



BRANDT, DEICK, PAGE 2

New Student Senate president and vice president bring new ideas to the table

MAYER-CHAPLEAU COLUMN, PAGE 5

Columnist believes Myspace to be juvenile but still amusing

WOMEN'S SOCCER, PAGE 7

Graduation of top scorers leads to tough start for soccer team



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN RIVER FALLS STUDENT VOICE

September 28, 2007

www.uwrfvoice.com

Volume 94, Issue 2

## Cascade reconstruction takes next step

Jenna Nelson

jenna.nelson-1@uwrf.edu

A public meeting to discuss a project that will have a major impact on UW-River Falls was sparsely attended by students.

The meeting was held Sept. 24 to discuss the future of Cascade Avenue. Cascade Avenue is among the most crucial streets for UW-River Falls.

The avenue requires maintenance work due to its poor condition. The problems include: road deterioration, dysfunctional street lights, a need to repair city storm sewers, a lack of parking spaces, as well as a number of other problems that are in need of attention.

Furthermore, River Falls residents, faculty and students have expressed their concerns regarding safety for pedestrians and also for motorists driving down Cascade. Many pedestrians neglect to utilize the crosswalks designated for crossing. This causes safety hazards because of the numerous pedestrians that cross the street in random locations resulting in near miss accidents along the campus avenue.

"Cascade Avenue is frustrating because you never know when to walk or when a car sees you," Nick Zeien, a UWRF sophomore, said. "Sometimes it's a big inconvenience for the cars to wait and sometimes it doesn't feel safe for us to cross the street."

As a result of the aforementioned issues, a committee was created to discuss possible solutions and alternatives to the current situation on Cascade Avenue. In order for the planning to begin, the city of River Falls had to consolidate with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), UWRF, and River Falls' residents.

The technical committee that was formed consists of: Reid Wronski, city engineer, Dale Braun, UWRF campus planner, Jeff Abboud, WisDOT transportation planner, Buddy Lucero, City of River Falls planner, Roger Leque, River Falls chief of police, Dick Trende, UWRF director of public safety, H.L. "Lanny" Gleason River Falls superintendent of public works, Glen Van Wormer, project manager and Dave Simons, project coordinator.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

### Multiple options discussed for redesign

Currently, the technical committee is focusing upon designing a conceptualized plan for safety using the input provided by River Falls' community members. With that input in mind, the team has brainstormed the following strategies with the potential to be implemented along Cascade Avenue from Spruce Street to Wasson Lane.

The "All Way Stop" concept is to place a four way stop sign on one of the intersections crossing into Cascade. The only intersection that this concept could be made possible is at 2nd Street. The drawback to this idea is that several people roll through stop signs instead of completing a proper stop.

**A car yields to pedestrians as they cross Cascade Avenue. Due to the poor condition of Cascade, as well as a number of safety concerns, a technical committee is working on a conceptual design to fulfill necessary maintenance work and to address safety issues.**

Furthermore, it is predicted that people awaiting their turn at the stop sign will be too focused on when they should go, that they will forget to watch for pedestrians.

The second potential plan is to close one block of Cascade Avenue to influence cars to take alternative routes. The elimination of a block would reduce the pace of traffic and remove the confrontation pedestrians face with motorists. This would be done at North Hall. The downside to this particular plan

See Cascade page 3

## UWRF Freethought Society focuses upon reason, science



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

**Trevor Tomesh, the president of the Freethought Society, displays his garb on "Dress Like a Pirate Day." As he stands outside of the University Center, he quotes scripture from the Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.**

Stephanie Daniels  
stephanie.daniels@uwrf.edu

Students dressed like pirates stood in front of the UW-River Falls University Center Sept. 19, spewing "yarrs," and "arghs," and talking about a "flying spaghetti monster."

Most students passed by the pirates looking a little confused by the display.

"I don't understand them," student Lynn Bruvold said. "What is their deal?"

People who stopped and talked to the pirates learned about the group behind the pirate act, the relatively new Freethought Society of UWRF.

"The Freethought Society of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is a group of students, faculty, and staff that hold that beliefs should be formed on the basis of science and logic rather than religious dogma," according to the UWRF Webpage describing the organization.

Trevor Tomesh, one of the pirates, is the founder and president of the Freethought Society. Starting out at UWRF last fall, Tomesh said he discovered four organizations on campus for Christians but none for atheists and agnostics. This lack of a "liberal, freethinking" organization is what led him to found the Freethought society in fall 2006, Tomesh said.

Jordan Java, another pirate who is the Freethought Society's vice president, joined the organization because it matched his outlook.

"As an atheist, it's the only

freethought society out there or on campus, that is," Java said.

The Freethought Society aims to increase religious diversity and tolerance at UWRF and bring together people on campus who share a scientific, logical way of thinking, Tomesh said.

With these goals in mind, the group came up with the idea of the "flying spaghetti monster" as a way of commenting on the dangers of following religion blindly at the expense of logical thinking, Tomesh said.

"People call it 'the pirate thing,'" Tomesh said.

For the act, some group members pretend that they are pirate disciples worshipping their mock creator, the "flying spaghetti monster." This story is intentionally ridiculous to make a point about the lack of logic often found in long-standing religious traditions, Tomesh said. It also stands as a caution against bringing religious theory such as intelligent design into the classroom, Tomesh said.

The group used International Talk Like a Pirate Day, Sept. 19, as a platform to spread this message, as well as inform people about the Freethought Society.

"I agree with the premise of the Freethought Society," James Rust, a physics and civil engineering major who is a member of Campus Crusade for Christ and a friend of Tomesh, said. "But, for me, I don't see logic, reason and sci-

See Freethought page 3

## Corn ethanol could possibly fuel the future

Addie Carlson  
addie.carlson@uwrf.edu

The issue of corn ethanol production as an alternative fuel source has been presented to the American public and is becoming a reality as an alternative for gasoline, despite some concern.

Ethanol can be used as fuel either by itself or as a mixture of gasoline and ethanol, according to a Web site for Ace Ethanol, an ethanol plant in Stanley, Wis.

Brad Mogen, a professor in the biology department at UW-River Falls, led a discussion in a full room of students and community members on "The Science, Economics (and Myth?) of Corn Ethanol" Monday as part of the River Falls Public Library community classroom program.

Mogen, who came to River Falls in 1992, received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. He then went on to receive his master's and his doctorate in plant pathology and biochemistry from North Dakota State. At UWRF, Mogen teaches courses in plant pathology and cell biology.

Mogen agreed to discuss the issue of corn ethanol knowing it would be a way for him to learn more about it.

"I'm interested in the actual science of it," he said.

Mogen wanted to be able to share information about corn ethanol with the River Falls community.

"Very few people seem to really be following the whole thing," he said.

It is important to discuss corn ethanol as an alternative, as the oil supply for the United States is at risk because most of the major oil reserves are in countries that do not like the United States, nor do they care to support the United States, Mogen said.

"We are coming to the end of the era of oil," he said.

There are currently 115 ethanol plants in production, 79 more under construction and still more on the drawing table. The majority of these plants are located in the Corn Belt, an area which covers western Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, eastern Nebraska and eastern Kansas, Mogen said.

"Iowa is pretty much the leader on it," he said.

Ace Ethanol began producing ethanol in 2002, Robert Sather, board chairman at Ace Ethanol, said in an e-mail interview.

The motivation for the plant to begin producing ethanol was to help the United States become more energy independent, to have cleaner air and also to be able to give farmers in the area a reasonable price for their corn, he said.

In 2007, 91 million acres of corn were planted by U.S. farmers, an increase of 12 million from last year, Mogen said.

The United States produces 40

See Ethanol page 3



VOICE SHORTS

Commencement deadline approaches

The deadline to apply for Fall Commencement is Sept. 28, 2007. Applications are available in the registrar’s office, 105 North Hall. For more information contact the registrar’s office at 715-425-3342. Information regarding graduation and commencement can be found at <http://www.uwrf.edu/commencement/>.

Undergraduate conference to be held

At 8:30 a.m. Sept. 29 the first-annual UW-River Falls’ all-undergraduate academic conference will be held. The conference provides a presentation for student work related to nature, artifice and the self. The presentations range from sophisticated and entertaining short stories to critical analyses of famous works, in addition to the works of undergraduate students. Award-winning author and journalist Masha Hamilton will be presenting the keynote speech. For more information about the conference and the keynote speech, visit [www.uwrf.edu/lit](http://www.uwrf.edu/lit). The event is free and located in the St. Croix River Room of the University Center.

Masha Hamilton visits UW-River Falls

At 5 p.m. Sept. 29 Masha Hamilton, the author of three award-winning novels, *Staircase of a Thousand Steps*, *The Distance Between Us* and *The Camel Bookmobile*, will be on campus. According to the Public Relations Office, Hamilton worked as a foreign correspondent for The Associated Press for five years in the Middle East. She also spent five years in Moscow, where she was a correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, wrote a newspaper column, "Postcard from Moscow," and reported for NBC/Mutual Radio. She reported from Afghanistan in 2004, and in 2006 she traveled in Kenya to research The Camel Bookmobile. The Brown University graduate has been awarded several fiction fellowships. The event is free and located in the St. Croix River Room of the University Center.

Professor lectures about genocide

On Oct. 2 Dr. Stephen Feinstein will be on campus. The title of his lecture is "When ‘Never Again’ is a Cliché: The Complicated Role of Rescuers in Genocide." Feinstein has directed the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies for the last 10 years. An active scholar of Russian and Soviet history, Professor Feinstein began teaching courses on the Holocaust at UW-River Falls. He continues to teach and lecture on issues related to genocide throughout the world; he has published numerous articles on holocaust and post-holocaust art. The event is co-sponsored by The Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series Endowment and the UWRF History and Philosophy Department. The lecture is at 4:30 p.m. with a reception at 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and is located in Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts.

Interstate 35W bridge bid stirs controversy

State officials said that they would move quickly toward resolving a dispute over the bidding process for the contract to rebuild the collapsed Interstate 35W bridge, according to the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The issue erupted this week when the Minnesota Department of Transportation said it would award the contract to the company that made the highest bid. Two of three unsuccessful bidders immediately filed a formal protest with the state’s Department of Administration, and a spokesman for the agency said investigating the dispute is "the top priority." MnDOT chose the winner, a team led by Colorado-based Flatiron Constructors, based on a formula that factored in the cost, duration of construction and an evaluation of the technical aspects of each proposal. Flatiron’s technical score was 91.47, putting them over the top, despite a bid that was the most expensive, being \$57 million more than the lowest bid. The proposal from Flatiron Constructors’ includes building a concrete bridge. MnDOT will have to pay bills for the I-35W bridge reconstruction as they come in, and then seek federal reimbursement since the bridge reconstruction is the main priority that could affect other projects.

Student seeks cast for short zombie movie

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 29-30 a UW-River Falls student is holding an open-casting session for a short film. Actors, actresses, costumers, makeup and special effects artists are wanted. No experience is needed, but a love for horror movies will help. Casting call will be in Kleinpell Fine Arts room 108, The Black Box Theater.

Minnesota writers to visit River Falls

Minnesota mystery writers, Ellen Hart, Carl Brookins and William Kent Krueger will be at the River Falls Public Library at 7 p.m. Oct. 3, according to the *River Falls Journal*. Their newest work, *Resort to Murder*, will contain 13 mystery stories by Minnesota authors, all set at locations around the state. Ellen Hart is the author of more than 20 novels. Hart was a kitchen manager for a sorority at the University of Minnesota for 12 years. Hart is twice the winner of the Minnesota Book Award for Best Crime and Detective Fiction. Carl Brookins was a freelance photographer and a television program director before becoming a writer full-time. Brookins has written crime fiction reviews for *Mystery Scene Magazine* and for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. William Kent Krueger received the Anthony Award for best first novel. Krueger writes the Cork O’Connor series. The event is free to the public. The authors will have books for sale and signing will be available. For more information call 715-425-0905.

Month of October dedicated to cyber safety

Throughout the month of October, FredNet Services and IT Services will be posting information and hosting events around campus designed to help protect both your computer and yourself online. Each week will be themed and targeted at informing you about a specific danger or challenge we all face in increasingly online-based lives. The theme for the first week in October will be Viruses and Spyware. Information to help you protect yourself against the predations of viruses and spyware will be available in the University Center, on posters around campus and on Channel 24.

