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## BSU provides events for Black History Month

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The Black Student Union (BSU), formerly known as the African American Alliance, is putting on events for Black History Month to educate students about African culture. BSU is a collective group of students who have put their time into helping others understand a little more about African history and culture.

"It's to bring black students together and educate others on campus and in the community," BSU President Tony Anderson said.

On Feb. 5 BSU held a panel discussion on racism. "The turnout was really good," Anderson said. "I was actually surprised by how many students came." Anyone was welcome to attend the panel discussion. The topic of the discussion focused on whether or not people believed there was racism involved on campus and in their daily lives.

"Racism does exist here and everyone has their own perspective of what racism is," Anderson said.

Last year BSU held four events during the month of February; this year, however, because of lack of funding, the organization will only be hosting three events.

BSU was allotted approximately \$2000 last year. This year they are only receiving \$1500, which is why African Night will be cut out of the events this month.

UWRF is a campus that is not entirely racially diverse.

According to the Department of Institutional Research, only 1.3 percent of students are black compared to the 91.43 percent of students who are Caucasian. The rest are of a minority or did not fill it out on their applications when they applied to UW-River Falls.

The Department of Institutional Research documents every person's race according to what they fill out on their application.

"We are a very Caucasian-based campus," Debra Baker of the Department of Institutional Research said.

Although the campus majority is Caucasian, there is still room for people of every race and ethnicity to join.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Anderson said.

With more students of racial diversity, it would become an easier setting for some. It would make going to school a little easier and things wouldn't be so awkward for students who are not of the majority.

With the majority of students being Caucasian, it makes sense for our campus to be involved in things such as BSU and Black History Month.

Junior Karwee Marshall is a member of BSU and is the public relations person for the group. Marshall is involved in getting the BSU name out to people on campus via television and radio. He is also involved in making sure that the events BSU holds are well advertised.

"I support BSU in helping them move to the next

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## Falcons top NCHA



The men's hockey team leaves the ice after their 4-1 win Feb. 9 against UW-Stout at Hunt Arena.

Kenny Yoo/Student Voice



## Falcons win first NCHA Championship in over 10 years

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A thrilling overtime goal by UW-River Falls Falcons forward Dustin Norman on Saturday night capped off the Falcons' weekend sweep of the conference-leading Stout Blue Devils.

The victories moved the hockey team into a tie for first with Stout and St. Norbert, but the Falcons will have the number one seed in the NCHA playoffs due to the tiebreakers.

The Falcons lost three games in a row to Stout at Hunt Arena to end last season and cut short what many thought would be a deep playoff run. The men looked like they were playing with a chip on their shoulder, and no one on the team downplayed the revenge angle before the series.

"We had it going into the weekend; we had [revenge] in the backs of our minds," Falcons captain T.J. Dahl said. "It was one of our motivational factors going into the weekend. It was just a great feeling, especially in the dramatic fashion that we won."

The Falcons saved the dramatics for Saturday night. At Hunt Arena on Friday, the Falcons handled the Blue Devils, cruising to a 4-1 victory.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Derek Hansberry leads a breakout during the Feb. 9 game.

Derek Hansberry netted two goals in the win and Dahl got the playmaker with three assists in the game. Falcons goaltender A.J. Bucchino made one highlight-reel save after another in the third period to prevent a Stout comeback. He faced 18 shots in the final frame and stopped them all. With the win, the Falcons set up the deciding game in Menomonie the next night.

The Falcons struck first when Pat Borgestad scored his 13th goal of the season just under four minutes into the opening period.

"You saw Friday night how we reacted to [scoring first], so I knew that we had to be the ones to strike first to get that momentum and get them on their heels right away," Borgestad said. "We were in their rink, so we didn't want them to get any momentum."

Borgestad added a power-play goal late in the first to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead. The team looked like it would head into the first intermission in total control of the game, but 38 seconds later, Matt Mlynarczyk's turnaround shot cut the deficit in half right before the end of the period.

The second period was scoreless, but the scoreboard didn't tell the story. The Blue Devils dom-

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## eSIS displays blank grades last semester

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Any university student knows the feelings that surround final exams. There's stress from trying to get everything finished on time, fatigue from pulling all-nighters, anxiety from wondering if studying wasn't enough and finally, relief after grades come in. However, after last semester, some students at UW-River Falls didn't get to experience that relief. Instead of grades, some stu-

dents received blank spots in their grade reports on eSIS.

Faculty Senate Chair Wes Chapin became aware of the issue while recently talking with his international relations students about the issue of late grades.

"I have no idea how many students were affected on campus," Chapin said. "But 10 out of 32 students [in my class] had one or more blank grades for a significant time after grades were due."

According to a policy passed by the

Faculty Senate and signed by Don Chancellor Betz in spring 2005, grades are due five business days after the last day of finals. This past semester, due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on consecutive Mondays, the deadline fell on Jan. 2, later than previous years.

Chapin said this "holiday anxiety" added to student concerns, which, in turn, added to the unease about grades.

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Niki Paton/Student Voice

Commuters who park along Cascade Avenue will have to find alternate parking locations during construction, which is still in the planning stages.

## City Council plans future reconstruction for Cascade

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Some consider Cascade Avenue as the main road of the UW-River Falls campus. It is used daily by pedestrians and drivers. On Jan. 23, the River Falls City Council decided to start planning the reconstruction of Cascade Avenue from Spruce Street to Wasson Lane, basically Main Street to Highway 65.

"That strip of Cascade is bumpy and old," River Falls Journal reporter Debbie Griffin stated in her Jan. 26 article. "It's graded ... to state-highway

specs, not a city thoroughfare. It's been coated with asphalt and concrete many times over. It lacks good lighting in some spots and boasts no real amenities."

Interim Public Safety Director Dick Trende said the first time he heard about the Cascade construction plans was in the River Falls Journal.

"This is so early in the process, there is a lot of information that we do not have," Trende said. "Nothing is really clear yet."

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## ADP encourages students to learn about democracy

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In 2004 UW-River Falls became a member of the American Democracy Project (ADP), and over the last three years the project has come a long way through the presence of programs, information and events to get students involved in our democracy.

UWRF Chancellor Don Betz is one of the founders of ADP, an organization with more than 1.7 million students and nearly 200 universities participating nationwide.

The goal of the project is to encourage educated civic engagement among college students and the public as a whole in the U.S. "It's [civic engagement] one of our American values and we need to encourage that," said Colleen Callahan, chair of the UWRF journalism department and of ADP.

At UWRF several outlets of ADP are available to aid in achieving their goal, such as the "New York Times Readership Program," "Constitution Week" and the "New Voters Project."

Students in certain classes, such as business, journalism and science classes are involved in the "New York Times Readership Program." Students involved in classes that offer the program pay an additional course fee of \$5 to receive a copy of the New York Times daily on campus and access to exclusive content on the New York Times Web site. The remaining copies of the newspaper are available for all students after 2:00 p.m. every day for free.

According to the 2004-2005 UWRF annual report, "An average of 775 students are reading the renowned newspaper; last spring it was used by 14 faculty members in 21 class sections of 17

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Two alums honored at fifth annual event

UW-River Falls will hold its fifth annual Distinguished Alumni Day Feb. 16 starting at 10:15 a.m. in the Kinnickinnic River Theater in the University Center.

The day’s events will honor William T. Boehm and Dr. Donald Babbitt.

Boehm graduated from UWRF in 1969 and is the senior vice president and president of manufacturing for Kroger Co. in Cincinnati. He has also been an assistant professor at Virginia Tech, and a senior economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the President’s Council of Economic Advisors.

Boehm will share his life experiences in his presentation, “In Retrospect: Ten Life Lessons.”

Babbitt graduated from UWRF in 1942 and was recognized as a 2006 Distinguished Alumnus. Babbitt significantly advanced the field of pediatric radiology and was the world’s leading expert and one of the discoverers of pancreaticobiliary maljunction, a disease of the pancreas.

The event is free and open to the public.

Student orgs debate controversial topics

Three student organizations will debate controversial topics and issues at the President’s Day Great Campus Debate at 6:00 p.m. Feb. 19 in Ballroom D located in the UWRF University Center.

Students, faculty and community members are invited to attend. The organizations that will be debating are the Socialist Alternative, the College Democrats and the College Republicans.

Political Science professor Neil Kraus will mediate the event. Topics that will be debated are the Iraq war, health care, the environmental/energy policy and economic issues. The cost is free.

Seminar held to discuss mobile learning

An EDUCAUSE Web seminar about mobile learning technologies will be held at 12:00 p.m. Feb. 20 in room 106 of the Wyman Education Building.

Mobile learning continues to focus on using portable computing devices such as laptops, tablet PCs, PDAs and smart phones with wireless networks to extend learning spaces beyond the traditional classroom.

The seminar will examine the current status of mobile learning, consider lessons learned from successful mobile learning initiatives and suggest 10 steps learning professionals can take to prepare for the challenges and opportunities of learning anytime and anywhere.

EDUCAUSE Vice President Diana Oblinger will lead the seminar with Ellen D. Wagner, senior director of worldwide eLearning solutions at of Adobe Systems.

Reception honors work, creativity of faculty

The Celebrating Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement reception will be held at 3:00 p.m. Feb. 20 to honor the intellectual and creative output of the UW-River Falls faculty and staff.

Books, journal articles, academic posters, artwork, performance art, funded grants and other items created by UWRF faculty and staff will be collected and published in a booklet of citations and exhibited throughout the library.

The event will be held in the Davee Library’s main floor atrium, and is sponsored by the offices of the Provost, Grants and Research and the Davee Library.

UWRF music students Colleen Kilian, Jennifer Schwochert and Kyle Thomas will perform at the reception. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Career Services hosts open house Feb. 20

Career Services is hosting an open house event from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Feb. 20 in East Hathorn Hall, room 24.

Students can ask questions about job searching, graduate schools, internships and preparing application materials.

The Career Services staff will also assist students with their résumés, cover letter and portfolios. Chipotle, Econo Foods, Caribou Coffee and Best Maid Cookie Company are sponsoring the event.

The event is free. For more information, contact Career Services at 425-3572.

Informational ITC session informs students

An International Traveling Classroom session will be held at 7:05 p.m. Feb. 22 in room 141 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

The session will inform students about ITC, plans for the 2008 spring semester and answer questions about participating in the program.

ITC is a program for students that allows them to study and learn with UWRF faculty in several locations throughout Europe for a semester.

For more information, contact ITC Program Coordinator Charles Rader at charles.p.rader@uwrf.edu.

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Reorganization will bring efficiency

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A few administrative staff members received title changes and gained more responsibilities this semester as part of the chancellor’s plan to meet the University’s goals and needs. A new position was also created in UW-River Falls’ senior leadership.

“The reorganization will help us get more in line with the administration’s workload and will make us more efficient in reaching the goals we are after,” Chancellor Don Betz said.

The title changes and the new position will allow for more interaction with the chancellor and better services for students.

“It allows for better connections and communication,” Gregg Heinselman, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said.

Heinselman’s former title was executive director of student services and programs.

“I gained a few more responsibilities with my title change,” he said.

Among those responsibilities are overseeing health and counseling services, multicultural affairs, judicial affairs and several smaller programs.

“I think it is a better alignment of services for the campus community,” Heinselman said. “It’s designed to make a much more



Alan Tuchtenhagen

comprehensive focus on student life. Students will be better served due to the collaboration of the departments within student affairs.”

Another staff member receiving a title change is Alan Tuchtenhagen, associate vice chancellor for enrollment services.

Tuchtenhagen’s former title was executive director of enrollment services.

“The reorganization aligned two primary areas with the chancellor,” Tuchtenhagen said. “Those areas are enrollment services and academic affairs.”

Like Heinselman, Tuchtenhagen has more responsibilities as well.

Previously, the enrollment services staff was not very involved with the University’s retention efforts and graduate school admissions.

The reorganization has made enrollment services more active in these areas.

Tuchtenhagen said he hopes the reorganization will help improve enrollment services to students.

“Part of the reorganization is structural, but students will see more of our services online,” he said.

Another plan is to have enrollment services, the registrar and account’s receivable to be located in the same building.

“Right now these services are in two different buildings, on four different floors,” Tuchtenhagen said.

Classes geared toward better learning

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Languages classes are being offered through the Outreach and Graduate Studies program, so anyone can develop their vocabulary and better understand a culture before traveling abroad.

The courses, which are held on the UW-River Falls campus, have already begun. Spanish I classes started Feb. 6 and will be held every Tuesday until March 13. Italian classes began Feb. 7 and will be offered on Wednesdays through March 14.

Spanish II will begin March 27, so enrollment is still available for this course.

“The course will give a basic elementary education of speaking the languages because they are mainly for traveling and teaching children,” Cynthia Wells-O’Malley, program manager of Outreach and Graduate Studies, said.

This is a new program that started this semester and, depending on interest, will continue to be held every semester from now on, she said.

Though you can’t transfer the credit over at all to the University, this is a straightforward class to take if students plan on traveling abroad, she said.

“This program is a way to reach out to the community; everyone can participate,” Wells-O’Malley said. “There are no tests, just homework, to make the classroom more stress-free.”

