’s from \$150 to \$235, directors’ from \$150 to \$175, Leadership Development (LDPB) and Programming Board chair’s from \$150 to \$235 and the Facilities and Fees Board chair’s from \$150 to \$235.

At the request of Senator Dustin Pfundheller, Vice President Beth Barnett and incoming President Joe Eggers abstained from voting on increases for their own salaries.

According to the motion, the UW-River Falls Student Senate is one of the lowest paid senates in Wisconsin, and the president, vice president, directors and board chairs are not paid enough to effectively complete their tasks.

Pfundheller said the proposed increases would cost \$3,840 extra each year, and that money could be used to benefit all students on campus through other opportunities.

Trading goats for charados



AJ Oscarson/Student Voice

Chancellor Don Betz gave Unidad Academia Campesina-Carmen Pampa a goat for its project. The goat will in turn help Bolivians because they provide healthier meat and milk.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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April 13
Holly J. Webb was fined \$71.20 for violating the animal excrement ordinance April 13 around 11:45 a.m.

River Falls Police responded to 216 S. Winter St. after receiving complaints that Webb had allegedly not been picking up her dog’s excrement. According to the police report, officers found at least four piles near the sidewalk.

Webb was issued a fine in March for violating the same ordinance. Officers issued the fine on April 13 because the dog excrement has been a continued problem.

April 17
Kathy A. Tomlinson reported the theft of her wallet from her office in North Hall to Public Safety around 7 p.m.

Tomlinson told officers she had her wallet and her lunch in her backpack when she arrived at 8 a.m. Tomlinson said she noticed the wallet missing around 5 p.m.

Public Safety and Tomlinson reported the theft to the River Falls Police Department.

Tomlinson told police that she had received a phone call around 6 p.m. from one of her credit card companies after some suspicious charges had been made. According to the police report, after contacting her other credit card companies, Tomlinson found that charges in excess of \$2,000 had been made on her cards.

Tomlinson told officers her office had not been locked during the day.

Total loss is estimated around \$2,155.

April 18
Melissa C. Phelps reported being attacked by a cat to RFPD around 10:30 a.m. near Rocky Branch School along Bartosh Lane.

Phelps told police she was walking her dog when the cat came up and began attacking her dog. Phelps stated that while she was picking up her dog the cat scratched her on the legs and left arm.

A neighbor, who witnessed the event, told police that the cat is always running loose in the neighborhood.

April 20
Vandalism to University property was reported by Public Safety.

According to the report, two parking signs, a building sign and a 911 emergency phone had been spray painted within the past two weeks.

Vandalism to a sign on the north side of the Nelson Center, 120 E. Cascade Ave., was done with white spray paint. Officers also reported the use of red and black spray paint on the two signs and 911 phone in W-Lot near Hunt Arena.

April 21
• Carol Xiong reported the attempted theft of a money box to Public Safety around 2:10 p.m. on the Student Center Mall.

Xiong told officers that the Asian American Student Association was selling egg rolls in a small tent on the Student Center Mall for a fundraiser.

Xiong said a male subject wearing black wind pants, a white long-sleeve T-shirt and a black ski mask jumped up on the table and grabbed the cashbox. According to the report, after the suspect grabbed the cash-

box he fell off the table and dropped the box. The suspect climbed to his feet and ran north across Cascade Avenue.

Xiong stated that several AASA members chased after the suspect, but lost him in the residential area north of campus.

RFPD was contacted, but were unable to locate the subject.

The cashbox was closed during the attempted theft, and no money was taken.

No one was hurt during the attempt.

• Jessica L. Baeseman, 21, was fined \$109 for public urination around 1:50 a.m. in front of the Library Bar, 106 N. Main St.

Officers report that Baeseman was squatting and urinating near the driver’s side door of a jeep parked on the east side of Main Street in the northbound lane.

Parking designated for move-out and book drop off

Beginning May 10, several parking spaces in the upper portion of B-Lot - on the west side of South Hall - will be reserved for students dropping off books at Davee Library.

The UW-River Falls Parking Office, along with Public Safety, is designating the spots through May 12 to attempt to reduce traffic congestion. Parking in the lower portion of B-Lot will be strictly enforced, according to an e-mail from Wendy Penny, operations program associate for Public Safety.

Twenty-minute parking zones will also be set up in O-, T-, G-, P- and E-Lots during the same time, to accommodate students moving out of the residence halls.

Parking in any non-designated spaces in the lots will result in a citation, Penny said.

UW-RF extends ties to Bolivian university

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With the signing of a memorandum April 19, UW-River Falls officially began working with Bolivian university Unidad Academia Campenesa-Carmen Pampa.

To mark the event, UW-RF offered Carmen Pampa a goat for its goat project. Goats are valuable to the Bolivians because they provide healthy milk and meat.

In turn, Carmen Pampa offered Chancellor Don Betz a charado, a Bolivian instrument resembling a small guitar made of the shell of an armadillo. A student at the university made the charado.

“We are sure glad to do this today,” Betz said. “This is an

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workers in several halls informed Pfundheller that he could not place unaddressed materials in their mailboxes and students warned Pfundheller multiple times about other violations.

“Ignorance is not an excuse for not following the rules,” Eggers said. “He chose to ignore the rules.”

In his defense, Pfundheller said he had a difficult time finding University regulations and election policies. He also spoke of rules that are commonly violated by people on campus, and recommended that Senate not treat him differently than other students.

“I don’t think it’s appropriate to charge me when people are violating that rule all the time,” he said in response to claims that he placed unaddressed campaign materials in residence hall mailboxes.

Pfundheller said the Senate should take Fry’s ruling into consideration before making a decision.

“The arbitrator was supposed to be the final say; he was a totally unbiased person, he didn’t know either of us,” Pfundheller said. “If you guys do vote against the dean’s decision, you’re saying that in the little time we have here, you’ve found enough evidence to go against what the dean had.”

He said he believes it is unfair to have Senate make the final decision after the lengthy process the issue went through.

“If this can happen, I don’t see what the point of people voting is,” he said. “It’s all about who has the power, and it’s all about who you know on Senate.”

Fine: Smoking problems lead to a proposed fine for violators

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opposed to it, they can walk away,” said Michelle Maccoux, a junior and non-smoker opposing the ban. “There are a lot of voices that haven’t been heard.”

There will be a lot of University employees that will be affected, and they won’t get a chance to represent themselves, she said.

“Everybody needs to work together,” Maccoux said. “Most people move when asked.”

Another issue with the ban is enforcement, Maccoux said. No one is enforcing the 25-foot rule now, so that must be worked on before something like this is placed on campus.

“I’m really in favor of the ban,” said Travis Klinkner, a junior and non-smoker.

Klinkner proposed an idea to have designated areas away from buildings for smokers to use where others won’t be affected.

Seth Chapin, a senior and non-smoker opposing the ban, said that if the ban were put in place, litter would become a concern on other properties outside of campus, like parking lots.

An alternative to the ban, he said, should be a littering fine or a smoking zone.

“It is perfectly legal for people over 18 to smoke,” Chapin said. “We shouldn’t legislate something like this.”

Before the proposal of a smoking ban, an idea of getting people to comply with the 25-foot rule with a possibility of a fine was discussed with resident assistants, hall managers, staff members and Public Safety in January, said Mark Kimball, director of Public Safety.

From there the issue of a fine has gone to the UW-River Falls Tobacco and Other Drugs Coalition (ATOD) and, finally, to Executive Director of Student Services and Programs Gregg Heinselman.

ATOD worked with Public Safety and Residential Living to see if RAs should issue out fines to violators of the 25-foot rule, Heinselman said.

“I think there is a better way of getting around this, and the housing staff agrees with that,” he said. “That is not how, philosophically, we view the staff members doing their jobs.”

The smoking intervention is very similar to the alcohol issue in the residential buildings, Heinselman said. When it becomes an issue of a disturbance to the community, RAs are asked to step in and intervene.

“It’s productive to that community development,” he said. “It should be a social norm and community building issue of respecting the rights and responsibilities of a person in that community.”

Encouraging students to have more peer-on-peer interaction is also a way to help students who have an issue with smoking too close to buildings, or with smoke coming into the rooms, he said. Students should ask smokers to move, but the challenge is to get the students who are uncomfortable about confronting another peer to gain the courage.

If the issues are addressed in a peer- and self-managed way, it

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Mark Kimball,
director of Public Safety

will be more productive than just issuing punitive fines to students, Heinselman said.

Public Safety officers have not been instructed to enforce a fine, Kimball said. Even though there is a statute that went into effect in April 2004, the UW-River Falls procedure has nothing stating it should be enforced by anyone on campus. The procedure only states that everyone should comply with the rule.

If the procedure were to be changed by administration,

Yet senators consistently expressed their concerns about having a student body president who disregarded the rules.

“When you run for a position, you take the responsibility of knowing what the rules are and adhering to them,” Senator Nate Cook said. “He must be held accountable for the fact that he broke the election rules and laws.”

Sixteen students attended the meeting to support the candidates and express their own experiences with the elections.

