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Board of Regents UWRF visit met with positive feedback

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The UW Board of Regents returned to UW-River Falls for a very successful visit with students, staff and faculty Oct. 4 and 5.

Throughout their visit, the Regents had multiple opportunities to tour campus facilities, such as the University Center, view presentations concerning everything from budget issues and strategic planning to sustainability and global engagement, as well as sit down and talk with students about the issues they consider to be most important.

Displays featuring everything from the history of UWRF to its sustainability kiosk in the University Center remained up for the duration of the Regents' visit. Other concurrent events gave Regents a chance to see the types of causes students are involved in on campus.

For Regent Jesus Salas, the outdoor art installations made for an interesting walk around campus.

“On those two days the weather was wonderful, and it was such a pleasure stepping outside of the University Center to enjoy the art exhibit on the grounds,” Salas said.

For Salas, the campus visit was especially enjoyable due to his previous interaction with UWRF.

Each year, Regents choose two campuses in the UW System that they would like to get to know more in depth and become “buddy Regents,” Salas said. For him, UWRF was an obvious choice.

“I chose UWRF because I had visited the campus in my youth and more recently I was the on search and screen committee that brought us Chancellor Betz,” Salas said. “I was at his inauguration, the groundbreaking of the Dairy Learning Center ... those visits made such an impression on me.”

Because of prior visits, the tour of the Dairy Learning Center Oct. 4 was especially impressive, due not only to its “extraordinary one-of-a-kind layout,” but the fact that such a variety of students, both male and female, are involved in it, Salas said.

“For me, the highlight of the visit was meeting and talking with students and it began [at the DLC tour] with me meeting two of the herd managers, both women,” Salas said.

While the business portion of the meetings discussed important issues such as the state budget, it was the discussion of these issues directly with students that had the most impact, Salas said.

Students had a chance to meet and talk with



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Regent Vice President, Charles Pruitt socializes with Student Senate President, Derek Brandt at the Board of Regents breakfast Oct. 5. The Regents recently returned to the UWRF campus for the second time in nearly seven years Oct. 4 and 5. During their stay, they toured campus facilities and met with students to discuss a variety of issues.

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Chem Demons get fired up



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Members of Chem Demons, Brad Kerschner, left, and Cory Caraufel experiment with a chemical called lycopodium while fellow students watch Oct. 5. The Chem Demon mascot, Ernestine (Ernie) breathes out fire to show the chemical's high level of flammability. Chem Demons are a group of students at UWRF who put on shows that demonstrate the effects of a variety of different chemical experiments.

DLC ready for grand opening

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The grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Dairy Learning Center will take place Oct. 12 after years of planning and almost one year of construction.

The idea for the DLC was first proposed in 1992 after a discussion on upgrading the current dairy facility at Lab Farm 1 evolved into the idea of a new facility, Larry Baumann said.

Baumann is a professor in the animal science program at UW-River Falls, whose emphasis is in dairy.

He has been involved with the DLC from the beginning, being on the original committee.

The DLC features a composted bedding housing system large enough for 100 cows and a Bou-Matic double-6 herringbone parlor, along with a StepMatrix lameness detection system.

The DLC also has a system for minimizing wastewater, a special needs barn to observe calving and the care of fresh cows (cows who have just calved), facilities for feed storage and nutrition, and computerized records, Baumann said.

There are also two 25-student classrooms at the DLC, with technology, which can expand to accommodate groups of 50.

“The biggest thing is the milking parlor,” Baumann said.

At the current dairy facility, cows enter and leave the parlor on an individual basis. In the new parlor, cows will enter and leave in groups, Steve Kelm, department chair of animal and food science, said.

“There’s quite a difference in terms of technology,” he said.

In the double-6 herringbone parlor, cows will stand at an angle to the person milking, so the cows will be handled from the side, Baumann said.

It is a nice, modern parlor where the students

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Reporter goes behind the scenes to see what ROTC offers

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Two hours east of River Falls lies a massive tract of government land known as Ft. McCoy. Two weekends per year, a group of students from the UW-River Falls Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) join other universities who participate in the ROTC and visit Ft. McCoy for a taste of what the Army has to offer.

On Oct. 6, I had the opportunity to spend the afternoon at Ft. McCoy with Kenny Yoo, the photographer from the Student Voice, under the supervision of members from the ROTC branch at UWRF.

John Carroll, 26, is a senior business administration major at UWRF and is also a cadet captain in the ROTC. As captain, Carroll said he is in charge of all of the UWRF cadets. On our trip we spent the majority of our time with Carroll.

For a person not all that familiar with the military, let alone a military fort, the first impressions of an area like Ft. McCoy touch on a wide range of feelings. Perimeter fencing, no-trespassing signs, signs warning about the potential of artillery crossing the road and a very official looking main-entrance with a security check-point give the place a strange vibe, but one thing is for sure—the place means business.

An area occupying more than 60,000 acres, Ft. McCoy is “a support installation, a ready and capable mobilization site, and is the Army’s only facility focused on providing Total Force Training,” according to globalsecurity.org.

Ft. McCoy is filled with various training sites, barracks, thick woods typical of Wisconsin, its very own gas station and convenience store, various administrative buildings and endless roads.

After checking in at the main gate and gathering security clearance, Yoo and I were quickly escorted by UWRF Professor of Military Science Maj. Tabb Benzinger and UWRF student Kyle Gruber to a Black Hawk helicopter-landing pad. Yoo and I were suppose to have the opportunity to travel in the “bird” as they refer to it in the military, but we were told that we had missed the safety briefing, along with another person, and we would not be allowed to fly. Despite our disappointment, we gathered what we could from watching these massive machines maneuver around the area; it was an impressive sight nonetheless.

As Yoo snapped photos and I observed the birds, Gruber rattled off some facts about the Black Hawk. He said it is run by twin jet engines with 75,000 pounds of thrust. That point was taken well into consideration as I held my hat with a secure grasp and

dust blew into my eyes. There was a man with a device in his hand whom stood outside the bird as people loaded and unloaded. Gruber explained that he is the flight master, and he has the power to shut the entire machine off with the press of a button.

The Black Hawk’s primary purpose is to carry troops and provide logistical support, but the aircraft can also carry out medical evacuations and search and rescue missions, along with the potential for armed force, according to army-technology.com.

UWRF freshman cadet Kristin Glanz, 19, was one person who was able to take part in a flight.

“You got to see like all of the land everywhere,” Glanz said. “It was pretty cool.”

A trumpet abruptly sounded off through a loud speaker at noon,



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

John Carroll is a cadet captain for the UWRF ROTC who went to Fort McCoy.

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VOICE SHORTS

Accident on Cascade sends one to hospital

A two vehicle accident in front of North Hall resulted in one of the parties involved being transported to River Falls Area Hospital. The accident occurred at 10:48 a.m. Oct. 8, on Cascade Avenue at the intersection with Fourth Street, according to River Falls Police and River Falls Fire Department officials. The accident was the result of a black two-door Honda rear-ending a McCormack’s Furniture delivery truck that was stopped at a pedestrian crosswalk. The driver of the Honda, Sarah Shields, exited her vehicle after the crash and fell to the pavement on Cascade, according to multiple eyewitnesses. Shields had one passenger with her, who was uninjured. The McCormack’s delivery truck had one occupant, Jessie Kjos, River Falls, who was evaluated and cleared by emergency medical technicians after giving a statement to River Falls Police. A small stretch of Cascade Avenue was closed until approximately 11:15 a.m., when River Falls Police and Fire Departments cleared the scene. There were no further updates given by River Falls Police on the condition of Shields at the time of this report.

Smart money week begins on campus

The First-Year Experience and Residence Life are joining with Career Services to teach students how to budget and manage credit cards. Over the course of a week, there will be different presentations. Students will learn how to develop smart money management skills in college that will lead to a lifetime of financial independence and give you the information you need to make better decisions going forward. The first presentation is Oct. 15, titled “Ultimate Money Skills.” The session starts at 6:27 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The session will instruct on how to manage budgets and bills. All of the interactive sessions are free.

Cyber Security Awareness month continues

The theme for the third week of October is “Cleaning Up Your Computer.” FredNet Services and IT Services will be providing information for students and employees on the following topics: dealing with spam, setting up e-mail filters, updating Windows and drivers along with general computer maintenance like physical cleaning and disk defragmenting. Look for information online at www.frednet.uwrf.edu/, www.its.uwrf.edu/, and <http://www.uwrf.edu/desire2learn/> and on Channel 24. Also look for fliers at FredNet (basement of East Hathorn Hall), IT Services Helpdesk (basement of Chalmer Davee Library), front desks of residence halls and the University Center.

Presentation explores people under stress

The Prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib-The Killing of Iraqi civilians in Hadiitha - Is this just the work of a few bad or immoral soldiers? This is the question to explore in a presentation led by Cynthia Kernahan Monday. On a broader spectrum, the presentation will take a look at how people, including ourselves, are affected by stressful situations like war or prison. Kernahan will be presenting from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 15, at the River Falls Public Library Lower Level.

Career Fair provides future opportunities

The 2007 UWRF All Campus Career Fair will be taking place 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center. Students will be allowed to network with representatives from organizations and graduate schools while finding opportunities for internships and careers. The Career Fair is free for all students. Visit the Web site at www.uwrf.edu/ccs/events/career_fair/welcome.htm for more information.

Donations collected for local food shelf

In support of National Food Bank Week, Chartwells will be collecting monetary and non-perishable food donations for the local food shelf Oct. 15. Anyone who donates will be entered in a drawing to win a "THANK YOU" prize package including a gift card for the Falcon Shop. For more information, contact K.T. Tloughan at (715) 425-3274.