Karen Neset is one of the two teachers involved in the program. She teaches Italian and has experience teaching non-credit classes at Minnesota colleges and universities.

“The class is specifically geared for travelers,” Neset said, “The curriculum will consist of asking for reservations, eating and other normal activities with some comfort.”

Presently, there are twelve adults of all ages enrolled in Italian. The students not only come from River Falls, but also from sur-

rounding towns, such as Hudson and Ellsworth.

This is also an ideal introduction to the language for those planning to travel to Spanish-speaking countries.

Mike Madson, a River Falls resident, is taking the Spanish class because it will be useful in the future.

“I plan on retiring in the Caribbean or Cuba one day, so this course is beneficial,” he said.

The noncredit languages classes are also convenient because of how fast the course fills up on campus.

“It is good that they have this class available because it is so difficult to enroll in the University courses,” Madson said.

The other instructor, Nancy Schrank, a UW-River Falls alumna, teaches Spanish at a local public school.

According to the Outreach Web site, this class will combine culture, vocabulary and grammar.

“There will be activities that will replicate everyday situations such as speaking in front of large groups, which is a common fear, as well as having conversations in partners,” Schrank said. “We also try to make the learning interactive by throwing a ball around to practice word commands.”

Spanish and Italian will be an on-going six-week course held each semester and will be listed on the Outreach and Graduate Studies Web site.

Both classes are 90 minutes long starting at 6:00 p.m. and meet once a week.

The cost for each course is \$85 and there are required textbooks and workbooks, which can be purchased at the University bookstore.

Registration can be done either on the Web site, by mail or at the Outreach and Graduate Studies office located on in the Regional Development Institute on campus.

In addition, there is free, convenient parking close to Rodli Commons and the Kleinpell Fine Arts building, where the classes are held.

Main Street may no longer be main source

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With nearly everything a student needs available in the University Center, the need to go off campus to eat or purchase something may slowly diminish. That fact is what has business and store owners on Main Street a bit concerned.

The new building offers far more than its predecessor. Equipped with four floors that offer a wide range of attractions, the University Center is the latest campus hot spot.

“The new University Center offers a much larger variety than ever before,” senior Kaari Naughton said.

Naughton said she looks forward to all the University

Center has to offer as she finishes her college career at UWRF.

There is a cyber café, entertainment complex, two-level game room, convenience store, bank, coffee shop, involvement center, lounge areas and meeting rooms.

“It is too soon to tell how the center will affect our business.”

Jodie Rubenzer,  
Lighthouse Coffee owner

Chartwell’s is still the food provider for those students who have meal plans. There are four other eateries that students can

choose from: Zona Mexicana, Mama Leone’s Pizza, Coyote Jacks and Mondo Subs.

While it is too soon to tell just if and how much the University Center will affect stores and businesses, it is capable of raising eyebrows in the future.

Caribou Coffee has the potential to attract students away from Lighthouse Coffee on Main Street.

“It is too soon to tell how the center will affect our business,” Jodie Rubenzer, owner of the coffee shop said.

Rubenzer said she has always been generous with UWRF students in the past by offering a 10 percent discount for those with student identification. In addition to that, students may now enjoy a free cup of coffee and a

treat the first Thursday of every month.

South Fork Café may also feel the effects of the University Center, however, owner Dawn Morrow, isn’t too concerned.

“To be honest I didn’t know that there was a new University Center,” she said. “I think that it is too soon to tell.”

Restaurants, café’s and coffee shops are not the only ones at risk. Convenience stores are as well. For example, Holiday Gas Station could lose students craving a late-night snack to the convenience store located in the new building.

“I haven’t noticed a difference yet,” Holiday cashier Stephanie Karlstad said.

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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**Feb. 4**

- At 2:30 p.m. Brian Stone, 18, was fined \$172 for an ID violation while attempting to purchase alcohol from Dick’s Plus convenience store. Stone attempted to use his older brother’s driver’s license, but the clerk asked for a second form of identification in order to offset the concern she had about Stone looking different from the person pictured on the license. Stone fled the store and was later given a citation by RFPD in his room in Crabtree Hall.

**Feb. 6**

- Amy Killeen, 19, was fined \$375 for second offense underage assumption in Stratton Hall.

**Feb. 7**

- Anthony Olson, 20, attempted to purchase alcohol from Dick’s Hometown Liquor using a fake driver’s license at about 8:20 p.m. The clerk noticed the ID was expired, but Olson could not provide

a second form of identification to verify his name or age. She asked Olson to recite the address on the driver’s license and he was unable to correctly do so. After fleeing, police caught him by using the license plate number offered by clerks at Dick’s. He was fined \$172.

**Feb. 9**

- Public Safety was alerted by the staff of May Hall that someone had just broken a pane of glass near the southwest entrance of May Hall. The pane was cleaned up and covered with plywood and no further action has been taken. The cost to replace the pane is approximately \$250.
- Bryan Derheim, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
- Nathan Burris, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

**Feb. 13**

- Sara Ahlfs, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillian Hall.



# Hockey: Norman’s overtime goal clinches win, NCHA championship

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inated the period, out-shooting the Falcons 14-3. “We didn’t play really well in the second period,” Falcons’ Head Coach Steve Freeman said. “They had a lot of opportunities. [Bucchino] kept us in there and gave us a chance to win the game in the end. He’s been a rock of Gibraltar for us all year.”

Being barraged by shots all game, it was only a matter of time before another got by Bucchino. Stout tied the game 4:16 into the third period with a goal by Paul Henderson.

Halfway through the third period, Hansberry scored on the power play for his team-leading 20th goal of the year. But much like in the first period, the Blue Devils came right back at the Falcons. Just 22 seconds later, Mlynarczyk scored his second goal of the game to tie it at 3-3. That would be the final goal of regulation play.

“It was definitely a momentum booster for us to score and then a momentum booster for them to score,” Bucchino said. “It was definitely disappointing going into an overtime, and our only option was to win.”

Fortunately, the Falcons had 1:21 of power play to work with to start the overtime. With 39 seconds left in regulation, Norman was chasing down a long lead pass and was checked into the end boards by Blue Devil Bobby Kuehl. Kuehl threw a few punches to the back of Norman’s head, but Norman wisely kept an even keel.

In overtime, the Falcons had the power play set up in the Blue Devil zone. Norman, who has recently joined the top power-play unit, did a great job holding the zone on a deflected puck near the blue line.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

**Derek Hansberry scores his 18th goal of the season during the first period of the Feb. 9 game against the UW-Stout Blue Devils at Hunt Arena.**

Seconds later he was set up around the left wing face-off circle on a pass from defenseman Jim Henkemeyer.

“Before we went on the ice for overtime, Coach Freeman just said basically ‘Get the puck to Norman’ and he told me to look backdoor for Dahl or Hansberry,” Norman said. “I looked backdoor either time and nobody was there, so I just let it rip, and it went in the net.”

The celebration ensued for the Falcons and the hundreds of Falcons fans who made the trip to pack the Dunn County Ice Arena. Norman doesn’t quite know what to make of his championship-clinching goal celebration.

“It was the biggest goal I’ve ever scored in my life,” Norman said. “I figured I

might as well just go for the big dive right in front of their bench.”

Getting back at Stout for the Falcons’ early playoff exit, and the way that it played out, ranks in his top coaching moments, Freeman said. But he seemed more excited for what it meant to the players.

“Having a chance to hang a banner and become a part of Falcon Hockey history that’s the most important thing for me, for these guys to have that,” he said.

Although this was definitely a revenge-fueled weekend, Bucchino’s sentiments seem to echo that of his teammates.

“It felt good,” he said. “But it’s going to feel even better if we see [Stout] again later on in the playoffs.”

# BSU: Student organization reaches out to campus, community

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level with things,” Marshall said.

BSU wants everyone to understand the reasons people act the way they do and the reasons why some people react the way they do to certain things. “We are working on educating people,” Anderson said.

BSU meets every Monday at 4:30 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend.

“You don’t have to be black to be involved,” Anderson said. “We encourage everyone to come.”

BSU is trying something new this year by reaching out to Meyer Middle School in River Falls. BSU will be sending students from the University to the middle school to teach them about black culture. They will be taught through poetry and through the history of the culture.

BSU is interested in reaching out to the community and educating the people.

“It will be a good way for us to get through to the children, and I think it is the best way by actually talking to them,” Anderson said.

A Soul food dinner will be held at the Journey House Mission House on Cascade Avenue on Feb. 23. On Feb. 28, there will be a Freedom of Expression event held in the

entertainment complex of the University Center.

“The things we are doing are good, and I am really excited to be a part of it,” Anderson said.

BSU is hosting these events in hopes of raising the knowledge of people at the University and in the community to understand black heritage and the origin of the culture.

# ADP: Program events promote student involvement in American democracy

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courses.”

“Constitution Week” takes place during the first week of classes in September. During this time there are activities directed at making students recognize the U.S. Constitution. UWRF History Professor Kurt Leichtle dresses up in colonial garb and passes out pocket Constitutions to students.

The “New Voters Project” is designed to increase the number of student voters every two years, Callahan said. During election time, things are done on campus to encourage students to vote. Student volunteers come to classrooms to register voters, give directions on how to vote and information about candidates is available on campus.

Callahan said “Coffee with the Times,” another event in conjunction with ADP and sponsored by the New York Times, has her excited. This is a group discussion open to the public that will be held twice a month in the University Center.

**“We are educating citizens to acquire the skills, perspective and motivation to actively address the issues of our times.”**

Don Betz,  
UWRF chancellor

“It’s a place for faculty, staff, students and the community to get together to talk about issues that are important to them,” Callahan said, adding that she is still searching for people to lead the discussions.

On April 12-14, UWRF will be hosting the first American Democracy Project North Central Regional Conference in the new University Center. The theme for the conference will be “Spaces of Civic Engagement.”

“This theme leads us to sustainability and our roles as leaders and stewards of our resources, natural and human,” Betz said.

The conference will focus on where spaces of civic engagement occur, how they are created and how they can be sustained.

“We are educating citizens to acquire the skills, perspective and motivation to actively address the issues of our times,” Betz said.

According to the conference Web site, “This conference invites you to explore the myriad spaces where students, faculty, alumni, staff and local residents can come together to exchange ideas, solve problems, and improve the physical and intellectual environments on college campuses.”

Several events will take place during the conference, including speeches by environmental activist John Cronin, and the New York Times Senior Editor Greg Brock. A photography exhibition entitled “9 Months in America” will be displayed, and there will be a showing of “The Diary of Anne Frank” at the University Center Theater.

Special Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry said the conference is \$125 for faculty and staff and \$100 for students, but certain events, such as the film showing and the photography display, are free and open to the public.

Callahan said she sees the importance of civic involvement at a young age because future generations depend on the people of today. “That’s part of our job as educators, to promote civic engagement,” she said.

The American Democracy Project is an attempt to make civic involvement a reality at UWRF and throughout the nation.



# eSIS: Issues pertaining to blank grades still remain unanswered

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Like Chapin, Registrar Dan Vande Yacht was completely unaware of the issue.

“We didn’t know about it until Wes mentioned it,” Vande Yacht said. “We received phone calls about late grades, incompletes and transcript requests, but none that I know of in regards to blank grades.”

Vande Yacht said the Registrar’s Office sends out hundreds of transcripts at the close of every semester to potential employers and transfer schools. Each of these transcripts is looked over before it is sent out, and no grades were found blank in the transcripts from last semester.

It is not known at this point whether this was a technical or faculty error, Vande Yacht said.

“The faculty can enter grades during the day, which then go into a roster. We run the system every night and post the grades,” Vande Yacht said. “We usually enter an [incomplete] grade if grades aren’t in, but never a blank grade.”

Regardless of the mystification as to the reason for the blank spots, there was still irritation among the students who received them. Malisa Hyland was one of those students.

“One of my grades was blank until well after

January 2, when grades were due,” Hyland said. “It was annoying because I wanted to figure out what my GPA was so I knew if I made the Dean’s List.”

The mention of the Dean’s List brings up another pertinent question: Did the blank spots affect grade point average (GPA) and therefore have a potential effect on financial aid eligibility, scholarship qualification or academic progress in general?

Vande Yacht said the Registrar’s Office is not aware of any dire issues that resulted from the blank grades. He said that as far as he knows, the blank grades have since appeared. However, there is a plan to go back and re-evaluate the Dean’s List to be sure.

While the issue seems to have resolved itself for the most part, Vande Yacht said that this will definitely create a wariness that didn’t previously exist.

“All we can do at this point is look back into the database, do some research and talk with our colleagues who use the same system to see if they’ve ever experienced similar problems,” Vande Yacht said. “Most importantly, we can be mindful of it for spring semester.”

Anyone who experienced blank grades is encouraged to contact the Registrar’s Office at 425-3342.

# Cascade: Construction warrants travel, parking issues

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Trende said street parking will be greatly impacted by this project.

“At this point, I’m not sure where people would park,” Trende said. “When the time comes, we would have plans for where those people could park and we would advertise that in advance.”

Because Cascade Avenue is a city street, it will be the city’s job to fund some of the project.