Student Thom Friant spoke at the meeting, and said he lives in a residence hall and witnessed several violations, which he submitted to the Ethics Committee in written form.

“As a student, I hold Senate in high regard; there should be a lot expected of them,” Friant said. “With these violations, be them technicalities, or in my opinion pretty flagrant moral issues, I’d feel kind of embarrassed if the president of our Student Senate were of such low ethical standards.”

Student Ben Plunkett also saw rule violations, and said he e-mailed Pfundheller with sufficient information about the problems.

“He admitted that he was the one that did it, and he feels that he’s not responsible for his actions,” Plunkett said. “Lack of knowledge of the rules is not an excuse that is a viable option. Mr. Pfundheller knew the rules, was informed of the rules and chose to ignore them.”

Public Safety would be instructed in the change to enforce the fine, Kimball said.

The amount of the fine would probably be \$10, Kimball said.

“A fine for \$10 is an insignificant amount to enforce,” he said. “We are enforcing it the way it is written and understood.”

The issue now is up to the students, said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student Health Services.

“We’re hoping to help address the issue,” Reilly-Myklebust said. “Especially for the students who are concerned with the problems of smoke.”

Reilly-Myklebust said she hopes students will continue to have conversations and voice their concerns about the issue.

“We’re not giving up,” she said. “We’re doing the education and social norm efforts, and will continue to do them as time goes on.”

Provost: Committee receives good response for position

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listed on the Web site.

The requirements include an earned doctorate from an accredited university. The degree must be accompanied with a tenured appointment at the level of full professor.

Other qualifications include a minimum of three years in a position at or above the level of a dean, a good sense of humor and leadership skills.

Betz said he was pleased by the national response to the opening. Hagen echoed Betz’s enthusiasm.

“I think that’s encouraging, and a plus for the committee,” she said.

The committee is working well together to find a new provost, and has seen a good response for the position, Hagen said. The key to a successful search is having a good pool of applicants, she said.

Coombs was appointed as provost and vice chancellor in the fall of 2001 by former Chancellor Ann Lydecker.

“I think that’s encouraging, and a plus for the committee.”

Suzanne Hagen,
chair of the provost and vice
chancellor search
and screen committee

After Lydecker’s death in March 2004, Coombs served as interim chancellor until June 2004.

On Feb. 24, she was re-elected as the chair of the board for the American Conference of Academic Deans (ACAD), according to the UW-RF Public Affairs Office Web site.

Coombs has held various positions with ACAD since 1999.

Eric Ebert contributed to this story.

Plans: Senate vice president wants to work on many major issues

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lights back on the trail, Public Safety will not patrol the area, which leaves it open to cases of assault.”

After an unchallenged race for the Senate vice president position, current Senate Vice President Beth Barnett was re-elected April 12.

“I enjoy my position as vice president and look forward to serving the student body for another year,” Barnett said. “Like I said when I was first elected, one of my main goals is to increase student awareness about Senate and what it does.”

When it comes to her direct plans for next year, Barnett said there are a few major issues she believes will get a lot of attention by Senate and other students next year.

“The smoking ban did not pass, which is a good thing, but that does not mean there is not a problem,” she said. “Smoking

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Beth Barnett,
Student Senate
vice president

stations need to be further from the buildings, meeting the 25-foot regulation.”

She said she hopes Senate works hard to find a way to enforce the rule.

An issue that has been plaguing the campus for decades may get worse next year, she said, because it’s a possibility that free parking will be taken away from some commuters.

“The city of River Falls would

like to see parking meters put on Cascade Avenue,” Barnett said. “This should not be an acceptable form of revenue for the city - parking is already an issue with students, why make it worse?”

Eggers said he will also work to ensure the plan doesn’t go through.

Barnett said next year is an especially important time for Senate because it’s a state budget year.


“Next year Senate will have to lobby the legislators in Madison to ensure that tuition is not increased,” she said. “We also must mobilize the students, having them sign post cards, making phone calls to legislators. The state determines what happens with tuition, and students need to make sure that their voice is acknowledged.”

The first meeting of the 2006-2007 Student Senate will follow the current Senate’s final meeting for the semester at 7 p.m. May 2.

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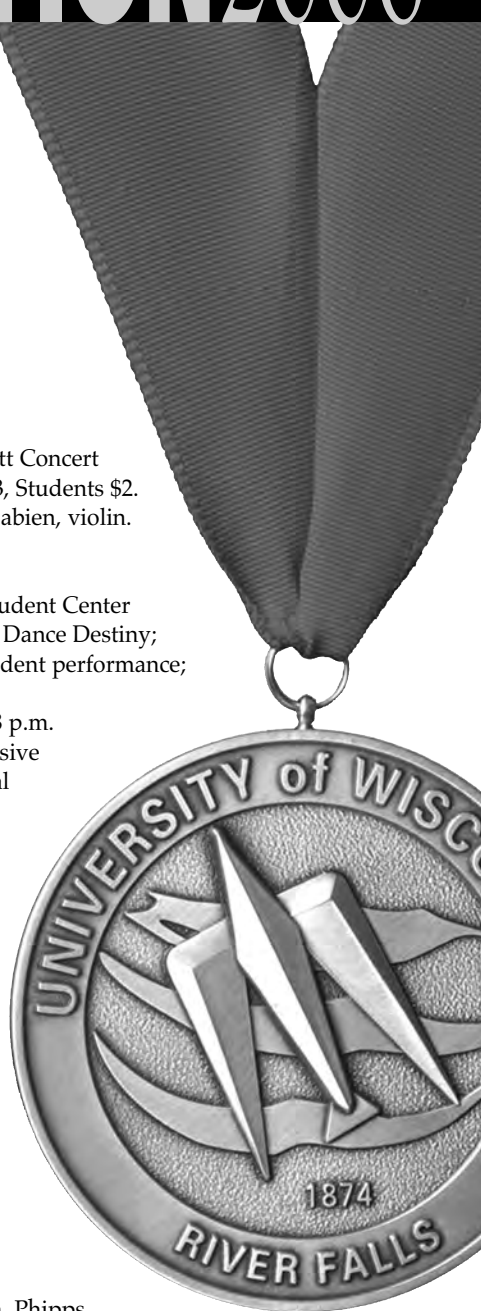
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EDITORIAL

Senate’s action raises questions

The 2006 Student Senate presidential election is beginning to look extremely similar to the Florida fiasco in the Bush vs. Gore 2000 presidential race.

For the first time in the history of UW-River Falls, two candidates have filed and appealed grievances against one another through the Ethics Committee and outside arbitration, only to have Senate make the final decision in the end. That leaves one question begging for an answer. Why?

Both candidates, Joe Eggers and Dusty Pfundheller, had multiple grievances filed against them. While many of the grievances deal with what most people would consider minor issues, the rules were initially created out of some necessity and need to be adhered to.

The fact that both candidates made similar errors begs the question of how well informed they were to begin with. Senate presidency is a serious issue, and probably the most powerful student position on this campus. Candidacy should not be treated whimsically.

The lack of a serious charge calls into question the legitimacy of each individual rule. Rules get outdated with time and are always in need of updating. Senate needs to take a serious look into the rules before next year’s election so a similar event does not occur.

It’s our student leadership, and our votes should count.

Regardless, candidates need to follow the rules whether they are relevant or not. Choosing to run for office is choosing to play by the office’s rules. This election also saw the first true test of the arbitration method.

The only outside arbitrator, Dean of Student Development and Campus Diversity Blake Fry, sided with Pfundheller. Fry said the grievances were not detrimental to the race, and declared Pfundheller the winner by popular vote.

However, the Senate Ethics Committee, and eventually Senate itself, sided with Eggers, giving him the final judgement to be the 2006 Senate president.

Yet, where are the voters left in this whole mess?

Entering the 2006 academic year, we will have a Senate president who didn’t win the majority vote. Is this really the way a democracy should work?

While we don’t doubt Senate’s ability to step back and deal with the presidential arbitration objectively, why not just let students vote again?

This time, if a fair campaign isn’t run, the candidate could be dismissed. There would be no excuse for not knowing the rules.

Not to mention the fact that Senate’s decision simply overrode the need for elections by declaring the electoral loser the actual winner.

This is not a simple issue to dissect, and serious thought needs to be put into the rules, arbitration methods and future of how this Senate will run itself. We are asking Senate to give students the final say.

Don’t let our next Senate president be selected through a default process.

It’s our student leadership, and our votes should count.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ECO gives thanks

Dear Editor,

The UW-RF ECO would like to thank everyone who participated in the Earth Week events held on campus April 17 through April 21. Together we planted trees, cleaned up the South Fork and campus, learned about global warming, and celebrated alternative transportation and a healthy environment. Johnson, Parker, Hathorn, and McMillan Halls were awarded cash prizes for conserving the most energy over the semester.

The Drive To Not Drive was a huge success. Hundreds of people left their cars at home and got to campus or work another way - including walking, biking, and carpooling.

Who cares about higher gas prices? We get there a different way.

ECO would like to thank everyone who helped with the week’s events. Thanks to the Resource Management Club, Sierra Club, Bob Baker, Mike Kaltenberg, Manny Kenney, Debbie Griffin and the *River Falls Journal*, Mike Stifter, and everyone in the Student Center and the Leadership Center.