Apple Festival celebrated by local orchard

Afton Apple is helping celebrate the annual apple festival along with other local orchards. The festival will be held Oct. 13 and 14. Afton Apple, located minutes south of Afton, Minn., offers apple picking, pumpkin picking, hayrides, a petting farm, cider pressing demonstrations, chainsaw carving, and face painting. The orchard is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$2. Afton Apple has a corn maze that is fun by day and haunted by night. The 15-acre maze is divided into three phases, from a beginner level to the most difficult level. The hours of the corn maze are Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the corn maze is \$9. For more information on Afton Apple or the corn maze visit www.afton-apple.com.

Events to take place at Afton Alps ski area

Afton Alps is having their annual swap meet Oct. 12 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a free chairlift and hay rides Saturday and Sunday, along with a sale on overstocked equipment and clothing from ski and board shops. They have new and used items on sale. At the sale and fair, discount season passes will be available as well as discounts on ski lessons.

Briefs compiled by Marta Olson

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Corrections

- A Voice Short last week gave the wrong phone number for contacting Carol McClelland at the CAFES Dean's Office. The correct number is (715) 425-3841.
- In Leah Danley's story last week, it was incorrectly reported that emergency call boxes contact River Falls Police. In fact, the call boxes contact a Pierce County dispatcher, who then contacts River Falls Police and UWRF Public Safety.

SENATE

Motions spark debate, advisor announces she will move on

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Several issues were discussed during an hour-long Student Senate meeting Tuesday night, including two motions concerning topics that sparked fairly extensive debate. After the Oct. 2 meeting, two motions remained on the table for discussion. The first was a motion that proposed to fund transportation and lodging for the Women’s Leadership Conference, which will take place Nov. 9-11 at UW-Oshkosh. Traditionally, UWRF has had significant participation in the event, and so far this year, considerable interest has been expressed, Diversity and Women’s Initiatives Director Nikki Shonoiki said. The motion called for a budget to be presented, but due to some concern over mathematical figures, a recess was called to straighten things out. After reconvening, calling for several amendments and extensive discussion, the motion was passed to fund up to \$4,500 for lodging and transportation for the students who will be attending. Also on the table was a motion proposing funding for a candlelight vigil to be held on campus to do outreach and education about the Compassionate Care for Rape Victims bill (SB 129/AB 377).

Restaurant opens in UC, displaces bar rumor

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UW-River Falls students and faculty looking for healthy food alternatives can now dine at Roots Café, which recently opened on the lower level of the University Center. The opening of Roots in the vacant lower level space also could dispel the end of any rumors of an on-campus bar. Students and faculty who choose to eat at Roots can expect “stick-to-the-ribs”, home-style offerings with an emphasis on healthy food preparation, according to the UWRF Student Affairs Web site. The concept behind the new restaurant was developed from student and faculty feedback provided by surveys that are handed out at UWRF dining venues every semester. At Riverside Commons, 500 surveys are passed out and another 500 are split up amongst the retail venues. Another reason behind the introduction of Roots Café is the demise of Zona Mexicana restaurant. “After last semester, Zona Mexicana did not have the success and student response,” K.T. Tloughan, marketing manager for Chartwells Dining Services, said. As a result, the unpopular Mexican restaurant was taken out and most of its food options were moved to Trattoria, a station in Riverside Commons, which now boasts a daily taco bar and circulates the over-stuffed burrito option on its 18-day menu. Roots offers two daily specialties entrées with a side of vegetables, a pay-by-the-ounce salad bar and a designated bread and desert of the week. Excluding the bread and desert options, some of the items offered by Roots can also be found at Riverside Commons. “Roots takes some of the healthier options from Riverside Commons,” Tloughan said. “The bread and deserts served are a step up in quality.” Chartwells is the food service provider for UWRF and many other universities around the country. Some students find the idea of healthy food alternatives on campus to be a relief from the usual choices. “Besides the sub place, what alternative do you have?,” UWRF senior Amanda Leuer said. “I guess you could go to the convenience store upstairs.” Whether it’s the preparation or the taste, certain students like the change. “It’s not your typical cafeteria food,” commuter and senior Kathryn Lopez said. “It’s delicious.” In addition the healthier meals, Roots offers seating and an ambiance unique to its location in the University Center. “The comfortable booths and lounge atmosphere are conducive for studying,” Lopez said. Roots caters to the lunch crowd and is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. “The initial decision [on the hours of operation] was based on the traffic we’ve experienced at other retail locations,” Tloughan said.

“The comfortable booths and lounge atmosphere are conducive for studying.”
UWRF Senior, Kathryn Lopez

Other reasons behind the limited hours of operation are the targeted audience and menu. Many of the customers that come in are either commuters or faculty members who are looking for a quick healthy meal and aren’t on campus during the dinner hours Tloughan said.

The bill would require emergency rooms in Wisconsin to provide rape victims with information about and access to emergency contraception, as only 30 percent do so now. Much discussion and debate over the ethical implications of supporting such an event ensued and continued through the week. Although it was a touchy subject, President Derek Brandt said it is Senate’s responsibility to look at controversial issues from an unbiased standpoint. “We as a student governing body require viewpoint neutrality,” Brandt said. “We must look at [the issue] from beyond a partisan basis and look at educational value.” Although not everyone was in favor, the motion passed to help cover costs for the vigil, which will take place Nov. 17. Motions passed to appoint Senator Josh Breyer as director of the Students Affairs and Academic Services Committee and Tyler Halverson as East Area Representative. The meeting ended with comments from Senate advisor Vicki Hajewski, who announced she will be leaving UWRF and moving to UW-Superior, where she has been hired as Vice Chancellor of Campus Life and dean of students. She had nothing but praise for the students she has worked with for the last six years. “I thank everyone for all their support,” Hajewski said. “I don’t know who will be taking over my position as of now, but I certainly hope they enjoy it as much as I have.”



Abby Piette/Student Voice

Senior Amanda Spangberg waits for her meal at the Roots café, the newest dining option at the University Center. “Based on our research, we have not seen traffic patterns that show why we should stay opened passed lunch,” He said. **Bar rumor put to rest** The idea of putting a bar in the University Center, likely in the space Roots Café now occupies, was rejected last school year by various UWRF committees within the Facilities and Fees Board, including the Student Health Advisory, University Centers and Residential Living Committees. “Student Senate originally passed a motion to explore the idea,” current Senate President Derek Brandt said. “It never went any further than that.” After Senate agreed to explore the idea, the committees ended up discussing it and determined that it would cause too many issues on campus. “It was determined that an on-campus bar would lead to underage issues and issues surrounding the cost of alcohol,” former Facilities and Fees Board chair Jim Vierling said. Currently, all alcoholic beverages must be dispensed at a price that complements the established prices in the local community, according to UWRF Administrative Policy 40. There shall be no “open bars,” “happy hours” or other modified prices that discount the price of service to promote the consumption of alcohol, unless special conditions exist as approved by the Chancellor. People who are under 21 also have the right to go into a building they are helping fund and not be around alcohol, Vierling said. “It was just better to let 21-year-olds go to the bars on Main Street,” Vierling said. “The majority of people who are 21 live off campus anyway,

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Editor's note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and UW-River Falls Public Safety incident reports.

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- Oct. 4**
-Brett M. Runquist, 24, was fined \$109 for a loud and unnecessary noise violation. Runquist was cited, at his residence 127 W Vine St., after River Falls Police Officers responded to a noise complaint received by the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office.
- Oct. 5**
-Frank W. Arnold, 21, was fined \$172 for disorderly conduct at the Holiday Station Store, located at 302 S. Main St. At approximately 2:30 a.m. Arnold was asked to leave Holiday by the store manager because he was loud and intoxicated, upon which Arnold became very loud and threatened to sue the store manager saying by means of his father, who is a lawyer.
-Alexandra K. Van Roy, 19, was fined \$375 for underage consumption, second offense, in May Hall.
-Kelcie J. Knewtson, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.
-Courtney I. Bourgoin, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.
- Oct. 6**
-Michael J. Weber, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
-Damage to a blue 2007 Pontiac G6 GT parked in O-lot was reported. There were dents between the driver side door and the body of the vehicle. The damage was estimated at approximately

- \$500. The vehicle owner said the car had been parked in the lot for three days before the damage was noticed.
- Oct. 7**
-Austin M. Erickson, 19, was fined \$249 for possession of alcoholic beverage in May Hall.
-Matthew J. Olson, 20, was fined \$375 for possession of alcoholic beverage, second offense, in May Hall.
-A red Trek 820 bicycle was reported stolen from W-lot by Ramer Field.

Parking

The Q metered lot located off of Cascade Avenue will be reserved on the following days for campus events:

Friday, Oct. 12
Wednesday, Oct. 17
Thursday, Oct. 18
Friday, Oct. 19

This will not include Q Faculty, Y Faculty and motorcycle spaces. A portion of the lot will reopen for metered parking beginning at 9 a.m.

Any questions can be directed to the Parking Office at (715) 425-3333.

Regents: Board, students reflect on two day visit

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Regents directly during an evening reception Oct. 4 and a subsequent breakfast Oct. 5. Although early, the breakfast meeting proved to be “most insightful,” Salas said.

“Regent Walsh and I sat at a table with a young woman who had grown up on a farm, a TESOL student who wanted to visit Germany, an aspiring middle school math teacher, and a music student who wanted to conduct,” Salas said. “Not only was the breakfast meeting thoroughly enjoyable, but it reinforced my view that the UWRF campus community is truly unique.”

Shelby Rabbelke, a senior and manager of First Year Experience, attended the breakfast meeting and spoke at length with Regent Brent Smith. Rabbelke said she found it to be enjoyable and worthwhile.

