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## EXPECTATIONS IN EDUCATION

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is the third installment in a six-part series. Next week look for a story about respect between faculty and students from the students' perspective.

## Technological conveniences trump respect

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In a classroom setting, it is not unusual for professors to expect their students be respectful, not only to them, but to others in the class as well.

However, that expectation is not always a given, especially in this day and age when technology has become a distraction both in and out of the classroom.

"The culture of the classroom reflects the culture of society," said Brad Caskey, psychology professor and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The culture of today's society revolves around cell phones, iPods and the Internet, all of which have been making their way into schools and universities in particular.

Caskey said the kind of behavior witnessed in classrooms is better tolerated in college settings than in the workforce.

"Students don't realize that it comes off as inappropriate," he said.

One thing Caskey notices as a popular trend is sending and receiving text messages.

"Students don't believe you're actually looking at them," he said.

He said what bothers him are those students who don't hide the fact that they're texting.

"That's just rude," Caskey said. "If you're going to do it, just pretend you're trying to hide it."

Caskey also said it's hard to believe that once class is excused and students reach in their pockets for their phones that they hadn't been sending or receiving messages the entire class period.

"As soon as class ends, the cell phones come out and messages start flying," he said.

Though professors may stipulate in their syllabi that cell phones are not permitted in class or are to be turned off, there are occasions when someone may forget and leave one on.

"If they have one go off while giving a speech, it will lower their grade," speech professor Pat Hanson said.

Hanson said while she hasn't noticed text messaging, she has seen students with iPod ear buds in and asks to remove them.

Caskey said there has been an increase in students' use of their iPods to cheat on tests. He also said it's easy for students to send text messages to others, especially on multiple-choice exams.

Aside from technology, students talking amongst themselves while a lecture are regarded as being disrespectful.

Hanson said when she observes this type of behavior from students, she usually lets it go the first time, but if the problem becomes chronic and warnings are not heeded, she may take action.

"If they're acting like high schoolers, I may ask them to switch seats," she said.

Caskey also said students who talk out loud to one another are disruptive.

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## Campus e-mail server fails again

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Left to right: Marlys Nelson, network services manager, and network specialists, John Smits and Joe Barbey, work on the coding for the SquirrelMail server. ITS purchased a bugged software system from Sun Microsystems, meaning there was an error in the coding of the product.

E-mail went down at 11 p.m. Monday, leaving many people stranded without a main source of communication.

Solaris 10, the program the University recently switched to, would update the e-mail on campus, stems from Sun Microsystems. Sun Microsystems claims it is one of the best programs with some of the greatest advantages.

Students and faculty rely on this e-mail system to keep themselves updated on things that are going on inside and out of the classroom.

"I am disgusted that it's happened so many times, but I am not really surprised," librarian Tom Smisek said.

The first e-mail outage this semester happened Jan. 23-24 and was concurrent with the new e-mail system, Solaris 10. It occurred when IT Services was attempting to switch over to a new server and operating system.

"Before we could move everything over from the old e-mail, it went down," IT Director Lisa Wheeler said.

Because the system has gone down before it is almost expected by many that it will go down again.

"I expect it to go down now," junior Katie Crowell said. "I don't think there has been a semester here that the e-mail has not gone down."

IT Services has brought people in and they have figured out the problem, Wheeler said.

"Now we are just working on restoring the e-mail," she said.

The problem with the software, Wheeler said, was that when the software was purchased, it was purchased with a bug in it. This essentially means there was a mistake in the coding of the software. Sun Microsystems, from which Solaris 10 was purchased, apparently sent this program to the University with

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## Federal loan, Pell Grant limits increase

### Students may receive more financial aid

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Annual limits for federal Stafford loans and Pell Grants will increase nationwide for full-time, undergraduate students beginning July 1.

The increase in Stafford loan limits is the first one since 1992. They will be increased \$875 for freshmen students and \$1,000 for sophomore students.

The loans will stay the same for junior and senior students at \$5,500.

The current limit per year for dependent freshmen is \$2,625 and \$3,500 for dependent sophomores. The limits as of July 1 will be \$3,500 per year for freshmen and \$4,500 for sophomores.

Freshman Justin Vara said he uses

student loans to help pay for college and is happy to know he may get more aid.

"I think it's about time," Vara said. "College tuition has been increasing over the years and no appropriation has been made until now as far as financial aid goes."

Junior Jenny Koecher said she pays for her own schooling and has used financial aid.

"I used it my first and second years. I have managed this year not to accept loans," Koecher said. "I only have one semester left and plan to pay for it without loans."

While she plans to not take more student loans out, she said it is not fair that the limits only increased for freshmen and sophomores.

"It doesn't seem right at all. A student is a student, regardless of what year they are in school," Koecher said.

"Fourth- and fifth-year students are most likely in more need of assistance than first- or second-year stu-

dents because they have been in school for four or five years."

The limits for Pell Grants will also increase by \$260, bringing the maximum award to \$4,310. The limit was last raised in 2003.

Financial Aid Officer Anthony Rubis said a little over 20 percent of UW-River Falls students receive a Pell Grant.

These grants are monetary awards given to students based on eligibility after completing a Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA).

The increases were part of a bill President George W. Bush signed into law in February, and are rising as tuition nationwide is expected to go up again.

Rubis said Wisconsin tuition will go up as well July 1, however, the amount is still being discussed.

"Most of the time it goes up between two and five percent," Rubis said. "We may get final numbers in June."

While Vara and Koecher said they are both pleased to hear financial aid is increasing, they are disappointed to hear tuition will also go up.

"What's the point then?" Vara said.

Though that question cannot be answered easily, Rubis said it is good the U.S. government is contributing more to student financial aid. However, at the same time, he said he worries for students.

"It's a good thing from a student's perspective, however, in the long run it is making them worse off," he said. "They will end up owing more."

Vara disagreed.

"A thousand dollars won't make too much of a difference after college," Vara said. "[The money] is worth it anytime."

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, disburses more than \$80 billion annually in financial aid to students through schools.

## Regional American Democracy Project conference sparks national interest

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The American Democracy Project (ADP) was started in 2003, and the UW-River Falls campus has been involved since the program's inception.

The goal behind the ADP is to encourage civic engagement. This means that

those involved are looking to make a difference in the civic life of the communities in which the programs are located and improve the so-called "quality of life" through both political and non-political means.

Speakers at the conference will address how this engagement can be obtained as well as sustained.

The idea for the organization was started by a group of 13 members, two of which include Chancellor Don Betz and George Mehaffy.

"We started from humble beginnings and just felt that the time was right to build civil engagement into the curriculum," Betz said.

What was once a program started at a few schools blossomed into the well-respected program it is. The ADP is now in place at over 240 institutions.

"The program came from the belief that students need to be involved in leadership roles in the workplace as well as their community," Betz said.

The conference is to be the first regional one of its kind held in the northern region of the country, and will include speakers and participants from across the nation.

"It was originally designed for North Central states like Illinois and Michigan. People are coming from all over including New Jersey and Texas," Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry said.

Among the many speakers slated to speak at the conference is Senior Editor of The New York Times, Greg Brock. Chair of the journalism department Colleen Callahan is a participating faculty member in the effort to make the event a success.

"The New York Times is helping to support this conference by sending Greg Brock to speak," Callahan said.

Brock is also having a presentation solely for students working for the *Student Voice* to answer questions; he will also be critiquing three issues of the *Voice*.

"We are really excited that the senior editor from The New York Times is talking to students," Callahan said.

There will be a combination of speakers including authors, environmentalists and Mehaffy. Some other speakers include renowned environmentalist and policy maker John Cronin and Betz.

"We initiated this," Fry said when asked about why the conference was to be held at UWRF.

This will give the University attention on a national level and could enable it to be looked at as a proficient leader for the organization.

"This conference is important to the University because it has the potential to establish the campus nationally in

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### American Democracy Project



The American Democracy Project logo is a symbol of the organization's goal to encourage civic engagement of students, meaning those involved are looking to make a difference in the civic life of the community.



Don Betz



VOICE SHORTS

New York Times editor speaks on campus

The senior editor of *The New York Times* will speak at 12:30 p.m. April 13 in the University Center Ballroom. Greg Brock is one of the people scheduled to speak at the American Democracy Project North Central Regional Conference. Brock became the senior editor of the newspaper in May 2006 and has been with *The Times* since 1995.

For four years, he was the news editor in the Washington bureau of the newspaper and oversaw the day-to-day news coverage of the White House, Congress and all government agencies. Brock also worked as the deputy political editor for the 1996 presidential campaign and was the news editor on the Foreign Desk during the attacks that happened Sept. 11, 2001. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.uwrf.edu/adp/](http://www.uwrf.edu/adp/).

"The Diary of Anne Frank" comes to UWRF

A newly adapted version of "The Diary of Anne Frank" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. April 12-14 and 19-21 in the Blanche Davis Theatre in KFA. This version of the infamous story will include new insights into the life and accounts of Frank while hiding with family and friends in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. The cost to attend the event is \$7 for adults and \$4 for students.

Show pigs auctioned off at Lab Farm 2

UW-River Falls will be holding its annual show pig sale at April 14 at Lab Farm 2. Viewing will begin at 10 a.m. with the auction starting at 12 p.m. About 200 show pigs will be auctioned off by Link Auction Services of Cambria, Wis. Ten grand and reserve champions were produced from last year's sale. The UWRF Block and Bridle organization will have lunch available for purchase at the event. To get more information on this year's show pig sale or to have questions answered, contact Jim Magolski at (715) 821-7094.

Crash demonstrates emergency services

UW-River Falls will host its second annual crash on Cascade Ave. at 7 p.m. April 16 on 3rd street by North Hall. The mock crash will give students, staff, faculty and the community the chance to see emergency service people, such as the fire department and ambulance crews, work and be part of the action. The event is free. April 18 is the alternative date if weather doesn't permit the event to happen April 16. For more information, contact Ryan Stovern at [ryan.stovern@uwrf.edu](mailto:ryan.stovern@uwrf.edu).

Discussion focuses on Middle East conflict

Professor Steven Derfler will lead a Coffee with The Times discussion at 12:15 p.m. April 17 in the University Center Falls Room. The discussion will focus on history of conflict between Israel and Palestine. The discussion is titled: "Twice Promised Land: 100 Years War. Israel and Palestine into the 21st Century." Free refreshments will be provided by The Times.

UWRF programs create new opportunity

UW-River Falls has created a new summer camp opportunity for students in grades four through nine. The Discover U program was created as a result of the College for Kids and Teen University programs merging, and is scheduled for July 16 to 19 and 23 to 26. The program will be taught by UWRF faculty and allows participants to explore topics in a university environment. The classes cost \$105. For more information, visit [www.uwrf.edu/discoveru](http://www.uwrf.edu/discoveru).

Photography contest winners on display

The winning entries of the Journalism Department's 2007 photography contest will be on display April 17 to 22 in the Harriet Barry Gallery located in the Chalmer Davee Library.