The Drive To Not Drive could not have happened without our generous sponsors: Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, the Copper Kettle, Watchable Wildlife, State Farm Insurance, River Falls YMCA, Curves, Whole Earth Grocery, Cloud Cult, Andy Singer, Peter Muto and Audrey Halvorsen.

Econo Foods donated all that great food, and Nick from the Route Bike Shop tuned many bikes. A special thanks to Beth Dickman and the rest of the *Student Voice* staff for the great article. Rita Zawislak-Brandt in the Leadership Center did all of our awesome artwork - thanks Rita.

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated. We look forward to keeping the

momentum going. Celebrate Earth Day every day.

Busty not from Dusty

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter to the editor printed in the April 21 edition of the *Student Voice*.

A UW-RF student claimed to be insulted by a chalking that read, “Busty? Vote for Dusty.” Although her viewpoint is certainly understandable in a society where feminism is increasingly powerful, the clarification must be made that the chalking in question was the work of neither Dusty, nor any of his campaign volunteers.

I believe that the party who did the chalking intended it to be a practical joke, however, it is unfortunate that Dusty is being blamed for something to which he had no connection. Moreover, we must all remember that when exercising our freedom of speech it is important to avoid incriminating others.

**Sarah Saal,
Student**

Free speech should be unrestrained

To the editor,

Upon reading the latest (online) edition of the *Voice*, I noticed a striking bit of coincidence. Last week two *Voice* columnists chose to report their disgust at seeing the anti-abortion protests on the UW-RF campus. At about the same time, Sally Jacobsen, a literature and language professor at Northern Kentucky University, encouraged several students to join her in destroying crosses placed on the campus lawn by a similar pro-life group.

She was later dismissed for her actions.

While I am in no way taking a stance on abortion at this time, I think it is important to once again observe the important free speech precedents at work here.

Like their tactics or not, the anti-abortion folks—who seem to be an annual act at UW-RF-have the right to be there. Unlike Jacobsen, two students at my Alma Mater respected this and chose to take appropriate action. While I may question Jason Conway’s “need for regulations,” I respect and applaud his and Hans Hage’s decision to flex their journalistic muscle and share their opinions in a proper forum. Keep up the good work!

**Kyle Weaver,
UWRF and Student Voice alumnus**

Cleaner thanks

A big “Thank You” to the Campus and Community Fighting Hunger and Homelessness and ECO Club who organized the clean up efforts on the South Fork and across campus last week. The work done by all the volunteers who participated is greatly appreciated.

Your pride in the appearance and cleanliness of our campus and community is evident. Your contribution is an example to all regarding care of our environment.

**Manny Kenney,
Grounds Maintenance Supervisor**

Tunes for a trip back home

“All my bags are packed, I’m ready to go.”

Well, that’s not the complete truth. I barely have all my bags packed, and I’m hardly ever ready to leave the area of Europe I’m in.

“I’m standing here outside your door; I hate to wake you up to say goodbye.”

I know these lines were written for lovers, but I can relate them to traveling early in the morning. Well, trying to travel anyway.

There were times I started to travel before the public transportation was available, and had to wait outside the gate until they opened. On those mornings, I would have to wake my roommates up to say good-bye, and that I would see them in a few days in the next city.

“Cause I’m leavin’ on a jet plane; I don’t know when I’ll be back again.”

The semester’s journey is closing. I’m leaving to fly from Berlin to Athens to spend some time in Greece. Then I’ll take a ferry and ride over to Italy across the Adriatic Sea. The last week will be spent on trains through the Swiss Alps. So not all jet planes, but a variety of sorts.

When I left for this trip I thought about it as a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see Europe. While it’s been an experience of a lifetime, it’s certainly not the only time I’ll be in Europe.

I’ll have to stay back home and finish school and all that jazz, but I know I’ll be back here. Each city I’ve visited has taught me a lot of things about that area of the continent, and created feelings of longing not to return, but to keep moving and see more and more places. I’m not sure when I’ll be back, but I will be.

“Oh babe, I hate to go!”

Again, “babe” is a pet name used in couple situations, but I’m personifying Europe as a person and calling it a babe. Mainly

because it is a babe. There’s so much here that is extremely different, but alluring and attractive.

The culture and how people live are different. Some good, others bad. I’ll miss the laid back attitude of most Europeans, as well as being able to efficiently utilize public transportation and other small things like that.

Going back also means returning to the real world of structured schedules, classrooms, jobs and gas money.

The people I’ve met and gotten to know will be hard to leave, and knowing that in a few days I’ll get the opportunity to meet some completely new people in a completely new country will be a readjustment back.

I’ll also miss the satisfaction I get when I try to guess what something says in one language and find out I’m actually correct.

John Denver is not the only one who has songs that have really helped me cope with the ending of this trip, but Oasis too. They have a song “Half the World Away,” with lyrics that stick out every time I reflect on the trip.

“My body feels young, but my mind is very old.”

It’s true, this trip made me depend on myself a lot more. I know I’m only 21, but sometimes I feel I’ve seen so much that my mind is older than that. I’ve definitely matured on the trip, and I’m excited to get home and prove it.

“So whadda ya say? You can’t give me the dreams that are mine anyway.”

Before I came I was excited to get over to Europe, and get back home again to show everyone everything I had done that they



**Keighla
Schmidt**

told me I absolutely had to do. Now I’m excited to get home and show them all the little things they probably don’t have a clue about.

This was my trip, the dreams were mine, and I did what I wanted to do and loved it.

“You’re half the world away. I’ve been lost, I’ve been found, but I don’t feel down.”

So we’re not quite half the world away, about a quarter, but still far. There are times I’ve felt so isolated and far away from everyone and everything that was familiar to me that I wasn’t convinced I was still on the same planet.

Eventually, though, I found something that would bring me back. The time difference always made me feel very disconnected from home. There were actual times I was literally lost, and I don’t mean just lost in a city and not sure what street I was on, but completely unsure as to where on a map of Europe I was. I wasn’t even sure what language was being spoken, but so far, I’ve always somehow managed to find my way.

A newspaper column should not double as a page from my journal, so I won’t get into being mentally or emotionally lost, but believe me when I say I have been.

Still, as the lyrics say, I don’t feel down. I’ve been too busy to have time to sort things out. Even if I had time, I’m not sure that I would feel down. I’m backpacking through Europe, documenting it each day and learning all the time. I don’t have much to be down about.

Except leaving soon.

I’m not sure if it’s just me, and I don’t think it is, but song lyrics can really make things easier to relate.

Bush loses bin Laden, U.S. trust

A recent broadcast of a new audiotape of Osama bin Laden on Al-Jazeera has reminded us that the perpetrator of Sept. 11 is still at large. Bin Laden and his terrorist network al-Qaeda planned, organized, funded and acted out the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, costing the United States an estimated 3,000 civilian deaths.

Yet, approaching five years since the event, the most wanted man in the entire world is still at large.

While the tape does not contain a direct threat against the United States, it does serve as a stinging reminder of our failure to catch the man responsible for 3,000 American deaths.

After Sept. 11, the Bush administration sent U.S. military forces into Afghanistan, defeating the Taliban. However, bin Laden eluded capture.

Given the attention of the Bush administration and the American public on the war on terrorism, it seemed likely that bin Laden would be captured shortly.

However, that didn't happen, and in early 2003 the Bush administration was gearing up for war with Iraq. Bush and his cabinet went on a public relations campaign designed to make the American public believe that somehow Saddam Hussein had something to do with Sept. 11, despite evidence to show this.

Why would the Bush administration choose to ignore the perpetrators of Sept. 11 and go to war with a completely different country?

To understand this policy, it is important to look back to a political think-tank named The Project for the New American Century.

The PNAC's stated position is to ensure the United States' place as the sole world power by increasing military spending, challenge regimes hostile

to U.S. policy and values, and creating a U.S. dominance in military forces, global economy, space and cyberspace. The PNAC was created in 1997 by William Kristol, and has long held a consistent policy on Iraq.

In 1998, a letter sent to President Bill Clinton by members of the PNAC urged him to remove Saddam Hussein from power by any means necessary.

Again in 2000, in the PNAC policy paper Rebuilding America's Defenses, the goal of not only removal of Hussein in Iraq is stated, but also the call for a prolonged U.S. military presence in the Middle East, which could include Iran as a future target.

Looking at the membership of the PNAC, we can see that many have moved on to become key members of the Bush administration. This



Nate Cook

includes Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton among others.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of all of this is the willingness of the Bush administration to use the deaths of 3,000 American citizens as justification to pursue policy goals of the PNAC.

The PNAC thought its proposed policies would be a hard sell, and stated in Rebuilding America's Defenses that the process of change would, "likely be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event, like a new Pearl Harbor."

Should the citizens of the United States support a government willing to use the deaths of innocent civilians to achieve their agenda while ignoring the perpetrator of the acts, Osama bin Laden?

I know I don't.