“It was really cool to see how much he enjoyed everything,” Rabbelke said. “He said they were all really impressed with campus.”

Not only were they interesting to talk business with, but enjoyable to spend time with on a personal level, Rabbelke said.

“We got him hooked on hockey,” she said.

“Not only was the breakfast meeting thoroughly enjoyable, but it reinforced my view that the UWRF campus community is truly unique.”

Jesus Salas,
Regents Board Member

Sophomore and FYE staff member Becca Peine said she believes the experience was good for us as a campus overall.

“They don’t always have the chance to come out and meet us, so to have everyone in one place was a good chance to show them what we have,” Peine said. “Hopefully they’ll be more willing to come back.”

Student Senate Vice President Sara Deick said

that although some of the discussion centered around budget issues and helping students become more informed about financial issues, it was the personable attitude of the Regents that she found most striking.

“They’re all really great people...so easy to talk to and interested in learning about what students think,” Deick said. “Having them here was a good chance to fill them in on what we want and need [as students].”

Regent Judy Crain summed up the visit as an excellent meeting and enjoyable opportunity for Regents and students to come together and get to know each other.

“UWRF was a marvelous host,” Crain said. “It is obvious that UWRF is a thriving, exciting place to be these days.”

Regent President Mark Bradley said that the efforts of students and faculty to create a pleasant campus are evident to anyone who visits.

“It was obvious that the students, faculty and administration are working to differentiate UW-River Falls from other comprehensive campuses in the UW System,” Bradley said. “Your clear message is that you have worked to define your campus values and that you take them seriously.”

DLC: New dairy facility offers upgraded features

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can get some of the best hands-on experience, Sylvia Kehoe, an animal science professor, said.

Kehoe teaches the lactation course (among others) in the program.

The DLC is a big upgrade from the current dairy facility.

“I think it’s a big step in our ability to exhibit best practices,” Kelm said.

The current dairy facility limits how cattle can be grouped and how cows that have calved can be managed, he said.

Students will have experience with in common practices with the use of the DLC, Kehoe said.

Students will be able to learn the basic foundations in managing a dairy cattle herd at the DLC. From start to finish, they will experience the entire spectrum, Baumann said.

“They get a good representation of the industry,” Kehoe said.

With the DLC, students will have a chance to learn the dairy practices that are common today versus learning practices that are 50 years old, she said.

UWRF has one of the three largest dairy programs in the United States with about 200 majors, Kehoe said.

Drew Johnson, a dairy science major, has taken the lactation and dairy production courses that have required him to do some work at the current dairy facility.

The DLC will be more efficient, he said, since less time will need to be spent on labor and more time can be spent on studies.

The composted bedding housing system, Johnson said, will add experience to his resume, as he has already become familiar with tie stall barns and free stall barns.

The current dairy facility at Lab Farm 1 has been in place since 1957. In 1985, an upgrade of the milking units, stalls and floor in the parlor was done, Baumann said.

“It was a small change,” he said.

Being in use since 1957, the current dairy facility is a very old system. It is challenging to find parts, if anything needs to be replaced, Kelm said.

After the proposed idea in 1992 for the DLC, approval for funding from the State Building Commission was needed, Baumann said.

After the approval, planning for the DLC proceeded.

Through the planning, faculty throughout the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences were asked for their initial thoughts and ideas for the DLC, Kelm said.

Faculty were asked what would be important to include in the facility that would be best utilized from a teaching standpoint.

“This is how we would ensure using the facility,” Kelm said.

However, architect bids were well over the budget due to a rise



Larry Baumann



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

UWRF’s dairy program will soon utilize it’s brand new Dairy Learning Center, which can house up to 100 cows and can hold 25 classrooms.

in construction costs in the late 1990s, Baumann said.

“We didn’t have enough money to build the facility,” he said, so the University needed to get approval for more funds.

The project was put on hold, but in 2003, final funding for the DLC was approved.

The total cost of the DLC to date is \$9.3 million. The new buildings and facilities totaled \$5.3 million, and the other \$4 million went to overhead costs, Baumann said in an e-mail.

In 2005, the final go-ahead for the DLC was given.

In late 2005, early 2006, a contractor bid was approved.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the DLC took place on Oct. 20, 2006.

The buildings are in the process of being turned over to the University, Kelm said.

The DLC will be used for courses on a regular basis starting over J-Term, but as of now, it is being used on an as-need basis, as the milking cows are not scheduled to be moved to the DLC until after the ribbon-cutting. Calves were scheduled to move to the DLC early this week.

The milking parlor is not yet totally functional. The details of getting it ready for milking are still being finished, Baumann said.

“It’ll still get some pretty significant usage [this semester],” Kelm said.


A series of events have been scheduled surrounding the opening of the DLC.

Wednesday, a college pig roast was held. A community open house was held Thursday, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening is scheduled to take place at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 12, followed by a reception, tours and demonstrations.

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Riverview Ballroom
or stop by UWRF Career Services
in the basement of East Hathorn Hall
for more information.



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EDITORIAL

College demands higher than ever

Higher education, like everything else in life, is a constantly evolving beast. Costs are continually rising and expectations in the classroom are greater than ever before. But these two opposite forces pose a real threat to the sanity of every student at UW-River Falls and around the country.

According to finaid.org, a smart student guide to financial aid, college costs are increasing at a rate of 5-8 percent annually, which is nearly double the increase in the inflation rate. If Wisconsin’s State Budget isn’t resolved soon, UWRF and the other Wisconsin universities will likely see a spike in that number as well. This constant rise in costs forces many students to work outside the classroom. According to a 2000 study by Sebago Associates, 57 percent of college students had a job outside of school. While this study was done seven years ago, there is no doubt that, with cost of higher education and living both rising, even more college students are in the work force than when this study was done seven years ago. This means that not only do students have less time for schoolwork, but less time to unwind and refresh their batteries.

Another factor that plays heavily into is the fact that faculty are, justifiably, demanding more and more from this generation of students. It is their job to do so because of a highly competitive work world waiting for college students. Faculty members feel the need to push us more to prepare us for the ‘real world.’ While some slackers may just want a degree handed to them at the end of their days in college, what real value would a college degree hold if professors decided not to push their students with a heavy workload?


So here we are, students and faculty, stuck between a lack of time and a lack of money, with no relief in sight. Eventually some thing has to give and many times it is the student. According to higheredinfo.org, the national retention rate for students from their freshman to sophomore years was just below 74 percent in 2002, a half percent decrease from the previous year. At UWRF the numbers were very similar. The decrease isn’t the real issue, it is the fact that more than one-quarter of students at UWRF and nationwide, are leaving school after on year or less. While this may not be fully attributed to rising costs, we would be naïve to believe that it’s not a factor.

It would be nice if there were some simple solution to all of this, like decreasing tuition, or the workload given by professors, but those options are either unrealistic, for the former, or counter productive, for the later. In the long run, all that will happen is we will weed out those who just can’t hack it in college and create a workforce of broke, sleep deprived, stressed out, workaholics.

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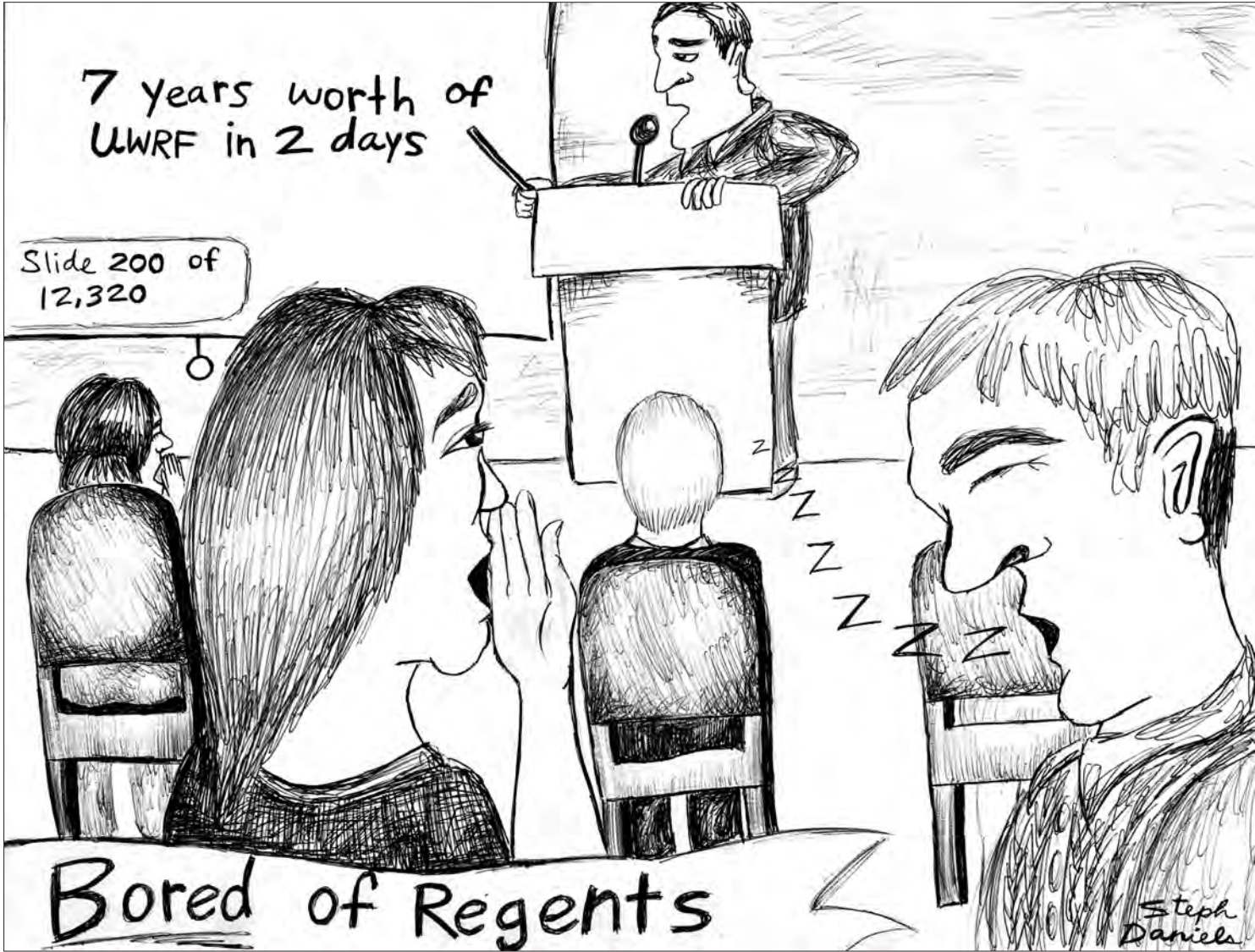
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Complaint receives short, simple answer

My response to Jenna Lee’s letter to the editor in last week’s issue of the *Student Voice*: If you don’t want your name in the police report, don’t break the law.