Egypt J-term program meeting held

An informational meeting for the 2008 J-term program Egypt: Journey to the Land of the Pharoahs will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 19 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building room B107. The course will focus on the art, archeology and modern issues in Egypt.

Students participate in protecting river

Students can learn how to help protect the St. Croix River from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 19. The eighth annual workshop will educate students on how to reduce and manage nutrients and sediments that run off into the river. The event will also allow students to meet with St. Croix Basin organizations, agency personnel and University and other scientists. Pre-registration is required and is \$50 for the general public and \$25 for students. Space is limited.

Journalist shares photographs of 39 states

Award-winning documentary photographer will discuss his work and latest project at 7 p.m. April 19 in the Ag Science building room 200. The event is part of the Journalism Department's Working Journalists Seminar Series. Wing Young Huie's latest project, "9 Months in America," is a collection of 105 color and black and white photographs of the United States and was commissioned by the Minnesota Museum of American Art in St.Paul, Minn. Huie and his wife spent nine months traveling through 39 states. For more information, visit [www.uwrf.edu/journalism/working.htm](http://www.uwrf.edu/journalism/working.htm).

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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**April 5**  
- Matthew W. Lohmann, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.  
- Jessica V. Larson, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.  
- Eric W. Holmes, 20, was cited \$249 for underage con-

sumption in Crabtree Hall.  
- Joseph P. Lorentz, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

**April 6**  
- Andrew J. Dennison, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.  
- Alex C. Peterson, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

SENATE

Motion to serve alcohol on campus tabled

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A motion to discuss the possibility of serving alcohol on campus was tabled until next week. According to the Senate agenda, the motion is stated as follows: "Whereas River Falls is one of the only campuses in the system which does not currently sell alcohol on campus, and whereas, having a venue which can sell alcoholic beverages on campus would provide a safer environment for students to socialize. Therefore be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate fully support investigating the possibility of selling alcohol on

campus." Vice President Derek Brandt said Senate has not taken an official stance on the matter. "Either way if that motion was approved, it would only state that we are supportive of the investigation into alcohol on campus," Brandt said. "Then if administration deemed becoming a wet campus a possible thing, we would then look into the issue more in depth in regards to the repercussions upon student life." Currently Senate needs large quantities of student involvement on this matter. "We would not really be looking for massive student input on the issue unless it were to move

into further stages of its development," Brandt said. "...administration is looking in to the option so students can be aware." **Other Senate News**  
• A large topic of discussion for Senate was to discuss the need for applications for new positions for next fall. All students who wish to apply for Senate must apply by noon on Monday. The bylaws were also revised to keep them updated with the changes from the Leadership Center to the Involvement Center. Senate elections will take place starting at 8 a.m. April 23

and will conclude at 4 p.m. April 24. • Also, Student Senate passed a motion to have the Willow Room of the University Center used by the discretion of the Senate. Student Senate donated a large portion of money to reserve the room. Following Senate, the room will be given to Leadership Development and Programming Board and the Facilities and Fees Board. •Jim Vierling said that one time funding requests are due April 20. The requests are due at the Involvement Center. The next Student Senate meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

Committee seeks possibility of campus bar

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Within a year, Chartwells' contract will expire, bringing the possibility of opening a bar in the area of Mama Leone's, which is a goal one committee on campus is looking to obtain. In May, the campus decides whether to keep Chartwells as the food company on campus or find a different option. As the idea is just being brought up, the University Center's Committee is beginning to formulate ideas and entertain comments on what the student body wants or doesn't want at UW-River Falls. "It's debatable," said Student Senate's Facilities and Fees Board Chair Jim Vierling, who discussed issues on whether the bar would be a positive or negative addition to campus. "I really don't think it would reflect what this building is trying to promote." The University Center (UC) is a building with many areas for students, faculty and staff to enjoy and relax, he said. Some might be able to relax with a beer in between classes or after a test, but for some, especially students under the age of 21, it wouldn't mean a thing.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

**The seating area for Mama Leone's and the 1874 Room is the least utilized section of the University Center, which is the reason it is being considered as a prospective location for a campus bar. If the place is chosen, it will be remodeled.**

be a place for students of age to hang out." Because the idea is still in the earliest of stages with no plans being set, Priesgen said it's difficult at this time to make any judgments about how the campus community will perceive the idea, and what will come out of the idea in the future. The committee is discussing the possibility of a student-run bar, where the employees will be students. The other option is to have a company come in and operate the facility, but it wouldn't happen for over a year because of the contract with Chartwells renting the area for Mama Leone's. The committee is looking this area because it is the least utilized area of the UC, Priesgen said. It's not just the eatery he is considering as not being used, but the entire area, including the seating area and the 1874 Room, which is a glass-enclosed meeting room. "I think it will open up a whole new avenue as a different form of entertainment on campus," he said. "The committee is extremely open for suggestions and improvements to the idea." Vierling also said it would be a good area to convert that area into a bar because it is separate from the other eateries in the building and already blocked off from the adjacent seating and lounge area on the south side of the ground-level floor of the UC. "It would be in its own separate location, which is easy to separate at this point," he

said. With the cost of dining options in the UC already high for some students, Vierling said the option to sell beer, which is a money maker, might financially help keep prices low for food and student meal plans. "We don't want to take away business from downtown; that is not our motive," Priesgen said. "It is not going to be for profit either with a no-gain operation and affordable to students." Senior Adam Richter, who is 22 years old, was hesitant about the idea of opening a bar in the UC in the first place because of UWRF's already strict rules on drinking on campus since there are stipulations placed on the amount of alcohol students can have in the residence halls. "It's fine to be strict about it, but that's why students go home," he said. "It's kind of funny they are considering this." Even though the idea of bringing the campus community together is a good idea, Richter said, but the likelihood of a bar seems unrealistic. The cost of remodeling would highly influence the price of beer served at the bar, he said, which would make the prices extremely out of reach for the average college student's price range. "Look at Chartwells' prices already; the cost is going to be about \$5 a beer," Richter said. "No one, especially a student, is going to pay that."

Addition approved for South Fork Suites

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The George R. Field South Fork Suites will be receiving an addition only a few years after the original building was constructed. The building was originally designed with thoughts of adding onto the original building. Each suite now consists of a joint living space, a kitchenette and a bathroom. There are separate kitchen areas with ranges on either wing of each level. There are also two laundry facilities on each level. The plan to add onto South Fork Suites went to the state commissioning board and passed March 19. The project will now go to the Joint Finance Committee for consideration. The Suites will be able to hold approximately 480 students once the expansion is complete; the building is currently able to house 240 students. There have also been thoughts involved in making single-occupancy rooms such as the ones in the residence halls, and also making rooms available to visiting staff members or staff members who would like to have the option of living there. The addition to the Suites will cost the University \$14,586,000. This will include the building plans and additional parking for occupants of the new rooms. There will be about 120 parking spaces added to O Lot. Along with adding parking spots to the lot, the tennis courts will be demolished to make room for the addition. The project would add a 32-unit wing to the north and a 28-unit wing to the west. Director of Residence Life Terry Willson is taking part in the planning process for the building. Kristie Feist, the area coordinator for the Suites is also helping with the planning. Willson said there is still a lot to be done before the addition can commence. "They still have a long way to go before we can start the building," Willson said. "There are so many steps to take and we still have to have the architects bid on the project." According to the project request drawn up by Campus Planner Dale Braun, the project is anticipated to begin in June 2008. Feist put together a survey to find out what was being utilized in

the Suites and what students liked and did not like. The results are still pending. "Some of the concerns we have are whether or not we will need kitchen areas on each floor as we have now, or if they would rather have something else," Willson said. There is a 40 percent ratio of students that attend River Falls that live in South Fork Suites Willson said. "We want that number to continue to grow when we build the addition," Willson said. Students on campus seem to have an overall good outlook on the addition. "I think it's a good idea that they add on, maybe it will keep more people on campus," junior Joe Anderson said. "There is not a lot of off-campus living either so that might help too." The plans for the new building will go to A/E selection in April this month; the bid date will be given in June 2008. After the bid is given construction will start. In June 2009, there should be substantial progress made, according to the project proposal. The original building was opened earlier than it was expected to be. The amount of money that went into the building also included funds to furnish the building and have the staff for the building. With the new building addition, Residence Life will be able to move people in right away. In the original building, they waited to move people in because of the snow and other reasons related to that, Willson said. With an addition to the Suites, there has been talk of allowing students other than strictly juniors and seniors to live in the building. Freshman Roxy White said she thinks it would be a good idea to allow sophomores to live in the Suites as well. "I think it is a good idea, but maybe if there were more opportunity for students to live there, it would be a take on living there," White said. With the construction of the addition to the Suites, students will still be able to live there. "I think it would be a good idea to open it to more students," freshman Jane Dougherty said. "I also think that it would appeal to more people and they would be more apt to want to live in the Suites." The Suites addition is expected to be completed by fall 2009.



Expectations: Multiple issues reduce classroom respect

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“What they’re doing is distracting to other students,” he said. “ ... Some people are more sensitive to distraction.

One reason Caskey said it is a problem is because he doesn’t want to take away from students who are paying to be in the classroom to get an education. Students should be paying more attention to the material being presented, especially while the professor is lecturing.

“I don’t like distractions that disrupt class,” Caskey said. “I should be more important than anything else; the focus should be on me.”

The late arrival and early departure of students from class can take the focus off the professor.

Hanson said she frowns upon tardiness, but has no policy regarding discipline.

Caskey said his only policy is that students not run him over on the way to their seats on the way in or to the door on the way out. He does inquire as to the reasons behind tardiness, especially if a particular student is habitually late, which is disrespectful.

Some professors take the aspect of habitual tardiness into account when it comes to final grades.

Professor Roark Atkinson’s syllabus for Introduction to Latin America (History 202) states “students who come to class late on a regular basis

will receive a lower grade in the course.”

An aspect of classroom respect also includes the way in which students address their professors. Some professors forgo the formalities and allow their students to call them by their first names, while others prefer their students use a proper title.

“I let them know how I like to be addressed at the beginning of the semester,” said Hanson, who prefers her students call her Mrs. Hanson or Professor Hanson.

Caskey said although some professors may be comfortable being on a first-name basis with their students, he prefers his students use a title when addressing him.

“I am more comfortable not having students call me by my first name,” he said.

When he was in college, Caskey said most faculty went by “Mr.” or “Dr.” and often made their colleagues address them in such a manner.

“I was never on a first-name basis with my professors,” Hanson said of her college experience.

Hanson said that aside from the antics that may occur in the classroom, all students are not bad. She reminisced about a time when she had fallen outside and the outpouring of concern she received.

“Respect is shown in a variety of ways,” she said. “ ... I think there’s a sweetness about a lot of students that endears me to them.”

E-mail: Viruses plague server, ITS working to fix issues

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the bug in place.

When the University contacted Sun Microsystems about the problem, Sun asked them to send over the reports from the system. Sun Microsystems then sent the University a patch to fix the apparent problem with the software. When the patch was put into place it brought the e-mail back up, but for a few minutes.

“E-mail came back up for only a few minutes, but then they went back down shortly after,” Wheeler said.