The state of Wisconsin and UWRF may also possibly be involved with the funding.

Trende said that because this project is so preliminary, there has not been a planning meeting yet.

“I’m not sure where the grant process is, when money is allocated or how they are going to start dealing with it,” Trende said.

Whatever the plans may be, Trende said travel and construction times are the biggest issues. If the construction was planned

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Blake Ashley,  
student

to occur during the summer, there would be less people on campus, and it would be easier to handle traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists, Trende said.

“We are trying not to inconvenience anyone, but that will always be difficult,” Trende said.

Junior Blake Ashley said he thinks some areas of Cascade Avenue’s surface are in a great need of care.

Ashley also said it was nice to hear River Falls would be taking action to fix one of the highest traffic areas in the city.

“My only concern is pertaining to the commuting student body,” Ashley said. “If the repairs take place during the fall or spring semesters, that could seriously affect the already-limited parking issues by eliminating parking, or worse, travel on Cascade.”

Ashley said he would like to see a revamped Cascade Avenue.

“Ultimately, this will be better for everyone,” Trende said. “This project will improve the street and improve the overall traffic flow.”

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EDITORIAL

Black history needs more recognition

February marks the annual celebration of Black History Month. But, why is it the only month out of the entire year that is designated to black history?

The history of many prominent foreign nations is taught in university classrooms across the country on a daily basis. Attending UW-River Falls, students often find themselves enrolling in history courses revolving around the Latin American, Asian, Native American and European civilizations, mostly because they are offered every semester and fulfill general education requirements. With the exception of an occasional reference to slavery, black history seems to go unnoticed.

The lack of black history offerings is somewhat disturbing, especially living in an era of equal opportunity. When perusing the undergraduate catalog, one will find that the only course offered with a focus on black culture is African American History (History 207).

That course was last offered during spring of 2005 — and only one section was available. The listing in the course catalog states that the class is offered every other spring semester. But for some reason it was not available as a selection on eSIS this semester. Instead, the course will be offered during the summer. Those students who are curious to find out more about African American history will not be able to gain more education on the topic unless they are willing to take three hours a day out of their schedule for the first two weeks of summer. If a summer session is not feasible, students will have to wait another two years before it may be offered again.

Considering UWRF is within reasonable commuting distance to the Twin Cities, which are highly diversified, it is surprising the course is not offered more often. At UW-Stout, an African American history course is offered every semester. UW-La Crosse offers four different courses related to African American studies and UW-Superior offers six options.

Black history is pertinent throughout the year, not just in February. Those who want to learn more about the culture and origins associated with black history shouldn't have to wait four semesters before they are given the option to enroll. They shouldn't be forced to wait for the Black Student Union (BSU) to educate the campus community every February either.

BSU has done a terrific job in getting the word out about the significance of Black History Month, holding several events on campus and in the surrounding community. With so much emphasis on international studies and diversity awareness at UWRF, it would make sense for the history department to add more courses based on black and African history, or at least offer more sections of the existing course. Being taught more about black history, aside from slavery, is extremely important to our understanding of the culture and overall academic development.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Solutions to campus problems

Our campus is growing, and with growth comes expansion and change. The most recent change to campus is the University Center, and its concept is wonderful. However, like many new systems, it has flaws that need attention. For example, bringing the entire campus population into one area, Riverside Commons, causes congestion.

I say give it a chance and be open-minded. Another way the facility could increase happiness among students is to get all the restaurant areas to offer a transfer for lunch, as well as dinner. Do the restaurants not get reimbursed for the transfers by the University? Why don't they offer a transfer option? The excuse cannot possibly be money loss, can it?

If you take a campus that had at least two meal locations per side of campus, about five options total, and cut it down to one, problems may arise. I have heard a few stories of Riverside running out of menu items and either making something else or having students go elsewhere, which is ridiculous.

Some future changes being considered that my hall council discussed are as follows: building South Fork II, highly encouraging juniors and seniors to live in South Fork Suites or off campus, removing computer labs from the residence halls to increase room space, and turning Rodli into a 24-hour computer lab facility.

Hold on a second! Ok. What's the problem here, shortage of computers or shortage of space? The population of this campus is expanding, so instead of narrowing computer space down to two areas why not bulldoze Rodli and make another dorm? Then, we will have South Fork II and a new hall. Genius!

I don't know if these alternatives would work, but they seem more practical than turning Rodli into a massive computer arena. Residents enjoy not having to leave their building to do simple assignments or print something off.

Encouraging the juniors and seniors to live in South Fork Suites is irrational and poorly thought out. I know people who cannot afford living in the Suites and if they move off campus, will lose some or all of their grants, scholarships, loans, etc.

Not everyone wants to walk from the boonies to go to class either, and if I lived there on a day like Monday, Feb. 5, I would have e-mailed my professors saying I couldn't make it. It was too cold. Another problem in the future is parking space. Where is the next lot going to be built? I understand that a lot of this is going to come down to money. I just hope that people look at the bigger picture, speak their minds and come to a practical

decision. Failure to do so could dissipate the growth of the campus population, because I know that I would more than likely relocate to a competing university and am confident that I am not alone. And please, correct me if I am speaking out of my tatus on any of this.

Alexandra Handlos, Student

Opinions don't matter

Kris Evans, and many on campus, don't understand plenty of things. But worst of all is they can't comprehend how little anyone's opinion matters about anything. The question is not "what can one person do?" it's "what does any of it matter?" It doesn't matter, not Kris' opinion about anything, not anyone else's opinion about Kris, not my opinion, nothing. Kris' sweatpants article may have "affected" people, but not in any sort of way that matters at all. There was a small, pathetic "uproar" (that I didn't even hear about; I had to read about it) that will eventually die down into nothing, like anyone else's stupid opinion about anything.

I have had a few classes with Kris and (thankfully) not many discussions with him. He seems cool but he thinks he knows everything, which is pretty funny considering. He once "informed" me that Paul McCartney is a prick because he wants the people who work for him to be vegetarians. God forbid! It's like a church asking their employees to be Christian, ya know; what a stupid concept. What a god-awful prick that McCartney is.

Get over yourself, Kris, for the love of God. No one in their right mind cares what you think. Fortunately for you, and every other opinionated hack that knows nothing and writes or talks about it, almost nobody is in their right mind anyway and thus many will actually take you seriously. Too bad for them. Oh, and I'm aware that it's contradictory to have an opinion that I think matters about how opinions don't matter. The difference is that my opinion is authoritative.

May a meteor hit the planet soon so everyone's opinions won't matter anymore. It could happen, ya know. Tomorrow isn't promised. So let's have fun and stop being such idiots, huh?

Erik Ritland, M.B.E.

College students should be selfish

So, I am writing this letter to the editor to appease the staff of the *Student Voice* and to all those who care about making sure students have their voices

heard. It is ironic that I am even writing at all. You want letters to the editor? You definitely have them now. I must say, when I read the "Sweatpants" article I knew that Kris Evans didn't really mean what he said and he was only trying to get a reaction out of students. I'm sure his current article, "Students are selfish, apathetic" will do the same thing since it obviously motivated me to write. However, I am sitting here writing this letter when I should be studying for the three tests I have this week (and I am also wearing sweatpants I might add).

You wonder why students don't voice their opinions on more important issues like the war on Iraq or American health insurance? For me, and I can only say this applies to me and not the student body as a whole, I have many other things to worry about rather than making sure my voice is heard. Yes, of course that makes me selfish. College is the one point in our lives we have to be selfish. We are making decisions here that affect the rest of our lives. So paying close attention to our personal needs is the only thing we should concern ourselves with right now.

We also may feel strongly about an issue but may not be passionate enough about it to try and make a difference. We have other passions (hopefully within our areas of study) and are subsequently putting our efforts to more appropriate use there. Therefore, I'm saying take advantage of every moment you have for yourself and don't let someone tell you that that's wrong, or apathetic.

Elizabeth Allen, Student

Viewpoints should be serious

It is hard to take the *Student Voice* seriously as a platform for debate and intellectual discussions. The Viewpoints pages are regularly composed of personal grievances and insipid day-in-the-life moments. Are the readers expected to submit serious, well-researched arguments and points of debate when the paid writers do not?

Mr. Evans, did you think at all about your methods? I don't think it takes a great mind to realize that people will respond to a personal attack over the regular drivell of the Viewpoints page. They are also more likely to respond to a personal attack than they are to a rational, structured and informed viewpoint, but the lack of such editorials leaves me with no evidence to refute my claim.

Instead of once again blaming the readers that the Letters to the Editor section is empty, why not write informative editorials on subjects that are important to people? If your most pointed opinion piece is a

wandering story that refuses to take a stand, like Ms. Smith's, what do you expect people to respond to? Take responsibility for your own newspaper and write something that is worth responding to and I assure you that people will.

The *Voice* staff has time to research topics and write out well-structured arguments. Stop making Viewpoints look like the newspaper equivalent of a get-out-of-responsibility free card. Take some pride in your writing. Be concise, edit and cut out the filler and frivolous "and then I..." stories.

This is a newspaper, not a magazine for bad short fiction. Every word in your column should be important. Write and edit with precision and give the readers something to respond to.

Abraham Simons, Student

Voice covers important issue

I would like to commend Josh Dahlke for the article he wrote last week, "Facebook group raises awareness, support for Darfur." This issue has received little attention and any attention that can be brought to it helps.

I first heard about the genocide in Darfur, Sudan about two years ago when I was a member of the UWRF chapter of Amnesty International. Amnesty International may not be active on the UWRF campus any longer, but that doesn't mean there are not any caring, passionate students here that care about humanitarian issues such as the atrocities in Darfur.

It's astounding to me that hundreds of thousands of people can be murdered without much of the world even batting an eyelash. I've seen a couple of students pics up the Feb. 9 issue of the *Student Voice* and say "what is Darfur?" An educated college populace should at least be aware of this issue, but if UWRF students didn't know about Darfur before this article they do now.

In a world where so much attention is being paid to the Middle East and North Korea, Africa has fallen by the wayside. In the mid-90's extremist Hutu militia groups killed possibly a million or so Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda while much of the world sat back and ignored it. Genocide is happening again today in Africa as numerous native Sudanese are being murdered by the Janjaweed.

I'm glad Mr. Dahlke has brought some light to this issue and I'm also please Jeremy Riddell-Kaufman has used the social network of Facebook for such a positive cause. Getting people informed about this issues is the first step when in comes to making a difference.

Derrick Knutson, Student



# Surprise video left in movie store box

There are some stories, that no matter how long you look at them, the facts never seem to add up. The more you think about them, the more confusing they seem.

An astronaut armed with an airsoft gun drives 900 miles — in a wig and a diaper, no less — intending to kidnap and possibly kill a woman involved in her bizarre space-age love triangle; Turner Broadcasting pays the city of Boston \$2 million and the head of The Cartoon Network resigns after light-up advertisements depicting a character from the cartoon “Aqua Teen Hunger Force” are seen as a terrorist threat.

Here in River Falls, a bizarre series of events has taken place at the local movie store.

It began a little over one month ago, on a Saturday shortly after 9:00 a.m. That was when the first DVD-R was found in the overnight return bin, haphazardly wrapped in a plastic bag and tape. There was no title, or any indication of its contents.

As you can imagine, curiosity got the best of us. What could we do but put in the DVD player and watch it? Fortunately, the store was not open yet, because if there had been a customer inside, they would have been greeted abruptly — as my co-worker and I were — by hardcore fetish pornography.

There was no menu screen, no introduction; the disc simply began in the middle of a very graphic scene involving six or seven individuals performing acts to a heavy-metal soundtrack.

I will not go into details on the material or plotline, but the fact that the phrase “man-gravy” was uttered twice within the first thirty seconds should give you some idea.

Since this incident, we have found three similar discs in or near the store. All the content is particularly lewd and outlandish, the titles ranging from “Fast and Furious: Stokyo Stick” to “Scooby Goo.” Though not confirmed, I have even heard rumors of these discs being found around town.

I don’t know why, but something about this really got to me. I found myself asking the same questions over and over again.

Who would do a thing like this? What was his or her intention? Am I supposed to be shocked? Disturbed? Angry?

Sometimes, even when you understand the when, where, who and how, you can still be perplexed with the “why?” and the pure ridiculousness of it all. So instead, I just laugh.

What else can you do?

A quote comes to mind from the Irish Revolutionary Robert Emmet: “Let no man write my epitaph; for as no man who knows my motives dare now vindicate them, let not prejudice or ignorance asperse them. Let them rest in obscurity and peace!”

The world is a strange, eccentric place. Unusual things are happening all the time. It seems the more you try to put everything in its place — good, bad, black, white — the harder it is to understand. Maybe you don’t always have to decide. Sometimes it’s better to just enjoy the madness.



Tyler Liedman

# Wisconsin can’t be blamed for writer’s block

I’m pretty sure it happens to everyone. Usually, I’ve been immune, but now I have writer’s block.

Last year I was a columnist while studying abroad, and topics would float across the keys as I told about things I was realizing and experiencing while I was traveling across Europe. It was easy. The hard part was deciding if I should write about watching U.S. Olympians take gold and silver medals while in Torino or my constantly ballooning self-confidence in traveling by train across the continent.