Sheri Fowler
English Department Associate

Senate committees already a success

Last week the *Student Voice* published a letter to the editor

by Joe Eggers regarding the combination of two Student Senate committees. Student Senate felt that by blending the Women’s Initiatives Committee with the Diversity Issues Committee, their efficiency would increase. In the past, these committees have collaborated together on numerous projects and by creating one united front, the committee will be more effective. It should also be noted that Senate has implemented a co-director system for the new committee to maintain the two paid positions like there were before.

There was also a factual error in Eggers’ statement. These changes have already become effective. Although the combi-

nation of these two committees required a bylaw change (which typically would not go into effect until the next academic year), it was stated in the motion that the change would become effective immediately.

Although I want everyone to be aware of these changes, Joe Eggers (a former Senate president) has brought up a more important issue to me personally. To effectively assess what is best for the student body, we need to hear students’ input. While Joe and many other students have strong opinions regarding Student Senate, they must share their opinions in a more effective way—during the meetings. This way the entire Senate can hear their valuable

contributions before a resolution is approved.

Lastly, I would just like to state that the combination of these two committees has proved to be a great success. It has two very enthusiastic Co-Directors that are accomplishing great things for Diversity and Women’s initiatives. They are currently planning on sending roughly 50 students to the Women’s Leadership Conference in November, and they are also hoping to co-host a vigil for the Compassion Care for Rape Victims Act, which is expected to be held October 17.

Derek Brandt
Student Senate President

CBE accreditation benefits UWRF

Editor’s note: The *Student Voice* will be running a weekly faculty/employee column this semester. This is open to any UW-River Falls staff member who would like their opinion heard on the pages of the *Student Voice*. The columns are opinion pieces between 450 and 600 words and must be submitted to the editor by the Monday prior to that week’s issue. Please send any columns or questions regarding them to: editor@uwrfvoice.com. The *Student Voice* also reserves the right not to print a column if it is not suitable.

We are inundated these days by acronyms. From UWRF to MTV and IM to CNN, we see these abbreviations wherever we go.

One acronym that has been very visible on our campus, especially around the College of Business and Economics (CBE), is AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, International). AACSB, International is the premier professional accrediting organization for colleges and schools of business throughout the world. Only about 30 percent of the business programs in the United States and less than 15 percent worldwide are accredited by AACSB.

Even before the CBE became the fourth college on the UWRF campus, several faculty and administrators were preparing an initial accreditation plan for our business administration, accounting, computer science/information systems and economics programs.

When Barbara Nemecek became the first Dean of the College of Business and Economics (July 2001), the clock started ticking on our five-to-six year candidacy

phase. During this time period, the CBE faculty worked extremely hard. They reviewed all of the majors within the college, increased their research and professional development activities and recruited new, highly qualified faculty members.

After submitting a three-volume Self-Evaluation Report in August 2005 and having a Peer Review Team visit in January 2006, we received confirmation in April 2007 that the UWRF College of Business and Economics was officially accredited through AACSB, International.

So what does AACSB accreditation mean for the future of the CBE? In my view, we can definitely expect continued growth in the number of students interested in majors within the college. Business Administration is already the largest major on campus (over 700 majors), and Accounting has about 150 majors.

When visiting our campus, many prospective students and their parents ask whether our business programs have professional accreditation. Potential employers prefer to interview students from AACSB schools, since they know the programs of study are high quality. Furthermore, our alumni and area businesses are anxious to partner with the college on a wide range of activities.

There are several opportunities for students and faculty that have developed in connection with our accreditation efforts. For the past five years, the college, with support from Pierce-Pepin Cooperative Services, has sponsored an executive-in-

residence each semester. This program brings a prominent businessperson to campus for a day to meet with students, faculty and community leaders.

The executive-in-residence also presents a public lecture on a topic related to their particular industry. Some of the past speakers have included the vice-president of grain operations for General Mills, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Client Services and the CEO of Phillips Plastics Corporation.

Another benefit to students is the opportunity to participate in new study abroad opportunities. Faculty in the College of Business and Economics have arranged and led several international study tours to places such as Taiwan, Uganda, Vietnam and Turkey. These cultural learning experiences are available to all students and take advantage of the background and expertise of the CBE faculty. They also fit the University’s mission to help students become “engaged citizens and leaders with an informed global perspective.”

Dean Nemecek and I are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication shown by faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, community leaders and students to accomplish this goal. This was truly a team effort that will pay dividends to the CBE and UWRF for many years.

Dr. Schultz is in his 29th year as a faculty member in the Economics Department at UWRF. He has been Associate Dean in the College of Business and Economics for the past four years, and serves as Director of the UWRF Center for Economic Education.



Brian Schultz

New freedoms require freshmen to take extra precautions

We freshmen have now had a whole month to start getting a feel of what real college parties are like. Wow, are they ever amazing. It wasn’t long ago that I was walking in the front door of my house at my midnight curfew and wishing that I didn’t have anyone to tell me what to do and when to be home. Now I finally have that freedom, and I’m taking full advantage of it.

I’m sure that most of the freshmen have gone out and tried some parties. I’m also pretty sure that some of them have gotten in a little too far over their heads. Speaking from experience, this new freedom

definitely has its pros and cons. We can stay out as late as we want, go anywhere we want, no matter what time it is, and of course we can enjoy a “beverage of choice” if we feel the need. This is all wonderful until you look at the cons.

I was at a party a few weeks ago, and, as I had anticipated, I was fully enjoying my new freedoms. Needless to say, there was a little beer involved. Everything

was going well. About 45 minutes after I had taken my last drink, the bright glow of a flashlight showed through the window.

In one quick motion someone yelled “Cops!” and shut the music off. This was my first run-in with the law on such a level. I had no idea what to do. If this hasn’t happened to you, trust me—you don’t want it to.

The cops came down demanding IDs and breathalyzers. I

thought for sure I was going down. I started to shake, my hands were sweating, and my skin broke out in hives. I have never been so nervous. Luckily, I had stopped drinking in time and blew a zero.

Nevertheless, I have definitely been learning more outside of the classroom than in. If I can tell anything to you freshmen here at UWRF, it’s to be careful. Enjoy your freedom, but just be ready for the repercussions that come along with it.

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



Linda Abel

Law enforcers should be well-equipped

It has come to my attention that in recent weeks, both our on-campus Public Safety officers and the local RFPD officers have stepped up security around our quaint little town of River Falls. This is made obvious when you take a gander at our police blotter, which has bloated and swelled recently with reports of underage consumption and other atrocious crimes. Let me say right now: rock on. I support completely these officers’ brave and heroic efforts. These immoral youngsters are poisoning themselves with alcohol, which leads to unwanted babies, STDs and oftentimes death. I could actually write several articles on the subject of how alcohol is dooming today’s youth, but I have something more important to focus on. In order

to really punish minors who are caught sipping on wine coolers, I think we should improve the way our officers do their job. In short, we need to make them infinitely more badass. First of all, appearance is key. I think our tax dollars would be well served in making these officers look more like the party-busting, ass-kicking urban soldiers they are. Instead of the usual navy blue garb, let’s opt for matte black Kevlar vests and perhaps bandoliers of high-yield, expanded-range fragmentation grenades. These anti-personnel



Joe Hager

grenades are sure to strike everyone within thirty yards of the explosion with red-hot shrapnel. Perfect for busting house parties! To go along with this, I think our officers should carry canisters of VX nerve gas. Well, perhaps this deadly biological weapon is going a little overboard for the purposes of busting minors. But just the threat of this stuff should be enough to get even the most belligerently drunk students surrendering their 40s within seconds. I also think officers should wear heavy-duty, steel-toed combat boots with spurs on the heels. It doesn’t mat-

ter if they ride horses or not, spurs are just awesome. Match these boots with a pair of urban-camo pants and a huge effing bowie knife, and we got ourselves a police force that looks as merciless as it acts. There could also be a few changes involving the use of force to take down bogies. Right now, I don’t think officers employ weapons of any kind when busting minors. To become more effective, I think we should encourage the use of non-lethal weaponry. For instance, I encourage officers to use tasers on students who appear even the slightest bit upset that they’re being charged almost \$200 for drinking alcohol. But tasing someone can become problematic; drunken students may vomit if they’re hit with a blast of painful electricity. Another

alternative is rubber bullets. You can bet that these underage criminals will give up and sober up after being hit with an explosion of rubber bullets. As long as the officers don’t shoot someone in the face with these projectiles, they can remain a viable and useful option. All in all, I just want our police force to have the tools and freedom it needs to do its job. When the streets of River Falls are crawling with underage demons fueling their wickedness with the forbidden fruits of alcohol, only a badass police force wielding grenades, tasers and nerve gas can save the day. 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.