Apparently the server went down again because when the patch was replaced, it did not fix any of the other problems that occurred from the bug that was in the system.

The University then sent Sun Microsystems another set of reports and Sun told them what they had to do to fix the new problem. The bug in the system corrupted other files within the

Solaris 10 system, which is why e-mail went down again, Wheeler said.



Lisa Wheeler

“I am going to start using a different e-mail,” junior Simon Wurth said. “When you pay \$3,200 fucking dollars for school you should be able to use e-mail.”

ITS now has to recreate e-mail accounts for about 10,000 students.

Wheeler said there are two e-mail pools that students and faculty are in. Of the two pools in the system, one was corrupt, so IT had to delete the entire pool and restore all of those e-mails.

“We are working right now to restore the e-mails,” Wheeler said. “It is going to take awhile to put everything back into everyone’s e-mails.”

The e-mails that are being restored will not have access to old information right away. The information that some people had in their mailboxes will be put back into their accounts slowly.

“So when you open your e-mail, it will look like an entirely new e-mail account,” Wheeler said.

Many students and faculty members do not rely solely on SquirrelMail, but there are some who do.

“I am disappointed that it’s been so long. I can’t get my assignments or anything,” student Amanda McGee said. “It’s my major line of communication; I only have SquirrelMail.”

Right now the e-mail is up for people in IT Services so that they can troubleshoot it and make sure there are no other glitches in the system.

E-mail was restored Wednesday evening, though many people are still waiting for all of their messages to be restored.

Student receives award for leadership role

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After spending six months homeless in the Twin Cities, Travis Pierson overcame all obstacles by demonstrating leadership in all areas of life.

Originally from Kansas City, Pierson moved to Minnesota in October 1999.

The first six months he spent wandering the streets of Minneapolis, he said he lived in churches and various family members’ houses.

Not long after being homeless, Pierson found a home in White Bear Lake, Minn., then went on to graduate from high school in Oakdale, Minn.

He joined the Army right after high school and is still actively involved.



Brian Schultz

Since 2001, the scholarship of \$1,000 has been awarded to students who show a clear reason they will expand leadership in the future.

“There are many outstanding individuals who have made contributions to the community that may not have academic standing, but has the potential to demonstrate leadership,” Potts said.

The scholarship was designed to help students finish their degree as well as give them recognition and encouragement, Potts said.

Once students submit résumés and letters from their respective advisors, the committee narrows the applicants down to only a few individuals and spends almost an entire day interviewing them.

Brian Schultz, associate dean of the College of Business and Economics (CBE), is one of the three who select the candidates, along with Potts and Kolar.

“We choose who we feel really shows they’ve taken leadership in the past and will continue to do so in the future,” Schultz said. “Travis went through some difficult situations early in his life and could have easily gotten into a lot of trouble, especially after his family moved to the Twin Cities. He still took the initiative to work hard and get a job to provide not only financially, but kept a positive attitude with his family to keep everyone together.”

In the past three years, Pierson has demonstrated his abilities in many ways from

assisting Katrina victims in Ocean Spring, Miss., to contributing his time as a Sunday school teacher in Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

Pierson, along with his church youth group, will be making a third trip to help Katrina victims this August and he continues to support them well after the repairs have been made.

“Doing this has changed the way that we have all thought of life in general,” Pierson said. “You stop worrying about stuff and you find more important things in life to think about.”

The youth group chose August to travel to Mississippi because it is near the two-year mark of when the tragedy occurred.

“We are really looking forward to seeing the people that we have previously helped and seeing their progress since our last visit,” Pierson said. “This whole experience was something that I had to do. Since I was once homeless, I feel that can relate with them in some way.”

Pierson contributes most of what he’s done so far to his wife, Darcie, who is a UWRF alumna.

“She helped me get myself together,” Pierson said. “She has been a big encouragement and a shoulder to lean on.”

The Glenn Potts Leadership Scholarship will be given as part of the reception at the CBE awards ceremony held April 30.

“Travis is an outstanding individual,” Potts said. “He’s a member of the military and has shown tremendous leadership in the community as well as church.”

He is also working full-time in security at the Best Buy in Richfield, Minn., where he plans on continuing his career after graduation.

“I want to become a financial analyst for Best Buy,” Pierson said. “Than eventually my goal is to be the Chief Financial Officer.”

Currently, Pierson is a full-time student at UWRF majoring in finance.

ADP: Conference brings new ideas, connections to UWRF

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both of the topic fields,” Fry said.

The conference is to be held in the University Center, which will be another attraction for visitors from across the country.

“This will be a chance to showcase the University Center to national leaders,” Fry said.

The building is an important place to hold the conference because it was designed by stu-

dents with over \$1 million of improvements in sustainability and uses 40 percent less energy, Betz said.

“The building is part of the message of the conference and is a real life example of the work we are trying to accomplish,” Betz said.

An important aspect of this conference is to stimulate new ideas and make new connections.

Chancellor Betz will be speaking April 13 and will be

talking about the origins of the ADP, where he thought the program would be versus where it is and looking at what worked and what didn’t in retrospect.

The conference will be held April 12-14 and admission will be free for students of the University. Students are encouraged to take advantage of learning from these presentations and more information on the conference can be found at <http://www.uwrf.eduadp/conference/>.



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EDITORIAL

# Students deterred, aid office lacking aid

Money makes the world go round, no matter how much certain individuals try to fight this fact. In order to make money, we have to spend a fair amount, especially in order to get an education. It is our hope that by getting an education, we will be let loose into the real world with opportunities falling at our feet. Our thought is that we spent the money already, and so now it is our turn to earn it. Paying for college is a burden on every student, even those who have enough cash sitting in the bank to cover tuition costs. Figuring out the costs, where the money is going to come from, deadlines, which financial aid forms are needed and who all of this gets turned in to, is a battle in and of itself. There is an office on the third floor of North Hall called financial assistance, though it is in our experience that assistance is rare or forced when actually provided. Paying for school and receiving financial aid are two of the most crucial aspects of getting a college education. Without either of them, becoming educated would be next to impossible. The financial aid process is not a simple one, with several forms and many hoops to jump through before everything is completed. The most accessible source for information is the Internet, yet the financial assistance Web site has links to the FAFSA form and other “useful resources,” yet does not clearly map out a step-by-step procedure for the entire financial aid process. It would be easy to overlook the fact that the Web site is not very “useful” at all if procuring valuable information, whether by phone or in person, was as simple as making contact with the office, but it isn’t. Though the staff must hear the same questions day after day from students that oftentimes make several trips to their office each semester, watching their eyes roll and being snapped at does not help our process. Quite possibly there would be less ignorant students if the office wasn’t an intimidating place to stop by and if we felt that by stopping, someone would willingly answer the questions. The truth is, though, financial aid is grueling. Whether for a veteran student or someone right out of high school, the procedures are similar and just as daunting. It is a process that takes time to learn and it is impossible to get through without the help of a trained staff. Maybe it would go more smoothly if the student workers were more thoroughly trained to answer our financial aid questions, or if the staff appeared less bitter toward the students stopping in. We won’t stop and do things right if we’re treated as though we are causing a burden, and then nothing will get done correctly from the start. The overall process will stay just as tedious on both ends unless something changes for the better.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Newspapers have responsibility to cover elections

I would like to thank the *Student Voice* for the coverage of the Wisconsin Spring election that occurred on April 3. Over a month ago I wrote a letter to the editor that in part stated how much I was looking forward to your coverage of these elections. Unfortunately I am unable to commend you for the coverage because the *Student Voice* had no coverage of the elections. UWRF has over 3,000 eligible voters who could have voted in these elections, for offices such as: State Supreme Court justice, city council, school board, and local judges. Only 62 people voted in these elections at the University Center, many students were unaware there even was an election. The newspaper serves many purposes for students at UWRF. Among these purposes are informing students about what has happened and informing students about what will be happening that will affect them. The *Student Voice* has done a terrific job of covering what has happened on campus, when the paper does a better job of covering what will happen it can become a first-rate paper. Most local papers in Wisconsin include at the bare

minimum a sample ballot which serves to inform people who will be on the ballot on election day, and what offices are up for election. If the *Student Voice* met even this minimum standard, the students would be able to research the issues and candidates and then make an informed decision. If the *Student Voice* wanted to go beyond the minimum it could cover specific races and candidates, and better serve the student body in the *Student Voice*’s role as a newspaper. Every April there will be an election in Wisconsin. Every citizen that has maintained a residence in Wisconsin for 10 days (including living in a dorm room) is eligible to vote in these elections. I hope the *Student Voice* takes note and next year remembers to serve their vital role as the sole official newspaper of campus. I look forward to being able to write a letter next year thanking the paper for serving their vital role in our democracy.

Ben Plunket  
Student

### Writer responds to own letter to the editor

After reading my own letter to the editor last week, I realized that my approach was far too

tame for my target audience: the college undergrad. My intent was to draw attention to the book you need to read: “Strapped: Why America’s 20- and 30-Somethings Can’t Get Ahead,” by Tamara Draut. The title should read: “Screwed: Why America’s 20- and 30-Somethings Will Never Get Ahead.” Today’s young adults (that’s you) are being systematically screwed over by your government, your schools, the lending industry and your prospective future employers. What’s worse is you won’t fully understand the extent of how screwed you are until it is too late to do anything about it. By the time comprehension of this reality hits you fully, you will already be harnessed with crushing amounts of debt. It’s the new American way. The big dollars you anticipate earning with your new undergraduate degree are going away as I write this; temp workers are cheaper for the employer because they don’t get benefits. You know those frilly things like health insurance and retirement investment options. The banking industry is no longer regulated by the government, thus if you are one minute late paying your phone bill, the interest rate on your Visa Card can go up 20 percent. What does your phone bill have to do with your credit card? This deregulation has also led

to very creative mortgage practices that are getting young adults into houses they cannot afford, and these homes are often lost to foreclosure. Add to all of this a bouncing baby and you are even more screwed than before. Raising a child is extremely expensive, and all the love in the world won’t buy you the formula, diapers and beginning of a life-long commitment. Probably the saddest result of all of this is that today’s young adults cannot afford to make mistakes, and mistakes are one of life’s greatest learning tools! It is too expensive to decide your major is not right and spend another year in school to pursue your new-found dream. This often results in “settling” for what you can (not really) afford in the first place. If there is going to be change in this limiting, expensive and depressing situation it will have to come from you-today’s college students. You must become involved in the political and social arenas and fight for change for your sake. You can start by reading the book. “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world, indeed it’s the only thing that ever has,”—Margaret Mead.

Nan Lambert  
UWRF Senior

# Book sparks philosophical viewpoint

I was recently talking with my uncle about a new book called “The Secret.” I had never heard of “The Secret” until I was watching VH1 one morning before trekking off to the Hudson Cinema to clock in and prepare myself for a day full of screaming children and spiteful elderly people. The cast members of “Best Week Ever” were talking about this book; apparently the message of the book is, “If you truly want something, you simply need to wish for it day in, and day out and your wish will come true.”



