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Student Senate director steals, burns *Voice* newspapers

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Last week, thousands of issues of the *Student Voice* went missing from the racks in academic buildings across the UW-River Falls campus.

Student Keith Carl grabs a copy of the *New York Times* next to an empty stand for the *Student Voice* newspapers on March 29 in KFA.

Tory Schaaf, who is a member of Theta Chi fraternity and the newly-elected shared governance director of Student Senate, admitted to stealing the newspapers from campus and using them for kindling to keep a bonfire going during a party.

Fellow Theta Chi member and Student Senate Ethics Chair Jason Schultz was also identified as an accomplice to the theft of the papers.

One party-goer, Stephanie McPherson, said the missing

issues of the *Student Voice* that had disappeared provided warmth for all those outside the Theta Chi fraternity house.

She said the papers made pretty good kindling for the bonfire.

Schaaf said he took the copies of the *Voice*, and though the original intention was not to use them to start the bonfire, they were thrown into the flames at some point during the night.

Schaaf claimed to be unaware there was a limit to the number of copies of the student newspaper

he could take.

Theta Chi President Ryan Stovern confirmed Schaaf's role in the theft of the newspapers prior to his admittance of guilt.

"Tory did take the copies," he said.

In last week's issue, Schaaf's name appeared in the police blotter of the *Student Voice*. On March 19, he was cited \$1014 for absolute sobriety and prohibited blood-alcohol content. His blood-alcohol level was .11.

Though he did not admit to his

intent for stealing the papers, Stovern said he had an ulterior motive.

"He was upset about [the police report] and didn't want people to

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Chancellor reflects on career at UWRF

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Reflecting on his second year at UW-River Falls, Chancellor Don Betz said he is proud of accomplishments he has made so far and greatly appreciates the help and support s received from students, staff and faculty.

The students, staff and faculty have worked together toward common goals, which is both effective and inspiring, Betz said.

This collaboration has helped Betz pursue and accomplish many things during his past two years as the 16th chancellor of UWRF. He began his job in July 2005 and was inaugurated in April 2006.

Since Betz became chancellor, he set forth the mission and values of UWRF. The University's mission is to "help students learn so that they are successful as productive, creative, ethical, engaged citizens and leaders with an informed global perspective."

The core values are integrity, academic excellence, inclusiveness, community and continuous improvement.

"[A big accomplishment] is the undertaking and completing of the University's mission and values and the writing and approval of strategic planning," he said.

He is working on writing a series of columns for the RiverTown Newspaper Group, which includes the River Falls Journal and the Hudson Star-Observer, on each of the 10 strategic planning goals.

The strategic planning process describes the University's goals and gives each goal a priority rank. It also describes tasks to be completed under the goal and when they are to be started.

Betz's most recent achievement is the approval by the State Building Commission of the health and human performance (HHP) advanced planning recommendations.

He said once the Wisconsin legislature provides the money, the University can begin planning for the construction of the new HHP building and apply for grants.

"UWRF has been working on the project since the early to mid 1990s," he said. "After 15 years, it has been approved. It has been a team effort."

Other developments Betz is pleased with is the completion of the South Fork Suites and the University Center; the new Dairy Learning Center at Mann Valley Farm is under construction.

"The opening of the University Center is one of the highlights of my career," Betz said. "The building is an example of sustainability and the involvement of our students. It was paid for by students. It's what students wanted and they made it happen."

Betz said if the costs of all four buildings were added up, the total investment they have brought to the area is nearly \$100 million.

"We are a major economic engine for St.Croix Valley and western Wisconsin," he said.

In addition to the construction of these buildings, Betz has been a strong advocate for the globalization of the campus. The University has signed agreements for student and faculty exchanges.

"We have signed or affirmed agreements with Japan, Taiwan, China, India, Turkey, Denmark, Bahrain and Bolivia," he said. "There are also opportunities to sign agreements with Dubai and Estonia."

Betz also started the Chancellor's Global Leadership

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Hockey goalie signs pro contract

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Jennie Oemig and Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Junior goaltender A.J. Bucchino stops a puck for a fellow teammate to set up a play during the Falcons' Feb. 24 game against the St. Scholastics Saints (above). Bucchino slides to stop a puck from entering the Falcons' goal during the same game against the Saints (right). Bucchino just signed a pro contract to play for the Augusta Lynx of the East Coast Hockey League March 23.



For most hockey players, the dream of playing for the National Hockey League (NHL) has entered their mind sometime throughout their life, and for one UW-River Falls athlete, that dream is one step closer to becoming a reality.

Junior goaltender A.J. Bucchino signed a professional contract with the Augusta Lynx of the East Coast Hockey League Sunday, March 23.

"Some people said I didn't think it through," Bucchino said in a phone interview. "But to be honest, I have had a lot of contract offers, and this one was just the right fit."

The decision to leave River Falls so abruptly was one that surprised many of his teammates.

"I didn't find out until just recently," junior captain TJ Dahl said. "I was kind of shocked at first. I can't do anything but wish him the best."

Bucchino met with head hockey coach Steve Freeman Saturday, March 24, morning and discussed the decision.

"I was disappointed," Freeman said. "Not only because we lost an important and quality player, but because of leaving school ... he promised me that he would finish his degree."

During Freeman's tenure with the Falcons, he estimated that roughly five goaltenders have signed professional contracts, such as Bucchino.

Dahl said the last player to sign a contract was Garrett Larson following the 2004-05 season.

The Lynx are affiliated with the Anaheim Ducks of the NHL; neither team could be reached for comment.

"This is a good time for me to get experience," Bucchino said. "There are six games left in the season and the playoffs. It's a

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Academics change over 30 years

Expectations in Education Series

Editor's note:

In the next five issues, the *Student Voice* will be running a series about expectations in education. Look for stories about technology use, the generational gap between faculty and students and classroom etiquette. These columns mark the beginning of the series.

Although it sometimes seems like just yesterday my academic life on the UW-River Falls campus began in 1976. During that fall semester, I entered what was at the time affectionately known as "Moo U" as a naïve freshman from Colby High School. I graduated in 1980, went on to graduate school and then to a few other faculty positions before returning in 1990. During those 30-plus years, campuses like UWRF have undergone dynamic shifts including those



Brad Caskey

involving educational expectations.

It is always dangerous for a single individual to paint a picture of "life then" versus "life now,"

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Education lives up to expectations

When applying to colleges, some may expect to have the time of their life while receiving a quality education. Others in this day and age tend to take the opportunity to attend a university and the offerings of wisdom from instructors for granted.

To me, higher education is not a given, but an honor—an honor many students don't understand these days. For some, college is just the logical next step after graduating high school—no questions asked. In the 70s, when my parents graduated high school, college was only an option, not a



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prerequisite for a good job. Neither one of my parents had the opportunity to attend college since they did not come from wealthy families. When I realized I would be able to obtain a higher education, I jumped at the chance, knowing full well I would be thousands of dollars in debt as a result.

Every time I glance around a classroom and see a fellow student who is stealthily sending and receiving text messages, I can't help but wonder why they even bother coming to class at all. Granted their presence can probably be attributed to the fact that some professors will fail students if they miss more than

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VOICE SHORTS

Relay For Life comes to River Falls

The River Falls Relay For Life will be March 30-31 at the River Falls High School. The event is an overnight event filled with activities. It celebrates those who have been lost to cancer and those who have survived it and helps raise money for the American Cancer Society in its cancer research. During the event, teams of people will gather at the high school to take turns running or walking laps around a track. Each team tries to keep one member on the track at all times. The opening ceremonies will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 30. The closing ceremonies will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. March 31. There will be a spaghetti dinner, sponsored by the Rotary Club, provided from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the Relay Chairs Kathy Casey at 426-6309 or Chris Blasius at 426-2053.

"We Are Marshall" to be shown on campus

The Leadership Development and Programming Board is sponsoring free showings of "We Are Marshall" starring Matthew McConaughey and Matthew Fox March 31 in the University Center Theatre. The showings are at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. The film is about a football team at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia called the Thundering Herd. In 1970, 75 members of the football team died in a plane crash. This film follows the struggle of those left behind to deal with the loss and the beginnings of a new team. The event is free.

Art students host exhibition in KFA gallery

Jen Dolen and Garrett Bergemann host their BFA exhibition April 2-9 at Gallery 101 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Dolen displays black & white photographs of female figures. Her imagery examines linear patterns, tonal blends, and the use of negative and positive space around body parts. Her close views of the body cue references to flesh and humanity via details such as hair or dimples, but specific parts remain enigmatic. Bergemann features figurative oil paintings which reflect an exploration of painterly methods and a search for meaning in the combination of portraiture and abstraction. An opening reception will be held from 4-7 p.m. on April 2 with food and beverages served. For further information, contact the UWRF art department at 425-3266.

Presentation will focus on global warming

A multi-media slide show on global warming will be shown and will be followed by a short discussion of solutions to the problem at 5:30 p.m. April 3 in the Kinnickinnic River Theatre located in the University Center. The event is called the Climate Project based on An Inconvenient Truth and is sponsored by the Earth Consciousness Organization. Craig Tarr will be the presenter and is one of nearly 1,000 citizens trained by The Climate Project to deliver this science-based presentation. The Climate Project is a movement to educate and engage citizens and governments into solving the growing climate crisis through education, research and citizen action programs. For more information, visit www.theclimateproject.org or call Kathy Tarr at 425-6418.

Talk addresses chance of female president

Njia Lawrence-Porter, UW-River Falls McNair Scholars program coordinator, and Neil Kraus, a political science professor, will lead a discussion addressing the question: "Is America ready to elect a woman or an African-American man as president?" The discussion will take place at 12:15 p.m. April 4 in the Falls Room located in the University Center. It is part of the Coffee with The Times series, sponsored by the American Democracy Project and The New York Times Readership Program at UW-River Falls. Coffee with The Times is a news series on public affairs, current events and cultural topics. The cost is free.

Professor to present images of his journey

Visiting Professor John Jacobsen will present images from his travels to Antarctica and his artwork from the past several years at 7 p.m. April 4 in the Kinnickinnic River Theatre located in the University Center. Jacobsen recently returned from Antarctica and has traveled six times to the South Pole for his science work in the field of neutrino astronomy. He has been a physicist, artist and software engineer for nearly 20 years. He is also a collaborator on the IceCube neutrino telescope project, which is a joint effort between institutions throughout the world and operates a high-energy neutrino telescope called the Antarctic Muon and Neutrino Detector Array or AMANDA. A reception and display of his artwork will be held from 2-4 p.m. April 5 in the Chalmer Davee Library.

Speaker talks about life with purpose

Tasha Schuh will share her story of overcoming tragedy and living a life of purpose at 7:30 p.m. April 4 in the North Hall Auditorium. Schuh was in a theater accident in 1997 that left her paralyzed from the chest down. Campus Crusade is sponsoring the event. The cost is free.

Photography contest held for students

The deadline to enter UW-River Falls annual photography contest is April 10. The contest is open to all current UWRF students and is sponsored by the Journalism Department. Students can bring their work to 310 in North Hall. The judging session is open to the public and will be held at 6 p.m. April 10 in room 318 in North Hall. Students' work will be exhibited in the Harriet Berry Gallery in the Chalmer Davee Library April 17-22. For more information, complete rules and entry forms visit www.uwrf.edu/journalism/photocontest or contact Colleen Callahan, the contest coordinator.