College is for friends, fun

"Here's to the nights we felt alive. Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry. Here's to goodbye, tomorrow's going to come too soon," in the lyrics of Eve 6.

Do you remember all the good times you had in high school? Did you have a certain group of friends who you always hung out with?

Perhaps these were the people you turned to when the world seemed to be closing in around you, or maybe they were just a random group of friends who you ran around causing trouble with.

Now that you've gone on to college, do you find yourself losing touch with that old group of friends?

If this is your first year of school, do you wonder if things will be the same this summer as they were during high school? If this isn't your first year of college, do you look back on those "glory days" and miss the absolute freedom of the lifestyle?

Are there things you wish you had said or done differently? Do you regret anything?

The good times of the past are over and can never be duplicated. It is important to realize that in life there are no second chances, you only get to experience the ride one time through.

I'm generally an advocate of working hard, focusing on grades, and trying to get through college as quickly and efficiently as possible. While it is important to pay attention to work and school, it is also important to remember that you are in college and only get this chance once.

I'm not saying that everyone should go out and get wasted every night, skip class repeatedly and then try to scrape by with Ds at the end of the term. Although this type of lifestyle is

arguably more fun than being a diligent student, it can also lead to long-term consequences.

What I'm really trying to get at here is that it is important to take time for yourself and your friends because you only get to experience this life one time. In this chaotic world we live in, people come and go at the drop of a hat.

Friends graduate, move away, transfer schools and drop out at a consistent pace.

The people around you are not going to be there forever - they have their goals in life, and you have yours. Accept that difference, work toward bettering yourself academically, but try to take time to appreciate the time that you have with them right now.

Do the things you've always wanted to do, but never had the courage to attempt.

Run around outside with your friends at three in the morning. Go to a party. Say "hello" to that person you pass every day but have never spoken with. Take breaks in between your classes and exams to just have fun.

Thank your professors for teaching you this term - they won't be around forever either.

Relax.

If you're one of those people who usually focuses entirely on grades, don't worry so much about them. If you usually don't care about your GPA, try studying a bit harder. Understand that the world won't end, no matter what grades you end up getting.

The only certainties in life are that people will move on, gas prices will rise, and you can never go back and do things differently.

Don't look back on your college years with regrets, either academically or socially. Live life to its fullest, and always take time for your friends.



Hans Hage

Jobs, concerts will keep RF busy

Many of you students don't notice, but River Falls is a very dead place during the summer. All of you that do not know this are the ones that make it so dead. You all go home for the summer and leave a couple of friends back in town to deal with the lack of things to do and the overall lack of people.

But I have been living in town for the summer ever since I was a freshman four years ago. I have found some things to do to bring down the mind numbingness that is River Falls in the summer.

The first thing to do is to go out and get a full-time job.

I know this sounds like a horrible idea at first, but with a full-time job you don't have the time to sit around and think about how bored you are.

This will open up your options on what you can and cannot do with the rest of your summer. Get a full-time job that does not mind a day off here and there. With these options at your fingertips you will have extra money and time off to do something

with it.

The other thing that I do a lot of during the summer is to go to all the festivals that are in town and in the surrounding areas.

River Falls has a great festival, ironically named River Falls Days. The four days that this event goes on are just a big drunk fest with many alumni coming back for a few days of drinking and fun.

There are also festivals in the surrounding communities like Hudson, Ellsworth and so on. There is even a UFO fest in some little town around River Falls. I enjoy going to many of these over the summer, and find that a day of carnival food and games really brightens my weekend.

Another way to pass the summer by is going to the many concerts in the area.

Float-Rite Amphitheater has many concerts, along with campgrounds and tubing down the Apple River. I try to make it to at least two concerts over the summer, and it

really gives you something to look forward to and have some plans in the dead summer.

Another way my friends and I have passed some time is by coming up with games or events throughout the summer.

One event that we do at least a couple of times is the porn and tattoo trip to Hudson.

Just go downtown and hit up the tattoo parlor and the head shop, and shop a little or just look around. We also like to come up with drinking games on the weekends.

One idea that we have not tried yet, for legality reasons, is drunken garage sales. You have to down a beer every time you go to another garage sale.

Just make sure there is a sober cab.

So after this little column, hopefully you will come up with ideas to pass your summer. And now I am not very convinced that it is all that bad. There are a lot of things to do, and more people should stay around and have fun with all of us stuck here.

The only thing left is to get some people to stay around so that the bars are not so dead.



Jason Conway

New clock on campus spurs questions about spending

I was walking to the library last week and I happened to cross paths with Thomas Weiss, Director of Procurement Services (that's the fancy name for the person who buys everything on campus).

He greeted me with a friendly "hello," and I replied the same. We talked about the nice weather and all that other superficial stranger dialogue. Then the conversation turned rather interesting.

"I'm heading down to see the new clock that was put up by the library. I figured I better see it since I bought it," he said.

"Oh yeah, I saw them working on that. Is it done yet?" I asked with a laugh.

"It better be; I paid for it and all," he replied. My annoyance started to grow.

"You didn't really buy it yourself, did you?" I thought to myself.

Along the way, Weiss spotted Jens Gunelson,

the campus photographer. He had just finished taking some pictures of the new clock.

"Hey Jens," Weiss yelled, "Come back and take a picture of me by the clock. I bought it."

Gunelson asked him how much it cost. Weiss lifted his hand and put up two fingers-like the peace sign - and followed that by holding up five fingers - like a high five.

"Two, five," I thought to myself, "Twenty five, 25 what? Dollars? No. It couldn't have cost that much. \$2,500? Too low. Two-hundred and fifty thousand? Too steep. Must be \$25,000."

We parted ways, but I saw him one last time by the clock posing like a big game hunter in front of a trophy elk.

I was able to have another, more formal meeting with Weiss earlier this week, and I got the juicy bits of information about the new "procurement."



Ben Jipson

Apparently my guess was pretty close; the clock cost \$23,740. Weiss said the idea of the clock came from Chancellor Betz several months ago. The clock's physical style and placement on campus was left up to Weiss, Waldo Hagen of Facilities Management and Mary Halada, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

Of course, there is the most important question of all: who actually paid for the clock?

Weiss may have done all of the grunt work, like finding the clock and organizing its installment, but he didn't pay for it per se. It's interesting that these new additions and renovations are magically appearing throughout campus.

Finding out who pays for all of these things proved to be the hardest information to uncover, as it always is.

Weiss assured me that there wasn't any student funding that went toward the clock's purchase, but a member of the Accounting Office offered an even more interesting twist to the story.

He said that this was an "unusual situation" because the Accounting Office hasn't yet been

requested to submit a proposal recommending where the money should come from. That is, the University acquired the clock without determining how they were going to pay for it. So, the clock did magically appear after all.

Get it now; figure out how to pay for it later.

The member of the Accounting Office said Halada and other University officials may have discussed the funding of the clock at some point, but he still hasn't definitively heard how the clock will be paid for. At the time of this column's publication, Halada was unable to be reached for further information.

I'm a little skeptical, though. It worries me that students might somehow be funding these recent "procurements."

Whether or not this is true, where are the students' voices in these decisions? We're the ones who walk past the clock everyday; shouldn't we have some input on these campus purchases?

If I don't get bogged down in the bureaucratic red tape by next week, I'll be sure to offer some more insight into this issue.



Heidi Wilson, freshman

"Intramural softball with the Free Birds because we rock! Followed by team showers."

STUDENT VOICES

What was your favorite activity on campus this year?

Mike Gladney, sophomore

"Hitting a grand slam in softball. It was far and it rocked. And going to open mic and seeing the big redhead guy beat box."



Hassan Ali, sophomore

"Playing soccer was good, and hanging out with friends."

Kellsie Goodman, freshman

"The hypnotist was my favorite because two guys were humping each other."



Lisa Robyn, sophomore

"Intramural dodgeball league for sure, because my team kicked butt and we had a blast."

Matt Kocourek, freshman

"Going to an intramural basketball game, because I saw a guy break his neck. There also was free water."