Mike Pearson

When I was explaining this concept to my uncle, I told him about the example I had heard on the television; the example was about a boy who wanted a bicycle. This boy thought about his dream bicycle every day and every night, until one day his sweet old grandfather bought him the bicycle. The grandfather, of course, did not buy the bicycle because he wanted to shower his grandson with gifts; he bought this child the bicycle because of the strange powers of “The Secret.” At this point my uncle chimed in with the following, “Michael, it reminds me of a story I once heard. You see, there was this man, a lonely man, who came across a funny-looking lamp. The man took the

lamp and rubbed it, and lo and behold, a genie appeared. The man was told he could have one wish come true. He thought for some time about what he truly wanted most in this world. ‘Well, I could really use a little head’ and with that, the genie shrunk his head to the size of a grapefruit.” He went on to say, “You see, there is a message to this story; always wish for the bicycle.” I have been repeating this advice over the last few weeks, mainly so I could tell a cheesy blow-job joke to my friends, and then I thought about the advice given to me: “always wish for the bicycle.” But why bother wishing for the bicycle? My point is this: what’s the point of wishing for something you’re probably going to get; why do people feel the need to settle for the easy way out? As the end of the year hits us all in full force, I feel a nauseating feeling in the pit of my stomach. Eventually I am going to graduate; a great number of you are already preparing to graduate. What now? We are told that after college comes a steady job, a family and the long road to retirement, and once we have retired, we

will have the freedom to do as we please. This path is secure, it will lead to financial stability and two weeks paid vacation to the Jersey shore; staying on this path is like winning a brand new Huffy. Does this path really seem like the road you’re ready to take after graduation? I am not ready for 9 to 5; I am not ready to settle into a career. I know I have a year or two or seven to think about this; to think about the road less traveled. Maybe that’s what I will do; hit the road less traveled. Maybe I’ll fly back to England and take a couple months just working as a bartender in a local pub, listening to the stories of the people around me; maybe I’ll hit the road with my sax and see where I end up; or maybe I’ll find happiness in front of a group of disengaged high school music students. No matter where you end up after graduation, whether it is behind a desk, serving at a pub or working for a daily newspaper, just make sure that you’re always doing what you want to do. This life is too short to just settle for the easy way out; sometimes we need to risk a shrunken head instead of waiting for a new bicycle.

### What’s the point of wishing for something you’re probably going to get; why do people feel the need to settle for the easy way out?

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# Iraq war and soldiers need support from Americans

Call me John Q. American. Why? Because I believe in real American values. I believe in the holy principle of freedom, the resurrection of Reagan conservatism and the everlasting support of our president and our troops.

Speaking of supporting the troops, I want to say thank you to the men who fight for us every day.

It's your fight that makes writing columns like this possible. You signed on the dotted line and answered the call. You are the best trained and most well equipped army in the world, and we know it's your love for us that keeps you going back again and again to Iraq. We'll do what we can on our end to keep you fighting.

Since we're on the topic of supporting our troops, screw that liberal, cake-eating John McCain. He wants to make torture illegal; what gives him the right. And he means the gov-

ernment shouldn't be allowed to torture. How else are we going to get the vital information we need to win this war?

Our boys need information that satellites, spies, phone taps and three intelligence agencies wouldn't otherwise be able to obtain. Look, we have an inalienable right as Americans to protect ourselves and our families from these middle-eastern types who are trying to kill our boys occupying Baghdad. It's too bad you don't have a constitution, Iraq.

The trick to winning the Iraq situation is to win the hearts of the people. I recently gathered up all of my slightly-worn flags, once used Bic dis-

posable razors and my girlfriend's old tank tops, and sent them over to distribute to the Iraqis. I wanted to let them know that the American people understand them and their fight to be free. Once they know we want them to be just like us, free and righteous, how could they not be on board?

Look, freedom is like a good kind of cancer; it spreads slow at first, but it will pick up steam. If we give them freedom, make a democracy and only kill the bad guys, we'll have their hearts.

The problem over in their countries is that they aren't unified like us. They have all these tribes and gangs that are arguing, and fighting, and killing each other over there, but what

they need to be is unified like us. You don't see Americans doing that kind of stuff. There are arguments, sure, but we know right from wrong. People can debate what they want, but this is a democracy, and the silent majority will win out. That's the problem as I see it. They haven't found a civilized way of settling disputes into black and white like we have.

I know there might be a vocal minority that disagrees with my viewpoints, but like any good American, I tolerate them because tolerance is what holds a nation together. The truth is that most people agree with me. After all, it says on our money "E pluribus

unum," which means, "Out of many, there is one," which is just as true as "in God we trust." Sure, we have a few dissenters, but the majority is what real American values are all about. How could that many people with good common sense be wrong?

So to all you Hillary-loving, tax-raising, peace-loving, sodomizing, east coast liberal elites who don't support the war or the troops, I say shove off.

You can't set deadlines, or cut their funding, or write articles in your liberal rags when you don't know anything about it. You're ignorant. Leave it to people who have been in the military, like President Bush.



Kris Evans

## Comments like Imus' becoming too common

On April 4 syndicated talk show host Don Imus brought the wrath of anyone with a soul with his bigoted comments related to African-American student-athletes on the Rutgers women's basketball team.

There are those who will say Imus' comments are a perfect synopsis of why freedom of speech can be dangerous. But, in fact, this is the exact reason freedom of speech is so important. How else would a jackass like Imus be exposed if we didn't have freedom of speech? People like him would just wait in the wings and make their backhanded racist jokes. They would be able to stay hidden and perpetuate their bigoted stereotypes and pass them down to future generations. Now that Imus has brought this issue to the forefront maybe we can begin to deal with this dangerous type of individual. For too long we have just accepted that there will be idiots that will say just about anything to get a rise out of people. Any cretin can come up with some lame riot inciting commentary to raise the ire of the rational majority. Hell, just take a look at Mr. Evans' weekly drivel.

One has to wonder if Imus would be as apologetic for his recent bigoted comments he made recently if he hadn't already been hit in the pocket book for about \$500,000 in advertising for his show. But that's besides the true point here. Why do we continually have to deal with this type, what some people consider, 'humor'? Don't get me wrong, I like good comedy, but this focus on using stereotypes to

get a laugh has gotten a little out of hand. Just ask Dave Chappelle who gave up a \$55-million contract because he realized that his parodying of stereotypes had gone too far.

One of the problems with all this hate and bigotry, in my opinion, is the constant celebrating and emphasizing of differences people of all races are encouraged to perform. Don't get me wrong here; people should celebrate and appreciate each other's differences. But, just like everything else in life, it should be enjoyed in moderation, and not rubbed in the faces of others. No one likes a braggart, and lets face it, some people just don't appreciate or enjoy some of these differences.

"For every action, there is an equal, but opposite, reaction force," according to Sir Isaac Newton's law of reciprocal actions; in my opinion that theory can be applied here.

I think the real solution to all this is to de-emphasize the celebration of our differences and put more of an emphasis toward celebrating some of our positive similarities, like the fact that the majority of us were completely outraged by Imus' idiotic comments, or the Rutgers players who are willing to be the bigger people in this situation and meet with Imus to hear his personal apology.

Something needs to change in our society. We need to change some of the prevailing attitudes and stop putting so much focus on the greatness of individuals and particular groups. Then, and only then, will all of the hatred and bigotry come to an end.



Nick Sortedahl

## E-mail frustrating, causes difficulties

To say that this latest e-mail outage was inconvenient would be an understatement. To say that it was unexpected would be a lie - which is disheartening to say the least.

Given the unreliability of SquirrelMail this academic year, most students have wised up and had their e-mail forwarded to another account; some even set up alternate accounts just in case the UW-River Falls campus fell victim to another technological glitch. The fact that this is necessary is outrageous.

Sure, people at IT Services say they have figured out the problem and fixed it, but they cannot assure the campus community that it will never happen again. This is the point where something needs to be done that will prevent repeated e-mail outages. Don't sell everyone on a "new and improved" e-mail service when nothing significant has changed. It sure doesn't look any different (except for that annoying box that pops up every five minutes

warning the recipient that they have a new message), and it's still as slow and unreliable as the one it replaced. It seems we had a lot less problems before all of the upgrades.

When I logged onto the UWRF Web site on Tuesday and saw the warning of an e-mail outage, my first thought was, 'Oh great ... here we go again.'

However, I was able to sleep peacefully knowing the outage wasn't going to affect registration. Yes, I'm so stupid that I mistook eSIS for e-mail. But it is true that the e-mail failure wouldn't affect registration ... unless, of course, students were waiting for their advisors to e-mail them PIN numbers in order to register.

According to ITS, members of the campus community fall into two pools in the system. It's like winning the lottery - if you're one of the lucky ones, all of your e-mail messages were restored Wednesday evening.

But, if you're like me and in that special



Jennie Oemig

## Time for self is essential for mental health

As my Monday deadline approached for this column, I could not think of anything to write about.

For as much I tried to find something, I was unsuccessful.

While I was stuck in a moment of writer's block, I took a second to look at my quandary in a different light.

I could not think of anything to write about because I did not want to. My brain was too tired.

It was in light of this realization that I knew what I was going to write about-the importance of letting yourself take a day off.

Whether your day consists of time to catch up on some shopping or doing nothing at all, always make sure that every once in awhile you allow yourself to forget all of the responsibilities and constraints around you.

For anyone, letting everything go for a 24-hour period can be a difficult concept to comprehend.

I myself am one who has a terrible time doing nothing.

More often than not, it is 10:30 p.m. and I am flying around the house trying to catch that one last tumbleweed of dog hair that has evaded me for a few days when my fiance nearly forces me to sit down, relax and watch Seinfeld.

Usually I do have a seat between him and the dog, and then I feel better.

This problem of forgetting to relax is one that the National Institute of Mental Health says plagues our society.

In an article on relaxation techniques, the Institute highlights that with everything going on in our daily lives, personal and professional, there is almost no time to relax.

For most of us, I am sure this statement is true.

Where is the time to kick back when you are surrounded by school, a job and that professor who will not quit reminding you how many hours you are supposed to study for their class in one week?

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, making yourself find that time is essential.

Tips they offer include trying an activity that is totally new whether it be in a social setting or alone.

In addition, practicing relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, meditation and visualization exercises are also a great way to help recharge one's batteries.

If you wanted to find information about this on campus (and are like me as in too cheap to bring paper or pay a dime per page you print), Student Health Services offers help with relaxation techniques either through literature or counseling.

So for everyone out there, students and teachers alike, the semester is almost over. Before that last big push of final papers, projects and tests, treat yourself to a day where you do whatever you please, whether it be catching up on your favorite soap opera or getting a refresher on how life is during "the summer of George."



Blair Bengs

## STUDENT voices

### Are you superstitious about Friday the 13th or is it just another day?



Scott Kelly, junior

"Just another Friday for me. 13 is my favorite number, so I'm not scared of it at all."



Tiffany Millard, freshman

"It's just another day I guess. My brother was born that day so I can't really say anything, although I did get a brother that day."