College may not provide ideal job

The florescent lighting exaggerated every hideous detail inside this ghetto grocery store. I was a sheltered 16-year-old with long purple hair and I stood behind the counter awkwardly, trembling every time someone meandered toward my line. It was only my third week employed there, but I had considered quitting before, during and after my shift every day for those three weeks. I hated the massive red shirt they made me wear. I hated the bag-boy who reeked of cigarettes. I hated the abundance of poorly cut coupons. My hatred was at its peak late in my shifts. One evening, a regular customer of mine tested my patience 10 minutes before I was off. It was a crabby old woman with a perm cap plastered on her head. She handed me a white bag full of random candies. “You put all the different candy in the same bag again,” I told her. “I did,” she answered, and then proceeded to lecture me on why it is completely acceptable. Five minutes of lecture passed. Six. Seven. By minute eight, I had left my register. I mumbled something desperate to the old woman. I passed my bosses on my way to the locker room and avoided eye contact with them. As I walked through the wobbling automatic doors to freedom, the foul-smelling bag-boy asked if I was leaving so soon. I was. And I was never coming back. I was hysterical when I stepped onto my friend Jenny’s front porch. We both knew that if I didn’t find another job before my mom found out what just happened, she would cut off all my long purple hair and whip me with it until I bled to death. I spent the rest of the day in panic, applying to every place I



Annee Mayer-Chapleau

came across. Anything had to be better than that grocery store. Matteo hired me on the spot. As the owner of a hectic Italian restaurant, he was in dire need of dishwashers. He asked if I was Italian, and I told him yes. But when he hauled me into the kitchen, I couldn’t understand a word that he said. It didn’t help that he had fallen off a ladder a few weeks earlier and seriously injured his jaw. Through clenched teeth, Matteo shouted orders in a thick Italian accent. “ANNEE! DAHMN IT! ZEE VINE CLASS SHOULD BE VASHED ALREADY! VHY IS ZIS NAT DONE?” I spent a few minutes during each shift standing in the restroom stall in complete terror. After a week, I quit. In addition to cashiering and dishwashing, throughout the course of three years I have also chauffeured arrogant pilots to their hotels, changed sperm-infested bed sheets, sold cheap shoes to cheap people and packaged school supplies into boxes until my fingers were raw. I have been employed at at least fourteen places in my short lifetime. However, these atrocious jobs have influenced my education at River Falls greatly. I’ve kept each job in mind throughout my years here, excited to begin a new career in my chosen field. As a junior, I now have to seriously consider what I am going to do with my future. My radical quitting was in high school. Now I am a far more educated and mature individual. All this had me feeling optimistic—until my mom pointed out that I am a creative writing major.

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.

Language creates, dissolves differences

In high school Spanish class we were taught how to conjugate verbs. Because we live in America and will generally be confronted with Mexicans rather than Spaniards, we dismissed the *vosotros* part from our vocabulary, rendering it useless. Although I have not used my Spanish tongue in years, I have found that no bit of language is useless. A roommate of mine in the six-bed hostel room (much like a dorm room for River Falls’ temporary housing) is from Spain. The nights in the hostel sound like a crowd of grown people mumbling the most basic English words to each other. Occasionally there is the sound of long, drawn-out pronunciations for better understanding. The communication breakdown is about as exciting as the times that are shared later with my fellow travelers. The fact that the six of us, a Mexican, a Spaniard, an Italian, a German, a Frenchman and me, the American, could all decide to go out for drinks together is amazing. We are all lost in translation, but since we are all lost together, we are not lost at all.



Teresa Aviles

The beauty that lies behind relationships is that of a certain connection. One may loathe another who is across town on a rival team. But, once the borders are expanded to broaden your identity, a bond may be conceived. Much to my surprise, an undeniable bond was formed between the Mexican boy and me. We are not Europeans. We have similar tastes in music. Cheers! To the Americas! I feel for those who are enrolled in the Semester Abroad: Europe program staying in non-English speaking countries, or to the students at River Falls that struggle in class everyday to understand what the professor attempts to teach them. Living in London, I receive some British experience, but more of a global one. Yes, it is important for Americans to learn more languages. Yes, it is important to broaden your horizons within the world of linguistics. More important than the idea of being an educated adult is to live with that open mind—an open mind that is ready to try at

We are all lost in translation, but since we are all lost together, we are not lost at all.

new things at any given moment. Linguistics has never been my forte. Now, it is a game. I will teach about the “theres,” and in return they will teach me about the weather. The new language game has little to do with the actual learning aspect but more about the sharing of information from one foreigner to the next. I wish that I had learned Tagalog, Spanish, French and Italian when I was a wee one. For many of us, it is hard to imagine English not being our first language. The whole world wants to learn the language of the countries that rule the world. Over breakfast I help the Frenchman read the tabloids. “Gig” and “booze” are words that are probably necessary for him to know. The language game is exciting and hilarious but mostly tiring. The minute I hear American English spoken, the surprising relief strikes me, and my speech is comfortably at ease. 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.

Slower drivers need to be attentive, considerate

I don’t understand other drivers. Why is it so difficult to drive at an appropriate speed? I have to drive down Main Street in River Falls almost every day of the week. It’s bad enough that one intersection is still under construction months after the project was started. But what really bugs me is the apparent inability for drivers to read a simple road sign that consists of three syllables and two numeric digits. SPEED LIMIT 35. The whole section of Main Street between ShopKo and Jerry’s Auto Repair allows for vehicles to travel at a higher rate of motion than the section that passes the downtown shops and residential roads. Get it in your head, people. Every day I have to drive down that road, somebody just decides that those who assigned the speed limit didn’t know what they were doing. Somebody has to set their speedometer at barely above 25

miles per hour and ignore the fact that there are at least a dozen cars lined up behind them ready to pretend they’re driving on a NASCAR track. Then everyone wonders why people get so angry while they’re behind the wheel. It’s not just River Falls, either. If you’ve ever driven on the interstate (or any four-lane highway) for more than half an hour, I’m sure you’ve encountered the one driver who refuses to let the little needle slip over the speed limit and also refuses to move into the right lane where they belong. Instead, they remain steadfast, apparently determined to change the social norms of the road and single-handedly teach everyone that the posted speed limit is absolute. I’m sorry, it’s not going to happen.



Katrina Styx

What I love most about these people is the fact that once you finally get a chance to pass them (or in my case, blow by them with my car’s engine roaring), they look over and glare at you as if you are the one responsible for the degeneration of human society. I will admit, though, that I love speed. There isn’t much that can thrill me as much as pushing the upper limits of an engine in a speed test or an impromptu mini race with a willing stranger on a long interstate drive. Hearing that mechanical growl and seeing the scenery blur by on all sides gives me more of a high than caffeine or even chocolate. But I also understand that not everyone drives like I do. And when I’m speeding along and

come up behind another vehicle putting along at five over, I slow down. I don’t get angry, and I don’t try to drop my front bumper next to the kid sitting in the back seat. And at the same time, if I see that there’s another car behind me that is going faster than I am, I either move over or speed up, at least a little, if I can. It’s a simple common courtesy. Everyone has those days when they just need to get somewhere fast, and no one enjoys being stuck behind someone who doesn’t understand driving decency. And if you’re not comfortable keeping up with the traffic around you, then maybe you should just let someone else drive who is, because the rest of us actually have somewhere to go. 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.

STUDENT VOICES



Tim Goetzke, senior

“No, just ‘cause I’ve been away. I guess I really don’t depend on my parents anymore.”



Sami Kaminski, freshman

“No. I haven’t gotten homesick because I have a lot of friends here and we always hang out and do fun things.”



Traci Roberts, senior

“No, I live at home. I’m a poor college student.”

Amanda Spangberg, senior



“No, not really. Only for good food.”

Chris Pagel, sophomore



“No. I’m in college. I do what I want.”

Jeff Joski, senior



“Sure. My family lives in another state, far away.”

Freshman receiver breaks record, steals spotlight

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Michael Zweifel came to UW-River Falls to major in health and human performance and play football. He knew that he would get playing time, but as a freshman on a varsity collegiate football team, he didn't realize that he would immediately break records.

A 2007, Whitewater High School graduate, Zweifel had his father as a coach for most of his life. This tradition seemed as if it was going to continue through his college years when Stan Zweifel accepted a position as Falcons offensive coordinator last spring. However, Stan Zweifel decided at this time it wasn't the right career decision and resigned from the position this summer to take a job as the athletic director at Beloit Memorial High School.

Despite this decision, Michael Zweifel has been shining. He has raised the bar at the receiver position for the Falcons. In his first game Sept. 1, he set a school record with 10 receptions. Then, Oct. 29, he broke his own school record for receptions in a single game with 12. Michael Zweifel never predicted to be playing at this level or this well.

"It just feels good to play football at the college level and to contribute to our team," Michael Zweifel said. "It's a little nerve wrecking to be playing against juniors and seniors who are a lot bigger than me, but it's also a good challenge."

The Falcons are off to a slow start with a record of 1-4 overall, and 0-2 in the WIAC. However, for Michael Zweifel, it's not about winning or losing, it's about the personal experience.

"It's going a lot better than expected," Michael Zweifel said. "I would have never expected to have things go this well so far. But there is still room for improvement, and I hope everything continues."

At this level, football is highly competitive and very time consuming.