Red Cross holds blood drive in River Falls

The Red Cross will be on campus April 4 and 5 for the spring blood drive. Everyone is welcome to donate and first-time donors and people with O-negative are especially needed. Make an appointment by requesting a time through email to intramurals@uwrf.edu, or stop by the Reception Desk of the Involvement Center and sign up. Volunteers to assist with the drive are also welcome.

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SENATE

Diversity takes center stage at meeting

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Though the meeting was under an hour long, Student Senate covered a lot of information. Directors shared reports about their committees and the motions brought to the table were passed with little discussion. Diversity Issues Director Ashley Olson presented three motions to the group.

The UW-River Falls Diversity Issues Committee is consistently working to improve diversity and unity on campus. One of the latest ventures was a survey to help "foster a culture of inclusiveness," Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Blake Fry said.

Multicultural Awareness Project for Institutional Transformation (MAP IT) is a survey being used as the first step in creating a diverse culture on campus.

"The purpose of the MAP IT survey is to help us understand how members of our campus community are experiencing the campus environment," Fry said. "The information will be used to evaluate the multicultural climate at UWRF and to make continuous improvements that will help us meet our goal of fostering a culture of inclusiveness."

The survey will consist of approximately 70 questions. It is voluntary and confidential. Though there will be a record of who has taken the survey, names will not be linked to answers of questions.

Senate approved a motion to allocate \$500 to the Diversity Issues Committee to use for prizes.

"Prizes will be raffled off to students who complete the MAP IT survey," according to the agenda from the meeting.

"The survey's really long, like 65 questions or so, so having an incentive to do the survey is really important," Vice President Derek Brandt said during the meeting.

"Although you do not have to complete the survey ... the University really wants to know your opinion," Fry said.

The motion passed by unanimous oral vote.

Olson spent several minutes talking on behalf of her motion about partner benefits.

Thousands of private employers nationwide offer domestic partner benefits, meaning benefits to those in relationships, but not married. Nearly 300 colleges and universities, as well as 13 state governments offer the same benefits to their employees.

Currently, UWRF and the Wisconsin government do not offer benefits to partners of employees.

According to the motion listed on the agenda, "inclusiveness has been identified as a core value of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls ... [they] value the contributions of all its employees, and the progressive tradition of the state."

"It was important for Senate to pass the motion so that Student Senate officially took a stance in support of domestic partner benefits from unmarried UW System employees that qualify for those benefits," Olson said.

Olson said that Senate passes motions like this so the group can take a stance as a whole in order to lobby on behalf of the issue.

The motion passed unanimously.

Other Senate News

- Shared Governance Director Tory Schaaf

Lack of crosswalks causes concern



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Two students walk in front of oncoming traffic on Cascade Avenue between North Hall and South Hall. There are no marked crosswalks where some students have been crossing.

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Harsh winter weather and the ongoing lack of parking at UW-River Falls makes getting across Cascade Avenue safely to class a rising concern among students.

According to students and faculty, Cascade Avenue is a busy street and the city of River Falls needs to take into account that there needs to be more crosswalks so they feel secure when hurrying to classes.

Some students want to see more effort put into the safety of crossing Cascade and also because this past winter has proven to be more dangerous.

"I don't really feel safe because it's icy," senior Brittany Eichten said. "I cross between North Hall and KFA everyday."

The crosswalk located between North Hall and Davee Library has disappeared, leaving students crossing the street at any unmarked location.

"There is an importance to identifying the crosswalk again," Director of Public Safety Dick Trende said.

"These are issues we need to look at as both a University and a city."

Legally, people should be using a crosswalk and it should give them a sense of being safe, Trende said.

There should not only be more crosswalks, but a better way to mark them for drivers, he said.

Some suggestions that could make pedestrians more noticeable would be to not only repaint the faded crosswalk located between North Hall and the library, but also have signs that warn drivers to slow down.

Also, florescent paints and overhead lights located at all of the crossing points will increase visibility for drivers, especially when it gets dark outside.

One reason we don't have enough crosswalks on Cascade could be because if you increase the number of crosswalks it would reduce the number of parking spots that many students and faculty depend on, Trende said.

Shell Maccoux is a senior at UWRF researching the safety of crossing Cascade Avenue for her project in the speech course entitled Persuasion (Speech Communication and Theatre Arts 311).

"Campaign Cascade" is the name of the group project with the purpose to "raise

awareness of drivers of the State laws which require individuals to yield to pedestrians in designated areas with the focus being on Cascade Avenue between North and South Halls."

"I almost got hit once and I've almost hit other people," Maccoux said. "Students cross in between North and South Halls because they aren't using the crosswalks."

There is an online questionnaire available designed to see how much students know about the laws and how safe they feel crossing Cascade, Maccoux said.

On the other hand, there are reasons why we don't have as many pedestrian crosswalks and overhead lights.

We have to operate within the financial perimeters of the city," River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said.

"I'm comfortable with the safety of Cascade or it would be a major concern for us."

There is also concern among students because there is no crosswalk in certain areas where there ought to be.

"They should put a crosswalk over by Karges because many students park on the side streets and live in the dorms," sophomore Kristin Rotter said. "Cars won't stop for you if they don't have to. There needs to be signs or more crosswalks so drivers will pay attention."

Others feel they don't have problems getting to class even if they have to endure the traffic as long as it is during a busy time of day.

"I still feel fairly safe if there is a bunch of people around," freshman Maya Meinhold said. "If it is just me, then I get worried that the cars won't stop."

According to River Falls Police, there haven't been any major concerns or issues regarding the safety of crossing Cascade Avenue, but that doesn't mean there can't be measures taken to prevent them from happening in the future.

To demonstrate knowledge of state laws regarding pedestrians and to share how safe it is to cross Cascade Avenue, students, faculty and staff are invited to fill out the questionnaire at www.dabootski.com/cascade.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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March 22

- A bicycle was reported stolen from the Wymen Education Building. The value of the bicycle is approximately \$400, according to reports.

March 23

- Justin D. Eloranta, 21, was fined \$172 for shoplifting from the Holiday Gas Station on South Main Street. Eloranta purchased two candy bars from the gas station, but was caught stealing a Snicker's candy bar and a Twix candy bar that he had slid into his front pockets, according to reports.
- Heather Hamilton, 21, was fined \$58 for riding her bicycle on the sidewalk on South Main Street.
- Ashlee Watters, 20, was fined \$58 for riding her bicycle on the sidewalk on South Main Street.
- Three students were cited for disorderly conduct for going on the roof of May Hall without consent. Jennifer M. Fusak, Ashley A. Trotter and Molly S. Herrick, were not fined after explaining to Public Safety that the door to the room with roof access was left open and the hatch to the roof had no padlock. The girls were told

"never to gain unauthorized access to the roof again," according to reports.

- A student reported a stolen bicycle around 4:30 p.m. The bicycle was left in the rack outside Centennial Science Hall, but was not locked. The value of the bicycle was unreported, according to reports.
- Adam J. Baligrodzki, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
- Carolyn R. Wiger, 20, was fined \$375 for second offense underage consumption in Stratton Hall.

Parking

Motorcycles must park in designated motorcycle stalls (located in A, E, F, G, O and Q lots). If all motorcycle stalls are full, please contact the Parking Department for instructions on where to park. Mopeds and motor scooters (under 50cc engine) may be parked in bicycle racks on campus.

Parking such vehicles on sidewalks, curbs, etc. next to the bike rack will be subject to a citation. Such vehicles may not operate under power between the roadway and bicycle racks. Operation off roadways could result in a fine of up to a \$249.00 citation and impoundment. A permit is not required for motorcycle parking.

Caskey: Drastic differences between UWRF 30 years ago, now

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but since I go by Bradley “Danger” Caskey, I am willing to take a shot. I would say at many levels the expectations of faculty members concerning basic student behaviors have not changed significantly with the “Big Three” continuing to be: come to class, read the book and be engaged while in class. As far as meeting those expectations, I think many faculty members who have been around for as long as I might suggest some changes have taken place.

First, current students seem somewhat more likely to skip class. It is possible that this is just my misperception although I believe that the increased numbers of students who are working long hours and who have work-school conflicts has led to a decline in attendance. Second, during the last decade I have noted a significant increase in the number of students who come to classes late. When I was a student,

this type of behavior was less common perhaps because many instructors simply did not tolerate tardiness. A few years ago one of my colleagues actually got so fed up that he started locking his door (a practice no longer tolerated due to fire code). I still recall the stunned look on the face of students who were shut out.

On the engagement issue I am of two minds. Part of me believes current students are just as minimally involved in most courses as were students in my generation. That said, it does seem to be the case that students are significantly less passionate about issues and are much less willing to engage in lively debate about topics. My guess is that this is in part a result of the fact that most traditional-age students of today grew up in a time of relative economic prosperity and political stability.

I still vividly recall a youth in which images of protest and unrest were commonplace, and a time when campuses were

centers of student-driven political activism. Perhaps the apathy that pervades the modern classroom is simply a reflection of the fact that students have not had that much to complain about and have not had the chance to hone their interactive skills. Given the growing unrest concerning the war in Iraq and growing skepticism about our political leadership, I would not be at all surprised to see a more interactive student body in the near future.

It has also come to my attention that the lack of interest/engagement in courses may be fueled by the fact that students seem significantly more career focused than in past generations. Not that students during my days on campus were not interested in getting a job, but it seems like more and more when students do not see a direct connection between course material and some job skill, they are less willing to engage in course materials.

Oemig: Technology forces professors to increase hands-on techniques

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three class sessions, but, either way, it’s still disrespectful. Now, I’m not saying I’m completely innocent in this respect either, but I tend to take advantage of texting during a film ñ not while a professor is trying to engage his or her students. It seems that students today don’t care that every minute spent in class is costing them—or their parents hard-earned money.

One problem with students of this generation is their need to be entertained at all times otherwise they lose interest. Due to video games and television, attention spans have become almost nonexistent. For professors, this can pose as an obstacle in the teaching process. Instead of lecturing during classes, instructors have been forced to utilize movies or other hands-on interaction to keep students’ attention.

Some professors resort to forcible participation in order to engage students, which I think is a terrible idea. When a student does not raise his or her hand in response to a question, it doesn’t mean they don’t want to speak in class—it simply means they don’t know or are unsure of the proper answer. This is most likely due tone of two things: poor teaching methods on the professor’s part or the students’ inability to keep up

with reading assignments. This may not be the student’s fault either, so forcing them to answer questions is not an effective teaching technique.

Students nowadays have many things going on in their lives, whether it be athletics, personal issues or multiple jobs to support themselves. One thing sets this generation apart from past generations is the desire to be independent. In decades like the 70s, college students usually had one main focus: school. Parents typically supported their children while they received an education. Most college students now tend to live on their own and some even pay their way through the higher education system.

Now that I prepare to embark on the next journey in my life and get a real job, I have found that instructors were not the only ones who assisted me along the way. By taking the initiative to get involved with campus media, I have been able to build up a resume that will be a crucial factor in my success in becoming part of the workforce. Any extracurricular activity will impress future employers and will immediately bring your application to the top of the pile. It just goes to show that when it comes to a well-rounded education, involvement outside of the classroom is just as important as participation in the classroom.

Fire: Incident may have been sparked by police report

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see his name in the paper,” Stovern said.

Student Senate Vice President Derek Brandt said that the matter would be “handled internally” when questioned about Shaaf’s confession.

“It’s unfortunate in general that anyone, let alone a member of Student Senate would do that,” Student Senate Advisor Gregg Heinselman said. “It looks like his judgement was a little off.”