Nicholas Shillingford, senior

"I'm not superstitious. I guess it's kind of fun, like Halloween or something. It's kind of fun to mess with people that are superstitious and make sure to remind them, lots of times during the week, that it's going to be Friday the 13th that week. That's where the fun comes in."

Mark James, Senior



"No, I don't really think about it, it's just like any other day. Superstition is kind of ridiculous to me, so Friday the 13th doesn't really fall on anything special."

Tara Glass, freshman



"It's just something people make into something it doesn't need to be. It's just another day."

Ashley Burbul, sophomore



"By the time I realize it's Friday the 13th, I don't have any time left to be scared. I guess, if I knew it was the day I would probably be superstitious, but I don't keep track of the days very well."



# Rudiger leads Falcons lineup

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On the way to a 17-5 overall record this season, the Falcons women’s softball team offense has been powered by the play of several starters.

Leading the way for the team is sophomore starting shortstop and lead off hitter Mindy Rudiger.

An elementary education major and coaching minor, Rudiger, from Menomonie, Wis., chose to attend UW-River Falls for the education program and the town itself. She said it is a very “homey” place. She has two older sisters who also went to school at UWRF and said she had pretty much made up her mind to come here by her junior year of high school even though she had been recruited by other schools for tennis and softball. She plays varsity tennis in the fall and is also involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and intramural basketball. She said plans to graduate in spring 2010.

Rudiger has been the lead off hitter since joining the team. Head coach Faye Perkins said Rudiger has been so successful in the role, not only because she has speed and is a smart base runner, but also because she is a gamer and likes batting in the lead off position.

The lead off hitter’s job is to get on base and get into scoring position for the middle of the lineup.

Her freshman year, Rudiger led the Falcons starters in hits with 47, on-base percentage with .417, total bases with 68 and walks with 16. She also finished second on the team with three home runs and a .348 batting average, contributed 18 RBIs and led the team with 35 runs scored.

Her season earned her the team’s Best Offensive Player award and also received honorable mention honors on the All-WIAC team.

Her freshman year was also her first time playing shortstop; in high school she was a pitcher, but the team was already set for that position.

“We have five great pitchers on the team and I would help out the team most at shortstop rather than on the mound,” Rudiger said.

Rudiger led the team with 15 errors last season, but was valuable to the team in her starting position.

“Mindy has all the tools she needs to be an outstanding shortstop, she’s quick, reads the ball well and has great ball sense,” Perkins said.

This season she has stayed consistent and is second on the team in hits, batting average and on base percentage. She is also leading the team in walks with 12 and in home runs five (a new team record), which is somewhat uncommon for a lead off hitter. She hasn’t changed anything in her batting approach though.

“I just step in the box every time with the goal of making solid contact,” Rudiger said. “If the ball happens to go over the fence, great. If not, I’m hopefully on base.”

Rudiger said her expectation for the rest of the season is to break the school record of 29 games won in a season.

“Every day we work hard to meet that goal,” she said.



Kenny Yao/Student Voice

**Top: Sophomore shortstop Mindy Rudiger set a new UWRF single-season record for home runs, hitting her fifth against St. Scholastica Wednesday. Bottom left: Rudiger applies the tag to Emily Klein of Gustavus Adolphus at second base during the Falcons March 24 game at Ramer Field. Bottom right: Rudiger drives a single to centerfield against St. Scholastica March 24.**



# Athletic director reflects on past, looks ahead

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After serving as head men’s basketball coach for 20 years at UW-River Falls, Rick Bowen has now had a year to fully concentrate on his role as athletic director.

UWRF Chancellor Don Betz said he is grateful to have Bowen in that role. “Rick’s contacts, enthusiasm, experience, devotion to UW-River Falls and lifetime recognition of the power of sport to impact students’ lives are significant assets for us,” he said.

In all, Bowen was involved in coaching for 37 years, including stints as an assistant coach at Division I programs such as Ball State University and UW-Madison, before deciding to tackle the duties of full-time athletic director in River Falls.

“I, quite honestly, never saw myself working here and not being the basketball coach,” Bowen said.

Bowen said his passion had always been basketball and coaching, but at the end of the 2005-06 season, Betz told him the University needed a full-time athletic director.

“When we decided to appoint a full-time A.D. to be in sync with other WIAC institutions, Rick was the natural choice,” Betz said. “He knows athletics and cares for students. He implicitly understands that these are student-athletes, with the emphasis placed first on being a successful student. He cares if our students succeed, if they graduate, and he knows that I do as well. He communicates this institutional imperative to other coaches, faculty, students and parents.”

Interim men’s basketball coach Jeff Berkhof has the unique perspective of having played for Bowen for two seasons (1992-94), worked with him as

an assistant coach (1994-2006) and taken over the head coaching position that Bowen had held 20 seasons.

Berkof said he feels fortunate to have had Bowen as a mentor at all those levels.

“The great thing about him is that he will tell you what he expects from you, then he let’s you do your thing,” Berkhof said. “You want to do well for him and I think that

comes back to his ability to lead and the confidence he shows in you as an individual.”

Bowen had served as both athletic director and basketball coach since the 2004-05 academic year. He holds himself to a very high standard.

“I don’t think I was doing as good a job at either one as I should have been,” Bowen said.

This was Bowen’s second stint serving in both capacities. He took over the position from Connie Foster, who took the role of dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Even though he misses coaching, Bowen said he has now embraced his role as athletic director.

“I love coming to work every day,” he said.

He said as long as that feeling continues, he’ll continue to serve as athletic director. One thing that invigorates him is the push to get the health and human performance facilities upgraded at UWRF, especially since the initial funding for planning the new facilities was approved by the Wisconsin Building Commission last month.

“We will have a complex that

should be able to compete with anybody,” Bowen said. “Facilities here have always been a drawback. Great facilities are not going to get you the best students and athletes, but bad facilities are going to keep you from getting them.”

Getting the new facilities done will be satisfying, Bowen said. But, it will make him wish he was ten years younger so he would have the opportunity to coach at and recruit to the new facilities.

Bowen credits Betz with creating a positive atmosphere and reinvigorating his enthusiasm to take on the role as full-time athletic director and change some of the prevailing attitudes about UWRF.

“One of the reasons I’m so excited about my job right now is that there is a change on campus,” Bowen said. “Most of my years here, there was a prevailing attitude of ‘awe shucks, we’re River Falls, we’ll do more with less.’ It’s time we get rid of that inferiority complex and say, ‘look at us; we’re worth your time.’ As athletic director I want to be part of that because I’ve been complaining long and loud about it [being] the other way.”

Bowen also credits Betz for the new vision for UWRF.

“I would have never quit coaching if I wouldn’t have believed in his vision,” Bowen said. “Originally I was going to coach and be A.D. for a couple of years, then just quit.”

Bowen said his proudest achievement on the basketball court was leading the Falcons to the 2003-04 WIAC regular season title.

“Winning that championship kind of fulfilled me and solidified my [coaching] career,” Bowen said. “Everybody needs a stamp ... and that was my stamp.”

The title was the first in 54 years for the Falcons basketball program.

“That was a very special thing that happened,” Bowen said. “People said it was impossible to do here. It was one of those defining moments of a career.”

Even though it was his most successful season, it didn’t come without its tribulations.

“That was the most stressful year I’ve ever spent coaching,” Bowen said.

The toughest thing about that season was getting snubbed out of a berth into the Division III NCAA tournament, Bowen said.

“There are so few opportunities in one’s professional life to be given the opportunity at a national championship and we never got the opportunity,” he said. “The Selection Sunday committee in Division I does everything they can to get the 64 best teams. Division III just doesn’t care.”

That season UW-Stevens Point was the only team from the WIAC chosen to play for the Division III national title. The Pointers finished second to the Falcons in the conference standings that season, but secured an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament after winning the WIAC tournament. The Pointers ended up winning the national title that year.

For all of his accomplishments Bowen said he is most proud of his accomplishments as a father.

“[My wife] Sandy and I have raised two boys [Mike and Matthew] that have turned out pretty good,” he said. “What more can you ask for?”

# NBA disregards problem of teams tanking games

Two weeks ago I arrived at my apartment to find my roommates watching a Timberwolves game.

“Are the Wolves winning?” I asked.

I quickly corrected myself.

“And by winning, I mean losing.”



Nick  
Sortedahl

Due to another in a long line of terrible trades, the Timberwolves can lose their first-round pick this season if that selection is higher than tenth in this year’s draft. This would be detrimental to a franchise devoid of top-end talent, other than perennial all-star Kevin Garnett, who will likely be traded at season’s end.

Compounding the problem is that this year’s draft class looks to be loaded. Experts like ESPN’s Chad Ford have said it could be the best group of talent in nearly a decade. So apparently fans think there’s nothing wrong with the Timberwolves throwing in the towel and reducing Garnett’s minutes to ensure they aren’t left on the outside looking in when teams begin restocking their rosters with fresh young talent. But there is something wrong with this. It’s cheating, plain and simple. And it’s an old problem in the NBA.

The lottery system was instituted in 1985 to prevent teams from tanking in order to improve draft position. The fact that you even have to institute such a thing is a damning indictment of the nature of sports and mankind itself. The worst part about the examples of tanking in the NBA is how incredibly shameless they are. The Minnesota Timberwolves gave us possibly the most shameless example of it in the season finale last year, with Mark Madsen chucking up seven hopeless three pointers in a 102-92 double-overtime loss to the Memphis Grizzlies. Madsen’s anti-heroics and the Timberwolves’ decision to sit down Garnett (left knee tendonitis) and Rick Davis (strained left groin) for the last six games of last season, assured them a first round pick in 2006. If the Wolves had happened to win a few games down the stretch (they went 2-4), they may have had to forfeit their first-round pick as a stipulation of the same wonderful Sam Cassel/Marko Jaric trade that could cost them their first rounder this year. Some in NBA circles were appalled by the Wolves’ theatrics. Yet NBA commissioner David Stern did nothing. Sportswriters, such as Bill Simmons of ESPN.com, have referred to sudden, conveniently-timed injuries like the type Davis and Garnett suffered as tankanitis. With the loaded NBA draft class this year, including Kevin Durant and Greg Oden, if they decide to declare, these injuries should be referred to as Odenitis or Durantitis.

So what have we learned? Not much, because the tanking is happening again this season. Take the Associated Press game recap headline from Milwaukee’s 98-89 victory over the Boston April 4: “Depleted Bucks beat Celtic’s skeleton crew,” a game in which was missing four key players to dubious ailments. For the Celtics, all-star swingman Paul Pierce (sore left elbow) and rising star center Al Jefferson (bruised left knee) both garnered DNP’s in the box score. The Bucks didn’t even get that creative; all-star guard Michael Redd and starting point guard Mo Williams both missed the game with (left knee pain). Pain? Are you kidding me? If you can’t play with pain, you don’t deserve to be paid to play professionally. Thankfully the law of karma applied itself to this game and the Bucks won, or perhaps it was Earl Boykins 32-point effort. I wouldn’t be surprised if Boykins began to experience “Durantitis” sometime soon. On April 9, just to make sure they don’t accidentally win a couple games down the stretch, the Bucks announced Redd was shut down for the season. Granted Redd had been battling knee problems all season, but do you think he’d be declared out for the year if the team were fighting for a playoff spot?