"So far it hasn't been too bad," Michael Zweifel said. "We have study halls we have to go to and that helps to get my school work done."

He has also had help from the members of the team with not only homework, but with the adjustment to college life.

"A lot of the older players have helped a lot," he said. "As well as Coach [Jeremy] Kerg, our receiver coach, has helped make the social transition and with everyday problems."

Despite his personal accomplishments, Michael Zweifel puts team goals first and has high hopes for the rest of the season.

"For our team to finish over .500 in conference play, and to compete with every team," he said.

And eventually he hopes, "for River Falls to win the WIAC and contend for a National Title."

When Michael Zweifel isn't out on the field he enjoys reading, cooking, watching movies and being active.

The Falcons face off against UW-Eau Claire for the Homecoming game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ramer Field.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Michael Zweifel leads the Falcons with 42 receptions for 574 yards. He broke UWRF's record for single game reception record with 10 Sept. 1 and tied it Sept. 15. On Sept. 29 Zweifel caught 12 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns against UW-Stevens Point.

Falcon sports streaming on Web

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Parents and fans of Falcon athletics can now watch live streaming broadcasts of games, available from a company called Penn Atlantic that is contracted by UW-River Falls.

Penn Atlantic is an independent company that provides video for games in most major college conferences.

The service, brand new this year at UWRF, was set up by Instructional Program Manager Nick Dangeur in Information Technology Services.

The direction of technology in general affected the decision to add the service.

"This is just where athletics are going," Athletic Director Rick Bowen said. The video is not played on the UWRF Web site, but instead is available on Penn Atlantic's site.

"[Penn Atlantic] provided us with an encoding computer and we ship it through that computer," Dangeur said.

The play-by-play from 88.7 FM WRFW is also broadcast and played in synch with the video.

Penn Atlantic's Web site states that a crowd microphone is used if no play-by-play commentary is available.

Each game costs \$5.95, and UWRF receives about half of the proceeds.

"We hope in time this could turn into a decent revenue stream, but right now it's just getting the word out about UWRF," said Bowen.

The video is not full broadcast quality,

but Dangeur said he was "really impressed" with it.

"It looked pretty decent, certainly for \$6," he said. "Eventually it would be nice to put some graphics in there and maybe two cameras."

The first two football games could not be broadcast because of a contract that the WIAC has with Fox Sports Net, the first game to use the system was against Pacific Lutheran University Sept. 15.

Falcon away games will be available as well, but instead of being in the UWRF section of Penn Atlantic's Web they will be under the hosting school.

Men's and women's basketball and men's hockey will be available once those seasons start, and Dangeur said he would like to do other sports in the future such as volleyball, women's softball and maybe even a rodeo.

Soccer is also a possibility, but as of right now the field is too far away from available hookups.

The service will not only be used for sports, but also other campus events like commencement.

"Commencement is really an important thing for a family, and a lot of families can't make it," Dangeur said. "Families should have that opportunity to see their son or daughter graduate."

The next scheduled Falcon game to be shown is the Oct. 13 football game vs. UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m. It can be accessed through the link on the UWRF Athletic Web site or at www.pennatlantic.com.

Alumni named to athletic Hall-of-Fame

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A never say quit attitude, along with a strong will to win and determination are just some characteristics that current and former UW-River Falls athletes encompass.

Every fall, the UWRF athletic department announces inductees into the hall of fame.

On Saturday, during halftime of the Homecoming football game, eight former athletes will be inducted into the UWRF Athletic Hall of Fame.

These athletes include: Aaron Arf (men's hockey), Jennifer Pontius Alwin (track and field), Gary Eloranta (trainer), Amy Holm (volleyball), Korey Knott (tennis), Adam Kowles (football), Cara Gustafson Rubis (volleyball) and Amy Stenson (softball).

Arf played hockey for the Falcons from 1993-96. He was a NCAA All-American in 1994 and 1996, and his team won the national championship in 1994, the UWRF Athletics Web site said.

"He was a tall and lanky offensive defenseman," head hockey coach Steve Freeman said regarding Arf.

Arf is also the 17th all-time leading scorer on the men's hockey team with 115 points.

Alwin, who graduated from Prescott High School in 1991, didn't begin formal competitions in track and field until her sophomore year of college in 1992 and won the national championship in the discus in 1996.

"I knew it was a possibility that I would be inducted into the hall of fame," Alwin said. "But I was still pretty happy and shocked."

Alwin credits her placement in the hall of fame to her national championship.

Eloranta has been the University's athletic trainer since 1973, when he graduated. He has also spent time volunteering in the community as a volunteer fire fighter, the UWRF Athletics Web site said.

Holm played four years of volleyball for the Falcons, from 1993-1996.

She also holds four different records including: all-time leading season games played (153), second all-time career games played (517), second all-time career assists (5,240) and fifth all-time career solo blocks (128), said the Athletics Web site.

Knott, a four-year tennis player at the University, still lives in town and owns M e l g a r d Monument in River Falls.

"I'm just happy, because playing tennis was a very important part of my time at UWRF," Knott said. "I'm just happy to have contributed to the program."

Kowles, a football player, played for the University from 1992-1996.

"It's really about the guys you played with," Kowles said. "When it comes down to it, it's all about the people."

A majority of the people getting inducted Saturday played at River Falls around the same time and are being inducted in the first year that they're eligible. Athletes must wait 10 years from their final season before being able to be even considered for the honor.



Adam Kowles

"It makes me wish I would have watched more stuff around here with all the talent we had around here," Kowles said.

Kowles now teaches math at Hudson High School and is the head coach of the varsity football team there.

Rubis now works in the UWRF Student Affairs office and played volleyball the same time as fellow inductee, Holm.

"It's definitely exciting," Rubis said. "It's exciting and nice to be part of. I was really surprised being inducted right after my 10-year waiting period."

Rubis is tied with Holm in all-time games played, but first in solo blocks in a season with 43, according to the Web site.



Cara Rubis

Stenson was a Falcon pitcher for the women's softball team from 1994-1997.

She was named to the all-conference team for all four of her seasons in a Falcon uniform.

Those being inducted into the hall were informed via a letter from athletic Rick Bowen back in July.

Following the induction ceremony and the football game, there will be a reception in honor of the eight new inductees.

Arf, Eloranta, Holm and Stenson could not be reached for comment.

The Falcons play UW-Eau Claire on Saturday at Ramer Field at 1 p.m.



Gary Eloranta



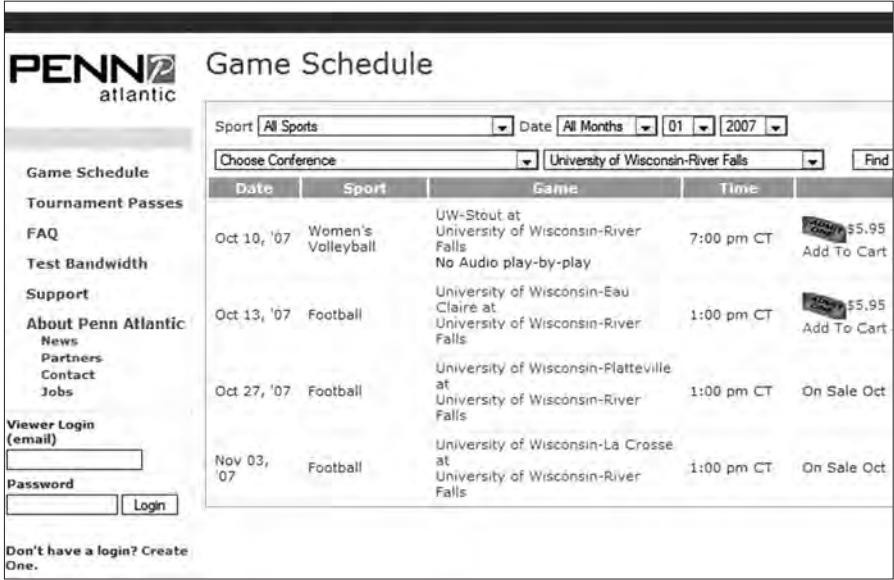
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UWRF parents and fans who are unable to attend games are able to watch select games on the Pen Atlantic Web site. Each game costs \$5.95.

SPORTS WRAP

Golf ends season at WIAC championship

Katie Kantrud, Jenna Gutzwiller and Anne Foote all competed in the second day of the WIAC Championships held at the Windwood Golf Course in Watertown Wis.

All three Falcons shot better scores on Sunday. Kantrud was the top finisher for UWRF. On Sunday she shot an 86 to go along with a 93 from Saturday. She finished with a 179 total. Gutzwiller shot an 88 on Sunday to finish at 182. She had a 94 on Saturday. Foote shot a 108 on Sunday and a 112 Saturday. She finished with a 220 total.

Eau Claire’s Meghan Sobotta won the individual title with a two-day total of 159. She shot an 80 on Saturday and a 79 on Sunday. She defeated Stevens Point’s Michelle Pascavis by one stroke. Pascavis was the leader after the first day with a 77.

Stevens Point won the team title with 656 strokes followed by Oshkosh 687, Whitewater 690, Eau Claire 696, Platteville 708, Superior 717 and Stout 725. The Falcons, with only three golfers, did not have a team score.

Football squad falls short at Whitewater

The story of the day was the rushing game. Two of the conference’s top three rushers were featured: UW-Whitewater’s Justin Beaver and River Falls’s Nathan Anderson. Neither senior runner disappointed, with both going over the 100-yard mark.

Anderson carried the ball 23 times for 126 yards and a touch-down. But it was Beaver, who scored on 15-yard and 16-yard runs, who shined. He rushed the ball 25 times for 233 yards and those two touchdowns.