The Student Senate will hold a closed-session meeting in order to deal with this issue, if they find it necessary to pursue the matter further. At that time, Schultz will be asked to step down from his position as ethics chair until the matter is resolved, Heinselman said.

Fellow Theta Chi member Erik Wood said he knew Schaaf was “pissed” about the police report.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if the copies were burned,” he said of the actions Schaaf may have taken once he was in possession of the newspapers.

Stovern said although the burning of the papers may have taken place at the Theta Chi res-

idence, it was an individual action of Schaaf’s and was not correlated with any festivities of the fraternity.

Stovern was unclear about when the papers were put in the fire and said it may have happened after the festivities ended or at a different location.

Racks in academic buildings are also set up to hold copies of the *New York Times*, which are used for certain classes. Students enrolled in those classes are charged \$5 for a semester-long subscription. Schaaf said he didn’t take copies of the *Times* because he didn’t want to take papers for which students are charged and said he was unaware

students, through segregated University fees, pay for the production of the *Student Voice*.

When first notified last Friday of the stolen newspapers, Public Safety officials said they needed more evidence before they could investigate the theft.

After receiving more information, they were able to take further action. Public Safety is still investigating the matter.

This is not the first time a member of the UWRF community has stolen large quantities



Tory Schaaf

Hockey: Top goalie leaves program for a shot in the pros

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good time for me to get my feet wet before next fall.”

Bucchino said he had heard from the Augusta team a couple times throughout the season before taking them up on their offer.

“I got the blessing from my father ... he said if you want it, take it,” Bucchino said.

While the transition from college hockey to a minor league level might be stressful and overwhelming, Bucchino said he is not worried; in fact he is quite comfortable.

Bucchino said he played for the Lynx’s coach when he was a junior hockey member of the United States Hockey League in Des Moines, Iowa, which was the same team he played for with the Falcons teammate Pat Borgestad.

With this decision, Bucchino can never play hockey at UWRF or at any other college again. Even though he can’t play college hockey, he is still working to complete his psychology degree.

Bucchino said his professors have been helpful about allowing him to stay in his classes.

He said he is doing extra home-

work and taking tests online.

Once the Lynx season is over, Bucchino will return to campus. He could be back in the classroom as early as two weeks if the team doesn’t make the playoffs.

However, the Lynx are in fourth place in their conference and are on pace to get a playoff spot.

With Bucchino not returning to play his senior season, his open position allows fellow Falcons freshman Tony Stoehr and Matt Page or a potential new goaltender to take his spot.

“We’re going to have to find another goalie,” sophomore Devin Underwood said.

“Somebody’s going to have to fill his shoes.”

In two seasons with the Falcons, Bucchino played 47 games and finished his career with a 31-11-5 record and with a



Steve Freeman

2.10 goals against average and a .934 saves percentage.

Stoehr said Bucchino had the “goods to back up” his professional offer and he knows Bucchino has an opportunity to be the starting goaltender.

“I don’t know too much quite yet,” Stoehr said. “I just know I have to work hard to get the spot.”

While losing the top goalie may be a huge blow, the Falcons can still be competitive next season.

“That doesn’t mean we’re not going to be awesome next year,” Dahl said. “That doesn’t mean a national championship is out of the picture. We just have to work a little harder.”

While Bucchino is looking forward to new opportunities in the professional hockey ranks, he said it wasn’t easy for him to leave the Falcons program.

“It was a tough decision,” Bucchino said of leaving the program. “River Falls has been good to me, especially coaches Freeman and [Bob] Ritzer have given me a chance to play. But this is something I wanted to pursue.”

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A.J. Bucchino, hockey goaltender



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Betz: Chancellor strong advocate for globalizing UWRF

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Colloquium, which is a course providing students with an opportunity to study abroad and teaches the skills necessary to be effective leaders from a global perspective. The first course was held last August in Scotland. It will be in China this year, Betz said.

While Betz said he feels good about what he has pursued, he is pleased with the accomplishments the campus community has made.

He said he has been happy with the commitment of students, staff and faculty to service learning and civic engagement.

They have been active in helping with Hurricane Katrina efforts and other service learning opportunities, such as the Destination program, both in and out of the River Falls community, he said.

“I think we are becoming an institution that is assisting the St. Croix Valley communities into becoming a collaborate region focusing on common issues,” Betz said.

Other things he said he is proud of is increasing enrollment. In fall 2006, the University had its largest head count for enrollment. UWRF’s homecoming spirit was also revived last fall.

Former Student Senate Representative Maggie Huppert said during the semester she spent on Student Senate, Betz did a good job working closely with students.

“I think he’s been really good at willing to listen to students about issues and he is really active with the Student Senate,” Huppert said.

Administrative Assistant Dianne Monteith works in the Chancellor’s office and has worked closely with Betz.

“He is extremely committed and passionate about

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Chancellor Don Betz started his career at UWRF two years ago and continues to pursue many goals.

our students and their success,” Monteith said. “His passion for learning spills over into all he does, from the time he spends with students, staff and faculty, to reaching out to the community and to the global world.”

While Betz said he has benefited from the work of previous chancellors, he said overall, what is unique about his time as chancellor is the strong connection being made between sustainability, leadership, global literacy and inclusiveness.

“I am still standing,” he said. “[My position] is not a job. It’s really a life and I am pleased to be serving this institution and our students at this particular time in my life.”

EDITORIAL

SV ashamed, saddened

The entire *Student Voice* staff is disheartened to know that a leading member of the UW-River Falls community would steal large quantities of the paper and keep the information and our hard work from being distributed on campus.

Even worse, valuable student money was literally thrown away due to one person’s selfish acts.

As we prepared to produce the paper on Wednesday night, the story about Student Senate Director Tory Schaaf unfolded. Last week’s edition of the *SV* reported that Schaaf was cited by the River Falls Police Department for absolute sobriety and prohibited blood alcohol level.

These fines are related to being under 21 years old and driving with any alcohol in the system

He obviously did not want this information in the hands of the student body, so he stole a large quantity straight from the newsstands.

Last Friday morning, staff members fielded questions about the missing papers from concerned students, faculty and staff, and we were left baffled at their absence.

A lot of work goes into producing the paper each and every week. Stories are assigned and worked on for two weeks prior to printing, and the editorial staff stays in the office working on layout and design into the early morning hours of Thursday.

Not only is our goal to put out a paper, but the individual articles are used by each and every reporter for personal portfolios and to get jobs in the future.

In the end, we are not the people who are hurt the most by Schaaf’s actions, but instead the entire UWRF community has been punished.

News and events have not been relayed from us to the public, and hundreds of dollars allocated to the *Student Voice* by the Leadership Development and Programming Board has been wasted.

We, as students, fund the student organizations on campus. Leaders and members of student organizations fight to the death in order to have just a little more money added to their accounts.

Now, the money we’ve fought for in order to put out the most thorough paper possible was lost because of his self-centered actions.

Public Safety was notified last Friday of the missing papers, but no action was taken. It was not until Monday morning, when a custodian in North Hall found a stack of over a hundred copies thrown into a recycling bin that the our worst suspicion of theft was confirmed.

It is truly unfortunate that Schaaf felt the need to not only make matters worse for himself, but punish the entire student body.

We work hard at what we do, even if the paper does not get into the hands of each individual at UWRF, we have still put in the effort.

Hopefully next time someone wants to keep something out of the public eye they take a better approach.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democrat shares war opposition

I went to my computer at 12:15 a.m. and loaded my msn.com homepage. The top-headline read “House OK’s legislation for troop withdrawal.” I was preparing to go to bed, but now I find myself furious and sitting here typing this letter.

I do not hide the fact that I am whole-heartedly a Democrat, and as many of my party did four years ago, I opposed the war in Iraq. Over the course of the war Iraq has become a disaster. Four years into the war we have now had to send more troops into Iraq to handle the crisis. We largely took part in creating that crisis. Now Congress feels as though we should leave Iraq and let the Iraqis deal with that mess on their own.

Congress feels this way even though Iraq has shown no stability or ability to operate on their own. The date on the leg-

islation passed for full combat troop withdrawal is Sept. 1, 2008. A lot can change by then, but to require the withdrawal of our troops in that time frame is completely absurd and irresponsible. We do not know what is going to happen in that time.

Maybe the insurgency will diminish, the Iraqi government will start functioning, and the economy will start to operate without foreign support. Perhaps such a drastic turn around in the next 18 months is possible, and if it does, great, but if it does not, are we prepared for the consequences of our troop removal? Only the Iraqis can determine whether or not Iraq is ready for its independence.

It is not up to the politicians in Congress. We created the debacle that has become Iraq, and it is our responsibility to see it through. Even though many do not like us, the Iraqi government and people look to the United States as an example of what they want to become.

What kind of example are we setting by running?

Again, I did not support the war from the beginning, but I do realize that we have committed ourselves and must be held accountable. Wake up congress, or at least Democrats. No matter how you want to look at it, this is our problem, and we need to fix it, but the answer is not leaving.

Brandon Kesler
Student

SHS provides depression help

Depression, anxiety and stress are all very common among college students. Even at UWRF, a notable percentage of students have reported such health concerns according to The American College Health Association National College Health Assessment administered to UWRF students in 2006.

Student Health and Counseling Services would like you to consider what a natural, “brain healthy” program could do for you and the chemistry of your mind through a presentation by Dr. Henry Emmons, notable psychiatrist and author of *The Chemistry of Joy*.

Dr. Emmons will be making a keynote presentation open to all students, faculty and staff on April 6 from 10-11 a.m. in Ballroom A of the University Center. In his presentation he will discuss the “enemies of joy” and how they affect brain health and function, as well as, the need for a healthy brain supported through natural and spiritual practices.

We hope to see you there, but if you cannot make it, always know that Student Health and Counseling Services are here to help anytime you may need it. Just call 425-3293 or 425-3884.

Katy Leisch
Student Health Services
Student Intern

A bar is needed on campus

I really don’t like flying; I hate takeoffs, I’m not a big fan of those jolted landings and I can’t stand being stuck in such a cramped area with some of the most odorous people who feel the need to tell you their life story.

Needless to say, as my plane landed in London this past August, I had one thing on my mind: I needed a drink.

I jumped on a train to the town of Reading where I was off to meet an old friend. After my nine-hour flight, an hour-long train ride and one of the scariest cab rides I have experienced to date, I found myself at the University of Reading.



the next hour drifting away in an ice-cold pint of English cider - Strongbow, as we know it.

Back to reality, it’s Monday night, I’m frantically trying to finish this column by deadline, I need to study up on the ever-so-exciting topic of “age dating rocks” and find time to practice for my ill-prepared saxophone lesson tomorrow. Again, I could use a drink. So it hits me - why doesn’t our campus have a bar? Here I sit in the brand new University Center, staring down at the barren area around Momma Leone’s pizza, envisioning myself taking a five-minute break to clear my head and relax with some friends.

I can already hear the clicking of the keyboards inside Student Health Services as they write their pre-emptive letters to the editor, but hear me out.

A bar on campus would be extremely beneficial and not at all uncommon to the UW System.

River Falls would join surrounding universities that serve alcohol on campus. Steven’s Point and Platteville have their own microbreweries, and Milwaukee’s Gasthaus pub is more than just a bar, it’s a restaurant, bar and hangout.

This University needs an establishment that serves both food and alcohol to the student body.