Timberwolves head coach Randy Wittman has announced that Garnett will see decreased minutes the rest of the year. Apparently Wittman realized he needs to do more to lose after the Wolves’ 99-94 victory over the New York Knicks, which put them in position to lose their valuable first-round pick this year. Now, since they’ve reduced their only good players’ minutes, the Wolves have lost three in a row.

These are just local examples of tanking tactics. You could go around the league to all of the franchises that have officially been eliminated from the playoffs and find similar examples.

I won’t pretend to have an answer to solving this problem. You would hope that people would have a little more pride than to just throw in the towel on their season. Apparently that isn’t the case. What I really want to know is what NBA coaches and general managers involved in these blatant examples of tanking games tell their kids about sportsmanship and cheating?



SPORTS WRAP

UWRF continues dominance in Rosemount

UW-River Falls may be calling the Rosemount Dome their second home after Wednesday’s sweep over St. Scholastica. The Falcons won both games 7-2 and 4-2.

UWRF has now played eight games in the Rosemount Dome and are 8-0.

In the first game, the Falcons scored seven runs on six hits and errorless in the field. St. Scholastica scored two runs on four hits and made two errors. The Saints scored single runs in the third and seventh innings while the Falcons scored three in the third and two runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Ashley Bertrand started on the mound and pitched for four innings. She got the win and is now 9-2. She allowed two hits and one earned run. She struck out seven and walked one. Brittany Rathbun worked two innings and allowed one hit. She didn’t allow a run, struck out one and didn’t walk a batter. Sarah Stoffa worked the seventh inning and allowed one hit and one earned run. She walked one and struck out two.

The second game was scoreless until the fourth when CSS scored twice. UWRF scored all of its runs in the fifth. The Falcons scored four runs on five hits and again made no errors. CSS had four hits and made six errors.

Rathbun picked up the win in relief. She worked three innings and allowed only two hits and no runs. She struck out two and didn’t walk a batter. She is now 8-3 this year. Bertrand started and pitched the first four innings. She allowed two hits and two earned runs. She walked three and struck out four.

The Falcons, now 17-5 overall, will open WIAC play on Saturday at UW-Platteville. The first pitch will be thrown at 4 p.m.

Rathbun throws no-hitter against Hamline

Falcons right-hander Brittany Rathbun tossed her second career no-hitter to help the Falcons sweep Hamline Friday afternoon at the Rosemount Dome. For her efforts she was named the WIAC Pitcher of the Week, according to league Sports Information Director Matt Stanek.

The Falcons won the first game 11-2 and Rathbun threw the no-hitter in the team’s 10-0 five-inning second game victory.

In the second game, Rathbun faced 17 batters, two over the minimum. She walked one and struck out six. A Hamline runner reached first on an error in the first inning. The walk came to the lead off hitter in the second and she was later retired trying to advance on a fielding play. The second batter in the fifth inning reached base on a throwing error. Rathbun retired the side in order in the third and fourth innings. She is now 7-3 this year. Rathbun, a junior, pitched a no-hitter on March 1, 2006 in a 4-0 win over Carleton in a game also played at the Rosemount Dome. She faced 22 batters, one over the minimum, in the seven-inning contest.

Rathbun got plenty of help from the rest of the lineup. UW-River Falls scored 10 runs on nine hits. The team scored six times in the second, single runs in the third and fourth and two runs in the fifth. Mindy Rudiger finished 3-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Keri Feller was 2-3 with one RBI. The big hit in the six-run second was a bases-loaded triple down the right field line by Rachel Mathias. She finished 2-3 with two runs scored and three RBIs.

In the 11-2 victory, the Falcons had eight hits and made no errors. UWRF scored three times in the first and seventh innings, once in the second and twice in the fourth and fifth. Hamline scored two runs on five hits and they made four errors. Rudiger, who led off the game with a solo homer over the center field fence, finished 2-3 with four runs scored and two RBIs. The sophomore shortstop now has four home runs this year, which ties the team record for homers in a season. Howlett was 3-4 with a run scored and four RBIs. She doubled home a run in the first, singled home a run in the second and singled home two runs in the fourth.

Ashley Bertrand started on the mound and got the win; she is now 8-2. She pitched four innings and allowed three hits and one earned run. She struck out eight and did not walk a batter. Jessalyn Weaver worked the final three innings and got her second save of the season.

Football player earns conditioning award

Senior linebacker Dan Buker has earned the All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year Award from the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

The NSCA awarded 239 collegiate student-athletes from 165 schools with the award.

“Dan is one of the best I have ever had the chance to work with,” Falcons Strength and Conditioning Coach Carmen Pata said. “Not only has his dedication in the strength center made him and our football team better, but his intensity has showed others the way to approach workouts. Dan is not only physically strong, but he has a 3.5 grade point average. He also works with the youth wrestling program in town. He is a remarkable young man, and the only thing that will help off set the loss when he graduates is knowing that Dan will be a valuable addition to the community in which he will teach, coach and live.”

Buker was a four-year letter winner with the Falcons football team. The 5-11, 215-pound linebacker started 10 games in 2006 and finished with 18 solo and 41 total tackles.

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STANDINGS

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

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Falcons off to best start in team history

Softball team eager to begin conference play, prove preseason predictions wrong

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The Falcons softball team is just past the halfway mark this year and are off to the best start in team history.

The reason for their early success is the return of all but one starter from last year, outfielder Amanda Wojnowiak, excellent team chemistry and being able to avoid injuries, head coach Faye Perkins said.

The Falcons swept St. Scholastica in the Rosemount Dome on Wednesday. Their record now stands at 8-0 in the dome. Because of their success there the Falcons players have been referring to that venue as their other home field, Perkins said.

The Falcons record currently stands at 17-5. If they keep up that pace they will break the 30-win mark and set a new team record. The previous record was 28, set in 1993.

Perkins has stressed all season that conference play will be the true test of this team and now believes her team is ready for that test.

“We’ve shown ourselves that we can play great ball,” she said.

The team has also been motivated by being predicted to finish in the bottom half of the WIAC by a preseason sports information director’s poll.

“I think the team is ready to prove that wrong,” Perkins said. “They’ve taken that as a challenge.”

Pitching was expected to be a strong point for the Falcons this season with Ashley Bertrand and Brittany Rathbun returning. They haven’t disappointed combining to account for all 17 Falcon wins, strike out 135 batters, post a 1.16 ERA and hold opponents to a .175 batting average through 22 games. Rathbun also pitched her second career no hitter. A 10-0 run-rule shortened a five-inning affair against Hamline University April 6 in the Rosemount dome. All told the pitching staff has five shutouts this year and a team ERA of 1.25.

One of the biggest surprises has been the team’s run production. The Falcons are averaging 5.3 runs per game this season. The top of the order has been especially productive. The first four hitters in the lineup, Mindy



Beth Dickman/Student Voice  
**Junior Brittany Rathbun delivers during a game the first game of a double header against Concordia College March 27, while shortstop Mindy Rudiger takes her defensive stance. The Falcons won that game 4-1. With a 17-5 record they are of to the best start in team history.**

Rudiger (.358), Breamber Syverson (.314), Emily Howlett (.500) and Keri Feller (.333) are all hitting over .300 on the season. Rudiger, Howlett and Feller have also accounted for 54 of the Falcons 91 RBIs, and 34 of teams 42 extra base hits this year.

Even with all of the Falcons’ success the team still has a few things they could improve upon. The primary thing, Perkins said, is playing consistently, especially at the plate. They need to do a better job of stringing their hits together to produce big innings, instead of scattering them throughout the game.

The conference season was originally set to kickoff with a double header at home against UW Stout (9-7) on April 3, but that match-up has now been postponed twice due to weather.

“They’re anxious to get into the conference season,” Perkins said.

The delays come with the territory, Perkins said, adding that it’s better to postpone games than increase the risk of losing players to injury, which increases in cold weather.

The conference opener is now officially scheduled to take place on Perkins birthday, April 14, at UW-Platteville.

Perkins said as long as the Falcons continue to play the way they’ve been playing they can prove the preseason poll wrong and win the WIAC.

“We cannot have any lapses, mentally or physically, to win the WIAC,” Perkins said. “We are playing some of the best ball I’ve seen us play in a long time.”

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Faye Perkins,  
head softball coach

NHL suprerior to NBA as team competition

I remember it like it was yesterday. I was a Isophomore in high school and at the time I was more excited about the Minnesota Timberwolves first-round matchup with the Los Angeles Lakers than I was the Minnesota Wild’s matchup with the Colorado Avalanche. Like so many times in my fanfare with Minnesota sports teams, I was wrong.



Chris Schad

I watched those Timberwolves games more intently that year and even wound up going to a game. Across the river, the Minnesota Wild appeared to be wrapping up a cute, successful season in the team’s second year of existence as they fell behind the Avs three games to one. Then, a funny thing happened on the way to the off-season. The Wild tied the series up at three games and forced a game seven in Denver the same night I went to game two of the Timberwolves series. The Wolves would win that night and I sat in the car on the way home listening to see if the Wild could pull off an upset. Within the first 30 seconds of listening, Joe Sakic scored a go-ahead goal with five minutes left. The game was clicked off and I went to bed as soon as I got home. The next morning, I would flip on SportsCenter, and in a “No way!” moment, the Wild came back and beat the Avs on a goal by Andrew Brunette.

The Wolves would go on to lose the series, but the Wild were still playing. Suddenly, I was hooked on hockey. The Wild played with intensity, grit and heart. Those were things the Timberwolves seemed to lack in their series. The Wild

would fall behind three to one again and Vancouver Canucks forward Todd Bertuzzi would tell Wild fans to throw their game six tickets away. They didn’t need to. Games five and six were disasters for the Canucks as goalie Dan Cloutier was not noticeable in the net. I’m not sure how many people didn’t throw their tickets away for that game, but I would have to guess that approximately 18,000 people were calling him a sieve. The Wild would go back up to Vancouver and win game seven to advance to the Western Conference Finals where they were eventually swept by the Anaheim Ducks.

Ironically, four years later, the Wild have made the playoffs again, with the Ducks being their first round opponent. Yet, the question remains “How did hockey surpass basketball that much in such a short period of time?” Even though it’s obvious that hockey dominates Minnesota just because of it’s long and storied tradition from the North Stars to the Golden Gophers, there is another reason for this. The NHL playoffs.

The NHL playoffs are more entertaining than the NBA playoffs. Seedings don’t matter in hockey at all. Last season, the Edmonton Oilers, the eighth seed in the Western Conference, were one more win away from winning the Stanley Cup. The last time an eighth seed reached the NBA finals was in 1997, when the New York Knicks advanced. However, that was a strike-shortened season. Typically, upsets in the first round of the NBA never happen outside of the four versus five matchup.