Briefs compiled by Marta Olson

SENATE

Senate meeting short but productive

Lee Ann Bjerstedt  
[lee.bjerstedt@uwrf.edu](mailto:lee.bjerstedt@uwrf.edu)

Student Senate discussed several upcoming events, and passed two motions in a short but productive meeting Sept. 25. On Oct. 4 and 5, the UW-Board of Regents will visit campus for the first time in six years. Obviously, Senate members look forward to the visit and were urged by President Derek Brandt and Senate advisor Vicki Hajewski to take advantage of the opportunity to share their input with UW-System officials. “They’re very interested in students and really want to know what your experience is,” Hajewksi said. “I encourage you to take advantage of that.” More information concerning the Regents’ upcoming visit can be found at [www.uwrf.edu/regents](http://www.uwrf.edu/regents). Nikki Shonoiki, co-director of Diversity and Women’s Issues also announced that there will be an “awareness demonstration” Sept. 28 in front of the University Center centering around Hmong genocide currently occurring in Laos. Although it will not be a political rally, the event will be held to raise student awareness, and anyone

is welcome to attend, Shonoiki said. New business opened with a motion concerning campus’ annual Family Day event. In the past, Senate has supplied a decent portion of funding for the activity and hopes to do so again. However, due to the fact that the motion has to do with finances, it will be discussed and voted on next week. During last week’s meeting, a motion was passed to merge the Diversity Issues and Women’s Initiatives committees to create the Diversity and Women’s Initiatives committee. Shonoiki, diversity issues director, became co-director and was joined this week by Amy Bohrer, who was elected co-director by a unanimous voice vote. A second motion was passed to appoint Cindy Bendix to the position of shared governance director. Elections were held Tuesday and Wednesday, and the results are in. College of Business and Economics: Josh Breyer. At-Large: Aaron Taylor and Melody Reimer. First-Year: Matthew Northway, Charles Guerin and Jordan Kocak.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Senate Vice President Sara Deick (left) and President Derek Brandt (right) adjourn a successful meeting Sept. 11.

Brandt, Deick look forward to good year for Senate

Lee Ann Bjerstedt  
[lee.bjerstedt@uwrf.edu](mailto:lee.bjerstedt@uwrf.edu)

Student Senate was formed in order to “provide [students] with a student organization that is truly representative of the whole,” according to its Web site. Newly elected President Derek Brandt and Vice President Sara Deick have high goals this year to help Senate achieve just that through increased cooperation with students. Brandt, now a fifth year student, started at UW-River Falls after learning that his best friend’s father completed his graduate studies at UWRF for history education, Brandt’s original major. Soon, he realized UWRF was where he wanted to stay. “I’ve been at River Falls for all my years, even the summers,” Brandt said. Although he didn’t previously endorse Greek life and was often quoted as saying so, he now “can’t imagine being a college student without it,” Brandt said. As previous recreational director and current treasurer of Theta Chi, the lessons he has learned through his involvement in a fraternity have been some of the most valuable of his college career. In fact, much of his experience with governmental proceedings, such as parliamentary procedure, can even be attributed to work with his fraternity. “It teaches you about leadership and politics...you really have people to look up to,” Brandt said. “When you actually learn about some things you were against, your whole perspective changes.”

After knowing the Senate administration for the past three years as well as having an residence assistant that was vice president for two, he felt the itch to get involved. “It was obvious that whatever they were doing was working,” Brandt said. “There’s really something about [students involved in Senate] that you can really aspire to.” Brandt “jumped right into” Senate, taking up a position as shared governance director during first semester last year and moved to an executive position as vice president for second semester. Now, with a year of Senate experience behind him, he said he looks forward to his term as president. “I think it’ll be a very good year,” Brandt said. Senate advisor Vicki Hajewski said she recently went through training with the Senate officials and is confident that it will be a good year as well. “They’re really committed,” Hajewski said. “They have a good focus as to what the issues are.” Deick transferred to UWRF from Bethel University two years ago and is now in her fourth year of college. After switching her major from music to political science, it was also time to switch universities. “There’s a much better variety of political science programs [at UWRF],” Deick said. After hearing about the opening for Senate vice president through her work with College Democrats, she decided it looked interesting and got involved. Although it’s only her first year in student government, her previous work as vice president of the United Nations Club some-

what prepared her, so it didn’t take long to move beyond initial apprehension. “I’m still figuring out the inner-workings but I’ve really enjoyed it so far,” Deick said. “It’s pretty exciting.” Although it may seem to some that the year has just begun, both Brandt and Deick have lofty goals for what they hope to achieve with Senate. For Deick, it’s important to “get student voices heard,” and even go beyond that, she said. “The goal is trying to get more cooperation between parties in Student Senate and other organizations on campus,” Deick said. For Brandt, there are two main goals: first, to breed leadership for next year; second, to work at “acting proactively toward issues instead of just reactively,” he said. “We may set guidelines, but it’s really up to [students],” Brandt said. “We encourage them to pursue issues they care about.” While she’s a political science major and global mapping minor when she’s in class, activities she enjoys outside of academics span a variety of interests, such as playing piano and violin, going to movies, listening to music, watching Japanese anime and reading mysteries, Deick said. Brandt, who is pursuing a double major in history and political science, said he enjoys playing horseshoes, listening to music, and spending time with his girlfriend of one and a half years. However, like many college students, it can be difficult to find time outside of school. “My life has become sort of enveloped

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Nick Sortedahl  
[nicholas.sortedahl@uwrf.edu](mailto:nicholas.sortedahl@uwrf.edu)

Sept. 18  
- Kathryn C. Polansky, 18, was fined \$172 for shoplifting approximately \$65 worth of merchandise at Shopko, 1777 Paulson Rd.  
  
Sept. 20  
-Matthew S. Bostrom, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.  
  
Sept. 21  
-At approximately 12:15 a.m. River Falls Police broke up a party at 119 Charlotte St. According to the police report, officers seized two glass pipes, one plastic bag containing green leafy material valued at approximately \$5, plus \$267 and one half-full keg. The homeowner, who is not a UW-River Falls student, was arrested for throwing and underage party. There were 21 underage consumption tickets issued by River Falls Police when the party was broken up. Citations given to UWRF students include: Martin O. Patzke, 20, was fined \$235 for resisting or obstructing an officer and \$172 for underage consumption. Breton J. Nysten, 19, was fined \$298 for underage consumption, second offense. Timothy H. Bauman, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Nicholas D. Whalen, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Shelby J. Sand, 20, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Kristopher D. Berklund, 18, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Cole M. Lowell, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Kyle D. Fredrickson, 18, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Ivan M. Bowen IV, 20, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Deborah E. Molstad, 18, was fined \$172 for underage consumption.

tion. Jonathan R. Burns, 19, was fined \$298 for underage consumption, second offense. Ivana Bartulovic, 20, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Crague C. Cook, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. Jesse E. Engen, 18, was fined \$172 for underage consumption. -Kaitlin L. Miesen, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall. Miesen was transported to River Falls Area Hospital.  
  
Sept. 22  
- At 1:35 a.m. on 200 E Cascade Ave. Andrew J. Johnson was pulled over and subsequently arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Johnson’s his blood alcohol content was recorded at .11.  
- Jordan J. B. Schultz was cited for disorderly conduct and fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. According to police reports, Schultz had become intoxicated, gone into someone else’s room, urinated on the floor, then crawled into bed with another individual without being invited. Schultz was also taken into custody for a probation violation. His bail was set at \$150.  
-Michael A. Jarvis, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in the University Center. Jarvis was transported to River Falls Area Hospital for alcohol poisoning and to be treated for possible injuries sustained from falling down.  
-At 5 p.m. Sierra S. Kavina reported that her bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack outside Stratton Hall. The bicycle was described as a girls frame teal and black Magna 21-speed.  
  
Sept. 23  
- Kyle R. Hammers, 21, was fined \$109 for loud and unnecessary noise.



# Main Street bar changes more than just ownership

Nick Carpenter

nicholas.carpenter@uwrf.edu

Students can expect some big changes at the Main Street bar Bo’s ‘N Mine in the near future due to a change in ownership.

Cedric Ellingson and Don Howell purchased the property Sept. 7 from long time owner Howard Squires for an undisclosed amount. The property currently has a taxable market value of \$327,500 and had an estimated fair market value of \$322,200 in 2006, according to a Pierce County Real Estate Tax Summary.

There are plans to make some changes to the bar and restaurant, including adding more food specials and being more aggressive with drink specials to lure more students in, Ellingson said. “They didn’t always use to encourage welcoming college students,” he said. “We’re going to run food specials and drink specials every night.”

Plans for a red-light special every night at 10:15 p.m. are expected to be implemented soon, Ellingson said. The random drink special will be the bartender’s call and could include 50 cent mugs, crown or jag bombs, or whatever people yell out.

Ellingson said he hopes the new special will be a Bo’s trademark.

“If students are walking by they can pop in at 10:15 for red-light and stay for a while, or be on their way to the next bar,” he said.

Along with more drink specials, Bo’s will also offer an expanded menu and more food specials.

Ellingson also recently added a new stove and oven to the kitchen at Bo’s, and plans to run a buffet in the near future.

Andy Sevcik, a 22-year-old senior at UW-River Falls and a frequent Monday night customer at Bo’s, said he welcomes the idea of expanded deals.

“I wasn’t a big fan of the drink specials at Bo’s, but I liked the burger special they ran on Mondays,” he said. “Cheap booze and cheap food is always a good combo.”

Students will also have more dining choices to choose from starting Oct. 1, when Bo’s will start expanding its food genre. Customers can expect a greater selection of reasonably priced food and more options in the \$8 range, Ellingson said.

Running a bar and restaurant is nothing new for Ellingson who has managed a few different restaurants including an Applebee’s during his 11-year career in the business.

His first business venture occurred in 1996 when he decided that the town where he lived, Harmony, Minn., needed a pizza place. The idea for Little Cedric’s Pizzeria came to him one day while he was working selling motorcycles.

He ran Little Cedric’s for about five years and followed that with a brief stint as the manager of a Country Kitchen before heading over to Applebee’s in Hudson, Wis.

Some students welcome the change but also hope the new ownership doesn’t lead to a change in the ambiance that Bo’s offers.

UWRF senior Eric Bloms said he enjoys all types of bars, but especially likes the atmosphere he experiences at Bo’s when he just wants to go out, relax and grab a drink.



Abby Piette/Student Voice

**Students and former students, clockwise, Scott Balzer, Jenny Brixen, Tasha Clayton and Pete Hanslin enjoy a drink at Bo’s ‘N Mine. The bar is under new ownership since Cedric Ellingson and Don Howell bought the bar Sept. 7 from previous owner, Howard Squires. Bo’s ‘N Mine will be making a few changes including the addition of new food and drink specials.**

“It’s a place where you can have a conversation and feel comfortable,” he said. “It’s not oversaturated with college drinking.”

Despite the new changes Ellingson does not plan to transform Bo’s into something it’s not and instead hopes it will offer an alternative to some of the other places in town.

“Everybody has their niche,” he said. “We’re the alternative to the packed-in, dance on the bar type.”

## Freethought: “Pirate thing” is explained

from page 1

ence as being incompatible with religion.”

People should use logic and science to think about their religions rather than blindly following them, Rust said.

Despite its emphasis on logic and science over religion, the group isn’t really anti-religion, Rellen Hardtke, the advisor of the Freethought Society, said. Atheists, agnostics, Christians, polytheists and students questioning the faith they were brought up with all attend Freethought Society meetings, Hardtke said.

“If you’re interested in free thought, humanism or alternatives to an overtly Christian culture, it’s a great place to find like-minded individuals,” Hardtke said.

Freethought Society gatherings also offer students a chance to discuss views they may not feel comfortable talking about anywhere else, Hardtke said.

“If you tell a lot of people that you’re agnostic or an atheist, they look at you like you’re a two-headed monster, right?” Hardtke said.

Hardtke attends as many of the group’s meetings and special events as she can and even occasionally uses her expertise as an astrophysicist to lead the group in a discussion. Last year she gave a presentation on the big bang theory, Hardtke said.

The Freethought Society, though, isn’t only about intellectual discussions and making statements. They also put on fun events like movie nights, Tomesh said.

Additionally, some of the group’s members plan to go to Madison for the Freedom from Religion Foundation’s national conference this October. This major event will feature various speakers and “like-minded people hopefully,” Tomesh said.