By having a pub-style establishment, students who are over the age of 21 would be able to drink and hang out in a safe setting. Students who are under the age of 21 would still be able to hang out and eat, just the same as popular restaurants like Applebee’s or Green Mill. This would keep students on campus at night and also on the weekends.

Having a bar on campus would mean that the students living on or around campus would be able to walk to the bar instead of driving and risking a hefty ticket, or consequences much worse.

Also, Public Safety would be much closer than the River Falls Police Department may be on any given Friday or Saturday night.

There is a lot to be said about this topic that I will not be able to fit into my column.

I think that an establishment like this would benefit the campus and draw the students together. I am well aware of the dangers of binge drinking, but if Student Health Services is properly doing their job of educating us, then this should not be an issue. Students at this university are occasionally underestimated when it comes to personal decisions.

I realize the dangers of drinking under any circumstance, and I am well aware that not all students on this campus drink. However, on a warm, homework-filled night such as this one, an ice-cold Strongbow sounds like the perfect way to step back and relax for a minute.

Help us cure white space:
write a letter to the editor.

Columnist explains UWRF women

For the last year and a half, I have been a member of a very secret and special club, the He-Man Woman Haters Club. It was started by Alf-Alfa and Spanky and all the rest of the Little Rascals from the classic show “Our Gang.” The fact that it’s a club created by six-year-olds of the 1930s doesn’t make it any less real in my heart (I’m still waiting on my decoder ring). And, as a member, I’m here to offer advice in this time of need.

Judging by the sight of many couples on campus holding hands, kissing, heavy petting and the sounds of moaning coming from rooms 404, 405, 406 and 408, spring has sprung. If you missed it, it was when you heard a collective BOING sound across campus.

Men, there are many types of women across campus, and I want to help you understand and sift through some of them. What are my qualifications? I’ve dated a few women. Believe it or not, I’m mostly only a dick when I’m writing my columns. Seriously, ask my friend.

First off, there is Miss Sweet. She loves life and is very upbeat. She isn’t mean spirited or catty, and being around her makes you want to be a better person. Well, sorry fellahs, but most of these women were

snapped up a long time ago. Since it’s the second semester, you’re already too late. The best you can do in the meantime is be the “best guy friend” to this girl until her bonehead boyfriend does something stupid and breaks up with her. Then like a very supportive yet ruthless pterodactyl, you swoop in. (Whew, I had to go to my dino dictionary, but it was worth it.)

Next is Miss Pretty-but-Shallow. I can’t stand empirically beautiful women. Their ability to use their good looks has atrophied their brains. If you want model good looks, you’ll have to suffer though dates that run like an episode of “Maui Fever,” where “so” is a quantifying adjective and “like” is used for everything (except to show affection or to make a simile). If that last part went over your head, fuck it, go for it. I’d do her, you know what I’m sayin’ dawg! Shit, yeah!

On the opposite end of the spectrum is Miss-Smart-and-Romantically-Retarded. She’s witty, creative, knowledgeable, but has barely dated. She has spent many late nights studying models of male genitalia,

but it just ruins the mood when she says she wants to engulf your corpus cavernosum with her labia majora. Gross! What, she couldn’t say something romantic like, “let’s bone.” Actually now that I think of it, that science talk might really get some guys going. I think the Chem Demons will be experimenting with the elasticity of ribbed latex this week.

Finally, we have Miss Alpha-Female (aka The Whip Master). It’s not about equality with this one; it’s about wearing the pants. She will beat you into submission and use sex as a form of positive reinforcement like some kind of dirty doggy treat. Soon you’ll be walking a step behind her with your eyes on the ground and your dick tucked between your legs.

Men, be strong. With so many types of women running around, you’re bound to find love. The trick to finding love is to find a woman who is dysfunctional in all the same ways you are. And finally, be picky, unless you’re ugly and have a terrible personality. Tune in next week for “Types of Men.”



Kris Evans

Black dogs need loving homes too

With spring comes the idea of new starts and plans. As my first acclimation into spring, my boyfriend and I decided we wanted to give a new start to an abandoned canine by adopting him.

After a few weeks of pouring over Web sites full of adoption information and adorable photos of puppies, I came across the Web site www.blackpearldogs.com.

This site shocked and saddened me to the point of deciding to perform research on the topic. I felt compelled to devote an entire newspaper column to the issue.

This particular quote stood out to me: “We are guessing that the general public is not aware of how doomed black dogs are when they are brought to the pound because black dogs, particularly black Lab or Lab mixes are euthanized at a horrifying rate at many pounds and shelters because people pass them up for lighter-colored dogs.”

I have never considered adopting a black dog before, but the more research I did on the “black dog syndrome,” the more guilty I felt for not taking a “chance” on a friendly dark-colored Lab.



Laney Smith

The Web site was launched to raise awareness of the tragedy and offered five possible reasons for many adopters to overlook a black dog.

The list included anything from they are too “ordinary” to they are more likely to overheat in sporting events (think sled-dog racing). They also mention three that all seem to work together: fear of aggressive behavior, negative labels of being menacing and popular superstitions of a black dog’s symbol.

For example, in many European cultures, the image of a black dog is associated with death and misfortune. Even popular novels like “Harry Potter” are buying into the threatening, aggressive, ill-fated stereotype associated with dark-colored canines.

To put the extent of the problem into perspective, I’d like to share the story of a black Lab named Sheba.

According to the Web site, “Sheba is a blue-eyed beauty. Unfortunately, no one has ever really admired her beauty before. This gorgeous young female black Lab mix spent most of her two years of life chained in a yard without even a doghouse to shelter her from the elements. Sheba’s days are numbered.

This small shelter, with a capacity of 24 dogs, has more than a hundred. If the dogs are not moved into their forever homes or rescued by that date [Nov. 1] they will be gassed.”

While I realize many students live in apartments and residence halls, making it hard to help a suffering dog, I encourage you to pass this Web site along to others and consider saving the “common” dog when you finally are able to add a canine to your lifestyle.

The reward of saving not just a dog in need, but one with many strikes already against it, will be immense.

A black dog isn’t necessarily the flashiest dog to take home, but the companionship you will gain and the plain beauty you will see will be just as wonderful as any other colored (or breed) of dog.

Failing vehicle is hard to give up

This week, I forced myself to face truth about my life. My days of driving my beloved, yet beloved Ford Escort are nearing an end.

Honestly, I have no idea why the prospect of getting a newer, more reliable car is bothering me so much considering I have put more money into my car than it would ever be worth.

Perhaps my unending fondness for that little car is because it has been with me since my days behind the wheel began.

We have a history, this car and I. I learned to drive in it, got in two minor accidents, was backed into twice and most successfully, evaded nine tickets for speeding, failure to stop and most recently, for not having my new tabs on until six months after I got them.

How can I let all of this go? I don’t think any other vehicle could compare to the legacy of my faithful white bullet - a nickname my car received

because of all the times I skipped high school my senior year and was never caught.

These incidences are not the only aspect of the love I hold for my 1998 Escort. Before it started suffering from constant breakdown, it was a really good vehicle. I get excellent gas mileage, it accelerates very quickly and the turning radius is second to none.

However many fabulous features and memories I can list off, I can’t lie: every time I am sitting idle at an intersection, the Escort makes so much noise and commotion that I start to sing the wise words of Wilson Phillips in their song “Hold On,” hoping the vehicle will



Blair Bengs

respond by pulling through just one more day.

While this method has worked so far, the writing is on the wall and its days are numbered.

I wish I could have the attitude of my fiancé, who drove a beat-down Ford Taurus for way too long. After his radiator went out, it was his last straw.

He traded it in, actually receiving money for his old vehicle, and never looked back.

In a poignant moment as we drove off the lot in his new ride, he took one last look and said goodbye in his own way — “Good fucking riddance!”

Why is the thought of that so hard for me?

I guess I simply love my little car too much, for it was one instance of stability in my life as the rest of my world is con-

sumed with graduating, finding a job and a residence as well as getting married.

For anyone else who is going through change as I am, do not worry if you get a bit nervous or cling to something familiar.

And obviously, I should listen to my own advice and relax. Everything will be fine. Change is a good thing even though it can be scary at times.

Although life can change at a rapid pace, it is important to remember that change seems to be a constant.

School will come and go, careers will start and go down different paths, new marriages will begin as others die and cars will break that one last time, needing to be replaced.

For me, I will always have the memories of my white bullet and every time I hear Blu Cantrell’s “Hit Em Up Style,” I will be transported back to the first summer I had that car when it ran like a charm.

Looking the part for job interviews makes a difference

As students around the University are reading this, I will be on my way to Chicago for a job fair.

Along with two other members of the *Student Voice*, we will spend an entire Saturday in mini-interviews and redundant conversations.

Just like every other senior on verge of graduation, I have spent an abnormal amount of time drafting my resume and creating a cover letter.

As a student journalist not only am I required to create a stellar resume and eye-catching cover letter, but I have to have a portfolio that will impress during a simple perusing. I spent over two hours and \$57.30 making literally hundreds of copies of articles I’ve written and photos I’ve taken.

As if the copying wasn’t enough, the money spent on portfolio covers and separating the pho-

tocopies into many stacks made me go completely insane. But what is it really for? I get to go and sit down for five minutes in front of 15 or more prospective employers while they judge me more on my appearance and first impression than what I’ve previously labored many hours creating for them.

It’s just all too sketchy, but unfortunately it is a very necessary part of the graduating-and-moving-on-to-the-next-stage-in-life process.

I wouldn’t mind as much if I thought I was a shoo-in, however in this business it seems that no one is ever a shoo-in.

This feels like complete déjà vu.

In October I attended a job fair in Minneapolis where I busted my ass off preparing for it. When I showed up in dress pants and a professional top I felt like an idiot standing next to a person

dressed in jeans and t-shirt. I bought a suit for the upcoming event and hopefully many sequential interviews following the job fair. Should I be insulted if a representative for a newspaper talks to a guy in jeans for twice as long as he talks to me? Whatever happened to dressing for success and looking presentable when going to interviews?

What is wrong with our generation that people find it acceptable to wear tennis shoes to a professional atmosphere where the common garb is sport coats and skirts?

I have been on a number of interviews since graduating from high school, and each time I dressed in professional attire.

Not only did I do that because it is how I feel I should look when talking to a professional, but because that is how I was raised.

When I see students dressing so utterly inappropriate at events I feel ashamed to even be associated with them as being part of the same generation.

I don’t even want to imagine what older generations think about our group. Even I’m ashamed.

Even the *Student Voice*’s former viewpoints editor, with the most *lasse-faire* approach to life broke down and bought a suit. Not only that, but he told the entire student body about it and got a job. I’m not trying to say that every person needs to run to Macy’s and purchase a suit, but I’m hoping that every individual searching for a job will have some respect for the people they are interviewing with and dress the part.

As for me, I’m packing up my suit, portfolios and resumes and making the long drive to Chicago.

For every other budding journalist I see dressed like they’re grabbing lunch at McDonalds I’ll just smile and know that at least there won’t be a note left on my resume saying that I looked like crap.

Who knows if my recently-acquired suit will help with my first impression, all I can do is hope and keep my fingers crossed.



Beth Dickman



Tina Stanaitis, freshman

“Probably fries, a cheeseburger and root beer.”



Paul Veit, freshman

“Chicken, Coca-Cola and milk.”



David Stanton, sophomore

“Probably soy milk, water and beer, then it’d be steak, potatoes and strawberry.”

STUDENT voices

If you could eat and drink only three things ever again, what would they be?