There is more parity in the NHL. Even the top four teams in the conferences have to watch their backs as the top four teams in the West lost in the first round last season. The Phoenix Suns or the Dallas Mavericks will win the NBA championship. There is no team in either conference that comes close to the amount of talent those two teams put on the floor. Yet, the NHL playoffs have provided so many upsets that any team can believe it can win. The West alone

contains seven teams that recorded 100-point seasons (For you basketball fans, think of it as a 50-60 win season).

Finally, the team aspect in hockey is greater than it is in basketball. Lakers ball hog ... er ... scorer Kobe Bryant has single handedly put his team in the NBA playoffs by refusing to pass and hoist up 50 shots a game to put up 50 points a game. Teams in the NHL have their own superstars such as Pittsburgh Penguins center Sidney Crosby and Wild winger Marian Gaborik. They have to rely guys on other lines that can help take pressure off them. The wingers can score all they want, but if the center cant set them up, their going to have a tough time scoring. Case in point, the Wild added center Pavol Demitra over the off-season to add his chemistry with Gaborik on their top line. The result was that even the NHL’s best goalie or defenseman can’t stop them because of their ability to make four passes in a space the size of a phone booth. Teamwork is key.

Like so many times in my fanfare with Minnesota sports teams, I was wrong.

With all these great things about the NHL playoffs, there is one major problem. It will take a backseat to the NBA playoffs. The NHL coming off their lockout disaster two years ago signed a contract to make Versus (formerly the Outdoor Life Network) the official home of the NHL. So, when John Doe is flipping through the channels on next Tuesday night when the playoffs get underway, instead of seeing a really good hockey game, they’re going to see Kobe Bryant dust the dirt off his shoulder and try to score, score, score. Don’t you dare think about asking him to pass.



# Kinni supplies fresh entertainment

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It's right in front of our eyes, and its potential to provide students with cheap entertainment, activities and even a release from stress is endless. This natural marvel is the Kinnickinnic River.

The Kinnickinnic, known by many as the "Kinni," is difficult to miss if you are student at UW-River Falls. The south fork of the river, which is considered a feeder creek, flows through the south end of campus. South Fork Suites, the relatively new residence establishment on the east end of campus, is named after this section of the river.

The Kinni begins north of Interstate 94 in St. Croix County, fed by natural springs. Along its path, smaller tributary creeks including Parker Creek, Kelly Creek and Rocky Branch feed the Kinni.

The river is generally divided into two sections, known as the "upper" and "lower" Kinnickinnic. The upper portion begins northeast of River Falls and flows mainly through pasture and prairie land. The lower portion begins below Glen Park, a recreation area located on Park Street in River Falls, and flows through what is known as the "Kinnickinnic Canyon."

According to the River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau Web site, "The scenery is outstanding on this stretch of river with soaring cliffs, towering pines, and swift water. As you venture further down the river from the city, springs and weeping cliffs create a vibrant green carpet of ferns, mosses and wildflowers in an almost fairly-like landscape."

The river offers a variety of local opportunities for community members and students at UWRF to get out and enjoy the outdoors, while escaping the stresses of everyday life. Much of the river is within walking distance from campus. Activities include fishing, kayaking and canoeing, swimming, hiking, biking and nature watching.

Thanks to conservation efforts by groups such as the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, the water of the Kinni is clean, clear and cold. Those factors enable the river to be classified as a class I trout stream, identified by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as "high-quality trout waters that have sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout, at or near carry capacity."

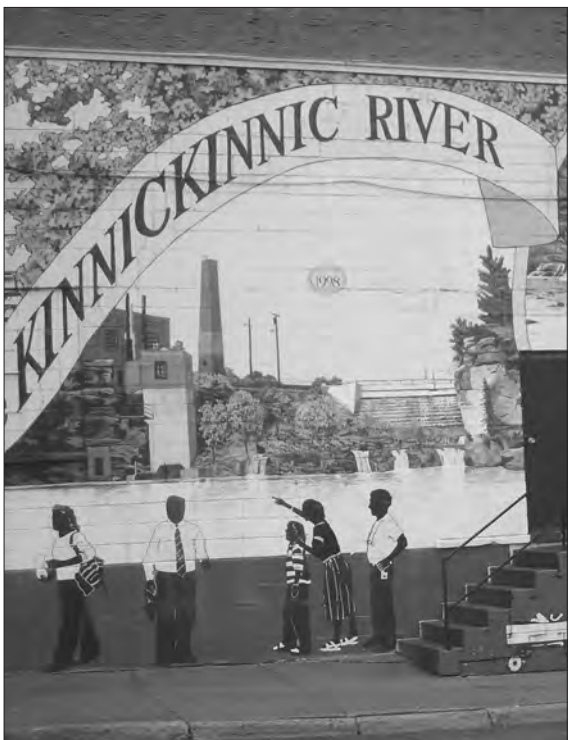
Thousands of trout inhabit the waters of the Kinni, but only two species are present - brook and brown trout. Trout are known for their finicky feeding habits and elusive nature, but they are by no means impossible to catch.

There are different ways to fish for trout, including the use of artificial flies and spinners, or even live bait such as worms. Regulations can be found through the DNR, and should be consulted prior to fishing.

Sophomore Tom Carlson is an avid outdoorsman who appreciates what the Kinni has to offer.

"It's nice to get out there and get away from the pressures of school," Carlson said. "It's pretty good fishing. Some people consider the Kinnickinnic to be some of the best trout fishing in the Midwest and perhaps in the country."

Fishing licenses can be purchased in town at the Holiday gas station, 302 S. Main St., or Lund's Hardware, 201 S. Main St. Lund's also provides one of the largest selections of trout fishing gear near



Josh Dahlke/Student Voice  
**The Kinnickinnic River mural displays waterfalls and River Falls landscape, while people walk along the river's banks and city streets.**

River Falls.

There are numerous trails along the river, including on campus at UWRF and several other locations such as Glen Park. The trails can be used to walk, hike, run, rollerblade or bicycle. They also provide the opportunity to sit down and gather some fresh air, while simply taking in the beauty of the river and its surroundings.

"You just get out there and see all the beauty and the wildlife out there," Carlson said.

Kinni Creek Outfitters, a small business located at 545 N. Main St., is a bed and breakfast "micro resort," but they also provide various adventure packages for any season. They offer special rates for UWRF students.

Paige Olson, a long-time lover of the outdoors and an employee at Kinni Creek, shared some information about the business via e-mail.

"We offer cabin or bed and breakfast rental for college parents at a discount, they just need to present their student's ID and introduce us to their student," Olson said. "On the outfitter side, we offer fly fishing schools, fly fishing equipment, kayak rental and sales and trips on the Kinni with shuttle service."

On the kayak and canoe trips, you have the option of traveling either the upper or lower Kinni. The trips range from 45 minutes to three hours, depending on what you choose.

"During the school year, we offer a 'Hooky Special' for college students with rentals at a discount for Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. launches," Olson said.

Students looking for something to do or looking to relieve the stresses of life, they need not look too far - the Kinnickinnic River awaits, providing an outlet for exploration, relaxation and enjoyment.

For more information about the Kinni, including a map of public access points, visit the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust Web site at <http://kinniriver.org/>.

# UWRF frats utilize Facebook for publicity, not recruiting

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Each of the four UW-River Falls fraternities has a Facebook group. Some creators said their group is a way to create publicity, while others said their fraternity has decreased in size.

Senior Michael Tate said he knows the numbers in Theta Chi have dropped, but it has no relation to Facebook.

"Facebook will not be a primary recruiting place for any Greek organization," Tate said. "To get people to join, you have to meet with them face-to-face, talk with them and get to know them."

Tate said if it comes to a point to ask if the possible candidate would like to meet the entire fraternity, they might take the opportunity or turn it down.

"Either way, you gain either a brother or a friend," he said. "You can't get that with Facebook."

Tate, who has been a member of Theta Chi for four years, said the Facebook group is used as a way to keep in contact with members of the fraternity.

"The group is a way to keep in touch with each other in a manner more fun than just trading e-mail or voice messages, if we can't see each other," Tate said.

Senior Isaac Nellessen, who has been a member of Delta Theta Sigma (DTS) for three years, said he has not noticed a change in fraternity numbers due to the Facebook group.

"The purpose of [our] Facebook page was to gain a little more publicity and to show people what we are about," Nellessen said. "The page has pictures of different activities and social events that we do and have taken place in."

Like Tate, Nellessen said the reason the fraternity created the group was to create a space for contact.

"The group is a place for our members to stay in contact with each other over the school year and during summer and winter breaks," he said. "The page is also a place where alumni members can keep in contact and stay in contact with current members."

Nellessen, who held the Ethics chair position last year, said joining DTS was one of his greatest experiences in college.

Because DTS is a social-professional agricultural fraternity, members must be studying agriculture.

"You have a lot of good connections through alumni in the agriculture industry, which can be very helpful when nearing graduation and searching for a job," Nellessen said.

Theta Chi Fraternity is an international fraternity that has been at UWRF since 1968. They have no religious or ethnic affiliation and students don't have to be in a specific degree field to be a member.

For more information about Theta Chi, students can log on to <http://www.uwrf.edu/theta-chi/>.

DTS was chartered at UWRF in 1969. In 1970, Albert Beaver, a Gamma Chapter alumni, helped to purchase the house where fraternity members currently reside. For more information about DTS, students can log to <http://www.uwrf.edu/dts/welcome.html>.

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# Rodriguez, Tarantino film impresses duo



A.J. Hakari

“Grindhouse” is a gloriously violent and unabashedly sleazy three-hour love letter to exploitation cinema, penned by none other than directors Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino. While it’s arguable that the movies they’ve both made emphasize style over substance, it’s a job these guys do very well, and “Grindhouse” is no exception. “Grindhouse” is comprised of two feature-length films made to look straight out of a ‘70s movie house, complete with scratches and missing reels to give the flicks a real wear-and-tear feeling. Robert Rodriguez’ “Planet Terror” is an apocalyptic tale of puss-oozing zombies, the result of biochemical weaponry gone out of control, taking over a Texas town, leaving such unlikely heroes as go-go dancer/aspiring comedian Cherry Darling (Rose McGowan) and her butt-kicking ex-boyfriend Wray (Freddy Rodriguez) to save the day. Quentin Tarantino wraps up the double feature with “Death Proof,” a sort of “Friday the 13th”-on-wheels story of a man known only as Stuntman Mike (Kurt Russell), stalking and killing sexy young women in his souped-up, “death-proof” stunt car. Scattered throughout “Grindhouse” also are fake trailers to “coming attractions,” including Rob Zombie’s “Werewolf Women of the S.S.” (featuring Nicolas Cage as no less than Fu Manchu). It’s not often that I get to say this without sounding like quote-happy critic, but “Grindhouse” truly is more of an experience than it is an actual

movie. Those expecting a typical jaunt to the multiplex will be thrown for a loop once Rodriguez and Tarantino open wide their bag of tricks. You don’t have to be familiar with the “Grindhouse” style to fully enjoy the movie as a whole, but it helps to be in on the joke, to realize from the beginning these guys are resurrecting an era of cinema that stood for pretty much the exact opposite of everything that “safe” Hollywood fare was. “Planet Terror” stands out as the better half of the double feature, a gore-soaked, action-packed horror flick that feels like it took the shuffling zombies of George A. Romero and threw in the heavy artillery of John Carpenter. It’s basically a zombified version of Rodriguez’ own horror/actioner “From Dusk Till Dawn,” only with an even quirkier set of characters, an amped-up violence factor, and an even greater tendency to throw realism to the four winds (one look at McGowan’s gun leg should make this very obvious). “Death Proof,” on the other hand, is a talky mess that almost completely detracts from the “Grindhouse” experience. Tarantino’s premise is an intriguing one and Russell does a fine job of projecting menace as the ruthless Stuntman Mike. But Tarantino mostly shows extremely attractive starlets trying to gain the audience’s sympathy with droning monologues about their vain existences, only to meet the business end of Stuntman Mike’s deathmobile without so much as a flinch from the viewers. Though only one half of “Grindhouse” is truly a blast, the whole she-bang is worth checking out for the presentation alone. Part movie and part journey into pure exploitation, “Grindhouse” is a flick that you won’t be forgetting anytime soon.