Student Voices by: Kirsten Farrar

Bush ready for draft

GUEST COLUMNIST



Chris Schad

It's time to get ready. Get ready for a football player who has been making jaws drop all across America for the past three years at Southern California University, and is considering doing so for at least the next 10 years in the NFL. Get ready for a football player who ran away with the Heisman Trophy award just like he ran away from countless defenders who thought they had him cornered and then came up with air. Get ready for a football player that will make you say "Holy cow," "Are you kidding me?" and "What in the world just happened?" again and again. Get ready for a football player who has been called "The Human Xbox" because his moves are that unreal. Finally, get ready for the man who could become one of the greatest football players of all time. Get ready for the Reggie Bush show. Why have I decided to wait to tell you about Bush until now? The spotlight has been shining on him for three years already at USC, and was the most common household name in college football last season. His high school highlight tape is considered a holy grail and is sold across America. Hardcore college fans knew who this guy was before he was even in college. Well, here is my point. Reggie Bush isn't the next anybody. He's the first Reggie Bush. The NFL has obviously had its fair share of great running backs. Walter Payton, Barry Sanders, Elroy Hirsch, Emmitt Smith and Marshall Faulk are just a few examples. What college player do you know who can be compared with Faulk and still have people think that it's an understatement? Bush has all the intangibles to be mentioned with these great backs barring injury or unforeseen circumstances. The first and most obvious reason is on-the-field intangibles. Bush has great speed and runs a sub 4.4 second 40-yard dash. Sure, there are a lot of backs that are really fast, but not all of them are successful in the NFL (See New Orleans running back and former Wisconsin Badger standout Michael Bennett) and there is more to Bush than just his speed. He has uncanny agility that makes him look like something that jumped out of your TV while you were playing a John Madden video game. He has moves on top of moves that are on top of moves

The first and most obvious reason is on-the-field intangibles. Bush has great speed...

that are on top of even more moves. He admits that he doesn't even look at the person in front of him, but instead the person after him to decide what he's going to do to make that second person miss. "It was our first week of camp in 2003," USC quarterback John David Booty recalls. "The seniors were talking trash to the freshmen, and then Reggie was juking them all out of their socks." Remember, these were against senior players at USC, one of the top football schools in the country. Bush has unbelievable versatility. He can play almost anywhere on the field. You can put him at running back, but that

Rathbun leads Falcons on the mound

Junior pitcher hopes to aid team to WIAC wins

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Brittany Rathbun

UW-River Falls sophomore pitcher Brittany Rathbun has been a softball player her whole life. She has grown up with the sport.

"I started by playing catch with a tennis ball in my backyard with my dad," Rathbun said. "I did not actually start pitching in games until I was about 12 years old." Rathbun lived in Rochester Minn. her whole life and went to Rochester, Mayo High School. She played two varsity sports: basketball in her junior and senior year, and softball all four years of high school. She took all-conference honors in her junior and senior year for softball, and was also all-region her senior year. "I worked really hard in the off season," Rathbun said. "Getting that award definitely paid off from practicing so much."

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Brittany Rathbun, junior softball player

Rathbun decided she wanted to come to UW-River Falls early in her senior year of high school. It had a great program in marketing that she was excited about, and she also really wanted to play for Head Coach Faye Perkins. "I was in contact with Faye for a long time," Rathbun said. "I just really like her and wanted to

play for her. I knew that she was a great coach and was excited to be a part of the Falcons." Softball is not all Rathbun does for fun. She enjoys watching movies, hanging out with friends, golfing and rollerblading. She is also a Minnesota Twins fan. "I love watching the Twins with my dad," Rathbun said. "I'm not that good at golf, though; I really enjoy playing it." Some great achievements that Rathbun has accomplished include throwing two career no hitters. One of them was in high school, and the other was in college. The great thing about her high school no hitter was that it

was her last high school softball game she ever played. "It was a great feeling knowing that I came out on top," Rathbun said. "It was one of the best days of my life." In the future, Rathbun wants to coach high school softball and have a teaching job. She would also love to get married and have a family. "I want to coach high school softball because by then every girl knows the basics," Rathbun said. "But they can always learn a little more, and that is where I come in." The Falcons' next game is on April 30 on the road against Stevens Point. Game time is at 2 p.m.

Falcons prepare for WIAC Conference

Border Olympics give Falcons chance to run

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The UW-River Falls track and field team participated in the Border Olympics, which they put on at their home track on April 22. However, the Border Olympics was not an official race. "It was a more low-key workout for us," sophomore Andrew Reckard said. "We were the only team there, but then some runners that were unattached came. That made it a little more fun." During the day, the team divided the men's team into upperclassmen and underclassmen for the 4x800 relay. This race was one of the most interesting events of the day. "The upperclassmen only beat us by just a second," Reckard said. "It was really exciting." The Falcon men traveled to Macalester April 26, and the women will be there on Friday in their final regular season meet of the season. Also this weekend the Falcon distance medley relay team is heading to Drake University in Iowa. "Our distance medley team is heading to the Drake Relays," Reckard said. "That's really huge for them. That was also our team that competed at conference at the indoor meet." Reckard said that this is the first time in quite a few years



Jens Gunelson/Photo Services

UW-River Falls sophomore Charlie Sowa participates in the high jump at the UW-RF Invitational on the weekend of April 8 and 9. The Falcons are practicing hard to get ready for the WIAC Conference Championship on May 5 and 6.

that UW-RF has sent athletes to the Drake Relays. Many of the men and women on the track and field team have improved their times from last season, and besides hard work, team chemistry may be a contributing factor in that. "The team chemistry has been great all season," Reckard said. "Hopefully it can just get stronger as we get into conference." Most of the Falcon runners

have been together since early on in the year, training for both the indoor and outdoor season, and countless good times and memories have been formed since then. "Everyone's doing pretty

well," senior women's captain Sara Rudesill said. "Our teams have improved a lot since the indoor season." All members of the team agree

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Student Landon Overby throws a softball around outside between Stratton and Prucha Halls on Wednesday afternoon. After having cold weather for a few days students and staff were happy to see the sun and warm temperatures return to campus, and enjoyed themselves by spending time outside.

Home runs keep fans interested



Matt Zinter

In the world of baseball, one of the most energetic things that get fans going is a home run. Home runs are what fans want to see from the players when they go watch a game. Starting off a season, you don't expect a player to come out and hit a bunch early on because they need to get their swing back, or they are just starting off the season. That is not the case for St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols. This year, Pujols has already hit 12 home runs, which is three more than any of the second place players in the league. He is one home run shy of the league record for home runs in the month of April. The record is held by Ken Griffey Jr. from back in 1997. That year Griffey hit 13 home runs in the month of April, which could be broken this year. In Pujols' six-year career, only once has he hit less than 35 home runs in one season. And that one time, he hit 34. In the past three seasons, he has hit more than 40 home runs in each season.

I think it's really amazing that a player could accomplish something like this. Not even the Cardinal great Mark McGwire hit 40 home runs in three consecutive seasons. What does that tell you about Pujols? When I think of Albert Pujols, I think of an all-star baseball player who will be one of the greatest players of all time. He will break the single season home run record of 72 and the all-time home run record that was set by Hank Aaron, which is at 755. Right now, Barry Bonds is trying to catch that record, but in recent interviews, Bonds said that even he thinks that Aaron's record is "out of reach." Pujols, however, already has 213 career home runs, and he is only in his sixth season. Now going back to the great Mark McGwire, he only had 178 home runs in his first six seasons. So that tells you right there that Pujols is going to be a hall-of-fame player, no question. To end this season, he will have more than 40 home runs once again, and be really close to 300 home runs in his career. Albert Pujols is a phenomenal player who will be one of the best players to ever play the game. He will surely break at least four or five all-time records. He is no doubt one of the best players in the game right now.

SPORTS WRAP


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		

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SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Sport event



UW-RF

vs



St. Mary's

4 p.m. Tuesday
Ramer Field Complex

The UW-River Falls softball team finishes the regular season at home on May 2 against MIAC opponent St. Mary's . The Falcons are hoping for a strong showing at home to head into the playoffs on a high note the following weekend.

Varsity Sports Week

Friday, Aril 28

Track and field at Drake Relays, 8 a.m.
Women's Track and field at Macalester, 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 30

Softball at Stevens Point, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

Softball vs. St. Marys, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 5

Softball at WIAC Tournament at Stout, TBA
Track and field WIAC Outdoor Championships at Oshkosh, 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 6

Softball at WIAC Tournament at Stout, TBA
Track and field WIAC Outdoor Championships at Oshkosh, 10 a.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Amanda Peters softball

Peters, a sophomore from Pepin, Wis., went 2-3 against UW-Superior on April 26.



Ashley Bertrand softball

Bertrand, from St. Paul, Minn., was the winning pitcher against UW-S.

Do you have any nominees for the annual Student Voice Eggy Awards?

Recognition will be given for:

Rookie of the Year

Athlete of the Year

Coach of the Year

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Schad: Waits for Bush to surpass football greats like Detriot legend Sanders

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would be boring. He can catch the ball, so it's possible to line Bush up at wide receiver. Heck, if you wanted to, you could line him up at corner, safety or just have him at quarterback. Then after that, he could pour the Gatorade, wash the windows, clean out the locker room, save the world, and run to ESPN to manage his own highlights while carrying a football and jumping through rings of fire while being chased by Jaguars

(Jacksonville Jaguars, that is).

One of the things the NFL loves is marketability off the field. While the competition committee doesn't like end zone celebrations that have been made famous by Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Johnson, they like a player who can bring in money via jersey sales and endorsements.

Bush has plenty of charisma, and will instantly be loved by the fans because of his personality.

"We played UCLA in '03 and

...wash the windows, clean out the locker room, save the world and run to ESPN...

I pulled him to the side," Detroit Lions receiver Mike Williams recalls. "I said 'Show me something' and he smiled, went on the field and took the kickoff nearly 100 yards for a TD." The stories go on and on,

summed up by words like fantastic, unbelievable and classic.

Bush has dropped jaws for the past three years and will continue to do so in the NFL. The NFL hasn't had a running back this good since Barry Sanders ran all over for the Detroit Lions before he retired.