While I can’t deny the outrageous fun and culture experiencing a road trip across the state of Wisconsin can be when done with close friends, it’s just not the same as seeing the sunset over Florence or riding on a carousel next to the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Valentine’s Day was.

And while the Olive Garden is one of my favorite places to eat, everything will pale in comparison to Mamma Mia smiling her scattered-teeth smile while ringing the dinner bell indicating the authentic Italian pasta was ready at our hostel.

So what now? I’m home and back in River Falls working on my final scholastic semester, laboring at my part time job serving popcorn in a bowtie at a movie theater as well as here, at the *Student Voice*. Sound mundane to you, too?

But that shouldn’t be an excuse.

If Europe taught me anything, it was to notice what’s going on around me, take it and lock it in my memory bank. Bad things happen, sometimes life is boring or you have to make priorities. But so many times are good, life is only as fun as you want to make it and rewards come from priorities. Any situation is worth remembering.

I’m glad I can appreciate my super smart friend’s ability to dance on a pole in a bar, or the way my other friend can use a wall screw and pliers to open a bottle of wine when her new house doesn’t contain a corkscrew.

Even if I’m not looking out a window seeing fields of grape vines and botching

pronouncing Italian city names the train stops in, I can see the snow-covered corn fields and slaughter the pronunciation names of towns and villages Highway 24 runs through in Wisconsin.

If I can’t be in Amsterdam spending my morning “learning” about the brewing process of Heineken beer, Chippewa Falls isn’t far and the Leinenkugel’s brewery opens at 9:00 a.m.

The point I’m making is, I can’t blame the area for not providing me with inspiring writing topics; it’s my own fault for not initially recognizing or embracing them.

It’s not the same as anything I did or saw in any European country, but it doesn’t have to be, because it’s not. It’s home and that should be enough.

Three hundred pictures of my friends and I in one weekend or 300 in one day of the ancient Greek temples are all photographs and still frames in my mind.



Keighla Schmidt

# Reciprocity unequal due to tuition hikes

Tuition reciprocity is a beautiful thing. It offers variety and affordability to students who would otherwise not be able to afford college. Today, this long standing agreement between Minnesota and Wisconsin is in jeopardy because of an inequality in what the students pay.

Recently, Minnesota has been crying foul because Wisconsin residents who attend Minnesota schools pay two thousand dollars less per year than Minnesotans. This situation springs from the sudden and recent tuition hikes in Minnesota schools. They want to change the reciprocity agreement so that students who come across the river would pay the extra two thousand dollars.

Minnesota loses \$6.5 million a year because of this inequity. One could say it is their fault because they raised their tuition, but those hikes were necessary to maintain the University’s reputation as a research institution. Think about it. Anytime we hear about some new medical breakthrough or a friend needs an experimental procedure done, the University of Minnesota is usually mentioned. The University of Minnesota Medical Center helped to extend my cousin’s life by years, so I fully believe in what they do, and money is what keeps the miracles coming.

But should this burden fall on Wisconsin residents? If students have an excess of anything, it is financial burden. None of us have an extra two grand lying around, nor do we wish to repay it four times over when we graduate. Asking the students to front the bill is the wrong answer, and it is against the principle of affordable education that Minnesota and Wisconsin have been striving for.

In truth, Minnesota is already being compensated for this inequity. According to the reciprocity agreement, if there is an

inequity, the other state must pay the difference. The state of Wisconsin already pays \$6 million a year to reimburse Minnesota. The problem is that this money goes into the state’s general fund, and not to the university system.

As a Minnesotan, I’m more than a little embarrassed for my state. All of this bellyaching, and we are already getting paid. Rather than going through the process of going to the state legislature and getting that money put into the university system’s budget, they want to take the shirts off the backs of the people who they should be trying to serve. They could make us pay the bills, or they could just do some paperwork.

This doesn’t necessarily solve the problem of inequity. One state is still paying the other reimbursement, and Wisconsin will continue to lose \$6 million a year. It can’t be helped. Minnesota needs that extra money if it is going to maintain its reputation as a center of innovation and research.

Wisconsin seems content on paying, but in time, this burden will eventually fall on the students. We might not have to pay more to attend Minnesota schools, but eventually Wisconsin will charge us more to pay the difference. Wisconsin officials have been trying to play it cool, saying that it’s not their problem, but they aren’t looking at the long run.

We shouldn’t have to pay more and Minnesota should get its act together and get the money that we’re already paying them. This might ultimately prove to be temporary fix for students because, in the end, the \$6 million bill will fall on us.



Kris Evans

# Professional athletic locker rooms aren’t like prison showers

Sometimes I really don’t get men, and not because they’re so complicated, but because they just don’t make any sense. Even though there is a myriad of topics I could go into with that statement, I’m going to focus on homophobia in sports.

Another retired professional athlete came out of the closet fairly recently, the first NBA player to do so, eliciting responses from the sports world which were perhaps better left unsaid.

NBA commissioner David Stern threw out the highly-evolved Bush military motto of “Don’t ask, don’t tell,” just shoot.

Philadelphia 76ers’ forward Shavlik Randolph sent out his warning of “Don’t bring your gayness on me.” I was hoping that Randolph was an ugly European guy who would have no need to worry about oncoming gayness, but, unfortunately, he’s pretty good looking and born in America. Darn — and now I guess I’m going to start watching more Sixers games.

Even the Houston Rockets’ Tracy McGrady’s comments, accepting and understanding of a gay teammate as they were, warned closeted athletes to not have any ideas about getting frisky with him. What is with these athletes who think they are such hot pieces of man meat that the mere sight of their sudsy bottoms in the shower will incite any gay man into a sexual frenzy? It’s supposed to be flattering to be desired anyways. In no way does it mean you have to go on a date with them, and last I knew, a men’s locker room

was a far cry from a prison shower.

But what I know comes from movies and speculation, I swear!

There are probably several active homosexual athletes on TV and on our fantasy teams. There are probably even more gay athletes at the college and high school levels. The threat of being ostracized or abused has probably inhibited the play of these athletes and shattered their self-confidence.

Hundreds, several, or perhaps just one athlete has been prevented from achieving greatness on the playing field, and that one dream lost is one too many.

Let’s pretend for just a split second that Michael Jordan was into dudes. If he had been unable to fulfill his potential because of even the fear of persecution from those around him, the athletic world would have missed out on, not only an amazing basketball player, but one of the best athletes ever and a pretty darn good guy. And we wouldn’t have “Space Jam.”

A lot of comparisons are being raised between Jackie Robinson and whoever decides to be the first open and active gay athlete. Jackie Robinson started playing professional baseball in 1947. That was sixty years ago, my friends.

I really hope that we have learned enough in six decades to put our fear of whatever aside and accept each person for who they are as a person, not for what we think they are. After all, without Jackie Robinson, we would not have had Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds, and the list goes on and on. Imagine the talent that could be denied because of ignorance, naivety and fear in the 21st Century.



Cassie Rodgers

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Danielle Saxs, freshman

“It’s a holiday to celebrate, especially if you have someone.”

# STUDENT voices

## Is Valentine’s Day a waste of time or a holiday you celebrate?

Darryl Rhyme, freshman



“If you’re single, it’s kind of a waste of time, but when you have someone, like a person that you love, it’s a pretty good way to say, ‘I love you,’ by giving them a Valentine’s gift or something.”

Rebecca Lashinski, senior



“It’s a good way to show your friends you love them.”



Ashley Thompson, senior

“Worst holiday ever invented! It’s just an excuse for commercial companies to sell things to get more money. They just want guys to buy stuff for their girlfriends when they should just be doing that on a normal basis.”



Thomas Friant, junior

“Well nothing is a waste of time. It depends on the spin you put on it. I think Valentine’s day is a great excuse to be happy, show love and have a good time.”

Connor Luby, senior



“Something I celebrate. You can choose to make it waste of time or you can choose to make it a fun day to show appreciation for friends and people that are close to you.”



# Playoffs begin, Falcons in the ‘Hunt’

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With the two victories over Stout last weekend, the UW-River Falls hockey team has secured the number one seed in the NCHA playoffs.

With that number one seed, the Falcons will have home ice advantage through all three rounds.

This weekend the Falcons take on the Lake Forest Foresters, who finished in last place with three points on the season. Both games start at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Lake Forest comes into this weekend’s matchup with the Falcons having gone winless in the conference during the regular season.

The team also averages just under two goals per game. Nonetheless, the Falcons can’t take a team like the Foresters lightly.

“To be honest with you, you have to prepare a little more because sometimes athletes have a tendency to set back,” Falcons goaltender and reigning NCHA Player of the Week A.J. Bucchino said. “Our team has done that in the past. But I think right now, myself and the team, I think we know we have to go hard because anything can happen.”

Although the Foresters are without a win in the conference, head coach Tony Fritz said he believes his team is built for an upset.

“We have what is necessary in the playoff situation,” Fritz said. “We have really good goaltending.”

The Foresters’ goaltending duties have been split between sophomore goalies Brandon Kohuch and Scott Campbell. Combined, they are giving up around four goals per game.

Fritz said Campbell will start Friday night and Kohuch will start on Saturday night.

“We’ve just got to shoot the puck, plain and simple,” Falcons forward Pat Borgestad said. “We went down there and ran into a hot goalie, and we know he’s going to be back up here.”

Borgestad was referring to the last time the Falcons took on the Foresters in Lake Forest, when UWRF barely scratched out a tie with Kohuch in net. The Foresters led 2-0 before the Falcons cut the lead in half with just 4:07 left in the game. The Falcons added an extra attacker and tied the game with 42 seconds left in regulation.

The Foresters also played well against the Falcons in the teams’ only meeting at Hunt Arena earlier this season. Although the Falcons won 3-1, the Foresters stayed strong, thanks to a spectacular game by Kohuch.

“They know they can play well with this team and we know we match up well for whatever reasons,” Fritz said. “We’ve always had good games with River Falls.”

The Falcons understand that the Foresters will try to use that as an advantage, but the team they put on the ice this weekend isn’t the same team Lake Forest saw at the end of January.

“That’s probably what their coach will tell them that ‘We tied these guys. We can play with these guys,’” Falcons captain T.J. Dahl said. “But we didn’t play well when we played down there. We’re going to come out a different team and we’re going to play hard all weekend.”

The format for the first round is always a source of confusion for fans. In the first round, the two teams play a best-of-two series. If the series is tied after the two games, there will be a 20-minute mini-game played on a fresh sheet of ice following the completion of the game on Saturday.

After the first round, the rest of the tournament is played out in single-elimination games on the home ice of the highest-seeded team.

One of the keys for the Falcons to advance could be the play of the power-play unit. Against Stout, UWRF went 4-7 with the man advantage, one of which was the game winner by Dustin Norman in overtime on Saturday night.

Coach Steve Freeman said the Falcons have added a few wrinkles to the power play in the past few weeks and they’re starting to get results.

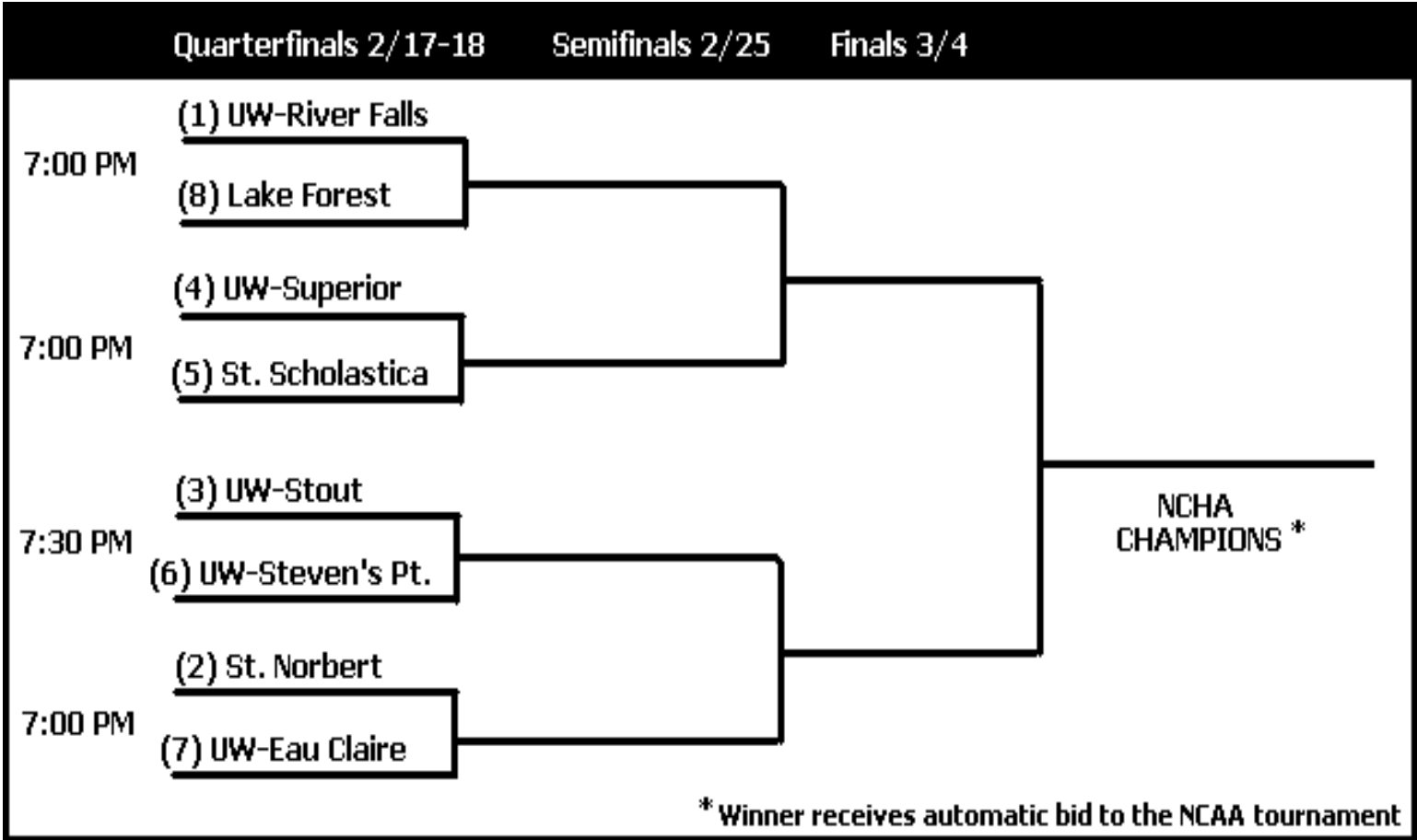
“We’re getting a lot of open ice and a lot of good looks and a little bit more time to do some things,” Freeman said. “Obviously we have five pretty talented hockey players out there moving the puck around. If they get time, they’re going to get their share of goals.”