Glen Curtis, sophomore

“Milk, water and beer. Steak, potatoes and watermelon.”



Greg Robinson, sophomore

“Steak would be one of them, french toast and pizza.”



Marissa Pearson, freshman

“Ice cream, chocolate and soda.”

Falcons split in four home games

Four home games quickly scheduled after Iowa tournament cancellation

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The UW-River Falls softball team went 2-2 in four surprise home games after a tournament the Falcons were scheduled to compete in was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Falcons were originally scheduled to play four games in the Coe College tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Division III rules state that a team can only play 40 regular season games. Head coach Faye Perkins had scheduled the full amount for her team, but the tournament cancellation left her with four open slots that she quickly filled.

Perkins put together a small round-robin tournament with the Gustavus Adolphus Gusties and the St. Scholastica Saints on Saturday at Ramer Field and scheduled a doubleheader with the Concordia College Cobbers for Tuesday.

The Falcons won the first game against Concordia 4-1, but dropped the second 2-0.

The first game against Concordia was scoreless until the home half of the fourth inning. Falcons third baseman Emily Howlett got River Falls started with a single up the middle. First baseman Keri Feller followed with a high, windswept, fly ball to right that was misplayed and dropped for a single. Howlett took third and Feller took second on Concordia right fielder Abby Brundidge's throwing error. Catcher Ashley James laid down a bunt, driving in the first run of the inning. James was safe at first and took second on fielder's indifference. The Falcons would score three more in the inning after RBI singles by Rachel Mathias and Amanda Peters.

The Falcons closed out the game allowing one run when reigning WIAC pitcher of the week Ashley Bertrand surrendered a home run to Concordia second baseman Anna Bjorlin. The Cobbers only managed three hits in the game. Bjorlin had two of them.

In the second game of the doubleheader Cobbers head coach Bob Bartel decided to bat Bjorlin in the leadoff slot. The move paid off as Bjorlin tripled to start the game and scored on a Melissa Bergdall single.

The Falcons couldn't put anything together in the second game against the Cobbers as pitcher Mandy Turba went the distance to get the shutout win for Concordia.

On Saturday the team won its first game over the Saints 7-1 and dropped the second game to the Gusties 3-2. Gustavus also topped the Saints 2-0 in the middle game of the round-robin mini-tournament.

The mini-home tournament was planned less than 24 hours before the first game was played. The two games were the first home games of the season for the Falcons.

Perkins decided to throw the mini-tournament together after talking with UW-Stout softball coach Chris Stainer, who scheduled a last-second doubleheader with St. Mary's University, who had also been scheduled to play in Cedar Rapids. The Falcons, Gusties, Saints, Stout and St. Mary's were all scheduled to compete in the Coe tournament.

In both games on Saturday the Falcons struck first and led 2-0 after one inning, though the team took very different routes in securing the early leads.

Bertrand got off to a good start in both contests, blanking the top of the lineup for the Saints and Gusties.

In the bottom half of the first against the Saints, Falcons shortstop and leadoff hitter Mindy Rudiger singled and took second on an error by center fielder Erica Kozacek to start the inning. She advanced to third after second baseman Breamber Syverson laid down a sac-



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Top: Second baseman Breamber Syverson catches a throw from first baseman Keri Feller to double Nichole Tischler off first base during the first inning of the first game of a doubleheader on Tuesday against Concordia College. The Falcons won the game 4-1.
Bottom: Feller looks to make contact on a pitch in the bottom of the first inning against Concordia. Feller went 1-3 in the game and leads UW-River Falls with 16 RBIs this season.



First time All-American shows continued improvement

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Representing UW-River Falls for the second time in two years at the Division III indoor track and field championships, junior Krista Hasselquist earned NCAA All-American honors for the first time.

It was the fifth time overall she has competed in a Div. III championship in a collegiate career that includes one year at UW-Stout and two at UWRF.

Hasselquist didn't get into track and field until her freshman year at Osceola High School in Wisconsin, where she already played volleyball and basketball. She says she joined track and field to be "a better all-around athlete."

By her senior year Hasselquist said she was being recruited by Div. I schools, including UW-Madison and Georgia Tech. She turned those down and decided instead to go to Stout for their graphic design program.

She said she realized, after two days of class, that it wasn't for her and transferred to River Falls the following year. As for basketball and volleyball, she still plays, but only on an intramural level.

Hasselquist is majoring in health and human performance with a minor in coaching and business administration. She plans on graduating in May 2009.

Since coming to River Falls she has been one of the top track and field performers in the shot put, weight throw, discus and hammer.

Head coach Martha Brennan said Hasselquist works hard and is "a good, positive role model for incoming freshman and underclassmen."

During the 2006 indoor season, she won the shot put at two meets, placed third in the WIAC

meet and ninth in the NCAA Div. III championships, missing All-American honors by one spot. She also won the weight throw at two meets.

For the 2006 outdoor season, Hasselquist placed third at the WIAC meet again and went to the championships, but did not make it to the finals. In the qualifying meet at UW-La Crosse, she set a school record for the outdoor shot put with a throw of 44-6.

This indoor season she's stayed consistent in the shot put, winning two meets and placing second in the WIAC meet. At the WIAC meet, she set another school record, this time for the indoor shot put, with a throw of 53-9.

The NCAA Div. III championships were held March 9-10 at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. Hasselquist competed in the 20-pound weight throw and the shot put. She did not qualify for the finals in the weight throw but placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 44-8 to earn her first All-American honor."Since I've been there before, I use that to my advantage," Hasselquist said of the championships, adding that there is still pressure.

Coach Brennan said she has noticed improvement in Hasselquist's performance at meets throughout her career

"As she's gotten older, she's gotten better and better at competing in big meets."

The outdoor season started for the track and field team with the Rhodes College Open March 17 in Memphis, Tenn.. Hasselquist earned fifth place finishes in the shot put, discus and hammer at the event.

Coach Brennan said she expects Hasselquist's outdoor season to go pretty much the same, though she will continue to get better.

We should respect Bucchino's decision



Nick Sortedahl

So, we've all heard the news that Falcon goaltender A.J. Bucchino has left the hockey team to pursue his childhood dreams of playing professional hockey.

Immediately I thought of the difficulties the hockey team would face in trying to replace their fiery all-American assistant captain.

I know many will selfishly question the decision from their point of view and ask why he would leave rather than sticking around to play on a team that will likely be a national title contender next season. For anyone who thinks that Bucchino did the wrong thing, I'd like to ask you a question ... what would you do if someone came along and offered you a chance at fulfilling a dream?

Anyone who's ever played any sport has dreamed of playing in the big leagues. I know I did. I always wanted to play major league baseball growing up. I'd go out in the yard and pretend to be Kent Hrbek or Mark McGwire (insert steroid joke here) at the plate.

So if you want to be critical of Bucchino's decision and pretend as though you're better than him, step back and realize he's just gotten one step closer to fulfilling a life-long dream.

That dream died for me a long time ago. But I still have a dream job, as does everyone else I hope. If I was offered a job by Fanball, or any other reputable fantasy sports outlet to be a writer or editor, I would take it in a heartbeat, *Student Voice* be damned (sorry fellow Voice staff members, but it's true).

There would likely be an issue with me abandoning my position here at the paper, as there is with Bucchino and the team. But my friends at the *Voice*, if they truly were my friends, would be happy for me getting the opportunity to realize my dream.

That seems to be the general consensus among Bucchino's teammates. And I don't care what people say - if their dream job came along, they would take it too. Really, why are we going to college in the first place?

Hopefully to achieve our dreams and get a step closer to getting that dream job.

So if you want to be critical of Bucchino's decision and pretend as though you're better than him, step back and realize he's just gotten one step closer to fulfilling a life-long dream.

If that's a bad thing, then I guess I don't know what's good. It's his life and he's knows what's best for himself.

So we should all just appreciate the opportunity we had to watch a great goaltender grow as a player and a person during his time at UW-River Falls.

In my short time as sports editor, I had the opportunity to cover a few hockey games. Before this semester, I will admit I wasn't a big fan of hockey, but after going to a few games and covering the team for WRFW and as a photographer for the Student Voice, I gained a greater appreciation for the game itself, and I owe part of that to Bucchino.

Some of my favorite Bucchino moments ... his stellar play in net against UW-Stout to help the Falcons to an NCHA title. His strange stretching rituals. And of course his fiery temperament which was the final image many Falcons fans got when he did some finger wagging at the officials following the NCAA loss to Bethel College.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Junior Krista Hasselquist earned All-American honors at the 2007 NCAA Division III championships in the shot put.

SPORTS WRAP

Christy, Crandall compete in outdoor multi

Clint Christy and Jill Crandall finished the second day of competition in the Alabama Relays March 30 in Tuscaloosa. Christy held the first place position going into the final day of events in the men’s decathlon with 3497 points. He finished with a total of 6435 points to earn a second place finish overall. Starting the day with the 110-meter hurdles, Christy took seventh in a time of 16.30. He threw for a fifth place distance in the javelin and tossed for eighth place in the discus. With a pole vault of 12-3 1/2, he finished in eighth place in the event. He ended the day with a second place finish in the 1500-meter run. Finishing the last three events of the women’s heptathlon, Crandall finished fifth with 4850 points. She started the day in sixth with 2190 points. Crandall leaped to a 12th place finish in the long jump and earned fifth place in the javelin. In the last event, Crandall participated in the 800-meter run, crossing the line at a time of 2:20.24 to take first place. UW-River Falls will next host the Falcon Invitational April 7. The meet is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Nine commit to UWRF women’s hockey

Nine student-athletes have decided to attend UW-River Falls this fall and compete with the Falcons women’s hockey team. “I am very excited about this recruiting class,” Falcons Coach Joe Cranston said. “We are bringing in two top goalies in Cassi Campbell and Kate Wilson. We added a little scoring punch with the four forwards. I expect all three freshmen defenders to play right away and have an impact.” Campbell is from Anchorage, Ala. and played with the Toronto Rattlers last year. Wilson is from West Vancouver, British Columbia, and played with the Pacific Storm last season. The defenders include Kayleigh Bell from Stillwater, Minn., Lauren Conrad from Centerville, Minn., and Bailie Vikstrom from Burnsville, Minn. The forwards include Ashly Berner from Plymouth, Minn., Jamie Briski from Chisholm, Minn., Brittany Erickson from Rochester, Minn. and Jessi Thompson from Shoreview, Minn. “Overall we have more depth at every position next year,” Cranston said. “With this group of freshmen, added to an excellent group of returnees, I believe we will have a great deal of success, not only next year, but in the years to come.”

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STANDINGS

Fastpitch			
WIAC Standings	OVR	W	L
UW-Stevens Point	11-3	0	0
UW-Eau Claire	12-4	0	0
UW-River Falls	11-3	0	0
UW-Oshkosh	9-3	0	0
UW-Whitewater	4-2	0	0
UW-Superior	10-8	0	0
UW-Stout	5-7	0	0
UW-LaCrosse	5-7	0	0
UW-Platteville	3-9	0	0

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Women’s rugby falls in semi-final game

The UW-River Falls women’s rugby team competed in a 49-team tournament in Wayne, Neb. UWRF played three games Saturday defeating the University of Iowa 10-7, losing to Wayne St. 12-0 and playing the University of South Dakota to a 10-10 tie. In their semifinal game on Sunday UWRF lost by one kick, 12-10. The team brought home their first trophy since 2000.