**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

It has been a long time since my cheesy zombie movie phase and “Grindhouse,” more specifically; “Planet of Terror” certainly brings back good memories. To accompany the Robert Rodriguez film is the Quentin Tarantino film, “Death Proof,” which offers another memorable phase of my life — racing cars ... to the extreme. “Grindhouse” is a double-feature film by two of the most insane directors/writers in film history. It has all the blood and gore necessary for the mainstream audience to stay interested, but Tarantino and Rodriguez do it with style. The first film shown is “Planet of Terror,” which consists of your basic zombie plot: on a random day, zombies with oozing faces flood a single town and the few that are “not infected” band together to form the ultimate team of zombie killers all while figuring out you cannot trust your country’s military. Rose McGowan became my new idol as she plays the fearless heroine, Cherry Darling, whose leg becomes property of some zombies. She later acquires a machine gun leg instead. I instantly gave this movie the highest rating solely for her scene of flying through the air shooting up the bad guys in the sexiest way possible. Freddy Rodriguez as Wray made the perfect badass hero as he sports tattoos and a “never miss” mentality with his guns. Between the two films is a set of trailers for similar fake gore/horror movies such as

“Don’t Scream” and “Werewolf Women of the SS” by Rob Zombie. This appropriately sets the mood for the double feature as do the few incidents of “Missing Reels” for the dark, grainy style of the film which also includes the actual picture quality as crap. These things really set the movie apart from mainstream movies out today and give it a unique style that instantly made me fall in love with it. Tarantino’s film shows second after the pseudo-intermission of trailers. “Death Proof” starts out somewhat slow with a group of girls hanging out at a bar who meet Stuntman Mike (Kurt Russell). They later find out he is a maniac stunt car driver. After he kills off some people, the same story starts again, but with other girls (Rosario Dawson, Tracis Thoms, and Zoe Bell - an actual stunt double). The appeal of being a gear-head girl sparked up again for me with the portrayal of three hardcore females that at first show the vulnerability of women when it comes to scary maniac men. Later, there is a cheerful triumph for females everywhere as they dominate through their feminism. Although the slowness could potentially be boring, it fits Tarantino’s style exactly, which is a whole lot of cussing and chatting building up to the anticipated action. Throughout the entire film I had times that I literally dropped my jaw and other times laughed out loud at the hilarity of squirting blood. McGowan was sleek and sexy as both characters. Russell is so evil in “Death Proof” he nearly wasn’t at all. Tarantino has never been able to act in his own movies, but we love him anyway.

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# Compilation CD brightens dreary spring days



Jenna Lee

Lately, I’ve been feeling a lot of not-so-cheery vibes. Between the theft of our papers and the ridiculously cold weather, its not feeling like spring should. So, as an offering to the seasonal gods, I have put together an ultimate spring 2007 mix. Some of the songs may not be familiar to you and some are old favorites, but when you put them together, I think this customized compact disc will put a smile on anyone’s face. First is “Colours” by Donavon. It’s

pretty mellow, but it talks about the different colors you see in the morning. With all the trees budding and flowers blooming, it can really help put you in a great mood for class. “Ants Marching” by Dave Matthews Band has so many feel-good songs, but this is a classic from their best album. Dave sings, “His concerns/he forgets them,” which is how we will feel in a month when finals are done. Then we move on to another favorite, of the hip-hop variety — “Me, Myself and I” by De La Soul. This is a great example of how hip-hop should still sound. Even after more than a decade, these beats are fresh and the lyrics are positive; no hoes and no turf wars. From there, we take it back down to Otis Redding’s “(Sittin’ On) The Dock of the Bay.” You and I may not be able to sit in such a perfect place here in northern Wisconsin, but we can sure imagine it or make a summer break

trip. Some of the best songs for good weather get their roots from the Caribbean and reggae. The next two songs: K-os’ “Fly Paper” and Lucky Boys Confusion’s “Sunday Morning” keep those beats while maintaining their individual rap and punk roots. **Ska always puts a little skip in my step and hearing a boy sing “I just want to know/girl I wanna get with you,” makes me anticipate a summer romance.** It wouldn’t be spring if love wasn’t in the air, so I hope that the Beastie Boys’ song “Girls” will get you boys thinking about all of us women in our new tank tops and sparkly sandals.

You know you’ve had class with us all semester, so this song will give you the confidence to finally come up and talk to us. And for the ladies, I follow with a ska song from the band I Voted for Kodos called “Just Want You to Know.” Ska always puts a little skip in my step and just hearing a boy sing “I just want you to know/girl I wanna get with you,” makes me anticipate a great summer romance. Now my mix moves to the summer night party songs. I couldn’t make a good mix without a good punk cover, so to get in the mood I chose New Found Glory’s cover of “Back that Ass up” by Juvenile. It’s kind of a silly and random song, but everyone will be getting their dance on to this one. Following that, I picked a song for everyone to sing along to, preferably around a campfire. Todd Schneider is known best for his folk songs, but when you live in

River Falls, his best song is “Beer Run.” Although I don’t condone crazy, underage house parties, this song really describes how the small-town ‘gatherings’ get started. It wouldn’t be spring without a good party. Finally, I end with the “Magic Carpet Ride” remix by Fatboy Slim. Because isn’t that what spring should feel like? It may not be the beginning of the year, but it sure feels like it when classes are ending and each day becomes a bit less hectic. Like Rob says about ‘making a great compilation tape’ in ‘High Fidelity,’ “You gotta kick off with a killer, to grab attention. Then you got to take it up a notch, but you don’t wanna blow your wad, so then you got to cool it off a notch. There are a lot of rules.” I promise these songs won’t let you down. I hope this CD can put you in high spirits and excitement for the spring season.

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# ECO members prepare for Earth Week

With Earth Week set for April 16-20, students get ready

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With Earth Week set for April 16-20, members of the Earth Conscious Organization (ECO) have been busy preparing a slew of events to get the UW-River Falls community involved. “We’re just hoping for a good turnout,” ECO co-president Sarah Knorr said. Next week’s events will be the second year in a row ECO, an environmental interest group whose main goal is to help the campus and community become more sustainable, will be recognizing Earth Week with a five-day itinerary of events. ECO member Matthew Meyer said he and fellow member Paul Erdmann organized the events last year. Now that there are more people involved with ECO, involvement in organizing the events has increased.

The week will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. ECO will meet in the University Center before heading out to the south fork of the Kinnickinnic River to collect trash. Everyone is invited to help with the project. Disposed items collected will be displayed on the lawn of the University Center.

“It should be there all week to show how much we collected and what we did,” Knorr said of the trash display.

Last year, things such as tires, folding chairs and crates were found and displayed. Hundreds of pounds of garbage is collected each year.

“There was a whole bunch of weird stuff in there,” Knorr said of the findings along the river last year.

Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, ECO will be holding a “Bottle Biology” session in the lobby of the University Center. During this event, those in attendance will learn how to make a self-watering pot out of recycled bottles. Once the pots are created, seeds will be available for planting.

Everything from bottles to seeds will be provided by ECO, but Knorr said people can bring their own seeds if they wish to



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**ECO members greet participants with food and beverages at last year's Drive To Not Drive. This year's Drive To Not Drive will take place April 19.**

plant something in particular. The session is free for those who make a monetary donation to ECO, but Knorr said anything people wish to give to the organization will be accepted.

Earth Week continues at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday with a tour of the Pierce County Recycling Center in Ellsworth, Wis. The first 30 people to sign up will take a free tour of the facility, during which they will learn what happens to the county’s recyclables once they leave the curb. Questions about the tour can be directed to Katherine Kasnia at katherine.kasnia@uwrf.edu (if e-mail is back up before then).

The 2nd Annual Drive to Not Drive event will take place on April 19. Students who com-

mute to campus are encouraged to ride their bicycles or carpool. ECO will be offering free food and bicycle tune-ups in the University Center lawn; door prizes and environmental information will also be given out.

Erdmann said the bicycle tune-ups will be done by a mechanic from The Route Bike Shop.

“He puts air in tires, greases the chain, checks the brakes and checks for minor stuff,” Erdmann said. “If he sees anything major, he leaves a note for the owner to come down to their shop.”

Those interested in having their bicycles checked over can

leave them with the tune-up crew and pick them up by 4 p.m. in front of the University Center. From 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**“There was a whole bunch of weird stuff in there.”**

Sarah Knorr, co-president of the ECO Club

April 20, the grand opening of the green kiosk in the University Center will take place.

The kiosk contains information about the sustainability features of the University Center, as well as an interactive touch-screen display.

“It’s a hands-on display to display for students and faculty,” Meyer said, adding that having such a display gives the campus community a physical example

of what the University Center has to offer environmentally.

Oberlin College environmental studies professor David Orr will be on hand during the ceremony and will be giving a talk later in the day.

Meyer said plant and earth science professor Kelly Cain suggested bringing Orr to the University to speak. Meyer said Orr had already planned on being in the area, having scheduled talks in Eau Claire and Madison, so they inquired about him making a stop in River Falls.

At 4 p.m. Orr will be giving a public presentation entitled “Rumors of Unfathomable things of Politics and Climate Change.” A book signing and reception will follow the event.

Meyer said the event is scheduled at an unfortunate time due to the reservations for the ballroom, but hopes students will stick around campus to listen to Orr’s presentation.

Orr is also the chair of the Environmental Studies Program at Oberlin College and the Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics.

He has authored five books and published 150 articles in scientific journals, social science publications and popular magazines.

“This guy is nationally known for his work with the environment,” Knorr said. “... It is an honor that he will be speaking at our school during Earth Week.”



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**Left: A mechanic from The Route gives free minor tune-ups at last year's Drive To Not Drive. During the event students who commute to campus are encouraged to ride their bicycles or carpool. ECO will be offering free food and bicycle tune-ups on the University Center lawn. Right: Students Nathan Howe and Cynthia Hertog check out the green kiosk in the University Center. The kiosk contains information about the sustainability features of the University Center, as well as an interactive touch-screen display.**



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