With Norman back from a concussion and with the return of defenseman Jim Jensen last weekend, the Falcons head into the



Nick Sortedahl/Student Voice

Above: Goalie A.J. Bucchino sprawls to stop a shot Feb. 9 at Hunt Arena against UW-Stout, while Sean Pettinger, Mitch Kerns and Pat Borgestad hold off three Blue Devil attackers. Below: A bracket depicting the NCHA playoff quarterfinal matchups.



weekend with a full, healthy roster.

“I’ve played with a lot of extremely good hockey players over the years I’ve been here,” senior forward Tyler Kostiuk said. “But I would say this year our team is very well-rounded, our depth is really there on this team.”

Perhaps the biggest key to victory for the Falcons is to stop wor-

rying about who they are playing and focus solely on how they are playing.

“We don’t want to really worry about playing Lake Forest,” Freeman said. “We just want to keep our level of play up at a high level and keep our intensity level up.”

# Diverse track stars set the bar high at Coca-Cola Classic

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Athletic diversity was center stage Feb 9-10 at the Coca-Cola Classic as two UW-River Falls seniors had their first chance to accomplish their goals of breaking school records in multi events.

Multi events are scored competitions that award individual competitors pre-determined points for each event within the competition. Traditionally, multi events are: the pentathlon, which includes hurdles, high jump, discus or shot put, long jump and a distance race; the heptathlon, which adds a short sprint and the pole vault; and the decathlon, which adds an intermediate race and javelin and includes both the discus and shot put events.

During the Coca-Cola Classic, Clint Christy competed in the heptathlon and Jill Crandall competed in the pentathlon.

The meet officially kicked off Friday afternoon with the men’s heptathlon, during which Clint Christy was looking to top his own mark of 4,850 points in that event. Four of the seven events that were completed Friday were the 55-meter dash, long jump, shot put and high jump. Christy won all four events and, with 2,764 points, had an outside chance to break his record.

Saturday morning started with another heptathlon event, the 55-meter high hurdles. Christy took first in that event as well, but said he was not satisfied with his time of 8.45 seconds.

Christy’s nemesis on this day was yet to come, the pole vault. Christy said he knew he needed to do well to have a shot at the record, but he missed all three of his attempts at what UWRF head track and field coach Martha Brennan called a warm-up height of 11 feet. After his second attempt he put his hands on his head and flashed a look of disbelief. He then fell way short on his third and final attempt.

“Track is a sport where you are your own worst enemy,” Christy said, after finishing his final event, the 1,000 meters and tallying 4,210 points.

Christy’s coach also stressed that point. “You compete against yourself in the multi more than other events,” Brennan said.

This sentiment was also later emphasized by Crandall, who was looking to top the 8-year-old school pentathlon record set by Sarah Peterson at 3,379 points.

Brennan had high praises for Crandall. “Jill’s a good example of a national caliber athlete that could compete at all levels,” Brennan said.

Crandall got off to a great start accumulating 807 points in the 55-meter high hurdles, with a time of 8.94 seconds.

During the next event, the high jump, Crandall cleared her first two attempted heights, but fell short on her third and laid motionless on the mat for a few minutes, emotionally upset. Brennan then offered Crandall some pointed words of encouragement to help her regain her focus and get ready for the shot put.

“There’s a rhythm to the multi,” Brennan said later. “There’s psychological things that have to be addressed after every event.”

Despite her disappointment after the high jump Crandall was still in a good position to set the school record after the shot put and long jump. All she needed was a time under 2:24 in the 800-meter run. She was well on pace after the first three laps, but fatigue set in on the final lap and Crandall fell just short with a time of 2:24.55. She finished with 3,369 points, just ten points short of the record.

Even though both Christy and Crandall came up short, they and their coach said they are confident this indoor and outdoor track season can be special.

“With a good long jump and a good high jump I can get the conference record,” Crandall said.

Her coach’s expectations are even higher. “She could break the national record in the pentathlon,” Brennan said.

Christy holds three indoor track records. In 2006 he set the heptathlon record and the long jump record at 22’ 6.5” and in 2007, he set the pentathlon record with 3,400 points.

Brennan got Christy started as a multi-event competitor.

“He’s really talented,” Brennan said. “When I got here he was just a long, triple, high jump guy. He probably couldn’t get to nationals in those events ... it’s only natural for him to do decathlon.”

Crandall is very similar to Christy as an athlete, Brennan said. Brennan also steered Crandall toward the multi.

Brennan said she believes that molding some of the team’s best athletes into multi-event competitors could give the team an advantage when they get to the conference meet.

“It comes down to where they score more points for us,” Brennan said. “Before I got here we weren’t getting points in the multi.”

Brennan’s experience as a multi-event athlete can help her mold UWRF’s multi-event competitors. She was a competitor in the heptathlon in the 1996 Olympic trials.

“It takes a person who can persevere after a no height,” Brennan said. “You’ve gotta stay right in the middle emotionally during the whole thing.”

This is the first full season for Christy and Crandall as multi competitors and if the Coca-Cola Classic was any indication, the future is bright for both.

Crandall and Christy are using this meet as a learning experience and are looking to the indoor conference meet set for Feb. 23-24 at UW-Whitewater.

“You gotta be prepared for conference,” Christy said. “That’s when everybody tries to peak.”



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Top: Head track and field coach Martha Brennan encourages senior Jill Crandall after her third and final attempt at the high jump during the Coca-Cola Classic Feb. 10. Bottom: Clint Christy competes in the final heptathlon event, the 1,000-meter run, Feb. 10 at Knowles.



SPORTS WRAP

Women’s hockey splits with Lake Forest

The UW-River Falls women’s hockey team was not able to get on the scoreboard in a 3-0 loss at Lake Forest on Feb. 9. Katie Snowden scored twice for the Foresters to help lead them to the win. It was just the second time this season the Falcons have been held scoreless. The loss snapped a three-game winning streak, but the Falcons came back strong on Saturday. Forward Cassie LeBlanc led the team to defeat the Foresters with three goals and one assist. UWRF was the first team to score and held their lead throughout the game. Neither team scored during the second period, but the Falcons lit up the scoreboard in the third period, scoring three of the team’s four goals. LeBlanc scored first in the third period, at 6:21. Forward Kelly Jensen added another goal for the Falcons before LeBlanc scored her third goal at 19:47 for the hat trick. On Saturday, the Falcons will host UW-Superior at 2:05 p.m. for the first of two games that will end regular season play.

<b>Lake Forest College 3, UW-River Falls 0</b> <b>(2/9/07 at Pleasant Prairie, WI)</b> UW-River Falls..... 0 0 0 - 0 Lake Forest College. 2 1 0 - 3	07:39 LFC - Bresser (Irving, Gotowka) <b>Second period</b> 01:11 LFC - Snowden (DeHoey)
<b>First period</b> 03:40 LFC - Snowden (Gotowka)	<b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b> RF - Lindner (57:14-27-24) LFC - McCarthy (60:00-31-31)
<b>UW-River Falls 4, Lake Forest College 1</b> <b>(2/10/07 at Lake Forest, Ill.)</b> UW-River Falls..... 1 0 3 - 4 Lake Forest College. 0 0 1 - 1	06:21 RF - LeBlanc (Wallace, Dyslin) 08:15 LFC - Rushing (Bresser) 17:29 RF - Jensen (LeBlanc) 19:47 RF - LeBlanc (Bergh)
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Sports Wrap Courtesy of UW-River Falls Sports Information

STANDINGS

<b>Men’s Basketball</b>				<b>Women’s Basketball</b>			
<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>		<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	
UW-Stevens Point(21-2)	14	1		UW-Stout(19-5)	12	3	
UW-Oshkosh(19-5)	11	4		UW-Whitewater(18-6)	11	4	
UW-Lacrosse(16-7)	11	4		UW-Eau Claire(17-7)	11	4	
UW-Whitewater(16-8)	9	6		UW-Stevens Point(17-6)	9	6	
UW-Platteville(13-10)	8	7		UW-River Falls(15-10)	9	7	
UW-Stout(12-11)	5	10		UW-Lacrosse(13-11)	7	8	
UW-River Falls(10-15)	5	11		UW-Oshkosh(8-14)	4	11	
UW-Eau Claire(10-14)	3	12		UW-Platteville(9-15)	3	12	
UW-Superior(7-17)	2	13		UW-Superior(8-16)	2	13	

<b>Men’s Hockey</b>				<b>Women’s Hockey</b>			
<b>NCHA Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>NCHA Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
UW-River Falls (19-42)	10	3	1	UW-River Falls(13-6-4)	8	3	2
St. Norbert (20-32)	10	3	1	UW-Superior(15-4-2)	7	2	2
UW-Stout (19-4-2)	10	3	1	UW-Stevens Point(14-5-1)	6	4	1
UW-Superior (19-5-1)	9	4	1	Lake Forest(9-5-5)	4	3	4
St. Scholastica (13-10-2)	6	7	1	UW-Eau Claire(10-10-2)	4	7	2
UW-Stevens Point (7-16-2)	3	10	1	Finlandia(4-15-2)	0	10	1
UW-Eau Claire (9-12-4)	2	9	3				
Lake Forest (3-19-3)	0	11	3				

WIAC Men's and Women's Basketball

Tournament Schedule

**Monday, February 19**  
Women's Quarterfinals, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 20**  
Men's Quarterfinals, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Women's Semifinals, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, February 22**  
Men's Semifinals, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, February 24**  
Men's & Women's Championships, 3 or 7 p.m.

*Times subject to change*

The tournament champions are awarded the conference's automatic bids to the NCAA Division III Basketball Tournament. All games will be played at the site of the highest seeded team.

Tournament website: [www.uwsa.edu/wiac/](http://www.uwsa.edu/wiac/)

WIAC Men's and Women's Basketball

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Women’s Hockey

**UW-RF**

vs

**UW-Superior**

2:05 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Hunt Arena

The Falcons can clinch the regular season conference title with a sweep in the weekend series against second place UW-Superior. The Falcons are 8-3-2 in NCHA play.

Women’s basketball ready for playoffs

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After a somewhat disappointing regular season, the UW-River Falls Falcons women’s basketball team will be looking to make a statement this post season.

“Our record doesn’t show how good we are,” senior captain Mel Preiner said.

The Falcons finished the regular season 15-10 overall, 9-7 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) after beating UW-La Crosse 67-54 in overtime Wednesday at Karges Center.

“It’s huge,” Preiner said. “You want to go into the playoffs on a high note.”

The Falcons will play Stevens Point in the first round of the playoffs. Their first round opponent is not as important as getting the team back on track.

“Going into the conference tournament with some confidence is more important than who we play in the first round,” head coach Cindy Hovet said.

Preiner and co-captain Traci Reimann seconded their coach’s sentiments.

“I really don’t think [who we play] will effect us,” Preiner said. “We just have to take care of ourselves.”

The Falcons have been a streaky team during the regular season.

“Our team is unpredictable,” Hovet said. “There’s good things and bad things about being unpredictable.”

The Falcons started the season with a five-game winning streak, and followed that with a three-game skid. The team then won three out of the next four games, and followed that up by losing four out of five. To emphasize the predictable unpredictability of the team, the Falcons rattled off another five-game winning streak, including

an impressive 11-point victory over conference leading UW-Stout at the Karges Center.