The Freethought Society meets 7 p.m. Mondays in room 232 of the University Center.

## Ethanol: Despite concern, alternative fuel source is becoming a very real possibility

from page 1

percent of the world’s corn. Of the corn production in the United States, ethanol production consumes 15-20 percent, and that number is expected to rise each year, he said.

The future of corn ethanol is looking at industry consolidation and having double the amount of production by the end of 2008. This means about 10 billion gallons of ethanol will be produced nationally, Sather said.

The production of corn ethanol has been a controversial issue among people.

Ben Augustine, a senior at UWRF majoring in crop and soil science, attended Mogen’s discussion.

He was interested in hearing another view on the corn ethanol issue.

“I know it’s a big thing in the news right now,” he said.

The discussion had a lot of good information put together in a nice, clean presentation, he said.

Mogen devoted a section of the discussion to the good, bad and ugly of corn ethanol production.

The benefits Mogen discussed focused on farmers being able to make money, equipment and seed corn dealers being able to make money and the additional dollars that will be available to fuel the rural economy. Ethanol plants also increase the number of jobs available, he said.

Sather believes consumers should know about the benefits of using ethanol.

Using ethanol means cleaner engine combustion and less auto exhaust particular matter, which means cleaner air, he said.

Using ethanol will also

decrease the dependency on imported oil and will expand economic development, Sather said.

Increased feed and fuel costs for livestock producers and increased fertilizer prices are some negative aspects of ethanol production, Mogen said.

These costs eventually are passed on to consumers, he said.

The ugly in corn ethanol production lies in the food versus fuel debate, Mogen said.

By producing ethanol from corn, the amount of corn exported from the United States to third world countries will dramatically decrease. A major food supply will be diminished, he said.

“The risks [in using corn ethanol] are dependent primarily upon the commodities we buy and sell which vary in price and must be well managed,” Sather said.

The commodities include corn, distiller’s grains, carbon dioxide, natural gas and ethanol.

Mogen wanted people to be aware of the potential outcomes that may come from producing ethanol from corn.

“It will have significant ramifications,” he said.

Before researching the issue, Mogen was “adamantly opposed” to producing ethanol from corn.

“I don’t think there is a right and wrong answer,” he said, still opposed (though not “adamantly opposed,” he said).

Though he does not teach any classes specifically about corn ethanol production or using corn ethanol, the topic is discussed indirectly when teaching about fermentation or respiration, he said.

Though he admits sometime in the future, “we’ll have to.”

## Cascade: Plans for avenue will bring big changes

from page 1

is that traffic on other streets would increase significantly, the time it takes to travel in River Falls would increase, and finding a parking space would be even more difficult. The committee has also considered closing down Cascade Avenue at several different locations besides the block near North Hall.

Another approach that was sought was to close certain north and south streets. This could decrease traffic flow on bordering streets and lessen the number of cars driving searching for parking. The street that would work best for this approach is Third Street. However, it is doubtful that Third Street would be used often since Second Street serves as a connector between Division Street and Cascade Avenue.

A fourth proposal is to turn Cascade into a four lane street, create a raised median, use left turn lanes, but eliminate parking on both sides of the street. Any traffic delays that occur because of motorists making left turns will decrease since traffic will continue to flow in the additional lane. Complications with pedestrians crossing four lanes of traffic are the concerns with this certain plan. An estimated 93 parking spots are used between 6th Street and Spruce Street. These parking spots would not be available if this plan was implemented. However, variations of this plan utilize two lanes, medians, left turn lanes, pedestrian barriers, and to keep parking on one or both sides of Cascade.

Another idea that the committee is working on is lower the grade on Cascade. This plan could be done several different ways and in different places. If the avenue’s grade was lowered for even one block, it would let pedestrians cross on bridges over the lowered street. This lessens pedestrian/motorist conflicts and could beautify the campus by lessening parked cars or traffic. This runs into complications with sanitation systems and snow removal. Parking would also be eliminated on Cascade Avenue unless the road was widened, which would result in a cost increase. The elimination of parking would take away 94 parking spaces. There is the possibility 35 additional spaces could be made available.

Other solutions such as pedestrian bridges or tunnels would provide a positive resolution by giving pedestrians a safe place to walk without interfering with traffic. It has been observed that many pedestrians tend to neglect utilizing bridges and tunnels and instead cross the actual road instead. The people who cross the road instead of using the alternatives are at a greater risk of danger because motorists are less likely to expect them. With both of these options, traffic flow would move at a significantly steadier pace. The committee also discussed possible problems that may arise with storm water management, snow, littering, graffiti, lighting, and ventilation.

Roundabouts have also been considered and have proven to be beneficial in the past. They will lessen the delays at intersections and studies have shown that roundabouts have been the cause for 40 percent less crashes, according to information on the City of River Falls Web site. This alternative forces cars to slow down as they drive through the roundabout and thus, allows them to be more conscientious of pedestrians. This will not work at all intersections and again, would reduce parking spaces. Also, any driveways near the roundabouts would be removed.

If traffic signals were implemented, this has benefits and drawbacks. If it works, traffic flow will remain steady. However, many cars focus on the color of the light instead of people walking. Also, many pedestrians neglect to wait for the “Walk” light to appear and instead cross the street whenever they want.

### Panel disappointed with lack of student response to project

With these conceptual ideas in debate, the committee has called for two public meetings to discuss potential plans of action. They purposely held the meeting in the University Center to make it convenient for students to attend. Two students in attended the meeting on Monday and they were required to do so because of a class. The committee expressed disappointment in the student attendance since Cascade Avenue

affects all students at UWRF, whether it concerns pedestrian safety, driving, or parking

### “I’ve heard from the community. Now I need to hear from students.”

Dale Braun,  
Campus Planner

Braun was especially disappointed. He stressed the importance of student feedback and says to plan for at least a year’s construction period. During the time of construction, detours will be utilized, parking will not be available, and overall, it will be an inconvenience. This should be especially important to students, Braun said. He encourages more student involvement in the planning process and hopes to hear of their experiences on Cascade.

“I’ve heard from the community,” Braun said. “Now I need to hear from the students.”

The initial cost of the project was estimated at \$1-2 million in maintenance alone, Braun said.

Depending on the plan chosen, there could be additional costs for students. Braun encouraged students to step forward and express their concerns for the campus road. “Hearing from students provides a good background as we search for a solution,” he said.

The next meeting is Nov. 26 and the committee hopes to have a more refined, conceptual plan. They also hope to have the plan in effect in the next five years.

“What we need to hear is the students’ experiences on Cascade Avenue,” Braun said. “If they’re frustrated, if they’ve almost hit a pedestrian, if they’ve almost been hit by a car.”

Additional information, can be found on the River Falls City website at <http://www.rfcity.org>. Also, Braun encourages students to stop by his office at 102 North Hall with questions and concerns.

AMERICA'S

#1

SANDWICH

DELIVERY

FREAKY FAST!

JIMMY JOHN'S  
Since 1983  
COURMET SANDWICHES

FREAKY GOOD!

TO FIND THE LOCATION NEAREST YOU  
VISIT JIMMYJOHNS.COM

JIMMYJOHNS.COM



EDITORIAL

# Dorm crowding needs a solution

Growth of the UW-River Falls student body has been exceptional in recent years. Every year it seems the University sets a new record for its largest student body ever. While it is logical that UWRF should grow along with western Wisconsin (according to the U.S. Census Bureau St. Croix County is the fastest growing in the state), changes should be made in some of the residence life housing policies to better serve students who live on campus.

UWRF’s ten residence halls house approximately 40 percent of the student body, or 2,400 students, according to UWRF’s residence life Web page.

According to the UWRF extended housing Web page, students living in extended housing are put into one of three living situations: bunking with a residence assistant, living in a repurposed double room or living in a study lounge. According to Amy Johnson, residence life office manager, only the revamped study lounges and residence assistants’ rooms are currently being used. There are currently 111 students living in extended housing, 90 of which are living in study lounges in seven of the residence halls, Johnson said.

These options have their disadvantages, both for those in extended housing, and for the other students living in the residence halls.

Take, for example, the students living in study lounges. Everyone on that floor has to live with the crowding. Students who want a quiet place in their residence hall don’t have a place to go when their roommate is being too loud or they just want to be alone.

The extended housing problem is compounded by the fact that there are currently ten open spots in the South Fork Suites.

Students who live in the Suites have strict criteria they have to meet: students must either be 21 or older, have completed two years of college or completed more than 60 credits. While most sophomores have not met any of those stipulations, why must we penalize them by putting them in a room with five other people?

Sophomores who demonstrate some level of maturity in their freshman year should be allowed to live in the Suites if there is space available. Maybe we can consider sophomores’ cumulative GPA in lieu of the original requirements.

While there are only ten open spots, allowing sophomores into those spots would represent a 10 percent decrease in the number of students in extended housing.

Regardless of which course of action we take, we need to be sure that something is done to make better use of the available space, so students can have an improved living and learning experience at UWRF.

Editorials represent the opinion of the Student Voice Editorial Board and are prepared by the editorial staff.

<div>UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN RIVER FALLS</div> <div>STUDENT VOICE</div>	
Editor	Nick Sortedahl
Assistant Editor	Sarah Packingham
Front Page Editor	Jenna Nelson
News Editor	Josh Dahlke
Sports Editor	Lauren Bennett
Etcetera Editor	Eric Pringle
Viewpoints Editor	Katrina Styx
Photo Editor	Kenny Yoo
Assistant News Editor	Marta Olson
Assistant Photo Editor	Abby Piette
Assistant Sports Editor	Jim Jensen
Cartoonist	Stephanie Daniels
Chief Copy Editor	Addie Carlson
Proofreader	Andrew Phelps
General Manager	Kirsten Blake
Ad Manager	Megan Leoni
Circulation Manager	Charlene Simpson
Online Manager	Phil Bock
Faculty Advisor	Andris Straumanis

Read the *Student Voice* online at [www.uwrfvoice.com](http://www.uwrfvoice.com)



ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS



WISCONSIN NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

The *Student Voice* is a student-written and managed newspaper for UW-River Falls, and is published Thursdays during the regular school year.

All editorial content in the *Student Voice* is determined by the newspaper’s Editorial Board. The opinions expressed in editorials and columns do not represent those of the newspaper’s advisor, student population, administration, faculty or staff.

Letters to the editor must be 300 words or less, and include a first and last name and phone number. They can be submitted at 304 North Hall or to [student.voice@uwrf.edu](mailto:student.voice@uwrf.edu).

The *Student Voice* reserves the right to edit any material for content, libel or space. It also reserves the right to withhold letters.

All letters, news releases, briefs, display ads and classified ads must also be submitted no later than Wednesday at noon.

Single copies of the *Student Voice* are free. Printing is paid for through student fees.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Turnitin encourages legitimate writers

In response to last week’s editorial, I disagree with your portrayal of Turnitin.com. In short, Turnitin is a Web site professors use to grade papers and check them for plagiarism. Students upload papers, which the Web site cross-checks against billions of other student submitted papers, Web sites, journals and other periodicals. Turnitin then gives back an “originality report” which highlights parts of the paper that match the content from their database. Professors can also digitally grade papers using a standardized grading system and store those papers in

an online grade book similar to D2L. You claim that Turnitin makes students worry about being caught for similar work they didn’t know existed. After using Turnitin for three classes I can say this is an irrational belief. As students who are required to use this Web site, we should familiarize ourselves with it and use it to our advantage. The “originality report” feature allows a student to submit their paper before it’s due and see if any content matches that in Turnitin’s database. This can help students catch any work that wasn’t properly cited. If there is duplicate content, the student becomes aware of it and can edit the paper or talk to the

professor. Furthermore, this site checks for plagiarism more thoroughly and efficiently than a professor could, giving them time for more productive pursuits. The only people that don’t benefit from using Turnitin are those who rely on plagiarism, and those people deserve to be stopped. Students on this campus are working hard to graduate and move on to bigger and better things. Being held accountable for our written work is one way to achieve that goal. It shows professionalism and integrity in not only ourselves, but also the institution that we represent.

John Strharsky  
Student

Want your voice to be heard? Drop off a letter to the editor at 304 North Hall!

# UWRF success depends on students

Every 10 years, UW-River Falls hosts a team from the Higher Learning Commission. Their goal is to check us out and make sure that we are doing everything we’re supposed to do. You can play a part in helping us succeed when the team visits campus next spring.