The NFL may have just gotten Sanders' replacement for the title of greatest running back we've ever seen. The question is, how long will it take Bush to become one of the greatest running backs ever?



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Falcon sophomore Amanda Peters (14) bats against Hamline University on April 11. The Falcons split the series with Hamline, and have split four conference series in a row. The Falcons travel to UW-Stout on Sunday for a doubleheader.

Falcons split fourth series in a row

Women can't get above .500 with conference foes

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The past week has been a busy one for the UW-River Falls women's softball team, as they played in four different series since April 20.

Most recently, UW-RF took on conference foe UW-Superior in a doubleheader on the home field on April 26. The Falcons won the first game 2-0 and lost the second game 7-1. This was the fourth series in a row that they have split with conference opponents.

"It's getting frustrating," sophomore Amanda Peters said. "Either we're up or we're down. There's no in between."

On April 20, the Falcons traveled to UW-Stout, and came away with a 4-0 win and a 3-2 loss in eight innings. Falcon

pitcher Ashley Bertrand came away with both a win and a loss in the day's efforts.

On April 22, the Falcons returned home to the Ramer Field Complex to take on the UW-Platteville Pioneers. The first game was close, and had to go into extra innings. However the Pioneers had a little more batting power, winning 7-5 in the eighth inning.

Bertrand was the starting pitcher who was pulled, and Brittany Rathbun came in to relieve her. Bertrand returned again in the eighth inning to take the loss for the Falcons.

In the second game, the Falcon's bats truly came alive, especially for Amanda Wojnowiak. She was 2-3 with five RBIs and two home runs. Amanda Peters also hit one over the fence, aiding in a 6-2 victory for UW-RF. Bertrand was on the mound for the whole game for the fourth time this season.

After a tough series against Platteville the Falcons didn't have much time to rest, as they

took to the home field the next day for a afternoon doubleheader against UW-La Crosse.

"Both teams were decent and I think we were the better team," Peters said. "We just need to come out and be a threat at all times."

In the first game, it seemed nothing could go right for the Falcons as they suffered a difficult 12-1 loss. They were able to rebound in the second game and win 5-3.

Mindy Rudiger scored the Falcons' only run in the first game's in the sixth inning. Bertrand took the loss on the mound again.

Falcon Rachel Mathias went 2-3 in the second game against La Crosse, and Bertrand was the winning pitcher and Rathbun earned her seventh save of the season on the mound.

That series brought the Falcons' season record to 19-17, with a 5-9 record in WIAC. The Falcons next game is at UW-Stout on April 30. The next home game is May 2, against St.

Mary's.

There is not much time remaining in the Falcons' regular season, and they hope to end on a high note to enter the playoffs.

The Falcons, along with their other WIAC opponents, will take part in a two-day series that determines who goes on to the next level. This competition will take place on May 5 and 6.

"It's more mental now," Peters said. "We need to fire up now and everyone needs to realize it's do or die time."

Even though the Falcons record is currently not far above .500 overall and they are 4 games below .500 in conference play, there are still many positives that have come out of this long season.

"We've gotten better, we've had a couple of bright spots," Peters said. "Even though we are young people get surprised when they find out we only have three juniors and no seniors. We look like we've been playing together for a couple years."

April 26 results									
Superior	00	03	30	1	-	7	11	4	
River Falls	00	01	00	0	-	1	8	2	

Batting		ab	r	h	bi	bb	so
Superior		4	0	1	0	0	1
Bang, lf		4	0	1	0	0	1
Duffy, cf		4	1	1	0	0	1
Moench, 1b		4	1	2	0	0	0
Kegley, 2b		4	2	3	1	0	0
Jackson, pr		0	1	0	0	0	0
Crane, rf		2	2	1	3	1	0
Lovstad, c		4	0	2	3	0	0
Johnston, dh		4	0	0	0	0	1
Pulsifer, 3b		4	0	1	0	0	0
Babbitt, ss		1	0	0	0	1	0
Lebard, ph		1	0	0	0	0	1
Total		32	7	11	7	2	4

UW-River Falls		ab	r	h	bi	bb	so
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		ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf
Superior		5.0	7	1	1	1	2	22
Hady		2.0	1	0	0	1	3	10
Reid		2.0	1	0	0	1	3	10
Total		7.0	8	1	1	2	5	32

River Falls		ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf
Bertrand		4.0	5	4	4	0	3	19
Rathbun		3.0	6	3	3	2	1	16
Total		7.0	11	7	7	2	4	28

April 26 results									
Superior	00	00	00	0	-	0	5	0	
River Falls	00	02	00	0	-	2	5	3	

Batting		ab	r	h	bi	bb	so
Superior		4	0	1	0	0	0
Bang, lf		3	0	0	0	0	0
Duffy, cf		3	0	0	0	0	0
Moench, 1b		3	0	1	0	0	1
Kegley, 2b		3	0	1	0	0	0
Crane, rf		3	0	2	0	0	1
Lovstad, c		2	0	0	0	0	0
Bailey, dh		3	0	0	0	0	2
Pulsifer, 3b		3	0	0	0	0	1
Babbitt, ss		0	0	0	0	1	0
Johnston, ph		1	0	0	0	0	0
Lundberg, ph		1	0	0	0	0	1
Total		26	0	5	0	1	5

UW-River Falls		ab	r	h	bi	bb	so
Rudiger, ss		2	0	0	0	1	1
Syverson, 2b		1	0	0	0	1	0

Howlett, 3b		3	0	0	0	0	0
Wojnowiak, cf		2	1	1	0	0	1
Feller, dh/ph		3	0	1	0	0	1
Kelley, pr		0	1	0	0	0	0
Peters, 1b		3	0	2	2	0	0
Quance, lf		2	0	1	0	0	0
Taylor, ph		1	0	0	0	0	0
James, c		2	0	0	0	0	0
Mathias, rf		1	0	0	0	0	0
Total		20	2	5	2	3	3

Pitching		ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf
Superior		6.0	5	2	2	3	3	25
Tessier		6.0	5	2	2	3	3	25
Total		6.0	5	2	2	3	3	25

River Falls		ip	h	r	er	bb	so	bf
Bertrand		4.0	3	0	0	0	3	16
Rathbun		3.0	2	0	0	1	2	12
Total		7.0	5	0	0	1	5	28

Track and Field: Medley runners participate in Drake Relays over weekend

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with Rudesill on how the season has been going.

"It's going great," sophomore Vicki Cooper said. "We're a great team who's getting along great, and there's tons of support."

The Falcons will travel to UW-Oshkosh for the WIAC Outdoor Championships on May 5 and 6, where the Falcons hope that their performances will lead a number of athletes to the next level of competition.

"We're going to keep doing what we've been doing all sea-

son to prepare," Reckard said. "Some of us will taper, but we'll still have intense workouts.

Reckard said that he, along with the rest of the team, will have to practice carefully to make sure they don't burn out.

"This week is really the last big week of workouts," Rudesill said. "Starting next week we'll start to taper down."

"The Border Relays really were a good break for that," Reckard said. "Hopefully we'll be able to go to the conference meet and have some of our best times."

The runners aren't the only ones who change their workouts come conference time.

"We back off on the number of throws," Cooper said. "Instead of doing two different throws a day, we only do one. We also don't do so much heavy lifting."

Athletes have to be at the top of their game in order to compete at the conference meet.

"Hopefully we can send a couple runners there. The top 24 runners in the conference get to compete at the conference meet," Rudesill said. "And every team gets a relay team for sure."

"We all just have to set our own personal goals," Cooper said. "We know what we have to do, we just have to do it."

Women April 22 results Manitou Classic No Team Scores Kept

UW-RF top finishers (event-performance) 7. Yaeger, 1500-meter run - 63.18; 1. Reed, 100-meter hurdles 15.17; 3. Zweifel, 400 meter-hurdles - 1:03.52; 5. Kromray, Pole Vault - 3.27m; 1. Hasselquist, Shot Put - 13.56m.

Men April 22 results Border Olympics No Team Scores Kept

UW-RF top finishers (event-performance) 3. Meissner, 100-meter - 11.22; 1. Zander, 400-meter - 51.21; 1. Stewart, Triple Jump - 12.07; 1. Sowa, Javelin Throw - 40.92m; 1. Olson, Shot Put - 13.96m.

STUDENT DRAG SHOW HEATS UP THE RUNWAY



Submitted Photo

Katie Nelson crawls to Amanda Prochazka during the Drag Show put on by the Gay-Straight Alliance last Thursday evening. Students participating cross-dressed and performed on stage.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

South Fork Suites will soon be expanding to double its housing capacity. Director of Residence Life/Staff Development Terry Willson will be looking into innovative ways to make the suites even better for students.

Suite life will soon be sweeter

Expansion in near future likely

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With this year's room sign-up complete, all but three rooms in South Fork Suites, the newest residence hall on the UW-River Falls campus, are occupied for fall semester, giving the Residence Life staff an idea of when to begin the planned expansion.

Before construction on the largest residence hall on the UW-RF campus was completed, Residence Life employees made the decision to prepare the building for a future expansion. Director of Residence Life and Staff Development Terry Willson said that sometime within the next five to seven years, South Fork Suites, which currently houses 240 beds, will double in capacity.