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Badgers bust brackets and expectations

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A 74-68 loss to University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) in the second round of the NCAA Tournament made the Wisconsin Badgers the highest-seeded team to exit before the Elite Eight. It was also a major blow to the brackets of many Facebook users who had chosen them to make a good run in the tournament. About 1.5 million users on Facebook filled out brackets in hopes of taking home the \$25,000 grand prize, according to the New York Times.

This is the second year in a row the social networking site has offered NCAA Division I men’s basketball pools to its users. The pools work a lot like Facebook groups, allowing users to choose from numerous pools or create their own and send out invitations for friends to join. It allows users to compete directly with their friends and to be in the running for a national grand prize at the same time. Paul Broz, a UW-River Falls graduate, submitted brackets on Facebook in a pool with friends and fellow graduates of River Falls. He submits his bracket to just about any tournament he can this time of year. Broz said he has really been impressed with some of the features the Facebook challenge offers to its users. “I like the messaging feature,” Broz said. “The conversations in our pool have gotten pretty heated this year, especially after the Badgers dropped the ball early.” Broz said about half the people in his pool had the Badgers going to the Final Four.

Another feature that has gotten good reviews at UWRF is the ability to look at your opponents brackets. Broz was one of the few to get the Badgers loss in the second round correct on his bracket. He is a Georgetown Hoyas fan who said he had an early inkling that the Badgers wouldn’t advance past the second round. “It’s been fun to look at the brackets of some of the people in my pool and see how bad the Wisconsin loss hurt their bracket hopes,” Broz said. “You have to roll with the hot teams this time of the year and Wisconsin clearly wasn’t that.” Broz currently sits in first in his pool and his predicted champion, Georgetown, is still alive heading into this weekend’s Final Four. This year’s tournament was clearly one of the big dogs beating up on the underdogs, Wisconsin was one of the few exceptions to that theme. Seven of the final eight teams were seeded first or second; the second-seeded Badgers were the lone team that couldn’t make it that far. The early exit left a sour taste in the mouths of both the team and its fans after what appeared to be a very promising season for the Badgers. At one point Wisconsin was 26-2 and holding a number one ranking, but down the stretch the team managed just a 4-4 record, capped by the loss to the seventh-seeded UNLV. The Badgers received a scare in their first-round game, falling behind by 18 to 15th-seeded Texas A & M-Corpus Christi before recovering in the second half to escape with a 76-63 victory.



Screenshot

About 1.5 million people filled out NCAA Division I tournament brackets on Facebook this year.

Although the Badgers were a favorite to stay alive deep into the tournament, Wisconsin wasn’t a favorite to be crowned the champs. Many Facebook users had the Badgers going to the Elite Eight, some had the team making it to the Final Four, but very few had them winning it all. Molly O’Brien, a senior majoring in education at UWRF, is a huge Badgers fan who had them picked to go to the Elite Eight before losing. “They should have beat UNLV,” O’Brien said. “I think a lot of the loss had to do with [Brian] Butch’s injury.” Wisconsin’s Butch dislocated his elbow in game against Ohio State on Feb. 25, ending his season. He was the team’s leading rebounder and third-leading scorer. His absence was a major factor in the team’s failure to live up to expectations at the close of the season. Despite the Badgers loss, O’Brien still sits in fourth place in her pool and is really looking forward to this weekend’s Final Four. She has swallowed her Badgers pride and has decided to root for Georgetown from here on out. “I really think they have a good chance and they played awesome against the Tar Heels,” O’Brien said. The Badgers, on the other hand, will look to rebuild for next season. Losing star point guard Kammron Taylor and Big Ten Player of the Year Alando Tucker to graduation this off-season proves to be a major hurdle for the Badgers going into next season.

ESPN experts got the brackets right for once

Every year, right after the NCAA Division I men’s basketball tournament selections are made on CBS, I promptly switch over to ESPN to watch two straight hours of insight and predictions on Bracketology. Within the first half hour of the show, I can tell who everyone in my bracket pool will be picking to make the Final Four. That’s because every single ‘expert’ on there does nothing but pick the favorites, mixing in one or two small upsets that are due more to poor seeding than anything else. I get a good chuckle out of the fact that none of them step out on a limb, knowing that their brackets would never win an actual pool—until this year. Not one expert picked Florida to lose before the Final Four. With UCLA playing the regionals in their backyard, the consensus was that UCLA would ‘upset’ Kansas in the West. As the hottest team in the nation, everyone pegged Georgetown as their big ‘surprise’ to come out of the loaded East. Everyone except resident ACC homer Dick Vitale, of course. Last but not least, they all had the insight to take Greg Oden and the Ohio State Buckeyes to round out the Final Four. Four for four. Unbelievable. No, I won’t be winning my bracket pool this year. Foolishly, I strayed from the consensus, and entered a bracket that wasn’t a copy-paste of an ESPN analyst’s bracket. It’s a shame



Mark Haley

those guys can’t win the free ESPN bracket pool, because if they were allowed to enter, their chalk would probably fill up most of the leaderboard. But I’m over it. I won’t be winning the big units this year. I’m okay with that. I’ll have to settle for watching the four clutchest teams battle it out in Atlanta, Ga, for the national title. Not too bad for a consolation prize. Out of the final four teams, there are seven top 20 NBA prospects. One matchup features a blast from the past team in Georgetown, complete with offspring from Hoya legends John Thompson, Jr. and Patrick Ewing, against the freshmen duo of Mike Conley and Greg Oden. The other matchup isn’t too bad either: a rematch of last year’s championship game between Florida and UCLA. Let’s break it down. In the first game, the 7-foot Oden might finally meet his match in 7-foot 2-inch monster Roy Hibbert. This is the matchup everyone at ESPN and CBS will talk about, but I’ll be focusing on the players who actually lead these two teams. There is a reason Ohio State keeps winning games that Oden plays about 10 minutes in. That reason has a name: Mike Conley. For Georgetown, it’s Jeff Green who will decide the team’s fate. Unfortunately for Georgetown, Green can only guard either Conley or Ron Lewis at one time, and for this reason, Ohio State will be the first team

to be slotted into the National Championship game. Saturday’s nightcap of Florida and UCLA is the game I really want to watch, though. UCLA boast’s the nation’s top defense, while Florida counters with an unfair roster. UCLA has the nation’s clutchest player in Aaron Afflalo, but that’s about the only thing the Bruins have going. UCLA has to fly across the entire nation to play in Atlanta’s Georgia Dome, where Florida recently won the SEC Conference Tournament. Ben Howland is the best coach in the nation, but that’s a bit too much to overcome. That brings us to Florida and Ohio State. Again. Last year’s national champions, featuring everyone that mattered from last year’s team, against the first-year college superstars. Unlike in the Tostitos BCS Championship Game, Florida will be the favorite in this one. With the crowd being mostly Gators fans, I fully expect Florida to win this thing, completing ESPN’s brilliance. I’ll be rooting them on the whole way, too, because while I went against the grain throughout most of my bracket, I did do one thing right. That’s right, I’ve got Florida as the last team standing in my bracket, just like everybody else. Even though I can’t win my bracket, I can still finish second if the Gators repeat. I’ll be back next week explaining why Florida should have brought me the silver medal, and how the referees/East Coast bias/Thad Matta’s gum/Billy Packer/Aaron Afflalo totally screwed me.

Softball: Falcons 13-0 this season when leading after four innings, 0-5 when trailing

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rifice bunt. Howlett struck out for only the second time this season, putting the pressure on Feller to get the Falcons on the board. Feller worked the count to 2-2 when she turned on a rise-ball from Saints pitcher Amy Jansen and deposited it on the other side of the Ramer Field fence to give the Falcons the early 2-0 advantage. “I was just looking to make contact,” Feller said. “I got lucky I guess.” Against the Gusties, Feller again was the key to first inning success. With two outs and Syverson on third, Feller walked and subsequently took off for second after getting the signal from first base coach Jody (Porter) Gabriel on a play the team often works on. Feller took second, forcing a throw, which allowed Syverson to score from third. Feller then took third on a wild throw to home plate. The run came at a price when Feller twisted her ankle sliding into second base. She then had to be lifted for pinch runner Lundgren, but returned to the game in the bottom of the first. With two outs, James came to the plate and delivered an RBI single on a 2-2 count to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead. The Falcons have outscored their opponents 21-5 in the first inning so far this season. “We’ve got a great top half of the lineup,” Perkins said after the St. Scholastica game. “When they’re doing well, we’re gonna score.” Their quick strike offense is one of the reasons for the Falcons 13-5 record this season. “When we score in the first inning we are hard to beat,” Perkins said.

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Faye Perkins,
head softball coach

Fellers home run was a big momentum boost against the Saints. “That just picked us up and made it harder for them,” Perkins said. The Falcons never lost the lead against the Saints, who scored the team’s only run of the game in the third inning. The first inning was the lone bright spot for the Falcons against DeWitz and the Gusties. James’ first inning single would turn out to be the only hit of the game for UWRF. The fourth inning score also seems to be a good barometer for the Falcons so far this season. In all 13 of the team’s wins, they have held a lead after four innings of play. In the five losses, the Falcons have either been tied or trailing after four. Filling the schedule was vital for the Falcons, Perkins said. Without it, the team would have had a 17-day layoff before the conference opener. “We definitely needed to play,” Perkins said. The game against the Gusties was an especially good warm up for the upcoming conference season. Perkins said. The Gusties, now 8-2, had been ranked as high as 12 in Division III by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) poll this season. The team was unranked in the most recent NCFA poll. Gustavus also plays a very similar style to all the teams in the WIAC, Perkins said after the game. She was not satisfied with her team’s performance against the Gusties. “We came out strong, then we just sat on that,” she said. “I don’t think the team is satisfied [either].” The Falcons next scheduled game is the conference opener against Stout at 3 p.m. April 3 at Ramer Field.



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Falkons shortstop Mindy Rudiger cuts off a throw from left fielder Ashley Hammerbeck against Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday. UWRF lost the game 3-2.

Public Safety provides jump-start kits for car troubles

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UW-River Falls Public Safety is offering another measure of protection for students who find themselves in a jam. Jump-start kits can be checked out from the Public Safety office in South Hall at no cost. “Public Safety is a customer service provider, and this service is a means of accomplishing that,” Public Safety Director Dick Trende said. Trende said it is important that students are respectful of the units. They need to be returned in one hour; if they are not, there is a \$5 usage fee and a \$5 fee for every hour thereafter. For one UWRF student, such a service would have been a huge help back in November. Freshman Lindley Mattson said that prior to leaving for home for the Thanksgiving holiday, her 2000 Daewoo wouldn’t start in the E lot on campus. She said it was cold that day and it took over two hours to find someone with jumper cables. “I was afraid I was going to get a ticket if I was unable to get it moved,” Mattson said. This new service has been available for less than a month, but seven students have already checked out kits during times of automobile distress. “I wish it would have been available back in November—it is a great idea,” Mattson said. Tow truck companies such as BP and Jerry’s Towing charge between \$50 to \$75 for their services. College students working on a tight budget may not have that kind of money to dispose of in such an instance. “These kits will save money and stress for students who are in a bind,” sophomore Rachel Merrier said. The units also have an air compressor function in the instance of a slight flat tire. “The compressors are not that powerful, but they can get the job done,” Trende said. This tool would have been useful to junior Chris Patterson. “I had a flat tire about four months ago from a nail—[the air compressor] would have been huge to have,” he said. All users must provide a valid driver’s license or Falcon ID card in order to check out the equipment. These are kept until the unit is returned. A contract is also required for all users. If the units are not returned, students will be charged for the unit and a hold will be placed on their record until the unit is returned or paid for. “Now that the weather is nice, I don’t think there will be as much of a need for the units,” Trende said. Accidentally leaving headlights or dome lights on does occasionally happen, resulting in a dead bat



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Public Safety has recently begun loaning jump-start kits to students who find themselves needing them. The kits are free for use, unless they are not returned within an hour.

tery. Such kits can be of use in those situations, if a simple ‘jump’ is all that is needed. “I left my dome light on last week, but I had no idea that Public Safety had these kits,” freshman Kelly Sorenson said. Public Safety currently has two units available for student use. More will be purchased on a need basis.