Here are some specifics of what you can do to help:

The team members love to walk around campus asking students what they know about UWRF. Can you answer these questions?

What’s our mission? Our mission is to help students learn so that they are successful as productive, creative, ethical, engaged citizens and leaders with an informed global perspective. This means UWRF is a student-centered institution. Our mission is you.

What are the core values we hold as an institution? Our core values are integrity, academic excellence, inclusiveness, community and continuous improvement. These core values mean that we are honest and ethical as an institution, that our goal is

to help students reach their full potential, that we respect everyone, provide academic freedom, and appreciate individual differences and rich cultural diversity, that we reach outside the University to connect with and serve the larger community, and that we make decisions based on our intention to be better and better.

It’s great for you to be able to tell a team member about our mission and core values. Wallet cards available around campus give you a handy reference to these important ideas. You can adopt these goals as your own - honesty, academic excellence, respect, community service and personal improvement are great goals for students, too.

But there’s something even more important you can do to help UWRF reach these goals. If you think we’re not living up to one or more of these core values, or to our mission, tell someone about it. Student input is essential to our improvement, and faculty, staff, administrators and student leaders want to know how they’re doing.



Mary Manke

Or you could write a letter to the Student Voice. Your input is even more valuable if you have an idea about how we can fix the problem, do it better, or change our approach.

Something else you can do has to do with the look of our campus. Returning students are probably noticing some of the improvements around campus since last year. Personally, I really appreciate the new sidewalk that goes from the Wyman building to G lot - no more mud on my shoes. A good-looking campus makes a good impression on the team. It shows that we care about the place we live and work. There are lots of ways you can help, from being careful with grass and plantings to avoiding littering. Just keep in mind that how we look actually matters.

Each of these ideas for helping out with our upcoming accreditation team visit is actually an idea for making your university better. So join in UWRF’s effort to be the best we can be.

Mary Manke is Associate Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies and is in her ninth year in that position. She coordinated accreditation for Educator Preparation in 2003 and is now beginning to prepare for the 2010 visit. She teaches in the Shared Inquiry Master’s Program.

# Dorm life poses distinct challenge for only child

Here I am, finally in college. I am a freshman this year and as an only child I am learning rather quickly how different life can be when you have people around you 24-7.

I can imagine we all, for the most part, had the same idea of what life would be like here. The homework load would definitely increase, we would probably do much more walking than we’re used to and eating Ramen noodles every other day would become a force of habit.

On the other hand, each and every one of us had our own personal thoughts on what living with another person everyday for the next nine months would be like.

I, for one, was very excited. I had met my roommate on Facebook; she seemed really

nice and we got along well.

Within a couple of weeks we had requested each other as roommates and started making plans for our room. This really put a qualitative reality on my idea of dorm life. Now I actually knew the person I would be with and the “what’s mine is yours” thing started to kick in.

Move-in day came and went in a flash. I was finally on my own. The first week went by and like my roommate and I had planned, every second was spent together. It was awesome; she was like the sister I never had and this whole thing was a sleepover that never ends. Being in the same Weeks Of

Welcome group, our schedules were the same for the first few days. We got up together, ate together, spent our day together,

and to end it, showered at the same time (but in separate stalls). This was all fine until about day 10, when reality set in.

If you ask any only child what they love best about being an only child, they will probably tell you, the alone time. However, in all those flyers the school sent out, they failed to mention that the alone time would be deleted from our lives.

By day 11, I was starting to lose it. I really was not used to this community goods idea. To put it figuratively, I went from a strong capitalist society where I didn’t have to share a thing to a heavy socialist community where it’s all for one and one for all. I was finding myself muttering little messages like, “Hey that’s my Easy Mac,” and “Gosh, I’m dying of sweat over here, why can’t we just have

the window open.”

Little by little I could tell this was going to drive me nuts; the lights were on when I wanted it dark and the T.V. was on when I wanted quiet. Now we’re on week four and I really consider myself very lucky

### They failed to mention that the alone time would be deleted from our lives.

to have a roommate that I can talk out my problems with. We have definitely had our “sharing of words,” but we found a way to get through it.

To all the only children here at UWRF, I feel your pain, and all I can tell you is that it’s okay. And if your roommate turns out to be as great as mine, he or she will cut you a little slack and make life a whole lot easier.

Linda Abel is double-majoring in marketing communications and business communications with an emphasis in professional organization. In her free time she likes to dance, watch movies, hang out with friends and spend time with family.



Linda Abel



# Summer jobs stifle sensitivities

Summer sucks. It's taken me a long time to admit it, but summer can bite me. Besides inducing chronic swamp-ass and terminal laziness, the college summer is only good for one thing: cold, hard cash. For most of us, money is a fleeting and scarce resource that must be hoarded and earned in short bursts of labor-intensive suffering. These three or four months are usually spent working long, tedious hours in conditions that are not much better than those in your local labor, refugee, or prison camp. Attempting this can stunt or even reverse physical, emotional and intellectual growth. I should know, because I am far weaker, more immature and stupider (I can't even spell properly anymore) than I was before summer began. I can't believe it; I spent more than three months of my life toiling away in the dank, blood-



Joe Hager

stained dungeons of St. Paul's Department of Public Safety. The gleaming skyscraper that houses this agency looks modern and inviting from the outside, but I quickly discovered its hidden Cubicletopia: a sprawling, subterranean labyrinth crawling with memo-shooting middle management types bent on political-correctness. My daily routine was boring and endless; I was nothing more than a keyboard-pounding rhesus monkey, given simple tasks in overwhelming quantities. My primary job was to take a stack of MSO forms (I still don't know what "MSO" stands for) and enter them into an ancient computer. I conducted a quick carbon-dating study to see how old this computer actually was, but quickly discovered that it predated carbon-dating. Hours, days and weeks zipped by. Then I realized I had become

something worse than a rhesus monkey: a rhesus monkey working for The Man. At first I couldn't sleep; I would wake up drenched in cold sweat as the guilt from suspending someone's license infected me. But a frightening and ominous change took place: this rhesus monkey started liking suspending licenses. Sometimes I would even get cocky, saying things like "Oh, I'm sorry Mr. Wilforth G. Hufflefrump, it looks like you didn't pay your registration fee on time! BLAM, your license is TOAST buddy!" Looking back on it, I feel terrible. But working for the government does something evil to you. I wasn't the only one experiencing moral disintegration. About a month after I started, the office was rocked with scandal when one woman's salad completely disappeared from the communal

I am far weaker, more immature and stupider (...) than I was before summer began.

refrigerator. Accusations flew as paranoia took over. There were no longer Snickers bars or cans of Diet Pepsi left in the fridge; these valuable commodities were stowed inside locked cabinets and thankfully, the thief never struck again. The summer finally ended one pristine August day. My ascent to the surface world was a glorious one. I was able to leave the demons that had haunted me in that soul-sucking abyss. Next year, I'll do it better. I'll take a trip to Europe, go scene-surfing in Minneapolis and meet someone famous. Then again, I need money for all that stuff. Maybe I'll just go back to the Department of Public Safety and start killing licenses again. Yeah, I guess I kinda like that idea!

Joe is a Marketing Communications major with a Creative Writing minor. This is his first semester writing for the Student Voice. He is interested in movies, religion, politics, culture and people.

# Myspace merely adolescent angst

"Whatchu gonna do with all them friends, all them friends that's on your page," the song begins. "I'm m-m-m-m-make them comment, make them comment on MySpace, MySpace ... OMG (Oh My God) it's MySpace, MySpace." These lyrics, sung to the beat of "My Humps" by the Black Eyed Peas and written by two Myspace enthusiasts, tickle me. My mother questioned me on this topic. "What is Myspace?" she asked after she read about the site in a magazine. Looking beyond the absurdity of provocative self-taken photos, miserably used HTML, and meaningless comments, I would have responded: Well Mom, Myspace is a resourceful tool for a number of things. It's a relatively simple way to keep in contact with those you don't often see, and a community itself where you can find individuals who share similar interests. It's an exceptional source for finding new film and music of practically any genre. There is even a classifieds section. But I didn't say that. When she asked, I

was slightly ashamed to admit that I have a page. Aside from the tools I mentioned above, Myspace is juvenile. "Teens are narcissistic and exhibitionist. For teens, especially, who are going through this stage where they're constantly looking for that affirmation and validation and response for everything they are, it's just addictive," says Anastasia Goodstein, who publishes online news and commentary about Generation Y. So instead I told her: Myspace is online community people use to make themselves look more profound and talented than they actually are. They title their blogs things like "A welcomed arrow through the heart." They submit impeccably angled headshots of themselves though seldom do they look so exquisite in person. They spend hours filling out "surveys," which investigate useless subjects such as

if the individual can write with both hands, blow a bubble or impersonate someone. They comment insignificant babble on their supposed friends pages and end it with a heart icon. I even know a guy who has a gizmo that displays how many people are or have been romantically interested in him. It's called a "Crush Count," and yes, I added my name because I dated him for roughly four years. Perhaps I was so mortified to explain Myspace because I am a former addict. I know this sort of addiction, if spread too widely, will ultimately be the doom of our nation. It is, however, still amusing and if you add me I'll comment something brilliant on your page so everyone thinks you're popular.



Annee Mayer-Chapleau

Annee is a Junior studying Creative Writing. She loves astronomy and her main goal in life is to dance like David Byrne from the Talking Heads.

# University departments need to incorporate career planning into curriculum

This is my fourth and final year as an undergraduate English major. Every time I introduce myself to someone and tell them my field of study, I am always faced with the same question: "so are you going to be a teacher?" I can't tell you how sick I am of hearing those words, and how much I dread having to reveal to anyone what my major is. But the question is one that many English majors themselves face. What sort of work can be done with this degree? Everyone assumes the only respectable career is teaching. Going into my program I had no idea what else I could do, and unfortunately, the curriculum offers no course to help students find a place in working society once we walk off campus with out



Katrina Styx

diplomas. I was lucky enough to get the information I needed from my advisors. The English department is not the only one on campus with this problem. Art majors, music majors, and even math majors get a wealth of information about how to perform in their fields, but they don't get any practical information regarding what their options are beyond teaching the next generation. Knowing how to play a piano or solving differential equations are wonderful skills that will apply to those career fields, but you don't exactly see a classified ad that reads "full-time pianist wanted; competitive salary," or "wanted: someone to solve equations—40 hours per week with bene-

fits." What is the point of getting a four-year degree if you don't know what to do with it? I chose my major because I wanted to spend the rest of my life doing something I love. That means that I should be able to learn not only the nuts and bolts of my field, but also how those apply to the real, working world. Universities offer programs because they have potential for a lifetime of work. Students need to know exactly what it is that they can accomplish with their education. Some departments do offer a careers class, but they are not always required. While it is great that the option is there, too many students might not be aware that it's available. Even those students who feel they know where they are going after grad-

uation would benefit from having this sort of course on their transcript. College is supposed to prepare students for their permanent careers, and the more options graduates are made aware of, the better their chances of getting a fulfilling job. The education department here has established a national reputation for preparing its students for their careers, but not everyone in a non-specialized or philosophical field wants to be a teacher—nor can they. The journalism department has the right idea. Majors and minors both are required to take at least one practicum course in whichever subcategory they are specializing. But beyond giving journalism students the practical experience in the most likely field they will be entering, professors

Students need to know exactly what it is that they can accomplish with their education.

frequently expose the multiple and varied careers that apply to the field. As a journalism minor, I was initially upset by the fact that I would be forced to take a practicum that trained me for a job I felt I wouldn't be interested in as a career. I initially thought that it would simply be a waste of my time, and time is something that is precious to a graduating senior. But even if I don't do that exact work after graduation, I have come to realize that it at least exposes me the experience, and any experience and exposure in your field is appealing to employers. No one will get the ideal job right out of school, but we all should be prepared for whatever job we get. And that, I believe, is the entire purpose of the University.

Katrina is a senior majoring in English with a literature emphasis and a minor in print journalism. Her passion is working with words—either writing or reading them. She hopes to someday make a career of editing.