That win highlights the importance of the Falcons getting a home game in the playoffs.

“We’re a good basketball team in our gym,” Hovet said. “If you look at the record across the league, your home court, I think, makes a six-point difference.”

The Falcons’ hopes for a home game rest on the shoulders of UW-Superior. If the 8-16 Yellowjackets can beat the 17-6 Pointers on Saturday in Superior the Falcons would host Stevens point on Monday.

Regardless of the site of the game the Falcons have fared well against the Pointers this season, handing them two of their six losses this season. On Dec. 2 the River Falls defeated Stevens Point 67-60 at Karges, and on Jan. 20 they defeated them 68-44 on the road.

One of Hovet’s concerns is her team’s ability to put their emotions in check.

“[The team’s play is] so inconsistent,” Hovet said immediately after a loss to UW-Whitewater Feb. 10. “You have to be able to play every day.”

Despite the team’s up-and-down play when the women are on top of their game, they are one of the best teams in the WIAC defensively, leading the conference in scoring defense at allowing 52.6 points per game.

“I don’t think anyone’s going to want to play us in the conference tournament,” Hovet said.

The two most important players for the Falcons are senior captain’s Reimann and Preiner.

“I think ultimately at crunch time your upperclassmen are the ones that will step up for you,” Hovet said.

Reimann’s and Preiner’s skills are complementary. With Reimann dominating the post, leading the Falcons in scoring at 12.6 points per game and the



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**Seniors Traci Reimann and Mel Preiner play defense against UW-Whitewater Feb. 10 at the Karges Center. The Falcons lost to the Warhawks 73-57 on parent’s night.**

WIAC in rebounding with 9.5 rebounds per game, and Preiner running the offense and keeping defenses honest on the outside, shooting 39 percent beyond the arc. Each player has won a WIAC player of the week honor this season, Preiner for the week of Jan. 29 and Reimann for the week of Jan. 8.

“They’re just the heart and soul of this basketball team,”

Hovet said of Reimann and Preiner. “We need our complementary kids to step up right now because we know Traci and Mel are gonna be there.”

Reimann and Preiner said they are very confident they can get at least one win in the WIAC playoffs, a feat that has eluded them in their three previous trips. They also said they think

that with the team’s ability to get hot in a hurry they can do a lot of damage this postseason.

“I definitely think we can win the whole thing,” Preiner said. “It’s just a matter of staying strong.”

Reimann said she has extra motivation this post season after missing last year’s playoffs with an injury.

“I definitely don’t want to end the year too soon,” Reimann said. “I want to end the year with a W.”

The two senior captains said they haven’t thought about the possibility of playing the last college basketball games of their career.

“It’s win or go home,” Preiner said. “And we don’t want to go home yet.”

Falcons show improvement during regular season

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The UW-River Falls men’s basketball regular season drew to a close this week with the team’s 80-63 loss to UW-La Crosse, and is now looking forward to the WIAC tournament playoffs. Under head coach Jeff Berkhof, the Falcons are 10-15 overall, a great improvement over the 6-19 finish they had for the 2005-06 season. After being an assistant coach for Rick Bowen for the past 12 years, Berkhof took over the team this season when Bowen became the full-time athletic director.

Berkhof had his work cut out for him with only two returning starters, juniors Ryan Thompson and Scott Kelly. But freshmen Jontae Koonkew and Nate Robertson, and transfer student Courtney Davis stepped into starting roles and excelled. Sophomores Erik Olson and Jesse Elling and juniors Cory Rondeau and Tim Pearson have contributed in non starting roles.

Uwrf began the season on Nov.17 at the Bethel Tip-Off Tournament. Playing William Penn, the Falcons got off to a good start with a 99-91 victory. Thompson led the way with 22 points, and Koonkaew scored 20 points in his first collegiate game.

After consecutive losses to Bethel and Macalester, the Falcons played their first WIAC game against UW-Superior on Nov. 29 and were again victorious with a final score of 90-65. Davis came through with 25 points, his highest total of the season.

At UW-Eau Claire the following week, the Falcons lost a heartbreaker 63-62 after a Blugolds layup with two seconds left in the game. They lost a similarly close game three days later to UW-Platteville 70-66. Robertson got a double-double in that game, with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Falcons didn’t play another conference game for nearly a month, until a Jan. 6 game against UW-Whitewater, suffering yet another tough loss with a score of 91-



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**Erik Olson attempts a shot against UW-Whitewater, while Nate Robertson and Tim Pearson wait for a potential rebound.**

86. The Falcons were leading when a technical foul on the bench with 0.4 seconds left allowed Warhawks to tie the game with 2 free throws and eventually win in overtime.

The Falcons came back strong in the next game against UW-Stout, winning 76-62, led by a 20-point performance by Koonkaew.

UWRF lost to UW-Oshkosh four days later, but followed that up with a victory over UW-La Crosse 81-70, despite being without leading scorer Robertson due to injury. With the win over La Crosse, the Falcons improved to 8-9, but couldn’t get over the .500 hump and lost four of the next five including three in a row.

They pulled out a win Feb. 7 over UW-Eau Claire, finally winning a close game with a score of 68-66.

In the team’s last home game of the season on Feb. 10, the Falcons lost 93-72, falling to 10-14 overall.

The Falcons will finish the year in sixth or seventh place, but that doesn’t tell the full story of their season.

“At this point I feel like we have had some great wins this season and have really improved through out the season,” Olson said.

With three new starters and a new head coach the Falcons have had a respectable season with several very tough losses. In five conference games UWRF lost by five points or less.

Berkhof remains optimistic though. “We will learn from those situations and hopefully that will help us in the future,” he said.

With the final regular season games still to be played this weekend, the Falcons playoff spot is still undecided. UWRF will either play the number two seed UW-Oshkosh or number three seed UW-La Crosse on Feb. 20 in the WIAC quarterfinals.

Berkhof said the Falcons are likely to be the underdogs.

“We will just focus on being special one night at a time and at the end of the week, hopefully we’ve done just that, three times,” Berkhof said.

Declining basketball attendance will hopefully be reversed by promotional event



Mark Haley

Attending sporting events is fun. It’s sad that a promotional event had to be planned to remind students of this, but it was necessary.

Kram Karges, a promotional event set up for students, by students, helped bring in the biggest home crowd of the year for the Falcons men’s basketball team on Feb. 7. Going into the game, the average attendance per game was 255. Kram Karges

brought in nearly twice that amount, with 503 people coming out to see the Falcons take on UW-Eau Claire.

For the first time this year, the Karges Center was packed, and this likely had an impact on the outcome of the game.

“I think having a good student section there, cheering us on, helped us get the W,” coach Jeff Berkhof said.

River Falls won the game by a final score of 68-66, with the win marking the Falcons’ first victory in a game decided by four points or less.

In a community the size of River Falls, with a student body that flees campus in herds on the weekends, it’s tough to pack the stands on a consistent basis. It becomes even harder once peo-

ple get into the habit of staying in instead of going out to see Falcons athletics, and that’s why it was important to have this promotional event.

Students need incentive every once in a while to make plans to go see a game.

“I have wanted to attend several games but I always get side-tracked with homework or something else that I need to get done,” student Nick Monterotti said. “The T-shirts and the idea of a packed house, along with my want to see a game, forced me to clear my schedule.”

Kram Karges was set up by the 23 students enrolled in the Sport, Fitness and Recreation Management (Physical Education 450) class taught by Berkhof.

Geni Rieckhoff and Breamber Syverson, who volunteered to be the two student leaders of the event, said they think this should be a yearly event to get people to come to games and promote more fan support. Hopefully next year, the event can be planned during first semester.

Monterotti said the event has already inspired him to attend more sporting events.

“After being active at the basketball game and really enjoying myself, I have had the urge to go to hockey and lacrosse games and be supportive of their teams,” Monterotti said. “I think with having a Division III sports school, most of our sports are brushed aside by the student body, but they should really be

embraced. We should support each other and the activities we participate in.”

UWRF needs more fans like Monterotti, who not only attends sporting events, but also immerses himself in the games by cheering to try to create a home advantage for the Falcons.

On Feb. 7, Monterotti was one of the only fans who stood up and cheered before the final minute of the game. For the Falcons to truly have a home court advantage in the Karges Center, there needs to be more than just bodies; there needs to be noise as well.

“It was fun to see the student section side filled up a little bit,” Berkhof said. “The next objective is to get them to actually cheer and get into the game and

get crazy.”

River Falls certainly has a limited potential fan base, but Feb. 7 showed us that enough people are out there to fill the Karges Center.

Berkhof said that while the Karges Center ranks last amongst WIAC facilities in niceness and newness, it can also be the best home court advantage and most fun atmosphere to have when the place is full.

Students were reminded on Kram Karges night exactly how fun this atmosphere can be. So stop complaining about how there’s nothing to do in River Falls. Find a sporting event and cheer on your fellow classmates ... even if you don’t get a free T-shirt.



# CAFES studies get innovative

## New sustainable agriculture option coincides with green trend on campus

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The College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) has recently introduced a new sustainable agriculture option within the crop and soil science major.

After over two years of planning, the option was made official after a Faculty Senate vote in November. “It’s been in the works for a while,” CAFES Dean Dale Gallenberg said. “We are better defining something we have already been about.”

Led by the new environmentally and economically friendly University Center, UW-River Falls has placed a heavy emphasis on sustainability in recent years. The sustainable agriculture option is another major movement in that direction.

“It fits in nicely with the direction we’re headed institutionally,” Gallenberg said.

The definition of sustainable agriculture is to be capable of being continued with minimal long-term effects on the environment, but it encompasses more than that.

“Sustainable agriculture systems preserve the environment, economy and social factors involved in production of agricultural commodities and produce,” Gallenberg said.

Sustainable agriculturalists look to solve problems within our current agricultural systems. They help to preserve environmental resources for future generations, build markets and sustainability for rural communities to ensure they stay capable of normal growth and development, and to educate consumers to make socially responsible and environmentally friendly choices on products they produce or purchase.

Maintaining the earth’s resources in a way that is environmentally friendly, yet still economically profitable is a win-win situation any way you look at it.

“It’s a fairly unique opportunity for us because there is certainly interest out there and we are filling a niche,” Gallenberg said. “But, it’s also the right thing to do.”

The new option will be the first of its kind in the upper Midwest, giving UWRF the chance to be a leader in the growing trend nationwide towards sustainability.

“Being the first school in the region to offer an option in sustainability is an important growth direction for our University,” Michael Crotser, professor of plant and earth science, said.

Crotser has been the leading faculty member in the sustainable agriculture option proposal at UWRF.

“We thought there was a niche out there that needed to be served by educated students,” Crotser said. “We need competent people in the area of sustainable agricul-

ture.” Lindsay VanBeek, a UWRF student who played a large part in promoting the new option, knew immediately that sustainable agriculture was what she wanted to do with her career.

“I felt that I would try to work in a field that allowed me to work with and help improve the natural environment and the way in which humans utilize its’ resources,” VanBeek said.

Because the option wasn’t offered when she started at UWRF, VanBeek chose to major in conservation with an emphasis in sustainable agriculture. Now near graduation, VanBeek is glad to see sustainable agriculture become its own option.

“It’s the future of farming if we are to preserve farming as the backbone of our society,” VanBeek said. “To me it means to look forward and prepare for a future in which our societies will again need to become self preserving.”

The requirements of the option are very broad, offering a wide variety of courses, ranging from business to environment and agriculture.

Some of the courses in the major are organic production systems, organic certification principles, soil and water conservation, direct marketing, environmental sociology and business ethics.

It is an option that faculty in CAFES anticipate will attract students who normally wouldn’t consider an education in the agriculture, food and environmental science fields.

“We’re looking to attract non-traditional, urban students who are interested in protecting their environment and being socially responsible,” Crotser said.

Although there are still some kinks to be smoothed out, students can begin taking courses towards completing the option.

The new option has yet to attract its first student, but that is normal when a new curriculum is first introduced. It takes a while to get the word out and educate students on the particulars of the option.

“We know the interest is out there, otherwise we wouldn’t be offering it,” Gallenberg said. “We are in the stage of marketing the new option.”

UWRF is currently partnering with Chippewa Valley Technical College and the Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service on a half-million dollar Challenge Grant proposal from the United States Department of Agriculture. The grant would bring much-needed resources to further the organizations’ efforts and advance the technology of sustainable agriculture.

Though still in the beginning stage, the new sustainable agriculture option already has high hopes for the future.

“Our goal is to have it grow into a full-blown major,” Crotser said



Dale Gallenberg



Michael Crotser

## STICK IT TO 'EM



Kenny Yoo/ Student Voice

During the All Night Party on Friday, Feb. 9, students enjoyed a variety of activities. Melanie Neumann enjoys the velcro wall, one of the new events held this year. The second annual All Night Party was held in the Knowles Center and Hunt Arena began at 9:00 p.m. Friday and lasted until 5:00 a.m. Saturday. Other events students participated in were BINGO, Twister and blow-up boxing.