Altogether UWW finished with 291 rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns.

The UWRF offense moved the ball well, gaining 346 total yards, but was unable to maintain, or finish off, drives by throwing four interceptions. UWRF also had a season high 10 penalties for 62 yards.

The top receiver in the conference, Michael Zweifel, had another big game catching six passes for 100 yards and a 52-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter .

Zweifel leads the conference in receptions (42), yards (574), receiving touchdowns (5) and receptions per game (9).

Senior defensive end Gregg Neumann added two sacks to his conference-leading total, now up to 8.5 sacks on the year. Senior linebacker Bruce Baillargeon had 17 solo tackles and five assists, for 22 total stops.

RF, now 1-4 (0-2 WIAC), will try to regroup next week when they host UW-Eau Claire, 5-1 (2-1 WIAC).

Volleyball team loses to UW-La Crosse

The Falcon volleyball team lost a WIAC match against UW-La Crosse in four games.

The Falcons won the first game 31-29, and lost the next three 32-30, 30-17 and 30-28.

Kelsey Scheele was the only Falcon to reach double digits in kills with 19. She also had 17 digs and served two aces. Margret Rubis had nine kills, two digs and one service ace. Gina DeRosa and Andria Vetsch had eight kills each and DeRosa had three blocking assists and one solo block, while Vetsch had two digs. Ashley Wheeler added five kills, six digs and one blocking assist. Amy Weber led the Falcons in digs with 24, while adding six kills, and one blocking assist. Emily Hagen chipped in with 14 digs, two kills and one blocking assist and service ace. Mandy McKenzie helped the defensive effort with 15 digs.

Falcons soccer loses WIAC match to Titans

UW-Oshkosh out shot the Falcons, 17-7 in the first half, but the Falcons had an 11-7 shot advantage in the second half. A 20-25 mile per hour wind from the south helped each team when it had the wind at its back.

Dianna Hermes led the Falcons with nine shots while Kelly Piersak and Jaclyn Rehmke each had two.

UWRF goalies Emily Stieler and Andrea Dudley each played a half with Stieler getting the start. She allowed two goals and made nine saves. Dudley allowed one goal and had three saves. Stieler took the loss and is now 2-8-2 this year. Titan goalie Laura Neve made 11 saves and she is now 4-5.


The win for the Titans was their third in a row in the series. UWRF holds a 9-7-1 lead in the all-time series.

UWO has won the last two games played at Ramer Field.

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STANDINGS

Football			Tennis		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Whitewater (4-1)	3	0	UW-Whitewater (10-2)	6	0
UW-Stevens Point (5-0)	2	0	UW-Eau Claire (7-3)	4	1
UW-Eau Claire (5-1)	2	1	UW-River Falls (10-4)	3	3
UW-Oshkosh (4-1)	1	1	UW-Stout (7-3)	3	3
UW-Stout (2-3)	1	1	UW-LaCrosse (5-3)	2	3
UW-Lacrosse (2-2)	0	2	UW-Stevens Point (6-5)	1	4
UW-Platteville (1-4)	0	2	UW-Oshkosh (4-5)	0	5
UW-River Falls (1-4)	0	2			

Volleyball			Soccer		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L T
UW-Whitewater (19-2)	5	0	UW-Eau Claire (11-1-1)	4	0 0
UW-Oshkosh (22-1)	4	0	UW-Stevens Point (9-3-1)	4	1 0
UW-Eau Claire (15-7)	4	2	UW-Oshkosh (6-7-0)	3	2 0
UW-La Crosse (18-4)	3	2	UW-La Crosse (7-4-0)	3	3 0
UW-Platteville (19-7)	3	3	UW-Whitewater (8-6-1)	2	2 1
UW-Stevens Point (14-8)	3	3	UW-Stout (3-9-0)	2	3 0
UW-Superior (13-11)	1	5	UW-River Falls (2-8-2)	1	2 1
UW-Stout (10-12)	1	5	UW-Platteville (3-7-3)	1	3 0
UW-River Falls (5-18)	1	5	UW-Superior (5-5-1)	0	4 0

Seniors prep for final run as Falcons



Maria Michaud, left, and Laura Murphy, right, run in the UWRF Time Trial Sept 1.

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For four years, running was not just a hobby, it was a passion. The feel of the path beneath their feet kept them motivated and made them strive for excellence. They ran and ran for fun, but also for the thrill of the race.

UW-River Falls senior Laura Murphy is running her fourth and final season as a member of the Cross Country team.

“It is very sad; I am going to miss the team a lot,” Murphy said. “I want to finish the season strong. Hopefully I will break my personal record for a 6K.”

So far Murphy’s best for the season is 27:22 at the St. Olaf Invitational Sept. 15; she did not run in the Ele Hansen Invitational at Carleton Sept. 7.

Murphy recalls the “team building sessions after the meets,” and said that “they were some of the best times [she] has ever had.”

Murphy wants to finish strong individually, but she also has high hopes for the rest of the team.

“I want the team to place well at the regional meet [Nov. 8],” she said.

Maria Michaud is the only other senior on the team this year, and has similar feelings to Murphy.

“I mostly feel sad or excited that it’s my last year,” Michaud said. “I do have sad moments whenever I think about not being able to race on a collegiate team.”

Michaud has been the Falcons number two runner all four years she has been on the team. She has also made the conference and regional teams all four years.

They both agree on how they would like the team to finish the season, with a good showing in regions.

“I do know how I would love to finish my last season, but I can’t say because I’m a little superstitious...sorry,” Michaud said.

Michaud and Murphy enjoyed their time on the team because of the people they met and the friendships they made.

Both have advice they wish to pass on to their younger teammates.

“Have fun with your teammates while you can, because it all ends so fast,” said Murphy.

Michaud’s advice was aimed more at how to improve running.

“Just to keep running,” said Michaud. “Also to train in the summer because it’s a great opportunity to enhance your running abilities.”

For both women, running has been a part of their lives for so long that they couldn’t let it slip away after their graduation.

“I’m hoping to do the Twins Cities marathon next fall,” Michaud said. “I will definitely keep running.”

Murphy will also continue to run.

“I plan to run a marathon after this last season of cross country,” said Murphy. “If I like the first one I will do more, but for sure I will be running for the rest of my life.”

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Twins fan ready for a change in owners



Chris Schad

The Minnesota Twins have problems. Can they re-sign Justin Morneau, Johan Santana, Michael Cuddyer, Joe Nathan and Torii Hunter? Where will they get the offense to fill voids in left field third base and designated hitter? Will the Twins spend money? All of these problems have one easy solution: Mark Cuban should buy the Minnesota Twins.

For those who don’t know, Cuban, currently owner of the Dallas Mavericks of the NBA, is trying to buy the Chicago Cubs. He wants to reserve a couple seats in the bleachers at Wrigley Field, drink beer and play fantasy baseball with an actual baseball team.

Cuban is a fan at heart who is living the dream. Tell me, if you had billions of dollars and a passion for sports, wouldn’t you do the same thing?

The sale of any baseball team can do wonders for that team’s popularity. However, Cubs fans want nothing to do with Cuban because of his off the wall antics such as sitting courtside and screaming at officials. If the Cubs don’t want this, why not bring Cuban here?

If Cuban owned the Twins, there would be no budget for new Twins General Manager Bill Smith to work with.

Cuban would spend the money necessary to field a winning team. This would mean that Torii Hunter wouldn’t even have been close to filing for free agency.

Also, there would probably be no talk of trading Santana or Nathan because we could afford them. The words “eligible for free agency” would no longer scare Twins fans.

Another reason this would work is that Cuban is into the game. As I mentioned before, Cuban sits on the sidelines for every Dallas Mavericks game, home or away. Some may even make an argument that he’s the biggest Mavericks fan there is.

It’s refreshing to see a billionaire whine and cry like I do at a game, instead of sitting up in a press box counting his money. Compare this with the current owner, Carl Pohlad. Pohlad is a tightwad owner who only has an interest in how much revenue the team is making.

Pohlad is so disconnected from the team he thinks that the center fielder who is filing for free agency is not Torii Hunter, but instead, Kirby Puckett. This could actually help the Twins on the field as Cuban would yell at Joe Mauer to stop complaining about the tweak in his hamstring and start playing.

Finally, Cuban knows about the game. Contrary to Cubs fans, Cuban grew up in Pittsburgh in the 1970s. That was when Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell, Bert Blyleven and others won the World Series for the Pirates with the “We Are Family” team.

A championship by a hometown team in any sport will hook a lot of people into the sport. Cuban is a byproduct of this. With the Mavericks, Cuban made sure that the right players were signed so he could put the best product possible for his fans. Cuban would do the same here. That would mean no lame signings such as Rondell White, Tony Batista, Sidney Ponson, Ramon Ortiz, Jeff Cirillo, Juan Castro, etc.

Cuban has already transformed one of the worst franchises in sports into one of the best franchises in sports. The Twins already have a good franchise, but if Pohlad sold the team to Cuban it would become a great franchise. If only Cuban could buy those Vikings too...

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College of Arts and Sciences changes liberal arts requirements

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Students whose major falls within the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) are experiencing changes in their liberal arts requirements this semester.

The changes were approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee, headed by Associate Dean Brad Caskey, April 25, 2007.

Among the more notable policy changes, CAS majors can now satisfy their liberal arts requirements with a minimum of eight credits instead of the 10 called for by the previous policy.

CAS majors are still required to choose courses from the same four divisions: Humanities, Modern Languages, Natural Sciences and Math and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

They will also need to take at least two liberal arts courses at the 200 level or higher. Prior to this change, all liberal arts courses taken needed to be at the 200 level or higher with the exception of those in the Modern Language division.