# Beatles' memory feels like home

The only time I recall being star-struck was when I was 14 years old. I was at my first concert: Green Day. Crowd surfing, being held up above the heads of dancing strangers, Billie Joe's illuminating body became only eight feet away from me. My eyes lit up and, like the pretty adolescent I was, I screamed so loud he heard me. After a period of time and an improvement in musical taste, the idea of celebrities escaped me. Most famous people are simply regular assholes like you and me. The fact that they have earned loads of bucks for blockbuster hits or topped the Billboard charts is nothing compared to the millions of people in the world that make the same impact as them without the star-struck fans. Thursday was an exception. A visit to Abbey Road did it for me. None of the Beatles, living or dead, were even present but the feeling came on as soon as I saw the zebra crossing (that's a crosswalk for you Americans).

The world slowed down, and my internal organs nearly melted into a puddle of Beatlejuice. It could have flowed all over the road and up to the Abbey Road Recording Studio, which has an entrance graffitied in fanatic exclamations for Paul, John, George and Ringo. After listening to a nearby tour guide spill silly "Paul is dead" facts, I sat on a fence to finish two Babybel cheese wheels. My fingers became sticky from the red wax as an Australian approached me with his camera. I didn't mention the sticky fingers when I tried



Teresa Aviles

to take his picture walking across the famous crosswalk. The street was mad. Fans flocked the residential neighborhood and laughed at how silly all of us looked walking slow with outstretched arms and dodging the traffic that honked and flipped us off. My new Beatles friend and I then met his friend ("my ol' mate!") at the nearest pub, where they poked jokes at my cider as they drank "real beer." As expected, we had an immense conversation. Their stories had a Kerouac vibe and their lives intrigued me tremendously. How great it is to finally meet the right kind of people in a world so big. Before we parted ways for the remainder of the afternoon, we agreed to meet at a pub in Soho that evening. Without a cellular, nor any idea where in Soho this pub was located, I soon found myself in a dark corner seat sipping on a cocktail with a couple of Australians. Round after round after round we wandered the streets of Soho and successfully made the last train home. The tube station, filled with quiet people and loud trains, was then interrupted by a beautiful rendition of "Why Don't We Do It In The Road?" I felt home again. I thank The Beatles for their magical presence which I had mistaken for that star-struck feeling. No, the star-struck tourist was not in me. It was only the comfort of familiarity presented in a new form.

Teresa is a journalism major and a geography minor. She is enrolled in the Semester Abroad: Europe program and is currently doing research on the River Thames in London. Later in the semester she will be independently backpacking across Europe.

# STUDENT VOICES

## Do you think Cascade Avenue needs to be redone? Why or Why not?



April Pastorius, senior

"Yes. There should be another lane so cars can turn, because it gets backed up because of all the students."



Joe O'Brien, freshman

"I believe so. There's a bunch of cracks in it. It's definitely going downhill."



Jayme Argall, senior

"I guess I nevvver really even noticed any problems on Cascade. One of the crosswalks could use repainting, that's all."



Luther Miller, freshman

"I don't think it needs to be redone. It's still smooth to drive on."



Ryan Olsen, senior

"I don't know. I don't drive on it that much. I'm a walker."



Amanda Krier, Junior

"They need to redo the parking situation. For sure."



# Early to rise helps rugby players shine

Sarah Packingham  
sarah.packingham@uwrf.edu

It's 6 a.m. and it's barely light out. The cool morning air is enough to take your breath away and the grass is still wet from the night before. While a majority of UW-River Falls students are still asleep, the women's rugby team is starting their day at that early hour.

On Tuesday's and Thursday's the women's team practices from 6 a.m. along with a third practice Thursday's at 5 p.m. They also run at various times throughout the week, in between classes and homework.

"It's amazing how even though it is still dark out when we start to have practice we have more girls now then at the end of last season," senior Katie Nelson said. "There is nothing better than starting your day with a little bit of rugby and watching the sun come up. It is by far the best part of my day."

The men's rugby team has weekly meetings Monday's at 5 p.m. and practice from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday's thru Thursday's.

Both the men's and women's teams usually play games on Saturday's.

This season there are a lot of new faces on both teams, but they have adjusted well to the grueling schedule that follows being a member of college rugby.

"We have a lot of new rookies this year on the team and they have shown great commitment," senior Tyler Stevens said. "Now we just have to work on working together as a team and improving our cohesiveness so we can stop making mistakes."

The men's team is improving and looking stronger every week.

"So far we have played very close games, but we haven't pulled off a win yet because of combined mistakes, but our teamwork is getting better every game and once we bring it all together we will have a solid team," Stevens said.

Stevens noted there were some key differences between last season and this season.

"The biggest difference between last year and this year is that we lost some of the key figures on the team," Stevens said. "We have a lot of rookies who are for the most part learning the game."

The women's team has grown up a lot since their first game.

"As of right now we have played in four games," Nelson said. "From game to game I can definitely see an improvement in each of our player's skill. Once the girls become more comfortable with the sport and the rules you can tell they really love the game."

But to some members of the team, rugby is more than just a game.

"Rugby has been the best experience in my college life," Nelson said. "The girls have been there for me through thick and thin. Sure there are disagreements, but we get over them because we are family. I am scheduled to graduate in May but am seriously considering taking an extra semester so I can play rugby for one more season."

Both teams are always looking for new members and students who are interested can check out any of the practices to see what rugby's all about.

While many people may think rugby is a rough game where people get hurt all the time, there is more to it than that.

"One thing people may not realize about women's rugby is that it is a close-knit family of some pretty kick ass girls," Nelson said. "When ever I have a problem I know I could call up anyone of my girls and they would be right there to help me, and I would do the same for them. Another thing people may not know about rugby as it isn't as hard as it looks."

The women's team is at home this weekend against Mankato. The game starts at 12 p.m. Saturday at the Intramural Fields.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

**Kyle Slick stiff-arms a Saint Mary's University opponet. The Fighting Cocks played the Huskies Sept. 22 at the intramural fields. This weekend, the men's team is on the road; while the women's team will play a double-header at the Intramural Fields.**

# Falcon golfers raise the bar to make par

Jim Jensen  
james.jensen@uwrf.edu

When it comes to Falcon athletics there are numerous opportunities for students to take advantage of.

There are a great deal of varsity sports to tryout for as well as a variety of club sports, not to mention an endless list of intramural activities to keep students active. Among all these athletic programs and teams lies one particular athletic program that stands out from the rest. This is because it doesn't stand out at all.

The Falcon women's golf team is the least recognized athletic program on campus, so it comes as a shock to many students when they find out there actually is a team here on campus.

The members of the golf team are extremely dedicated to their sport, and the focus and concen-

tration that goes into their training rivals that of any other sport on campus.

The mere fact that the team consists of only three players and the competitive rounds that these golfers participate in are not exactly at the top of the list of spectator events in River Falls, motivates the players to play for themselves, each other, their families and their coach.

The team is coached by Reid Perry, and the squad he brings to River Falls Golf Club Tuesday thru Friday for practice is made up of Jenna Gutzwiller, a senior from Elk River, Minn.; Katie Kantrud, a junior from Fergus Falls, Minn., and Courtney Swanson, a sophomore from River Falls.

As the season got underway Gutzwiller and Kantrud both participated in the UW-Eau Claire Invitational. Kantrud shot an 89 on Saturday and a

96 on Sunday to finish with a two-day total of 185 and a tie for 61st place.

Gutzwiller shot a 99 on Saturday and a 98 on Sunday for a two-day total of 197 and a tie for 84th place.

Next for the team was the UW-Oshkosh Invitational, an event in which all three golfers participated. Kantrud finished the weekend with rounds of 103 and 89, Gutzwiller finished with rounds of 98 and 104, and Swanson in her first weekend, finished with rounds of 104 and 106.

Following that performance was the most recent event that the squad golfed in which was the Division III Midwest Classic. All three Falcon golfers had good showings, with Kantrud leading

the way tying for 54th place following rounds of 95 and 99, Gutzwiller finishing 58th with rounds of 96 and 102, and Swanson finishing tied for 74th with rounds of 107 and 116.

With most other teams participating arriving with a full roster of five to the events, the three Falcon golfers have learned to help each other raise the bar out on the course.

"We all get along really well," Kantrud said. "We're all in the same boat, and when we feel like getting frustrated after a shot we help each other to try and focus on the next shot."

With the minuscule numbers of female athletes interested in playing golf for the Falcons the players want students to know how fun it is.

"We need more people participating," Kantrud said. "Golf is not a sport to be afraid of. We're out there to have fun. We know we might not win every meet, but were gonna have fun trying."

**"Golf is not a sport to be afraid of. We're out there to have fun."**  
Katie Kantrud  
junior golfer

# Vikings loss leads to one long trip back to River Falls



Chris  
Schad

Hello, football fans. I'm sure most of you watched the wave of football games last Sunday and stumbled upon the Minnesota Vikings choking in Kansas City. Well, because I like to have a little bit of adventure in my life (and have no concept of money at all) I traveled down to Kansas City to watch the art of the two-yard pass. Because the Green Bay Packers visit the great venue known as Arrowhead Stadium later this year, I would like to share my experience with you all to hopefully help someone with their trip and make it memorable. The following took place Sept. 23, 2007.

5:15 am: "Rockstar" by Nickelback blares on my cell phone (kind of ironic seeing as this morning I have no intention of partying like a Rockstar). I

would like to sleep for 10 more hours, but then I would be out \$300.

6:16 am: All four members of our party are thrown into a car where everyone immediately falls asleep. Except for the driver.

9:20 am: We merge onto Interstate 435 in Kansas City and immediately come to a stop.

9:50 am: I optimistically say to everyone else, we should be in the parking lot and tailgating by 10:30.

10:30 am: Still in I-435. I recommend to the driver that he should go Grand Theft Auto and just slam his way into the Arrowhead parking lot.

10:45 am: We finally see some light banks, but are still miles away from the stadium.

11:10 am: We park and tailgate commences with the breakfast of champions, Cheddarwurst and Mich Golden.

11:45 am: First encounter of a Chiefs fan who, like their quarterback, can't throw a football. I go to pick up the football and he says, "Vikings are going down." I smile and joke that I should have thrown the ball 20 yards in the opposite direction to which he promptly threatens to stick his foot in an unpleasant area.

12:00 pm: Kickoff, and we're surrounded by red with splotches of purple.

12:20 pm: Vikings get the ball and Adrian Peterson rams it down their throat. Life is great.

12:21 pm: The second altercation of the day breaks out when the party starts singing Skol Vikings. A beer (the first of the day) is thrown in our direction. I think it was a Coors Light.

1:15 pm: Halftime, Vikings lead 10-3. Meanwhile I'm checking the ticker to follow my fantasy teams.

1:40 pm: The Chiefs pull within 10-6. To make matters worse, I find out that Kevin Curtis is having a field day now that the reins of Crishadinization have been taken off with his release on Wednesday morning. He's responded with 221 yards and 3 touchdowns. The combination of the two events make me want to jump off the upper deck and onto the field so Pat Williams will eat me and put me out of my misery.

1:50 pm: Some drunken Chiefs fan does the honor for me. He runs by Williams who just stares at him, and EJ Henderson nearly tackles him. Finally, two security guys come up from behind and drill his face into the ground. The Chiefs mascot piles on and the crowd roars.

2:15 pm: I'm not laughing anymore. Damon Huard, who in the first half looked like me if I was a NFL Quarterback, just threw a touchdown to

Dwayne Bowe. Chiefs lead 13-10. The second, third and fourth beers of the day are thrown in our direction.

2:37 pm: I want them to rip that ticker down. Anquan Boldin is on my bench and he has 188 yards and 2 touchdowns. I want to ball up in the fetal position and cry.

3:02 pm: The Vikings unleash the fury of the two yard pass when they need to get 80 yards to take the lead with less than two minutes left. An unsuccessful hook-and-ladder play winds up in guard Steve Hutchinson's hands to which he immediately says "MAMA I GOT THE FOOTBALL!!! I GOT THE FOOTBALL!!!" Ball game. Chiefs win, the fifth. Sixth, seventh eighth, ninth and tenth beers of the day thrown in our direction and the Native American/Atlanta Braves like chants start.

3:25 pm: Let the 17-hour journey back to River Falls begin! Overall, Arrowhead is a great experience. If you want some eats there I recommend tailgating and stuffing yourself full of your own BBQ rather than getting it at the stadium. I also recommend getting there at the crack of dawn or else you'll spend way too much time on the highway. Oh, and start Kevin Curtis next week.