Bookstore relocates to University Center

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The UW-River Falls University Bookstore moved into the University Center on March 12 and has taken on a new name - the Falcon Shop. The store actually opened on March 15 at 1 p.m, but the ribbon-cutting ceremony is to be held on April 11 at 12:30 a.m. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will mark the official opening of the store. They decided to do the grand opening on April 11 because it made more sense. There are many other things going on in the University Center that will help attract attention to the new Falcon Shop. The old bookstore was located in Hagestad Hall and was closed for only one day while in the process of moving. Store manager Sherry Rehnelt said she was not informed that anyone was bothered by the store closing.

“We haven’t heard anyone that was concerned that the bookstore was closed,” Rehnelt said. “If there are people out there we don’t know it.” The Falcon Shop has a many windows along the north side of the University Center, allowing for sunlight to illuminate the store as customers make their purchases. Junior Elizabeth Beckman likes the new location much better than when it was in Hagestad. She has been working for the bookstore for two years now, before it became the new Falcon Shop. Beckman said she was happy to make the move to the University Center and get out of the desolate halls of Hagestad. “There are more windows and it got lonely being the only place still over there,” Beckman said. “It is so nice to see outside and not be stuck on the other end of campus; now we are in the middle.” With the new location, the layout of the store has been altered, which freshman Mishka Kalan thinks is a positive change.

“It’s nice and big,” she said. “I like it now how it is set up.” Senior Maurice Baker agrees that the new Falcon Shop is nicer and in a better location, making it more accessible for the majority of the student body. “I think it’s better than the old one,” Baker said. “It makes more sense because it is in the new University Center and there are more people over here.” The Falcon Shop was moved to the University Center partially because it is a better location and would generate more traffic. It is not certain yet whether it is really going to affect people with the location of the Falcon Shop being in the University Center, but it will definitely generate more traffic. “There has already been more traffic being in here since we moved in,” Rehnelt said.

Some students like the new store because there is more room, allowing for people to move about and shop more easily. “I like it,” senior Amy Severson said. “It is more open and you can see more; before it was all crowded.”

The new Falcon Shop is now in a more convenient place. It is the first door on the left when walking into the University Center. You can see the shop from outside the building, which is appealing to the eye. “I like that it is more convenient than when it was in Hagestad,” Severson said. The grand opening of the Falcon Shop will offer door prizes to people who enter into a drawing; there will also be an iPod given away. The Falcon Shop will have an in-store box set up, where entry forms will be collected. The grand prize will be drawn and throughout the day, there will be other prizes given away every hour. Anything that has a University logo on it in the store will also be 20 percent off. Store hours for the new shop are Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Diversity panel to address Muslim teaching

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The College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) has a diversity committee that is putting together a panel in April, which will feature four educators who will be discussing teaching in a Muslim community. Every year there is a different topic the panel focuses its discussion on other cultures and lifestyles; the event is designed to help educate students and faculty about cultural diversity. The discussion is set up as a question and answer session to give people a chance to participate and learn about another culture they may teach in. Scott Woitaszewski, an assistant psychology professor, said he has been a member of the diversity committee for five years and chaired the organization for two. “Last year we talked about gay/lesbian issues,” Woitaszewski said. “It is not just about different ethnicities, but other lifestyles as well.” There are usually between 50-75 students who attend the discussion every year that the committee invites from classes, he said. Student diversity organizations at UW-River Falls are constantly trying to promote diversity on campus.



These organizations are all involved in some kind of education-related teaching to help other students and faculty become more aware of diversity. “I believe that any dialog that will raise awareness of diversity is a great thing to hold on campus,” Ashley Olson, a senior and chair of the Diversity Awareness Committee, said. “Student Organizations and committees are continually trying to promote diversity on campus, but this is an awesome way to get the UWRF community thinking about diversity in a different

way.” The COEPS Diversity Committee is made up of faculty members from teacher education, health and human resources, the psychology department and the communicative disorders program. The panel is still being formed for April and consists of individuals who work with Muslims from the Twin Cities and western Wisconsin, Woitaszewski said. “We had a speaker last year that was an expert in South African culture,” he said. “We usually advertise the event through the Falcon Daily and flyers.”

The audience will be primarily students from the University interested in learning more about working with Muslims. Amber Geehan, an education major who will be graduating in May said she would like to attend one of the discussions because it would be beneficial if she taught students of another culture. “Every culture is different and it can only make you have a broad idea of teaching,” Geehan said. Right now the diversity committee only consists of faculty members in the COEPS. “It has always been a goal to have a student on the committee,” Woitaszewski said. Ruth Kalms is an assistant professor in social work and a member of the diversity committee. “The committee is all about trying to educate students and faculty about diversity,” Kalms

said. “If we don’t know something we could react in a negative way.” “We need to know more about the Muslim culture,” she said. “We try to create culture openness through education.” The event is designed mainly for education majors who may be teaching Muslim students in an urban setting, but it is open to anyone interested in learning more about the culture. Everyone is welcome to attend the panel discussion set for April 24 at 9 a.m. in the University Center.

Dr. May celebrates Women's History Month

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In celebration of Women’s History Month, Elaine Tyler May spoke to the UW-River Falls campus and River Falls community on Tuesday about the topic, “Mating, Dating and Procreating: A Hundred Years of Marriage in America.” The UWRF women’s studies program hosted the free event at the Kinnickinnic River Theater in the University Center. During May’s first visit to UWRF, she spoke about the changing institution of marriage over time. “I hope the audience learned that marriage changes,” May said. “It is always evolving. It’s not an unchanging institution.” She also said she doesn’t notice a fundamental difference between speaking to a college campus and a typical audience. “It was a great visit,” she said. “The University has a nice

responsive audience with good questions and comments.” May is a historian of the United States in the 20th century whose work centers on the intersections of gender, sexuality, domestic culture and politics. Davida Alperin, co-chair of the Women’s History Month planning committee and associate professor of political science, said in past years, the women’s studies program has had four to five events spread throughout March for Women’s History Month. Alperin said this year they wanted to focus their attention and energy on one single event. “We wanted to find a topic that would be of interest to many people and have a strong connection to women’s history,” she said. Alperin said the vote in Wisconsin on the constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and civil unions raised a lot of discussion and debate

about marriage in the fall. “From the discussions, it became obvious that many people have a lot of assumptions about marriage as an institution without knowing much about its history and evolution,” she said. Alperin said they concluded to start looking for scholars who have studied the history of marriage. She said fortunately for the committee, they didn’t have to look too far. Alperin said she and the committee found May and knew they had the right expert. “We were lucky that she still had an open day on her March calendar to come and talk at UWRF,” Alperin said. Alperin said in addition to being a well-respected scholar and writer, May holds many qualities the committee was interested in. “She is a dynamic speaker, very personable and can explain her points in a way that every-

one who attends will be able to understand,” Alperin said. May is a professor of American studies at the University of Minnesota (U of M). She received a Ph.D. in U.S. history at the University of California at Los Angeles and has won multiple awards for her work. May was awarded the U of M Distinguished Women Scholars Award in 2006, as well as the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Medal for excellence in scholarship and creativity in 2001. May has written over 10 books and articles since 1980 and still has work in progress. Her books and articles examine changing expectations for marriage in the early 20th century, family and sexuality in the Cold War era, the history of women and the history of childlessness and reproduction in America.

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Serious Sandler film brings in mixed reviews



A.J. Hakari

I’ve always dug Adam Sandler’s dramatic work more than his comedies. He’s always good for a few laughs, but I get an even greater feeling from seeing him pull off the unexpected and pile drive me with true acting skill.

I had hopes that “Reign Over Me” would join Sandler’s turns in “Spanglish” and “Punch-Drunk Love” as his best, and the film’s first few minutes certainly seem to indicate this direction. Unfortunately, “Reign Over Me” quickly disintegrates into a tragicomic mess that sits about as well in the end as an E. coli taco.

Don Cheadle plays Alan Johnson, a guy who can’t seem to get any respect at all. He’s alienated from the fellow partners at his dental practice, and he goes home each day to a nearly emotionless wife.

One day, Alan runs into an old college roommate, Charlie Fineman (Sandler), a disheveled mess who has buried himself in his own private world following the loss of his family in the 9/11 attacks. Although Charlie doesn’t remember Alan at first, the two start to hang out more, with Charlie beginning to peek out of his shell and Alan getting to experience some much-needed personal freedom.

Trouble rears its ugly head for both parties as bad memories continue to plague Charlie, while Alan is forced to deal with a nasty lawsuit at work. It’s

only through their revived friendship that these two men can start to deal with problems they’ve both shuffled under the carpet for too long.

“Reign Over Me” was the second movie I saw in a span of 24 hours that had a big case of cinematic schizophrenia. “I Think I Love My Wife” had a problem keeping cohesive with its comedic and dramatic sides, but whereas that movie was more of an all-around comedy, “Reign Over Me” is more of a somber drama with emotionally-heavy themes which make the dashes of humor scattered throughout all the more puzzling.

The storytelling of “Reign Over Me” is about as skillful as a three-year-old with a shot put, getting off to a pitch-perfect start that the rest of the film never lives up to.

The story, for as much potential as it has, is dragged out for far too long, littered with time-wasting subplots, and ultimately comes to a moral conclusion that Joe Six-pack could figure out before even buying a ticket.

Cheadle’s performance is just fine here, but Sandler is a real disappointment. The guy completely misses the mark as his idea of being dramatic apparently means mumbling, screaming a lot and looking like Bob Dylan on a diet of Little Debbie cakes. He uses a pretty simple approach to taking on a very complex role, and his lack of a strong grasp on the character of Charlie sadly shows here.

Though not without some touching dramatic moments and a couple of solid performances, I found myself wanting to do while watching “Reign Over Me” what Charlie often does throughout the flick: slap some headphones on and wish I was in a better place.



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.



Teresa Aviles

We’ve all wondered what it would have been like to be on a plane that crashed into the towers on Sept. 11, 2001. We wondered what it would have been like to be in the buildings during the fall of the World Trade Center. Movies that came out in the past year were expected to be made and have cured such wonders. However, did anyone wonder what it would be like to be the widowed griever? “Reign Over Me” is not about 9/11, but about a man whose grief took over his life.

Adam Sandler is Charlie Fineman, a lonely man whose family perished on an airplane on Sept. 11. Charlie’s grief caused him to isolate himself from other humans until Alan Johnson (Don Cheadle) finds him. Alan, as it turns out, is Charlie’s old college roommate and soon they find that a friendship they once had has the ability to resurrect. It is good timing too, because humble Alan has become suffocated by his family and job—significant things that Charlie has neither of. Together they are able to forget that they are unhappy with their lives and get lost in a world no one else can touch.