This is a survey to help determine the type and effectiveness of communications that exist in our community and Information Technology Services, and how those communications might be improved. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

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Access				
Downloading/manipulating graphics				
eSIS				
Course management (Desire2Learn/D2L)				
Creating web pages (i.e. DreamWeaver)				
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An ITS survey is available to everyone on the UWRF Web site until March 1. The survey will determine the effectiveness of ITS and will help in the improvement of services offered. Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to share their opinions. A link to access to the survey is available on the UWRF home page.

# Input sought from staff, students in ITS survey

Students, faculty and staff can share their views on the UW-River Falls Information Technology Services (ITS) department in a brief, online survey that can be reached from the UWRF home page.

The questions attempt to determine how effectively the ITS staff is communicating news and information related to the University’s computers, e-mail, servers, phones and related technology-based equipment and services. Students completing the survey and choosing to include their names and e-mail addresses will be entered in a drawing to win one of 10 prizes of \$20 in Center Points.

“We need to hear from our customers, the

students, staff and faculty who use the computer labs and equipment on campus,” ITS Executive Director Lisa Wheeler said.

“Technology is absolutely critical to fulfilling the University’s mission of teaching and learning,” Wheeler said. “This survey is part of our renewed commitment to ensure we’re doing the best job we can to not only have first-rate services and equipment, but also to communicate quickly and effectively.”

The survey will be accessible until March 1. An e-mail to students, mention in the Falcon Daily online newsletter for faculty and staff and other communications will be undertaken to help ensure input.

## Main Street: University Center offers alternatives

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So far, the new convenience store seems to appeal to students.

“I don’t get off campus too much,” junior Laura Hanson said. “So the convenience store works well for me,”

Carrie Oftedahl, a stu crew desk assistant and Matt Loosbrock, a hall manager said they observed that most of the traffic coming into the building is during meal times and late night hours.

“The game room and the convenience store are quite popular in the late evening,” Loosbrock said.

The game room is so popular that at times it can frustrate students.

“I like the game room, and so does everybody else,” junior Eric Tri said. “Every time I go in there the games I want to play are always occupied.”

With everything the University Center has to offer, only time will tell how successful it will be at the expense of Main Street store owners.

“It is fabulous. I love it,” Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Terry Brown said. “I just wish that classrooms and academic space could be equally as fabulous ...”

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# Reggae music expands, entertains reviewer



K-os' junior album, *Atlantis: Hymns for Disco*, was recently released, giving reggae lovers something to listen to.



Jenna Lee

In case anyone hasn't sent you the memo yet, reggae music is so much more than Bob Marley and the Wailers. God forbid that you think of Shaggy when you think of that genre! But don't worry, k-os (pronounced chaos), a Trinidadian Canadian, is making sure you never make those generalizations again. His third album, *Atlantis: Hymns for Disco* completely melds the rhythms of reggae with rock riffs and dance hall beats.

The album has been making serious buzz throughout Canada since last year, and will finally be released in the U.S. Feb. 20. However, you might have heard his songs before on NFL promos and commercials that have aired stateside. When I finally got the entire album downloaded, it felt like just another morning. But it wasn't long before I noticed the sun was coming out a little bit, and I opened my shades. I directly contribute that energetic, "It's all going to be okay" attitude to the beats on the CD. It was completely refreshing to hear in a hip-hop world that's being drowned in Akon songs that all sound the same. None of the songs on *Atlantis* carry the same beat or flavor. You could play this album all night at a club, and I don't think anyone

would leave the dance floor. There are many other influences besides reggae that shine through the songs. The fifth track called "Equalizer" uses a sample of the intro from Elvis Presley's song "Jailhouse Rock." It took me a long time to remember where those two opening chords came from, but I knew they were familiar. It just goes to show how k-os can delicately mix his songs to create something completely new and catchy. By far my favorite song on *Atlantis* is called "Fly Paper." After the third time I heard it, the hook and chorus were already in my head and I wouldn't be surprised if it was for the rest of the day. The album's first single, "Sunday Morning" is also very

catchy. Though the rhythms are simple enough to bounce to, the lyrics are deep and thoughtful; not something that mainstream hip-hop is known for. This album also does a great job of mixing traditional instruments like harmonica, piano and guitar with drum machines and samples. K-os has the smooth, sexy voice of Ben Harper while capturing the energy and soul of Andre 3000. I know, it sounds unbelievable and too good to be true, but I would never pull my readers' legs like that. Like k-os sings, "We like to party, we don't start trouble and we don't bother nobody." And in a musical world that's been saturated with bitches and hos, and bad pop singles, this is exactly the kind of album I've been waiting for.

# Kinni River Theater presents free films

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The University Center has a lot to offer students, including the Kinnickinnic River Theater, where students can watch a variety of different movies for free all semester long. Entertainment coordinator Karyn Kling said the 150-seat theater is the closest UW-River Falls has come to having anything resembling a movie theater on campus. "I think that this theater is unique because it is our theater. This is a theater that is on campus for students to use, and you do not need to drive to see films there," said Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB) Chair Natalie Hagberg said. "Students can come for dinner or hang out in the game room and catch a show in the same building." The Kinni Theater has already shown "An Inconvenient Truth," "National Treasure" and "The Mighty Ducks." The first three films have been well received by a number of the students on campus. "The students who have attended the movies have enjoyed their experience," Kling said. "Many have said it's better than an average movie theater

experience because it's free and you can bring your own food." Freshman Janna Grassel was one of the students who decided to attend one of the first showings in the theater. "I thought "An Inconvenient Truth" was interesting, but a bit boring," Grassel said. "I probably wouldn't go to the theater anymore if they constantly played movies of the same nature; they just really aren't my style. But the list of movies

coming out looks promising." For the remainder of the semester, the theater will be showing different films on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Some of the movies to come include "Bobby," "Back to the Future," "Dirty Dancing" and "Finding Nemo." "I think they have a great variety of movies coming up," Grassel said. "And the actual theater is really nice and the food trays were a great idea." The Film Series is being put on by the LDPB and Committees. All movies are free and students are encouraged to bring their own snacks. A number of the first showings have had nearly a full crowd. Following the first showings of "An Inconvenient Truth," the campus ECO Club held their own showing of the film and followed it with a discussion. "ECO's showings were not quite as populated," club member Matthew Meyer said. "[It was] simply because of the redundancy of the showings. Many students who wanted to see the film already had the chance during the LDPB showings." "We did not realize LDPB was planning on showing the same movie until all plans were finalized. We just decided to carry on



Geology professor Bob Baker, River Falls Mayor Don Richards, environmental science professor Laine Vignona and sociology professor Brian Copp participate in a panel discussion.

with the original plans," Meyer said. While the room is great for showing movies, it's also useful for other things. "I like how versatile the theater is," Kling said. "It is the perfect place to show a film, yet also a

great space to feature a small lecture or presentation because of the small, raised stage area. The technology in the room gives you the ability to project a DVD, VHS or computer presentation on the large screen. There is also a microphone built into

the podium." This weekend, the newest James Bond movie, "Casino Royale" is being shown at 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Saturday.

# 'Hannibal Rising' disappointing in the movie's series



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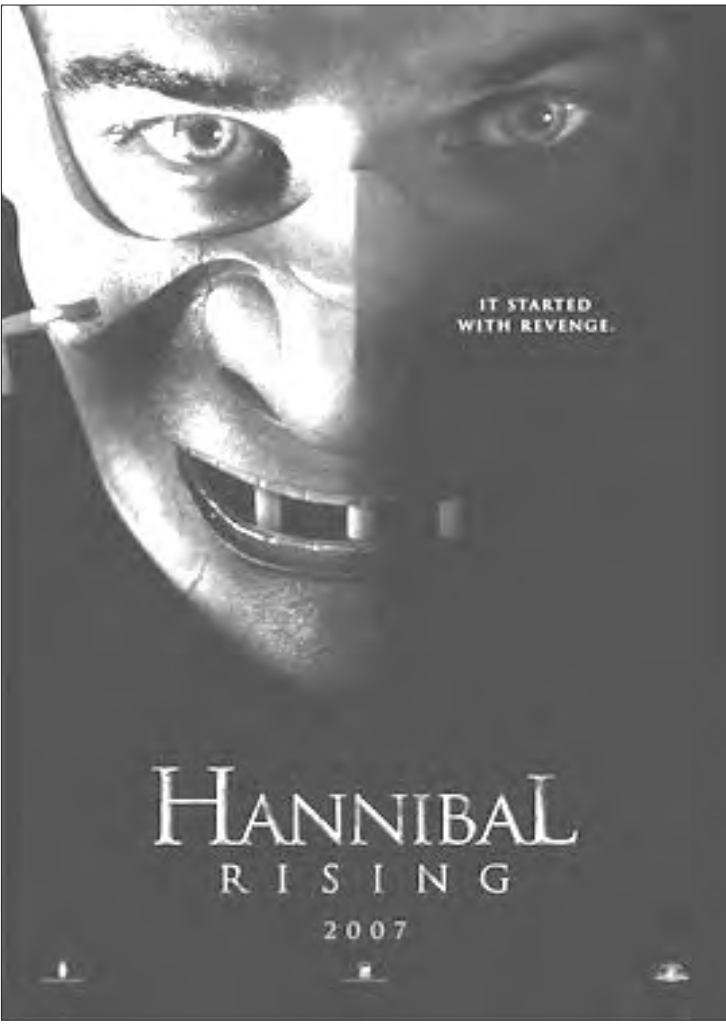
Thump. Thump. You hear that? That's the sound of a dead horse being beaten. In this case, the brutalized equine is none other than the Hannibal Lecter franchise. Although purists will argue that Hannibal was first unleashed in 1986's "Manhunter," it wasn't until 1991's "The Silence of the Lambs" that people really met this twisted mind, launching them into a realm of messed-up cinema Hollywood has yet to look back from. "Hannibal Rising," is here to "explain Hannibal's violent past." Our story begins in 1944 Lithuania, as little Hannibal Lecter is left an orphan after his parents perish in a battle and his sister is eaten by looting soldiers. Years later, a more grown-up Hannibal (now played by Gaspard Ulliel) makes his way to France, where he tracks down his uncle's widow, Lady Murasaki (Li Gong), and sets into motion a plan to hunt down the guilty parties and exact his own brand of bloody justice. Remaining one step ahead of the pursuing Inspector Popil (Dominic West), Hannibal uses a combination of medical expertise and sinister intellect to punish these men, though with

each killing, Hannibal moves closer to becoming the vessel of pure evil he will eventually be. For a while, I was convinced that "Hannibal Rising" wouldn't turn out to be a category seven crap-storm. I dug the lush, dark cinematography, which brings out the foreboding nature of the film's settings. The violence quotient didn't turn up anything as memorable as anything in the other Hannibal films, but it's enough to satisfy gore-hounds. Li Gong turns in a good supporting performance as Hannibal's aunt and lover, who aids Hannibal in his quest but soon becomes repelled by his violent nature. But the one aspect of "Hannibal Rising" that nearly sinks the entire production is Hannibal himself. Ulliel makes for a piss-poor Hannibal. The performance itself is incredibly awkward, coming across more as Crispin Glover having an off day more than the world's most terrifying serial killer. In addition to Ulliel's garbled accent and overall inability to even come close to filling Hopkins' shoes, Thomas Harris, who wrote all of the Hannibal novels and wrote this film's screenplay, slaps together a pretty done-to-death set of motivations for Lecter, an explanation that might serve a slasher-villain well but doesn't quite cut it for a man of such complex evil as Hannibal. Hannibal is a much more terrifying figure when his motives are left in the dark, and moments like when director Peter Webber correlates a samu-

rai mask here with that muzzle Hannibal wears in "Lambs" are downright laughable. As drenched in atmosphere and violent to the point of camp as "Hannibal Rising" is, in the end, it's just a little better than "Dumb and Dumberer" in the realm of prequels that didn't really need to be made.