SPORTS WRAP

Women’s soccer loses at St. Benedict

St. Benedict scored one goal in each half to get a 2-0 win over the Falcons Sunday afternoon.  
Tina List scored what proved to be the game winner in the 33rd minute on a penalty kick. She added the second half goal in the 56th minute.  
Falcon goalie Emily Stieler made four saves and CSB’s Maija Schmeizer stopped three shots. St. Benedict outshot the Falcons, 5-2, in the first half and 9-4 for the game. Jen Terry, Tracey Boyle and Betsy Straub had shots on goal for the Falcons.  
The Falcons are now 1-6-1 overall and 0-1-1 in the WIAC.

UWRF golf at Division III Midwest Classic

Katie Kantrud was the top Falcon finisher at the Division III Midwest Classic that finished play Sunday.  
Kantrud shot a 99 on Sunday to go along with the 95 she had on Saturday to finish with a 194 total. She placed in a tie for 54th place. Jenna Gutzwiller shot a 102 on Sunday and finished with a 198 and placed 58th. She shot a 96 on Saturday. Courtney Swanson shot a 116 on Sunday to go along with the 107 she shot on Saturday to finish with a 223 total. She finished in a tie for 74th. Par at the Troy Burne course was 71.  
The Falcons will next play at the Stevens Point Invitational next Saturday and Sunday.

Volleyball loses WIAC match to UWSP

The Falcon volleyball team lost a WIAC match to UW-Stevens Point Saturday afternoon at the Karges Center.  
UWSP won the first two games, 30-27 and 30-18. The Falcons won the third game, 30-27, before UWSP won the fourth game, 30-25.  
Kelsey Scheele led the Falcons with 21 kills. Gina DeRosa was the only other Falcon to reach double digits in kills; she finished the match with 11. Becky Ponick led UWRF with 41 assists. Mandy McKenzie led the Falcons with 13 digs, while Scheele and Ponick each had 10. Margret Rubis, who had five kills, had two block assists and DeRosa had one solo and one block assist.  
The team’s best hitting game was the third when they had 18 kills and a .316 hitting percentage. The Falcons had 59 kills (.168) and UWSP had 50 (.167).  
The Falcons are now 5-10 overall and 1-1 in the WIAC.

Men’s cross country at Bugold Open

The men’s cross country team continued their season as they traveled to Eau Claire for the Bugold Open, finishing 19th out of 20 teams with 552 points on Friday afternoon.  
The Falcon top runners were Tim Wurcherer finishing in 164 place in 29:31.69 and Nate Huenke finishing in 180 place in 29:49.21 over the 6,000-meter course.  
Minnesota-Duluth finished first with 65 points.  
The Falcons will run it the Griak Open Sept. 29.

Eight to be named to UWRF Hall of Fame

On Oct. 13 eight new members will be inducted in the the UWRF Athletic Hall of fame. The new members will be recognized during halftime of the Homecoming football game against UW-Eau Claire.  
The members are:

Jennifer (Pontius) Alwin, Ellsworth, WI	1993-1996
Track & Field	
Aaron Arf, Minnetonka, MN	1993-1996
Hockey	
Gary Eloranta, River Falls, WI	Athletic Trainer
Amy Holm	1993-1996
Volleyball	
Korey Knott, River Falls, WI	1989-1991
Tennis	
Adam Knowles, Hudson, WI	1992-1995
Football	
Amy Stenson, Hastings, MN	1993-1996
Softball	
Cara (Gustafson) Rubis, River Falls, WI	1993-1996
Volleyball	

Sports Wrap courtesy of UW-River Falls Sports Information

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Tennis



vs



UWRF

UW-Oshkosh

10 a.m.Sept. 29  
Ramer Tennis Complex

The sixth ranked Falcons go up against the fifth ranked Titans for their fourth conference match. The Falcons play again at 2 p.m. against the Bethel University Royals.

STANDINGS

Football			Tennis		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Whitewater (2-1)	1	0	Eau Claire (4-2)	2	0
UW-Oshkosh (3-0)	0	0	Whitewater (4-2)	2	0
UW-Stevens Point (3-0)	0	0	La Crosse (3-0)	1	0
UW-Lacrosse (2-0)	0	0	Stout (4-1)	1	1
UW-Platteville (1-2)	0	0	Oshkosh (3-1)	0	1
UW-River Falls (1-2)	0	0	River Falls (5-5)	0	2
UW-Stout (1-2)	0	0	Stevens Point (4-3)	0	2
UW-Eau Claire (3-1)	0	1			
Volleyball			Soccer		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Oshkosh (18-1)	4	0	UW-Stevens Point (6-2-1)	2	0
UW-Whitewater (12-2)	2	0	UW-Eau Claire (7-0-1)	1	0
UW-Stevens Point (13-5)	2	0	UW-LaCrosse (4-2-0)	1	1
UW-Eau Claire (9-5)	1	1	UW-Whitewater (6-3-0)	1	1
UW-Superior(10-6)	1	2	UW-Platteville (2-3-3)	1	1
UW-River Falls (5-11)	1	2	UW-Oshkosh (3-6-0)	1	1
UW-La Crosse(12-3)	0	2	UW-Stout (2-7-0)	1	1
UW-Platteville (12-6)	0	2	UW-River Falls (1-7-0)	0	1
UW-Stout (8-6)	0	2	UW-Superior (4-2-1)	0	1

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

UWRF students participate in intramurals



Katie Bollig, left, and Tou Yang, right participate in intramural soccer competitions at UW-River Falls. Intramural sports at UWRF began Sept. 18 and are open to all UWRF students. Other sports include flag football, ultimate frisbee and dodgeball.

Women’s soccer aims for future wins

Ben Brewster  
[benjamin.brewster@uwrf.edu](mailto:benjamin.brewster@uwrf.edu)

After going 10-7-2 overall last season while advancing to the WIAC semifinals, the Falcon women’s soccer team has gotten off to a rough start in the first month.  
As of Sept. 24, they are 1-6-1.  
“We’re in a rut right now,” junior forward Dianna Hermes said in a telephone interview. “We haven’t yet come together as a team.”  
The Falcons lost their three leading scorers from last year, Ashley Peterson, Kim Saufl and Amy Jensen.  
“I think our record reflects [the loss of Peterson, Saufl and Jensen]. For four years we knew who we wanted to give the ball to,” head coach Sean McKuras said.  
All three of those players graduated.  
“They are huge shoes to fill. I want to be able to step up and be a leader,” Hermes, who is helping to fill the vacancies they left, said.  
The Falcons started the season with a 2-0 victory over Northland College Aug. 31. Senior midfielder Julie Sperstad scored the first goal with an assist to Hermes, and almost exactly six minutes later, Hermes scored with an assist going to freshman midfielder Megan Church.  
That was more than enough for goalies Emily Stieler and Andrea Dudley who shutout the Northland offense.  
“The biggest issue is confidence in themselves,” McKuras said. “This is a special group of young women; I just need them to believe it a little bit more.”  
Since the Falcons strong start, though, they have lost six of seven, including five in a row. They fell 2-1 to St. Scholastica, 3-1 to Macalester College, 1-0 to Carleton College, 3-1 to Loras College and 2-1 to UW-La Crosse.  
“The first couple losses we weren’t playing as a team,” said Hermes. “One breakdown led to another.”  
Stieler said in a telephone interview that the team needs to “work on our passing and getting everyone at the right place at the right time.”  
On Sept. 22 the Falcons broke their losing streak when they

went into overtime vs. UW-Whitewater in a game that ended in a 1-1 tie.  
Whitewater scored first at 22:45 with a goal by Mary Donohoo, her sixth of the season. Freshman Anna Gutknecht scored her first goal of the season for the Falcons at 57:22 to tie it at 1-1.  
The game went into double overtime, but neither team was able to score again.  
The Sept. 23 game vs. the College of St. Benedict brought the Falcons their sixth loss of the season.  
They were held scoreless by the Blazers and the game ended with a final score of 2-0. St. Benedict forward Tina Lisk scored both goals, one in each half.

The team is still optimistic about the future of the season.  
“We definitely haven’t hit our peak yet,” Hermes said. “We’ve been coming together really well. Even with losses, I’ve still been happy with our performances.”  
“We have a new defense system that we’ve been doing really well with.,” Stieler said.  
The team has a “solid attack,” McKuras said. “I expect to get on the road to peaking very soon. Once we pick up a win I think it’ll keep going. [The team] is capable of more than they’ve shown so far.”  
The Falcons play next game is at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, at Augsburg College.



Tracy Olson takes on a UW-Whitewater Warhawk on Sept. 22. Olson is senior, team captain for the Falcons. UWRF played the College of St. Benedict on Sept. 23 at Ramer Field and lost 0-2. The next home game for the Falcons is Oct. 6 against conference foe UW-Oshkosh.

Like what you see? You can also get info online. For sports coverage for all of your favorite teams check out [www.uwrfvoice.com](http://www.uwrfvoice.com).



# UWRF prepares for re-accreditation in April

Amy Bohrer  
amy.bohrer@uwrf.edu

Every 10 years, UW-River Falls gets reviewed for accreditation by the Commission of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools. This April, the commission will review the university and make a campus visit. Accreditation is an important and extensive process.

An accredited university is an institution of higher education that has met all the requirements of the Higher Learning Commission. There are five criterions that UWRF will have to meet: “Mission and Integrity; Preparing for the Future; Student Learning and Effective Teaching; Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge; and Engagement and Service,” states the Higher Learning Commission Web site.

According to Chancellor Betz, the visit from the commission is very structured and “choreographed.” The commission will arrive on April 21 and stay until April 23. Public forums will be held for students, faculty and the community so they can voice their opinions of UWRF to the committee. The commission will tour the campus. After the commission visits, they develop a report to the NCA for review.

Gorden Hedahl, the former Dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, is the accreditation coordinator. He has been organizing the preparations for the visit, and sees it crucial that UWRF is re-accredited.

“It is essential we (UWRF) are re-accredited [in the spring] because we can’t offer federal financial aid to students if not accredited,” said Hedahl.

UWRF has been preparing for the visit since summer of 2005 by conducting a self-study of the University.

“The self-study will require the participation of people from every part of the campus as we look carefully at what we have been doing to maintain quality and as we examine our plans for the future of the university,” according to the UWRF Web site on accreditation.

The members of the study consist of alumni, faculty and students. Student Senate approved the students who participated in the study; most of them have graduated.

The study is on schedule, and the third draft of the study can be critiqued by the campus and community online at University’s Web site.

On Oct. 15, the planning committee will review the input received on the third draft, and the taskforces will prepare the final draft of the self-study report. The final report is due before the NCA visits in the spring.

Chancellor Betz sees the re-accreditation process as a chance for UWRF to have a close inspection of itself and that it's “essential” that the University is re-accredited. After the study, the University will be able to identify its challenges.

“I’m confident that we will be well prepared,” Chancellor Betz said.

UWRF is already an accredited university, but every 10 years UWRF is reviewed by the commission in order to retain accreditation. UWRF was first accredited in 1935; the last time the University was reviewed was in 1997.

# New recycling program provides ease, efficiency

Chris Acker  
christopher.acker@uwrf.edu

Recycling has become a predominant and efficient part of campus care at UW-River Falls. Gone are the days of separating out cans from bottles, papers from plastics. This semester UWRF has adopted a new form of recycling called single stream recycling.

This process involves putting all recyclables into one container, and then they get shipped off and sorted at a later time.

Ground Maintenance Supervisor Manny Kenny was a leader on the waste management board when they made the decision to mend the guidelines for recycling.

“The old way of recycling was not very user friendly,” Kenny said while talking about the tedious methods of sorting through recyclables.

According to Kenny, this new form of recycling will not only be user friendly, it should also increase the amount of recycling done on campus.

The new guidelines are essentially a combination of the old ones, but instead of separating materials, they can be combined in one receptacle. They have also added plastics one through seven as acceptable recyclables instead of just one and two as in previous years.

“Single stream recycling was not avail-

able in the past, but it is the future of recycling,” Kenny said.

The Waste Management board decided to convert to this new method of recycling this year since their five-year contract was up. During the negotiations single stream recycling seemed to be the preference, so that is why the change occurred this year.

“It was the perfect time to take this opportunity for the university,” Kenny said.

Sarah Knorr is currently the co-president of ECO club, which has been a substantial supporter of the recycling project.

“ECO is greatly involved in the campus and community,” Knorr said in an e-mail interview. “One of our main goals is to create awareness of environmental education for campus and all the public.”

The ECO club is involved with bringing awareness to the student community of the new recycling regulations, and it has involved the campus in events that can raise awareness and participation in the recycling effort.