On first impression, this movie looks to be another dramatic film about a friendship with one potentially mentally ill man and another man of unhappy success. There are slight inferences that lead me to

believe there was a lot more to the story than a weird guy. For instance, the audience is able to see the grieving still happening and the different way it affects Charlie when he passes by a television with the word ‘terrorist’ on it.

After “Punch-Drunk Love,” Sandler proved that he’ll shine beyond the slapstick he’s best known for.

Cheadle, already a notorious grade-A actor for such films as “Crash” and “Hotel Rwanda,” also carried this film with his acting. In fact, the acting is what made this movie so enjoyable. The story seemed to drag out too long in areas that needed more uplifting scenes to retain an audience from dying of the melodramatic scenes.

The writer and director, Mike Binder, brings this piece out as a healing one. Post-traumatic stress disorder is shown in a deep, heartfelt story that will make one want to squeeze Charlie hard enough that your own love will pass through him and he will once again have the ability to feel.

The soundtrack also helped carry the mellow tone of the film with a main theme song inspired by the title of the film, “Love Reign O’er Me” by The Who. Hearing the song puts the title into context appropriately. Beyond the exceptional actors, the style was what pinned me to the thumbs-up side. With Sandler’s appearance resembling that of a poetic Bob Dylan, it was hard not to fall for such a brooding, saddened man.

Though there were several comical instances in the film, it did not overpower the dark theme, but rather added realism to the story. Life is sad, but kind of silly, really.

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Left to right: Kellie Claffin, Tracy Heinbuch, Jenna James, Steve Boe, Dan Buchholtz, Nathan King and Jared Acker, officers in the Ag. Ed. Society, play laser tag at Action City.

Students plan trip to Action City

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Students in the Agriculture Education (Ag. Ed.) Society are planning a trip to Action City, which is located in Eau Claire, Wis., to raise money for their organization.

The money raised will help send members to the national convention in Indianapolis. While the name of the organization may deter people, it shouldn’t.

“It sounds like it’s just for Ag. Ed. majors, but it’s not,” senior Jeanna James said.

James’ role is the reporter for the society.

The students in the society spend their time helping judge different Future Farmers of America (FFA) events around Minnesota and Wisconsin and work a lot with parliamentary procedure activities.

One of the group’s recent activities was teaching a workshop to interested students in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences in the procedures; while the workshop was a success, the students involved said they wished it could have been open to more students.

The national convention is a place for River Falls students to gain recognition at the larger level.

The trip to Action City costs \$25 for all students or faculty members who wish to attend. The cost covers transportation and four hours of games and activities.

“I’m so excited about this,” James said. “I couldn’t believe the trip is inexpensive.” Sophomore Jared Acker is the treasurer for the Ag. Ed. Society. He is one of the students who is in charge of the Action City trip.

Acker said the fundraising option at Action City is not very well publicized, but he found out about it during an officer retreat held there.

He said he talked to one of the managers and was told about the fundraising. The deal for fundraisers is for groups who come in and pay the \$25 fee; the organization will receive 25 percent of the

profits. Action City is sometimes described as more of a modern day Chuck E. Cheese.

There are activities there including: go karts that can reach speeds of 26 miles per hour, laser tag, a climbing wall and, weather permitting, mini golf, James said. Normally \$25 will only get a guest of Action City four or five different activities in the park; but with this deal students will get four hours of activities. Buses will be leaving at 4 p.m. Wednesday and returning around 10 p.m.

“I really hope that everyone who goes has fun,” Acker said. “It’s getting close to the end of the semester, so it’s a nice break.”

Tickets are being sold Monday and need to be purchased ahead of time in the University Center or from James. Ag. Ed. Society representatives in residence halls are working to sell tickets as well.

Indie band hits the scene



Jenna Lee

Mest and Fall Out Boy have broken out of the suburbs to become some of the biggest names in the industry.

Now here comes Madina Lake. The band members look a little too fashion indie to be taken seriously; as if they were just put together by some record company to cash in on the success of the genre.

However, I was really impressed by their debut CD *From Them, Through Us, To You*. They are sexy like 30 Seconds to Mars, but still very hard-core, almost goth at times.

“House of Cards” is the band’s first single off the album. Honestly, I thought there were a lot better songs they could have come out with first, but I understand why they picked it: it’s edgy, yet catchy.

I was not very impressed by the lyrics because they were very cliché: “I wanna be myself again.” What emo kid doesn’t? I wanted to hear something a bit more fresh. I think lead singer Nathan Leone has a very strong voice, but his falsetto wailing on this song didn’t add any vocal layering like it should

have; it was creepy and bizarre. And those are the biggest problems I found with most of the songs on the album. I’m surprised the lyrics weren’t more developed, especially for how well-developed the actual music was. Although it is great to have such a wide vocal range, Leone’s voice crossed over into that high, creepy voice a few too many times. They really should have released the song “Adalia” first. I thought the guitar riffs were just as catchy as “House of Cards,” but I got a real edgy vibe from this song when they did some screamo vocals after the chorus. And, Leone spent more time harmonizing his voice than exploiting it.

I loved the overall thick feeling Madina Lake put into this album. It really reminded me a lot of the same music in the vampire movie “Queen of the Damned,” but not as scary.

It just exuded so much deepness and darkness (thanks to the electronica and piano elements) while being kind of sexy. I know that sounds weird, but I can’t think of a better term to describe it. And it isn’t a bad thing either, being sexy and sensual has been one of the key elements of rock and roll since the beginning. Unfortunately, during the past decade we have lost that sexiness in the music and only attribute it to people like Britney Spears.

From Them, Through Us, To You attempts to bring back that unconventional sexual quality that we rarely feel anymore when we listen to rock music. And I give them major props for that, because I don’t think that is an easy thing to accomplish in today’s scene.

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International Bazaar draws in students



Left: Oliver Mokher performs a German song and dance at the International Bazaar, which was put on by the International Student Association March 23. Left to right: Natsumi Kubo, Brooke Gusa, Stephanie Partlow, Allison Davitt, Brittany Warren and Sara Mickens, all members of Dance Theater, perform a traditional Japanese Fisherman dance.

Student organization holds annual international fete at UWRF

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On March 22, the International Student Association (ISA) hosted its annual International Bazaar, offering faculty, staff, students and community members to observe performances inspired by cultures from all over the globe and taste several ethnic foods.

ISA president Wallace Waruiru was very pleased with the record-breaking turnout.

“The attendance was greater than any other bazaar ever held,” he said. “It was so amazing.”

Waruiru said that over 400 people attended the event last Thursday.

“Approximately more than 400 people attended but this number excludes all international students and the people who were chosen to help serving food, cleaning and other stuff,” he said. “Maybe approximately 460 or even more because the number of the people who were not counted is almost a hundred.”

Waruiru attribute the large turnout to the new locale, the University Center ballroom.

“It’s great compared to other years,” Waruiru said, glancing at the many attendees sitting at tables sampling the cuisine.

One of the differences with the food at this year’s event was the preparation. Waruiru said Chartwells employees cooked the food this year, whereas in previous years, students prepared it. He also said cooking the food was a great opportunity for Chartwells employees.

“They can learn how to cook foods from other countries,” Waruiru said.

Those in attendance March 22 were able to sample 12 dishes from 10 different cultures. These included: kung pao chicken, a classic Sichuan dish; koulourakia, a traditional Greek dessert; Pho Vietnamese beef, a traditional noodle soup; Ukranian pierogi, a form of ravioli; potato korokke, a Japanese croquette; samosa, a South Asian fried pastry; sukuma wiki, a Kenyan green vegetable dish; mandazi, a Kenyan doughnut; Kaiserschmarrn, a caramelized Austrian pancake; bindetuk, seasoned Korean pancakes; onigiri, Japanese rice balls; and pozole, a traditional Mexican stew.

“Food was pretty good,” senior Mayumi Kobuchi said. “It would have been better if we had some ethnic desserts and little more variety. I especially liked Japanese korokke and Mexican spicy ones.”

The budget was also increased for this year’s event due to the increase in entertainment events.

“We tried to budget according to what we wanted to do,” Waruiru said. “Because of the budget ... we had to cut out some events.”

Carol Xiong, a senior and the co-president of the Community Action Theater Troupe (CATTS) noted the increase in performances this year.

“The entertainment section is huge,” she said, adding that there were only about five performances at last year’s event compared to 16 this year.

To start the entertainment segment of the evening, senior Katy Leisch introduced a video entitled “Building Tomorrow,” which documented the j-term journey of UW-River Falls faculty members and students to Uganda. During the trip, students were able to interact with and teach Ugandan children, for whom they are raising money to build a new school.

“It becomes easy for us to take [education] for granted,” Leisch said about students at UWRF.

After the showing and a performance of an Indonesian pop song, Chancellor Don Betz took the stage, praising the audience for making the bazaar a success and applauding those who made the trek to Uganda.

“The Building Tomorrow people are the reason I show up for work,” he said.

Before the rest of the performances began, Waruiru spoke to the crowd, thanking everyone for the turnout.

“I’m so glad to be here today and see all you guys here today,” he said.

Waruiru said that culture is one of the most important factors to realizing who we are.

“If you don’t know my culture, I can say you don’t know me,” he said. “We should know each other’s cultures to get to know everyone. That’s why the International Bazaar was started.”

Waruiru told the audience that when he goes back home, he will take with him a positive message and encourage other students to come to UWRF.

“This has become my second home,” he said. “What keeps us here is the sharing of culture.”

Members of the CATTS performed a Japanese folk lore tale entitled “Peach Boy” this year.

Carol Xiong, a senior and the co-president of CATTS, said the group has performed during the International Bazaar for the past three years. At last year’s event, CATTS performed a Chinese tale that Xiong said was very popular.

Xiong said CATTS puts on at least one play every semester; last semester the troupe performed during Culture Fest.

The major difference for the International Bazaar this year was the change in venue.

“This year we had at new student center,” senior Natsumi Kubo said. “So it was totally changed atmosphere.”

Xiong also noticed the impact of holding the event in the University Center had on attendance.

“It’s a great turnout because of the different building,” she said.

Kubo, who attended her fourth International Bazaar last week, said the event took place in the Blue Room of the now defunct Rodli Commons the past two years and was also held in Hagestad Hall the year before that.

“I like this year because we could eat and see performance at same place,” Kubo said. “I like many performances to watch. Unfortunately I couldn’t eat food at all because I was busy.”

One thing Kubo said she looks forward to is meeting new people and learning more about other people’s cultures through conversation and observation of performances.

“My favorite time is always watching the other culture,” Kubo said. “We can talk to people who are from other countries and share time with them.”

Kubo was also a performer at this year’s event, participating in the Japanese karate dance and the Japanese traditional dance. Since the International Bazaar was held the week after spring break, Kubo said finding time to prepare for the performances was a challenge.

“We didn’t have time [to practice] this year because it was right after spring break,” she said. “But we practiced as much as we could. The day before bazaar we practiced until 3 a.m.”

Kobuchi, who also performed in a couple dance numbers, said the group practiced really hard.

“The night before the performance, we practiced from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.,” she said. “We practiced couple times before spring break and few hours every day after spring break. We made our costume by ourselves, too.”

Kobuchi said she received a lot of praise for the performances, which made the event even more memorable for her.

“... A lot of friends and visitors said to me that it was just great performances,” she said. “I was really happy to hear lots of compliments and awesome feedbacks from other people ... I was glad everybody had fun and experience the world. It was very successful.”



Slippy Douglas

Junior Kenny Yoo breaks through slabs of concrete during the International Bazaar March 22.

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