Teresa Aviles



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

As an audience, we are privileged to view the mega milestones of Hannibal's childhood. From his first taste of blood (literally) to his first home-cooked meal, Hannibal proves he is a blossoming, young monster. "Monster" was a popular name for him, as "evil" or "sick" were understated. The movie begins in 1944 with a beautiful landscape and two small children. Hannibal and Mischa Lecter of Lithuania are tragically held against their will by angry war criminals after their parents are killed in front of them. If that wasn't enough trauma for a child, the angry war criminals later kill the young child, Hannibal's sister, to subside their hunger. Ten years later, Hannibal (Gaspard Ulliel) is grown into his twenties and is ready for revenge. One swift montage of Hannibal riding in the backs of open truck beds and running as a fugitive from his boarding school also included an occasional fun map of Europe with a bold red line following his path. Finally, he stopped in France to stay with his beautiful, Japanese aunt (Gong Li). Lady Murasaki, the heroine and love interest, teaches Hannibal the ways of her Eastern religion which includes heads on platters and scented oils on swords. Hannibal mimics the new found religion into his revenge and goes to great lengths to find the men who brutally murdered—and ate—his sister. Among the angry war criminals, Rhys Ifans is the leader. As a fan of Ifans, this is the first film I have seen him play

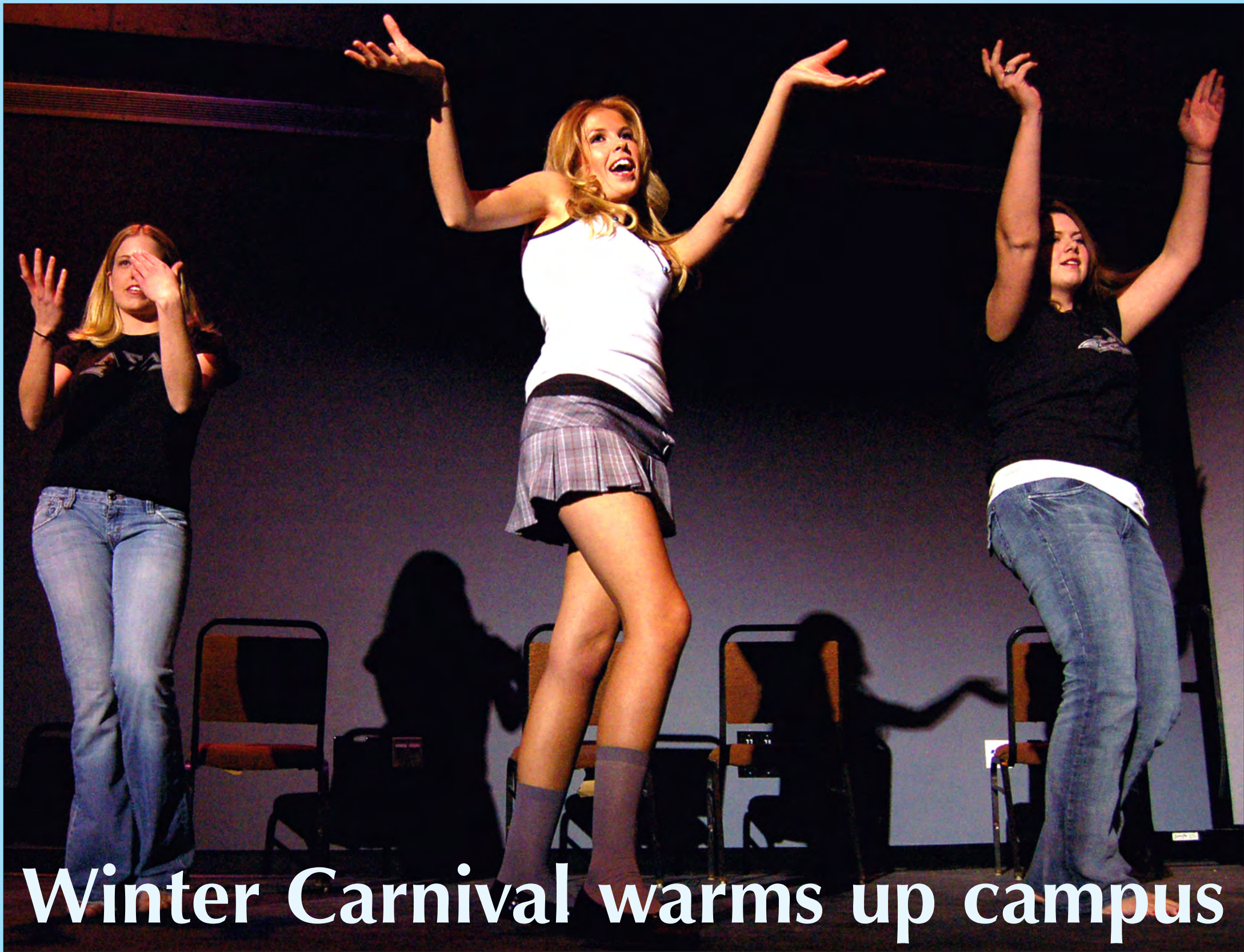
the ultimate villain and, again, speaking as a fan, he should stick to his comedic roles. He has the look of a mean guy, but has too much silly charm. As for Ulliel, the viewer could tell he has obviously watched a lot of "Silence of the Lambs." He gradually became more and more sinister as the movie progressed. He used the glares and smirks that are all so familiar from Anthony Hopkins. Even the awkward walk with the stiff legs was nailed. Later, I realized that I never really thought Hannibal was such a bad guy. He was only getting revenge in the only way he felt was right. He even went to medical school to learn all about the human anatomy. He's got goals and a girlfriend! Overall, this prequel made me want to travel Europe, but not Eastern Europe because they are dangerous cannibals. It also made me wish Lecter was still a mystery. I felt like I had already seen this movie before. It fit the generic plot that one is given if they need to make a few bucks. Guy is repressed; guy meets girl; guy goes crazy and kills a bunch of people; girl thinks guy is crazy but still loves him; girl gets held hostage by villain; guy goes to save girl and goes one-on-one with villain, etc., etc. There are some fun, gory, slasher parts of the film though. A recurring scene that Hannibal adopts is a cooking method that includes the cheeks of people's faces. I couldn't help but think that Hannibal might really like my cheeks.

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# Winter Carnival warms up campus

*Kenny Yoo/Student Voice*  
**Left to right, Alpha Sigma Alpha’s Miranda Pogulis, Sarah Saal and Kendra Smith dance to “Wannabe” by the Spice Girls during the Feb. 8 Lip Sync Competition. Hathorn Hall not only won the Lip Sync Competition, but also won the overall Winter Carnival competition. Delta Theta Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma placed second and third, respectively.**

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This year’s Winter Carnival, held during the week of Feb. 5, gave the option for students not involved with an established student organization to participate.

The Homecoming Committee, which plans both the Winter Carnival and Homecoming, opened the events up for everyone to increase student participation. Only students involved with an organization were allowed to participate in previous Winter Carnivals.

“Any five can play, whereas years before, you had to be a recognized student organization,” Homecoming Committee Advisor Sara Gliniany said.

The committee required a minimum of five students per team to participate.

The theme for this year’s Winter Carnival was Winter Wars. Because several of the events were hosted in the University Center, there were some minor technical problems with the facility. These problems included the lack of projection screens in the meeting rooms, and the television screens in the University Center were not working properly prior to the event. Along with the setbacks of the facility, the committee also had new people in the advisor and chair positions.

Abby Maliszewski, the new chair of the Homecoming Committee said they were “testing out the building” this year to see where events like the Winter Carnival can draw in more students.

Because the committee decided to allow all students to participate, Maliszewski said there was not enough advertising to get the word out on campus that this was an option. For future Winter Carnival’s there will be more advertising before the event, but this year was difficult because of e-mail outages and minor technical issues with the University Center.

The Homecoming Committee designs the events around other aspects of campus activities.

“We worked with [Recreation (REC)] to plan into already ongoing events,” Gliniany said.

Points awarded at each event and totaled at the end of the carnival determine the winners. Each team must register the team prior to the event and must participate in the events they signed up for or they will be disqualified.

Feb. 5 events included a food drive and sledding competition at Hoffman Park. The food drive was located in the downstairs food

court of the University Center. Teams were awarded one point for each new, unopened and non-perishable item. Two points were awarded for items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, feminine products, baby food, diapers and wipes. All the items collected in the food drive will be donated to the River Falls Food Shelf. The winner of the food drive was Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR).

According to the informational flyer in the Involvement Center, the sledding competition stipulations were to “design, build and race a three-person cardboard sliding apparatus capable of surviving a mind-numbing and teary-eyed descent down Hoffman Hill.” Teams were also allowed a 20-foot push zone at the starting line. The winner with the fastest time was Alpha Omicron Pi (AOPI). At the end of the event, teams were instructed to remove the sleds from the park whether they were whole or in several pieces.

“Having not much snow on Monday’s sledding event created opportunities for groups to help other groups with giving them a push down the hill,” Maliszewski said.

Feb. 6 events were Change Wars and a brand new event called Curdled Combat.

Change Wars consisted of loose change collected in individual team jars. This event was a three-day event, which accumulated all the change from Feb. 6-8. Each penny was worth one point and for every piece of silver or paper put into the jar, points were subtracted for the value of the silver or paper. The committee decided to subtract points for silver or paper money because teams could put silver change or dollars in the opposing teams’ jars and make them lose points, which makes it more of a competition, not to mention it gave teams more incentive to accumulate money. Therefore, teams could only add points for collecting pennies. All the proceeds collected will go to the Relay for Life.

Curdled Combat, which was held in the University Center, is a twist on a cheese-eating contest. Each team was required to consume approximately 65 cubes of cheese, which were provided by Falcon Foods. The event was set up with the cubes of cheese on wax paper on the floor. Once the signal was given, one member of the team crawled on his or her hands and knees, navigating between cheese cubes. Team members were not allowed to use their hands to pick up the cheese. After the first team member ate all the cheese he or she could consume, he or she had to crawl back to the starting point where another team member would continue with the competition. Each member could eat as much as possible, but the rules stipulated that each member had to eat at least one cube of cheese. The winners of this very-Wisconsin

competition were Delta Theta Sigma (DTS) and their little sisters.

Feb. 7 events included Change Wars and viewings of “The Mighty Ducks.” The movie was shown three times in the University Center Theater and was sponsored by REC.

Feb. 8 events included Change Wars and the annual Winter Carnival Lip Sync. The winner for the combined three days of Change Wars was team Hathorn Hall.

This year’s theme for the Lip Sync was “War of the Worst Love Songs.”

The rules for this event included a limit of eight people per group participating in the actual performance, a limit of three minutes for each production and the teams had to supply their own costumes, props, music and support. Also new this year to the Lip Sync were student MCs, Jeff Parker and Mike Bremer.

“They [provided] hilarious time-fillers involving audience members,” Maliszewski said, “They were amazing.”

Freshmen Tanya Wonton and Katie Wright were at the event supporting their Parker Shenanigan team. They said they were unable to attend other Winter Carnival events because of “scheduling conflicts,” but both were going to attend Friday’s events.

Because the theme for the Lip Sync was “War of the Worst Love Songs,” some of the musical selections included “What is Love,” “I’d Do Anything for Love (But I Won’t Do That),” “Love Hurts” and a few songs from the Spice Girls. Winning with “I’d Do Anything for Love (But I Won’t Do That)” and “Love Stinks” was team Hathorn Hall.

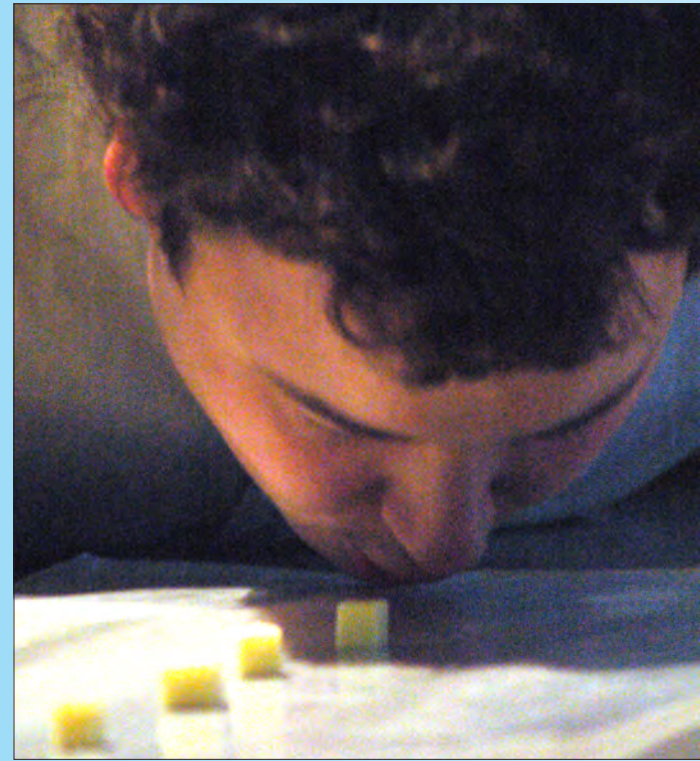
Immediately following the Lip Sync was S’more Wars. S’mores and hot chocolate were provided behind the University Center at the fire pit.

Another new event this year was the Feb. 9 event, Yell Like Hell. This event included a minute and a half cheer, which promoted the individual team, Winter Carnival and the hockey team. The winner of the event got to “Yell Like Hell” after the second period of the hockey game. The winner of this event was team Hathorn Hall.

The overall winner for this year’s Winter Carnival was team Hathorn Hall. Second place went to DTS and third went to Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri Sigma).

“Although there wasn’t a massive turnout for every event, all participants had a lot of fun,” Maliszewski said.

Participating teams included Hathorn Hall, Alpha Sigma Alpha, AGR, AOPI, Parker Shenanigans, Tri Sigma, Theta Chi & Dez, Asian American Student Association, Block and Bridle Club, Hall, Sigma Tau Gamma and DTS.



*Kenny Yoo & Nick Sortedahl/Student Voice*  
**Left: Matt Pelot represented the Asian American Student Association in the Curdled Combat contest Feb. 6. Above: During the Feb. 9 “Yell Like Hell,” competition Mitch Andrejka, Abel Johnson, Richie Debauche and Nathan King from Hathorn Hall won the opportunity to taunt the UW-Stout fans prior to the third period of the hockey game.**