“Something that is going to be very interesting this year is the Recycle Mania Contest that we will be entering into,” Knorr said. “This is a competition between UWRF and colleges across the nation.”

Last year the University placed somewhere in the middle, but according to Knorr, it wasn’t bad for the first year the

university has competed.

According to Kenny, UWRF is at about a 30 percent recycling rate, which is similar to other universities.

“We are hoping to increase that number to 35-40 percent for our goal,” Kenny said.

Director of Campus Facilities Michael Stifter has also been a positive advocate of the University's decision to diversify in its recycling efforts.

“Single stream recycling is a positive step in our overall recycling efforts,” Stifter said.

Stifter has backed this program from the beginning and expressed his interest in its success.

“It allows us to minimize hurdles and to hopefully make recycling easier and easier for individuals,” Stifter said.

This is the first semester that the new system has been in effect, and the real question is how well the students are informed about the new processes of the recycling system.

“I’ve not heard anything about it at all,” junior Danielle Kreye said.

It will take time for the word to get out and for students and faculty to become accustom to the new methods of recycling but Waste Management's goal is to continue to increase the amount of recycling on campus.

“We want to take it to the next level,” Kenny said.

# St. Croix River access furthered by grant

Derrick Knutson  
derrick.knutson@uwrf.edu

The resources of the St. Croix River are now at the fingertips of UW-River Falls students and staff as a result of a \$50,000 grant by the McKnight Foundation.

The product of this \$50,000 grant is the inception of the St. Croix River Institute. The institute was established in 2006 and it is a collaborate effort between UWRF and the National Park Service's St. Croix National Scenic River way, according to a press release by the UWRF public affairs office. The purpose of the institute is to increase understanding and to promote stewardship of the river and its watershed.

“We came into this because we’re interested in what the St. Croix has to offer,” Bill Campbell, the director of grants and research at UWRF said.

This new partnership between UWRF and the St. Croix Park Service will benefit students

and staff involved in numerous fields of study at the university.

“Internships could be open to everybody,” Campbell said. “History majors interested in studying the history of the St. Croix, biology students studying bugs, mussels and fish, and Health and Human Performance majors interested in recreation along the St. Croix.”

Along with possible internship programs, UWRF plans to incorporate the St. Croix River into the curriculum of a number of courses.

“We are planning undergraduate credit-bearing courses that might be part of a major or minor,” Kris Allen, an outreach and graduate studies program manager at UWRF said.

The resources of the St. Croix are not limited to undergraduate students alone. Students enrolled in the UWRF masters programs may also be able to use the river in their studies, Allen said. Studying the resources, history, heath, and recreation opportunities along the St. Croix may be the main

focus of the St. Croix River Institute, but it is not limited to those aspects alone. The aesthetic appeal of the St. Croix River is an aspect that will also be utilized.

“It addition to the academic courses we’re also looking at enrichment courses such as art along the river,” Allen said.

The partnership between UWRF and the St. Croix Park Service is still in its infancy, but that doesn’t mean that there hasn’t been any research going on there by UWRF students and staff. Chelsie Harder, a senior biology major from Colfax, Wis. worked all summer on a research project with the aid of UWRF Biology Professor John Wheeler.

“Me and professor John Wheeler did pitfall trapping of ants along a strip of land on the St. Croix,” Harder said. “I took all of the ants out of the traps and did a thing called morphotyping.”

The process of morphotyping involves categorizing the species of ants that were trapped, and then once the

# Grant money opens doors for CAFES

Addie Carlson  
addie.carlson@uwrf.edu

UW-River Falls will begin a project in sustainable agriculture since being awarded a \$460,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The project will be done in connection with Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) and Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES). The director of the project will be Michael Crotser, who is also an associate professor in the Department of Plant and Earth Science at UWRF.

The money from the grant will be used to add new courses and a new major in the undergraduate program in the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES). It will help develop curriculum aimed towards work in sustainable agriculture, according to Crotser. It will expand existing curriculum and develop new curriculum, he said.

“Our programs in CAFES are excellent,” Crotser said of the existing programs.

Currently, in CAFES, there is an emphasis in sustainable agriculture that was recently added to the Crop and Soil program. Before, students had a choice of either a soils emphasis or a plant emphasis, Nathan Casper, a junior majoring in crop and soil science at UWRF, said. The online catalog describes the plant emphasis as a crop emphasis.

Casper began working on the sustainable agriculture emphasis. He switched from the soils emphasis, which he studied briefly.

The sustainable agriculture emphasis seemed to be a better match for him, Casper said. He felt the emphasis to be beneficial to the crop and soil science program, as he thought it might attract people to the program outside the normal cash crops,

such as corn and soybeans, and also attract those people interested in selling their product directly to their customers.

The sustainability aspect in agriculture does not only concern protecting the environment, but that success for the agricultural producer is also key, Casper said.

“We’re looking at the science of it,” Casper said about the future of sustainable agriculture.

Crotser gave three components to sustainable agriculture. The first is economic viability, the second is land stewardship and the third is rural community development.

“The Sustainable Agriculture option is the study of economically viable production systems that promote land productivity, energy efficiency, environmental stewardship and rural community viability,” the online catalog said.

Some of the courses that are required for the sustainable agriculture option include CROP 368 Sustainable Agriculture, CROP 486 Organic Food Production Systems and HORT 347 Fruit Science and Production.

The new curriculum available with the grant will also include classes in areas other than crop and soil science, such as in environmental science.

There has been more concern from consumers about where their products are coming from, both Casper and Crotser said.

This has created new opportunities, Crotser said.

In the future, Casper would like to see test plots and a growing site somewhere for students to be able to try ideas out, ideas that are taught about and learned in the classroom.

“I think that would be really exciting,” he said.

As a student in the program, Casper would like to see more hands on research opportunities become available with the money from the grant.

# Senate: New faces, high hopes

from page 2

with school,” Brandt said.

Basically, Brandt and Deick “are normal college students.” Hopefully, this will make students feel comfortable coming to them for anything, Deick said.

“If there are questions or concerns about anything, people shouldn’t feel apprehensive about coming to us,” Deick said.

Leadership Board and Programming Director Mike Pearson agrees. Because he joined so recently, he had to go through an interview process with Brandt and Deick. It lasted a long time, but not for bad reasons, he said.

“The fact that they interviewed me shows they’re really concerned and committed to making sure things run smoothly,” Pearson said. “They’re really personable while still being professional.”

Students are more than welcome to stop by the Senate office in the University Center as well as sit in on Senate meetings which take place 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the River Room of the University Center, Brandt said.

“We want to hear from the students, whether it’s a two-second comment or a lengthy, well-articulated complaint,” Brandt said. “The most invaluable thing we can get is student input...it’s the student input that gets stuff done.”

Tune in to WRFW

**Monday:** "Act on Ag," with Jodi Kauth (new farmers learn about financing.)

**Tuesday:** "Let's Talk," with Rose Rongitsch (special interview with Emmy Award winner and Kare 11 reporter Boyd Huppert.)

**Wednesday:** "Mad Movie Man," with Adam Hakari & Ken Weigend.

**Thursday:** "Game Break," with Phil Bock.

**Friday:** "Wisconsin and World Issues," with Ben Plunkett.

ALL NEWS AND INFORMATION BLOCKS: 5-6 p.m.

10/9 "Disco Night" at the UC in the Entertainment Complex starts at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Rule Booklets are now available in the University Center

Watch for 2007 Homecoming Wonders World

Register your team today! sa.uwrf.edu

October 8-13

For more information call Student Affairs at (715) 425-4444 or email homecoming@uwrf.edu

# CLASSIFIEDS

Employment

Attention all Early Childhood & Elementary Education Majors - Do you like working with children, a fun, flexible team? Join our team at Beane Sprouts Child Care - just 15 minutes from UWRF - no weekend hours-contact Karen at 715-262-4245 - afternoon hours are available

To learn more about classified or display ad rates, contact the business office at 425-3624. You can also view them online at [www.uwrfvoice.com](http://www.uwrfvoice.com)

Student Voice Business Office  
410 S. Third Street, 304 North Hall  
River Falls, WI 54022  
Phone: 425-3624 Fax: 425-0684

Spring Break 2008. Sell Trips, Earn Cash and Go Free. Call for group discounts. Best Deals Guaranteed! Jamaica, Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas, S. Padre, Florida. 800-648-4849 or [www.ststravel.com](http://www.ststravel.com)

Wanted: Person to walk recovering foundered horse in indoor arena. Location is between River Falls and Hudson. Fees negotiable. Please call 612-834-0261.

Volunteer Opportunity

HAVE A HEART INC. We currently have positions open in our weekend respite program and our homecare division working with children with disabilities.

If you are reliable and hard working, please contact Amber for more information. 715-425-7754



# The Go! Team’s eclectic new album shows versatility



**Matt Loosbrock**

Like a dance record on speed, The Go! Team’s newest album, *Proof of Youth*, continues their unique, brit-hop sound. And what a sound it is. Take your favorite TV show theme songs, add a fury of cheerleaders, mix in a marching band, multiply it with some 70s funk, and that’s approximately what The Go! Team sounds like. Their debut album, *Thunder, Lightning, Strike* showed what they could accomplish with an eclectic group of six, with names ranging from the group leader/ex-film maker, Ian Parton, to the band’s actress-turned-lead vocalist, Ninja. So what have The Go! Team done to

push their second album? Very little. Why bother? There are still few bands that can match their vibe, and they’re just as fresh now as they were a few years back. Take the first song, the girl power trip, “Grip Like A Vice.” It introduces itself with a repeated, jolting guitar riff with the sound of wind heard in the background, like they’re the only ones on top of their own mountain. When the vocals hit, so does the rest of the band as they shout, “Get ready for this! Get ready for this!” And you better be. “Doing It Right” is a catchy-as-hell ditty that’s a fusion of the Sesame Street theme song and Martha and the Vandella’s

**There are still few bands that can match their vibe, and they’re just as fresh now as they were a few years back.**

“Nowhere to Run,” and completed with xylophone and the chorus, “Do it! Do it! All right!”

*Proof of Youth* heavily borrows from other influences. The song “Fake ID” shows The Go! Team’s rock side by

mimicking Blondie, with its vocal melody as an almost dead ringer for Deborah Harry. “Keys to the City” has guitars that allude to Blue Oyster Cult’s “Don’t Fear the Reaper,” and “Flashlight Fight” brings back old

school rap in the tradition of Run-DMC (the song features vocals from Public Enemy’s Chuck D). The album does have its share of slumps. “My World” sounds like a Paul Simon reject melded with elevator jingles, resulting in a boring, although short, song. Another dud is the cheesy Donnie and Marie rip-off, “I Never Needed It So Much.” These songs stick out, in a bad way, with their low-key and forgettable melodies and choruses that pale in comparison to the rest of the album.

However, when these songs are followed by a storm of cymbals and Quincy Jones-certified bass rhythms of “Titanic Vandalism,” or the killer sound The Go! Team manages to get out of a banjo in the John Mellencamp tribute “The Wrath of Marcie,” the less than exuberant songs are easily made up for. The verdict is simple enough: whether you’ve never heard of The Go! Team before, or if you loved their debut, *Proof of Youth* is a must-hear. Don’t think about it, just do it. Yeah!

Matt is a senior double majoring in Music and Creative Writing who likes lots of music types, old and new (save for modern country, which is not his thing).



Submitted Photo

The Go! Team’s new album, *Proof of Youth*, displays their unique style.

# Wyman series offers cultural diversity opportunities for students

## UW-River Falls partners with student committes to continue annual campus fine arts series

Kate Garlock  
kate.garlock@uwrf.edu

Every year, UW - River Falls presents a fine arts series which allows students to experience talent and diversity from across the nation. This year the talent ranges from dance to music to a speaker on race relations. Sponsored by the Student Entertainment and Arts Committee (SEAC) and the Diversity Awareness Committee (DAC), the Wyman series are events chosen for students, by students.

“Anyone can be on the committees,” Student Events Manager Tanya Hartwig said. You don’t have to be a member of either committee to make a recommendation, either, Hartwig said.

The inspiration for the events can come from anywhere, Dr. Milne, professor of Saxophone/Jazz studies and chair of the music department is a member of the Ancia Saxophone Quartet scheduled to perform this semester.