"It was built with the intention of adding on," Willson said. "Data lines and cables were laid with the intention of it being twice the size it is."

Mike Stifter, director of Student Life Facilities, and Willson both said there is a possibility of making a few alterations to the original floor plans when it comes time to design the new addition. Stifter said it would be simpler to use the same floor plans as the rest of the building, but the Residence Life staff wants to make sure the students have some input.

"We want to do a real assessment of those living there now to find out what they like

and don't like," Stifter said.

There are several options being considered, especially with the hall staff situation. In the rest of the residence halls, the hall manager and resident assistants each have their own room, but in South Fork Suites, the staff members share a suite with three other students. Stifter said the option to create a few suites with one or two bedrooms and a living area is a definite possibility.

"We're going to explore our options and go with the more cost effective one," Stifter said.

Another option being explored for the addition is having some suites with full kitchens instead of the kitchenettes in the present building. Stifter also said the addition of general amenities such as computer rooms and lounges would be an option.

There has also been mention of offering students who live in the building 12-month contracts, which could happen even before the addition is approved. This option will allow residents to remain on campus during the summer in lieu of finding apartments to sublease.

If Residence Life were to go ahead with the expansion with the expectation of the addition being completed during the 2010-2011 academic year, a budget proposal for the project would have had to have been submitted to the state earlier this year. With construction of the new Student Union still in progress, Willson said submitting the budget now would not have been in the University's

best interest.

"Student Services decided to hold off and not submit the budget in February," Willson said. "We were a little bit nervous with getting a track record of demand."

Some problematic developments during the first year of the Suites' availability have also contributed to the uncertainty of expanding in the near future. Willson said last spring there were many cancellations just after room sign-up was completed and at mid-year there was difficulty filling vacant spaces. At the end of fall semester, there were 14 room openings, due mainly to graduating seniors moving out and other students leaving to study abroad or student teach during spring semester.

Willson said the idea to build the suite-style building on campus was the result of increasing enrollment and student support.

"When we first planned South Fork, we were thinking the enrollment would continue to increase," Willson said.

Willson said students were the most important factor when deciding to add another residence hall to the UW-RF campus.

"It wouldn't have been built were it not for student support," Willson said. "We depend on student dollars and we try to be good guardians of student money."

Another factor in adding South Fork Suites was the University's reputation of being a residential campus. Willson said UW-RF is tied with UW-Platteville for having the highest residential rate at 40 percent.

Bolivia: New connection allows for UW-RF to function in global government

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incredible testament to the power of visions."

Betz said UW-RF will try to secure something in the future, and that many colleges will benefit from the relationship. He said UW-RF would try to send three or four students a semester.

The memorandum signed does not actually force anything, but just opens the lines up, Betz said.

"It's like a tripwire," he said.

Carmen Pampa is looking forward to the new relationship it has forged with UW-RF, said Sister Demund Nolan, director general for the university.

"We hope to work together on different projects we have," she said.

Carmen Pampa is also working with South Dakota State University and the College of St. Catherine.

Nolan thanked Betz and the university for sending people down to her school, which she called the "school on the mountain top."

Carmen Pampa was founded 12 years ago by Nolan, who saw the mountain and believed it would be perfect for a university.

"We're just a young university," she said.

Age, however, is only one concern for the school.

The area is quite difficult to

"We're just a young university."
Demund Nolan, director general for Carmen Pampa

work in, Nolan said. Many of the parents of her students cannot read, and there have been five presidents during the last 18-month period, she said. The first two were overthrown by violent street rebellions.

At one point the country was having a difficult time filling the position. The vice president, leader of the senate and leader of the house all refused bids for the office.

Currently, Evo Morales is the president, the first president that is indigenous. Bolivia now has a socialist government, she said.

Betz said the shaky political climate will help the UW-RF students understand more about other leaderships.

"I think it prepares our University for the much broader goal of being able to function in an increasingly global government," Betz said.

But despite hardships and overthrows, Nolan remains optimistic.

"We hope eventually you will become conscious of the world we can offer you," she said. "That is what education is all about. We are in this together."

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Falcon Favorites



John Ford
Biology Lecturer

Ford has taught here at UW-River Falls for the past six years. He teaches the freshman-level biology and upper-level aquatic courses. His specialty is fishery biology, which is also his favorite. “Studying salmon is what got me interested in fishery biology,” Ford said. He said he enjoys working with other professors in the biology department. “They make it really enjoyable,” he said. Ford’s advice for biology majors is to not settle for any job. “If they are in a certain area they want to get a job in then they should go for it,” Ford said. “Choose something you like to so you have a career and not just a job.” Interacting with students is Ford’s favorite part of his job. “I think we have a lot of down-to-earth students,” he said. “They are respectful. I like the small student population too.” Ford is an 80 percent faculty member but still does a lot of work with students on independent projects looking at streams. “There is a unique cold water ecosystem here in River Falls. The Kinnickinnic River is a major component in that,” he said. “And my students assist to see if the environment is being stressed by using fish and insects to tell them.” When not teaching, Ford enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking and playing basketball. He owns a small construction business in the south metro of the Twin Cities where he builds decks and porches in the summer.

Campus Calendar

April 27-29, May 4-6

Comedy and mystery come to UW-River Falls as the student theater group, Masquers, presents “The Butler Did It” by Walter and Peter Marks. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. April 27 – 29 and May 4 – 6 in the Davis Theatre of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. For more information call the box office at 425-3114 or 1-800-228-5423.

Saturday, April 29

10 a.m. - Falcon Mini-Triathlon
The event starts at 10 a.m. with a 400-yard swim, proceeds outside with a 3.6-mile bicycle leg and finishes up with a 1.8-mile run. Contestants pay at the registration table the morning of the event.
Registration will take place on the hill next to the Karges Center just north of the parking lot. Contact Bill Henderson at 425-0636.
Fee: \$5 for students, staff and faculty; \$10 for all others.
Location: Karges Pool

Saturday, May 13

9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Commencement

FALCON REVIEWS

Four Letter Lie emerges

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Four Letter Lie, recently signed to Victory Records straight out of Minneapolis, Minn., has appeared on Taste of Chaos 2005 and Taste of Chaos 2006. With nothing but an EP out titled *Her Escape*, Four Letter Lie has taken the Minneapolis post-hardcore scene by storm. “With their scream along choruses, monster break-downs and unexpected, yet well-balanced soft side, Four Letter Lie have built a dedicated, and loyal local fan-base from the ground up as well as a strong nationwide audience,” according to Victory Records. Four Letter Lie has found a name for itself by the means of purevolume.com, and by local shows in Minnesota every week. With Victory Records behind it, the band recently recorded its debut album with producer Matt Goldman, who has also done work with bands like UnderOATH, The Chariot and Copeland. With the release date for the album *Let Your Body Take Over* on August 22, local fans will anxiously be awaiting the new and improved version of the Minneapolis hardcore



favorite. Four Letter Lie has also just kicked off its headlining *The Ordinary Life Tour*, touring anywhere from home in Minnesota to Texas and even California. For a band that hasn’t even released a debut album, Four Letter Lie is increasing its fan base ten-fold each and every day. According to Victory Records, guitarist Kevin Skaff said, “We have always been a band who works as hard as we can at what we do and I think that’s something people start to notice after awhile.” When listening to singles

off the EP, you can totally see that what Kevin said holds truth. The work the members have put in since the band’s birth is miraculous compared to most bands that get the initial break. They have also found a deal with a clothing label, Rezistance Clothing, helping to further the already drastic increase of a fan base. This brand has also supported bands like Avenged Sevenfold, Dead Poetic and Finch.

Brian Nagan, lead vocals sums everything up greatly. “Don’t lose sight of this band. From what you can see, the best is yet to come. We try to work together collectively 110 percent in everything that we do, and so far it’s leading us in a positive direction.”

4.0

out of five points

Du jour

Three Miller Cocktail

Ingredients:

1 1/2 oz light rum

3/4 oz brandy

1/4 tsp lemon juice

1 tsp grenadine

Mixing instructions:

Shake all ingredients with ice, strain into a cocktail glass and serve.

Coffee Grinder

Ingredients:

3 parts Kahlua

3 parts Amaretto

3 parts Bailey's irish cream

1 part Scotch

Mixing instructions:

Pour into glass, stir. and serve.

Tropical Hooter

Ingredients:

1/2 oz. Chambord rasp- berry liqueur

1/3 oz. 7-Up or Sprite

1/3 oz. Absolut Citron

1/3 oz. watermelon schnapps

Mixing instructions:

Mix and pour into shot-glass.