Buckets and Tap Shoes - a dance and rhythm group - was recommended by a student who was a member of SEAC last year, while the Twin Cities Gospel Chorus has been a campus favorite “We like to mix it up and not have too many repeating events, but like to bring things back that students enjoy,” Hartwig said.

The events this semester include the Chicago Cuatro Orquestra, which played Sept. 21 in Abbott Concert Hall. Buckets and Tap Shoes are scheduled to perform at 8 p.m., Oct. 24 in North Hall Auditorium. Stomp-like, they mix drumming on plastic tubs, metal cans, and found objects with tap dance routines set to a live band.

**“We like to mix it up and not have too many repeating events, but like to bring things back that students really enjoy.”**

Tanya Hartwig,  
Student Events manager

The performance group of Buckets and Tap Shoes, 10 foot 5, started with two brothers, Andy and Rick Ausland, started with impromptu street performing. Eventually their group grew to five and became a full-time gig. They’ve toured all over the country and even as far as Finland. The company also offers dance lessons in the Twin Cities for any level of dancer.

“They are part dance company and part band, but all rhythm,” according to their promotional material. Different from the other fine arts acts being presented, damali ayo will lecture at 8 p.m., Nov. 14 in North Hall Auditorium. ayo is the author of the book, *How to Rent a Negro*, which focuses on contemporary race relations. The final event of the semester is the Ancia Saxophone Quartet, scheduled for this semester at 3 p.m., Dec. 9, in the Abbott Concert Hall. This group has performed in the United States, Canada and Europe and has made frequent appearances on Minnesota Public Radio, according to their promotional material. The events are open to the entire community, but free for UWRF students. One purpose of these events is to try to connect the community with the campus, Hartwig said. Next semester, students will be able to look for the Twin Cities Gospel Choir as well as an acrobatic act, more musical groups and Unity in the Community.

# Latest installment of ‘Resident Evil’ falls short of hype



**A.J. Hakari**

The dull way in which “Resident Evil: Extinction” plays out is a big indicator of how its predecessors gave movie fans too much, too soon. This is a series that played its hand way too early, going from a claustrophobic gore-fest to an apocalyptic blockbuster in the span of two movies. Thus, “Resident Evil: Extinction” isn’t so much bad as it is just really boring, a still-born sequel that gives viewers more of the same and doesn’t provide a single valid reason for existing in any of its 95 minutes.

Set some years after “Resident Evil: Apocalypse,” “Extinction” picks up as most of Earth has been ravaged by the Umbrella Corporation’s zombie-spurning T-Virus. Still fighting the good fight against these flesh-eating ghouls is Alice (Milla Jovovich), the series’ principal heroine and zombie killer extraordinaire. Traveling through the desert wasteland that the U.S. has now become, Alice encounters a convoy of survivors led by Claire Redfield (Ali Larter) and comprised of some old friends from her past. Unbeknownst to Alice, Umbrella is still on the hunt for her, what with the nefarious Dr. Isaacs (Iain Glen) tasked with capturing her and using her genetically-modified structure to potentially find a cure for the T-Virus.

But after discovering signs of

presumed safety awaiting in Alaska, Alice must make the choice to help lead Claire’s crew to salvation or put an end to Umbrella’s tinkering once and for all. The makers of “Resident Evil: Extinction” should have known that their idea well had run dry when, after cranking out two movies’ worth of ghastly monsters, the best they could come up with for new villains were evil crows and bald zombies wearing jumpsuits. Seriously? George Romero did well for himself, building up his four “Living Dead” features with your average, meat-and-potatoes zombies, and yet this series sputtered out with movie number two? “Extinction’s” failure to either scare horror hounds or energize action junkies pretty much comes down to a matter of repetition and poor plotting. The biggest problem is with the setting; there’s hardly anywhere to go with the story when the zombie apocalypse

**‘Extinction’s’ failure to either scare horror hounds or energize action junkies pretty much comes down to a matter of repetition and poor plotting.**

has already swept through, and “Extinction” doesn’t even bother trying to find a clever way out. It just brings the carnage to the desert, where the female survivors have, of course, somehow managed to maintain flawless complexions amidst living through an undead holocaust, and little is done to deviate from the previous two movies otherwise. Despite my childhood crush on Jovovich, even I have to question her willingness to slay the same slew of zombies for the third time in a row. It really says something when an actress’ latest production manages to be bested by the likes of “Ultraviolet.” I saw this movie with my dad, and he put it best

when, on the way to the parking lot, he said, “Those had to be the most un-frightening zombies I’d ever seen.” A slightly less miserable horror movie than “Captivity,” the scariest aspect of “Resident Evil: Extinction” is how much money it pulled in opening weekend. A.J. is a senior year journalism student. He enjoys all genres, but he digs horror and documentaries the most.



**Ken Weigend**



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.



Back in 2002, Screen Gems made nerd history by releasing “Resident Evil,” a surprisingly decent movie based off of a hugely popular video game franchise. Two years later, they followed up with a sequel that defied the norm and was actually good. The cellulose “Evil” should have stopped there, but Hollywood’s new found obsession with trilogies was too powerful and “Resident Evil: Extinction” was born. Picking up years after the events of “Resident Evil: Apocalypse,” “Extinction” begins some time after the deadly T-Virus has swept across the entire planet, killing virtually all life and turning the continents into enormous barren deserts. The story follows a group of scraggly survivors and genetically enhanced superhuman Alice (Milla Jovovich) as they roam the wastelands just trying to survive. As chance would have it, the band stumbles across a diary promising a new, virus-free existence in Alaska. The catch is that the convoy must first stop in Las Vegas, swarming with zombies, to resupply. As if this wasn’t bad enough, a crazed doctor searching for a treatment to domesticate the zombies must harvest Alice’s blood to finish his research.

**There is no emotion in the rag-tag band of survivors, even as bloodthirsty monsters are tearing them, or into them.**

“Resident Evil” began as a horror movie and did a decent job at that. The sequel, “Apocalypse,” kept in tact some of that horror but focused more intensely on action and found success. “Extinction” doesn’t know which it wants to be and, therefore, stumbles between hokey suspense sequences and over-the-top action brawls. What little horror is actually

present is nothing more than lame shock treatment as zombies expectedly pop up out of nowhere. The action, however, is extremely fun and fast-paced, keeping intact all the gory glory of the video games. But that frantic and crowd-pleasing action only comes twice in 90 minutes. More like window-dressing than substance, “Extinction” shies away from the one aspect that could really save it. Where the film should have been focusing more on delivering thrills, it instead bogs down by trying to present seriously a laughable story line about domesticating zombies into workers. The mere idea seems ludicrous, but what is worse is that what little story is present is peppered with holes, as if buckshot was fired at the

final product. “Extinction” struggles to find its own identity, taking pages almost directly out of “The Birds,” “Army of Darkness” and “Waterworld” before abandoning its story line altogether and going on a killing spree, both of characters and of plot. As the films cast point guns on screen, they act and deliver dialogue as if the director, Russell Mulcahy, was pointing a gun at them. There is no emotion in the rag-tag band of survivors, even as bloodthirsty monsters are tearing at them, or into them. “Resident Evil: Extinction” stands as a movie that should not have been made. It is a pure excuse to capitalize on the success of a franchise. Ed Wood and Uwe Boll stand proud; this is pure exploitation cinema spawned to be the bastard child of a cookie cutter film industry rife with mediocrity and cliché.

Ken Weigend is a junior Journalism major with a minor in Film Studies. He is an aspiring film critic and an avid DVD collector.



# Gladstone-Sovell beats the odds

## Professor battles back from brain tumor

Kate Garlock  
kate.garlock@uwrf.edu

On the first day of class, a student might walk into any one of their given classes and sit down. As they expectantly wait to see if the teacher is going to show up as the clock ticks closer to class time. At the last minute she bustles into the room - a small woman who exudes energy.

She's smiling, dressed head to toe in purple, from her plum purple pants to the flowered purple scarf covering her wild, curly, silvering hair.

She might begin the class like any other, by taking roll, but then unlike any other teachers, she begins to tell you how she's recovering from a brain tumor.

This teacher's name is Tracy Gladstone-Sovell and she is chair of the political science department.

This summer, Gladstone-Sovell was treated for a brain tumor, but that's not what she wants to talk about. She wants to emphasize the other people who have played roles in her life this summer, specifically the ones from River Falls.

"This is a great place to work and be associated with," Gladstone-Sovell said.

One story she was eager to share was of a former student who worked as a technician during her treatment. She said she kept running into River Falls connections all summer.

When she received flowers from the physics department, she said, "Thank you for the flowers, and thank you for physics."

The visits from students, the chancellor, faculty and many others from River Falls, and the support she received from everyone mattered a great deal to her, she said.

One of the students who visited her this summer was Mary Zoubek. Zoubek met Gladstone-Sovell when she changed her major her sophomore year. Now in her senior year, Zoubek has taken class with Gladstone-Sovell and works in her office as an assistant.

"You could tell last year she was here, but...." as Zoubek trails off it's apparent that even though she might not have known exactly what was wrong with Gladstone-Sovell last year, she knew something was amiss.

Gladstone was diagnosed with a brain tumor that she herself finds difficult to talk about.

"My reaction was not good," Zoubek said. "Scared. Devastated. Shocked. You always expect it to be the other

person, you know?"

But in Gladstone-Sovell's mind, she had no cause for concern, because not coming back to teach was never an option. From the beginning she was checking with doctors to make sure she would be back in the fall to teach and not sitting at home, or giving in to the tumor, she said.

In Zoubek's mind, this attitude is concurrent with Gladstone-Sovell's personality.

"You know how in everyday life there are those things that bother us, we let things get to us," Zoubek said. "This was so much bigger and I remember her saying 'I'm gonna fight it.' And she said it so many times; 'I'm gonna fight it.' I think that says a lot about her - she doesn't let anything get her down."

She is eager to talk about the good, the people, and the help she's received before she would mention overcoming a brain tumor.

It's hard to imagine anything was wrong at all this summer.

"I thought, 'Is this going to stop her or slow her down? She was not slowed down at all.'" Zoubek said. "She's been more 'Go, get the job done.'"

And Gladstone-Sovell agreed.

"Things are going more or less the way they are normally going,"

Gladstone-Sovell said.

In her Socratic-style classes, where she asks the students to discuss their reading on Nietzsche, there is only a brief second of thought before a student chimes in with an answer to her questions.

Zoubek says she's noticed how Gladstone-Sovell takes advantage of every second and every person; how she's very optimistic and makes the most of every day.

Gladstone-Sovell trades jokes with her students in friendly class banter, that she ultimately relates back to the subject at hand - Nietzsche. As she



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice  
**Tracy Gladstone-Sovell jokes with Steven Wyman during class. Gladstone-Sovell is recovering from a brain tumor.**

leans with both hands against the ledge of the chalkboard, she looks out on her political science philosophy course and relates one of Nietzsche's ideas to her class.

"This reminds me of one of my new favorite sayings," Gladstone-Sovell said. "It is what it is."

SOVA

flat sheet

\$2<sup>99</sup>/ea

A quiet roommate that still

lives up the room.

MEET THE BEST

COLLEGE

ROOMMATES EVER

visit roommateliving.com

KVART

wall/clamp spotlight

\$4<sup>99</sup>

A bright roommate that loves to

illuminate biochemistry textbooks.

KASSETT

magazine box with lid

\$14<sup>99</sup>/2pk

As obsessive about

looking after comic

books as you are.

SKUBB

hanging storage

\$4<sup>99</sup>/ea

Finally, a roommate that

helps you clean your room.

IKEA TWIN CITIES • At Hwy. 77 just south of 494 • (952) 858-8088 • Open every day 10am–9am

Stop by the IKEA restaurant and have some meatballs and maybe even a Caesar salad. It's more affordable than stocking your fridge and having your roommate eat all of your food.

SOVA flat sheet \$2.99/ea. 100% cotton. Imported. Also available in fitted. KVART wall/clamp spotlight \$4.99. Bulb sold separately. Shade diameter 3". KASSETT magazine box with lid \$14.99/2pk. Solid cardboard. RA, W13xD15xH11¾". SKUBB hanging storage \$4.99/ea. 100% polyester. Some products require assembly. RA = requires assembly. Prices may vary at IKEA Houston, San Diego and Seattle. Not all products available through IKEA Direct. See store or www.IKEA-USA.com. Some products shown are imported. See store for country of origin. ©Inter IKEA Systems B.V. 2007