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

Smoking becomes butt of joke

I’ve got to be honest - I am a smoker. However, that fact has not influenced my opinion of “Thank You for Smoking” in any way, shape or form. Actually, when I get out of a movie I’m reviewing, I always light up while contemplating the acting and plot of the film. Not this one. The actual thought of it was nauseating and repulsive. Even though I was sitting in a theater, I had the faint smell of stale smoke in the back of my sinuses for the whole hour and a half. That’s pretty cool that a movie can make you physically feel a certain way. But did it have any influence on me quitting for good? No. I still enjoyed a cig this morning ... while chuckling and coughing over the great satire I saw the night before. Its comedy was just as black as my lungs, and I’m okay with that. I’m not sure how much this story-line followed the plot of the book. If I did, I would be reviewing books, not films. But I felt that the film had nothing to do with smoking. It was just a back story to get our attention.

Although the film is about a tobacco lobbyist, Nick Naylor, you never see anyone in the movie smoke, not even an extra. This was a great move by the director, because it focused your attention on the main character and his struggle to teach his son how the world really works - which is accordingly evil and manipulative. The cast includes classic actors such as Robert Duvall and William H. Macy, as the “Capitan” of the tobacco industry versus the senator. They are the foundation for the rest of the comedy because they are subtle and coy about it. Although they never meet on screen, they were perfect nemeses. Katie Holmes appears briefly (and almost always in her underwear) as the reporter who breaks the news of Naylor’s tac-

tics. I wouldn’t have minded her performance, but every time they showed her plowing the lobbyist, I couldn’t help but wonder if that’s how Tom and she do it. It sounds gross, but you’ll think it too when the scenes make you feel like you need a shower. If you like this film because it makes the tobacco industry look like the money hungry, life-sucking leaches you think they are, then you didn’t get it. This isn’t about one industry in particular. “Thank You For Smoking” examines how far any of us might go just to pay the mortgage. What does our ideology say about our personal nature? Nobody thinks that paying off the dying Marlboro Man or cancer is funny. But the best comedic performances come from within the characters’ thoughts and personalities. “Thank You for Smoking” doesn’t just exploit that quality, it makes you love the fact that they did.

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



Jenna Lee

The comedy “Thank You for Smoking” chronicles the life of Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart), chief spokesman for Big Tobacco, who defends the rights of smokers, tobacco farmers and the ‘defenseless’ corporations. Because most people believe that cigarettes contribute to the deaths of thousands each year, cigarettes are often perceived as evil. That is what Naylor faces each day, as he is periodically insulted by the wavering public, brought onto talk shows and interviewed by reporters. Confronted by health activists and a stern senator (William H. Macy) who acts as a sworn foe against the tobacco industry, Naylor never denies the harmful effects of cigarettes. With his good looks and pleasant persona, Naylor instead smoothly twists their arguments, and he’s become pretty damn good at it, too. When Naylor isn’t being harassed by people, he gets together with two friends who are also lobbyists. Representing tobacco, alcohol and firearms, they nickname themselves the M.O.D. squad, the “Merchants of Death.” They discuss their problems over



Nick Welsh

lunch, give each other advice and compare the death tolls their businesses cause each year. Though divorced, Naylor tries to maintain an active role in his son’s life, continuing to act as a role model. Directed and written by Jason Reitman, the son of Ivan Reitman (Ghostbusters, Stripes, Dave), he has indeed inherited his father’s knack at comedy. Jason just uses humor in a more subtle fashion, including reason and logic into the story-line. For example, Naylor comes with the notion to start having cigarettes in movies to give them the appearance of being ‘cool and sexy’ like it was in the past. Also notice that you never do see a person smoking. When dealing with tobacco, the media now often portrays someone coughing and wheezing, but not here. So without this or any of the other negative attributes of smoking, I couldn’t help but think, ‘who am I to tell someone not to smoke? If a person wants to, that’s their decision.’ But easily the best part of the film has got to be Eckhart. With his optimism and trusting nature, you just can’t stay angry at him. Choosing his words carefully, he’s brilliant as a sneaky corporate villain. Ironically, he is also the hero. Though he is apathetic toward people he doesn’t know, he only reveals that in small clips and only to his closest friends. When I saw the pre-views for this, it looked good. But instead it turned out truly great. Eckhart’s performance, along with Reitman’s quirky direction and writing, all comes together to produce a hilarious flick with style. It’s a satire, and it does what a satire does best: pokes fun at society and the social norm. Sure, some people may see cigarettes as evil, but that does not mean we still can’t laugh at it. Nick is a junior studying history. He enjoys watching comic book superhero movies.



Aaron Eckhart portrays tobacco lobbyist Nick Naylor in the satire “Thank You for Smoking.”

3.9

out of five points

Ratings for movie reviews are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores a five is a movie worth seeing at least once. A film that scores a one is a horribly acted or directed film with no substance.

4.0

out of five points

Students teach children about agriculture

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More than 800 elementary school children and 100 chaperones braved the chance of rainy weather last Friday to learn more about agriculture at UW-River Falls' Farm Day Jubilee.

Farm Day Jubilee took place at Lab Farm 2 on April 21 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Even though the weather was predicted to be cloudy and drizzly, nearly all of the registered participants joined Alpha Zeta, the honorary agriculture fraternity, and River Falls High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA), along with other UW-RF organizations to take part in hands-on activities related to farms and agriculture.

"The event was created to educate elementary school students about agriculture," Alpha Zeta President Cory Salzl said. "Each organization helps by providing members to help at various stations throughout the day, and they also put together short presentations for the students."

Students from local elementary schools and several schools in the Twin Cities area were invited. They participated in activities like a petting zoo, sheep shearing and Ag Jeopardy - featuring questions about "Chicken Little" and Donkey from "Shrek."

Other stations included Dairy Story Time, Crops & Soils, Egg Candling, Rodeo School, Food Science and

Forestry Fun.

Rodeo School turned out to be a favorite with the kids, like previous years, allowing them to mount bales of hay and practice roping.

Beth Hankins, a student in the pre-vet program, took part in the festivities for the third year. She was leader of the Egg Candling station, which gave her an opportunity to get involved with the students.

"I like to ask, 'What's the difference between the kind of egg that you eat and the kind that a chick hatches out of?'" Hankins said. "One kid answered, 'the kind you eat has a yolk.' When I told him the real answer, which has to do with fertilization, the boy asked what fertilization was and I had to change the subject really fast."

"Most of the people involved had a great time working with the kids."

Cory Salzl,
Alpha Zeta president

Like Hankins, other students involved with Farm Day enjoyed sharing their knowledge and passion for agriculture with the kids.

"Most of the people involved with helping out had a great time working with the kids," Salzl said. "It gave them

an opportunity to promote agriculture, a passion in their life."

Alpha Zeta organized the event with a lot of help from the River Falls High School FFA. The participating groups from UW-RF that provided a large number of volunteers were the Dairy Club, Sigma Alpha, Ag Ed Society, Crops & Soil Club, Rodeo Club, Food Science Club and Falcon 4-H.

The Farm Day Jubilee is an event that is held each spring and typically invites more than 800 students and chaperones from the surrounding area. The goal is to promote agriculture in a fun way, and to give kids who have never set foot on a farm the opportunity to learn about what it is like.



Jen Dolen, Student Voice

Sophomore Nick Burke helps an elementary student saddle up during the Farm Day Jubilee last Friday. More than 800 local children participated in the event at Lab Farm 2.

"It is important for the kids to understand the functions of agriculture and how agriculture is involved in producing food, clothing and other items used daily," Salzl said. "It was a success. The

weather held out, the kids had fun and they learned a lot about Wisconsin's agriculture."

EVENTS UNITE THE COMMUNITY



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Junior Chaonhia Xiong performs before a crowd during Wednesday's Unity in the Community events. The day-long festival celebrates diversity on the campus and in the community.

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WHICH CAR IS YOURS?



Brand New

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

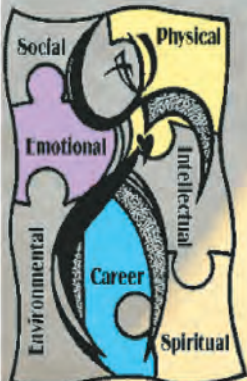


Smashed Up

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

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

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



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

Student Health Services

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Located in East Hathorn

Larissa Filides Spring 2006

LAWNMOWER TUNE UP

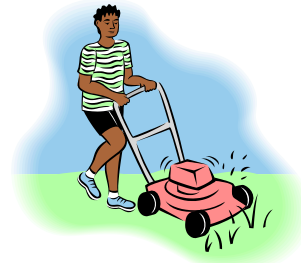
9th Annual UWRF Ag. Mechanization Club

Lawnmower Tune-up

Friday Apr. 28th & Saturday Apr. 29th

Tune-up consists of:

- Oil Change
- New spark plug
- Tire Pressure Check
- Air filter cleaning
- Greasing
- Blade sharpening
- Pressure Washing
- Deck cleaning



Additional Services available for nominal fee



**\$30.00 for each push mower
\$60.00 for each Riding lawnmower**

Pickup/Delivery available in River Falls Area:

\$5.00 for push \$10.00 for Rider:

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Leave Message @ **425-5530**

Email: joel.dernovsek@uwrf.edu

Drop off times:

Friday: 3-9 pm & Saturday: 8am-1pm

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www.uwrf.edu/amc

Directions:

Cascade to South. 3rd Street

South side of Ag Engineering Annex next to greenhouse on UWRF Campus.