The reasoning behind the changes in minimum credits and the number of required 200 level courses was geared toward making life easier for the students, Caskey said.

“Students end up winning because they now have more flexibility,” he said. “Our decision was simply to give them that flexibility in their schedules and the choices they hope to choose from.”

All liberal arts courses had to be taken in a division outside of the department of one’s major or minor before the policy change.

Students must now take courses from at least two divisions and are allowed to take one course in the division of either their major or minor. The course, however, cannot be in either the major or minor designator area.

Despite the reasons for the policy shake-up, there are some potential adverse affects that could come from the changes, Bob Coffman, mathematics department chair said.

“I think that Modern Language enrollments could suffer, as taking a four credit course was a natural way to make the ten credit requirement,” he said. “As someone who likes languages very much and believes that their study is important, I think this is very unfortunate.”



Brad Caskey

The changes bring about mixed feelings for Derek Brandt, a UW-River Falls senior double majoring in History and Political Science. “From a student’s point of view, it’s good, because it gives them an easier workload,” he said. “However, language in a modern world of globalization is becoming increasingly necessary.”

Change is a fundamental part of education, Brandt said.

“Whether this change is good or bad is to be seen,” he said.

Besides the goal of allowing students more flexibility in their scheduling, the changes were also a product of UWRF’s new general education requirements, Caskey said.

“It made sense to cut back on liberal arts requirements,” he said. “The new general educations basically overlap the goals of liberal arts.”

There are 29 of liberal arts courses that double count and fulfill either the American Cultural Diversity or Global Perspectives university requirements under the 2005-2006 Catalog.

Students who want to know more about the CAS liberal arts courses and what they count for can go to <http://www.uwrf.edu/cas>.

Public safety hires new officers, looks to enhance crime prevention

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Two new public safety officers have been hired to provide crime prevention to the UW-River Falls campus while administration officials look into the possibility of adding sworn police officers to the Public Safety Department.

The addition of the two new public safety officers brings the total count of full-time officers at UWRF to four. The full-time officers are also assisted by three limited-term employment positions that are used to fill the gaps in the schedule.

Dan Hayden and Lesa Wotias were hired to fill vacancies on the Public Safety staff. Hayden is currently working as a public safety officer for the department and Wotias is in the field training stage of the hiring process, Director of Public Safety Richard Trende said.

“The new officers are great,” Public Safety Officer Don Knutson said.

“This job is different than other police jobs, so right now it’s a matter of getting them trained in.”

The new hires are a result of the departure of two veteran public safety officers earlier this year. Ken Kromrey, a long time officer, retired from the Public Safety Department. The other, Joel Klatt, was hired by the Cumberland Police Department, Trende said.

There was a third officer hired, Adam Balow, but he only worked a short time with Public Safety before being hired by the New Richmond Police Department. As a result there has been a gap in the Public Safety schedule.

“One of the full-time positions has been vacant for a year,” Trende said.

Currently the plan is to fill the open full time position with a limited-term employee until a full-time officer can be hired, Trende said.

“We’re trying to protect the environment for both the student working and attending classes on campus and for the employees working to make sure things are safe,” Trende said.

The Public Safety Department also works in conjunction with the River Falls Police Department and the St. Croix County Sheriff’s Department to provide crime prevention on campus when assistance is needed beyond the scope of their responsibilities, according to the Public Safety Web site.

“Working closely with the campus officers is a two-way street,” River Falls Police Officer Jennifer Knutson said. “We monitor each other’s radio traffic and, when needed, we respond to campus, and they have been ready and willing to help us out when necessary.”

Other University of Wisconsin schools with similar enrollment numbers, such as UW-Platteville and UW-Green Bay, have sworn police officers on their staff, according to their Web sites. Currently only Public Safety

Director Richard Trende and Public Safety Officer Dave Kuether are the only sworn police officers on the UWRF Public Safety staff.

“At one time there were police officers [on staff] when I first started back in the 80’s,” Public Safety Officer Towberman said.

Administrators on campus are looking into getting more sworn police officers onto the force. Trende is currently putting together a proposal that would outline the costs and benefits of having sworn police officers on staff, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada said.

“I would like to see [the hiring of police officers] happen gradually,” Trende said.

The Public Safety Department is staffed 24 hours to provide coverage to the campus community, often times by an average of only one officer per shift.

“We’re mandated to provide coverage 24 hours a day seven days a week; it’s very difficult to accomplish that [with only five full-time officers].” Trende said. “I think when you’re looking at Public Safety, we provide a service, and we need to determine what level of service the community wants.”

Bar: Students share their feelings about an on-campus bar

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so we thought a bar wouldn’t make much sense.”

Still, the thought of a place on campus to grab a drink is intriguing to some UWRF students.

“A bar in the University Center would be nice, but there would

have to be limitations,” daily commuting student Nick Giles-Lauer said.

“It would be a good social experience for kids that are of age,” Giles-Lauer said. “Instead of just going to class and leaving, it would give you a nice meeting destination.”

Several other universities

around the region have destinations in their student centers where alcohol is served, including UW-Madison and the University of Iowa.

“I don’t see why we can’t have one if other universities do,” Lopez said. “I think [Roots] would be a perfect venue.”

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The Big Event returns to UW-River Falls

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Don't forget to wear your earplugs. On Oct. 13, the Wall Amphitheatre on the UW-River Falls campus will resonate with the sounds of wailing guitars, booming drums and soaring vocals as local and national musical acts gather to perform for a single cause: to help build a school for vulnerable children in Kampala, Uganda. The Big Event, UWRF's music festival with a mission, is back for a second year. Co-sponsored by the UWRF chapter of Building Tomorrow and the Student Arts and Entertainment Committee (SEAC), the concert's roster includes Atlanta, Ga., singer-songwriter Shawn Mullins and Twin Cities musicians the Alarmists, the Exchange, JoAnna James, and Yawo. The music starts at 3:45 p.m., following the homecoming football game. SEAC member Tanya Hartwig expressed excitement over this year's diverse concert lineup, which runs the gamut from West African music to indie rock.

"It's [going to] be great, quality entertainment," Hartwig, a senior, said. "It's a fantastic lineup of really awesome music." The musical roster will appeal to a variety of people, UWRF Event Coordinator Karyn Wells said. "We want college students to be interested, we want community members to come, and we want it to be kid-friendly," Wells said. "I think all of those audiences will enjoy the music." Making the Big Event kid-friendly this year is the addition of the Little Event, a kids' carnival featuring games, arts and crafts, face painting and the musical stylings of local singer-songwriters Candi Ince and Eric Edwards, as well as a West African band that will lead drumming and dancing activities. The Little Event will be held on the Intramural Fields and will run from 4-6:30 pm. Admission to the festivities is free. However, that does not mean that attendees should leave their wallets at home, Wells said. A raffle and the presence of donation booths will give concertgoers ample opportunity to make monetary gifts toward the Kampala, Uganda school building fund.

But more significant than dollars, she said, is the chance for the UWRF chapter of Building Tomorrow and SEAC to make audience members cognizant of the realities facing schoolchildren in Uganda, 82 percent of whom are not able to receive an education past elementary school. "Even though raising money is important for this event, it's also important to raise awareness for this cause," Wells said. According to its Web site, Building Tomorrow is "an international non-profit organization empowering young people to raise funds & awareness to benefit vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa." Building Tomorrow defines vulnerable children as those orphaned or otherwise personally affected by the AIDS/HIV epidemic currently ravaging Uganda and other African nations. Statistics on the organizational Web site state that 940,000 children have been orphaned by AIDS in Uganda. An additional

110,000 are actually living with the virus, according to the Web site. There are currently 10 college chapters of Building Tomorrow in the United States, all of which have promised to raise money for the erection of schools in Uganda to educate these vulnerable children. The UWRF chapter has pledged to raise \$10,000, said member Kasey Barrett. And thanks to last year's Big Event, sales of Ugandan necklaces at the University Bookstore and a River Falls High School fundraiser, the chapter is only \$6,200 away from its goal, she said. To help reach the \$10,000 milestone, Barrett said that Building Tomorrow hopes to "triple" the Big Event's attendance from last year. After witnessing the hardships faced by Ugandan schoolchildren during the UWRF Building Tomorrow's chapter trip to Uganda last January, the junior said that she is especially dedicated to the Big Event cause.

"It makes you appreciate what you have in America," Barrett said of her trip. "I think a lot of Americans take education for granted." Amy Lloyd, UWRF leadership coordinator and Building Tomorrow advisor, said she would like for the Big Event to

enlighten UWRF students about issues larger than themselves. "I think it's important that students gain this global perspective," Lloyd said. "Here at River Falls, you can make a difference somewhere in the world, and have a tangible result from your efforts."



Springsteen's latest album full of tricks, 'Magic'



Opening song, "Radio Nowhere," Bruce Springsteen cries out: "I want a thousand guitars...I want pounding drums...I want a million different voices speaking in tongues." At first listen, the song sounds like a simple question about the state of rock music and its decline since the late 1990s. But there's a sense of loss within it that goes beyond the aesthetic of simple musical tastes. There's defeat, frustration and ultimately feelings of uprising beyond that which we all have become accustomed to. In 2002, Springsteen crafted *The Rising*, an

album in which he bled his patriotism, his dedication, and the overall love he has for this country. But he chose the alternate route, which he asked the nation not to seek the easy path of vengeance, but rise above hatred. Later in 2004, he lost the Vote for Change campaign, which fell on millions of deaf ears. Fast forward to 2007 and it's easy to understand him when he repeatedly sings, "I just want to hear some rhythm...I just want to feel some rhythm...I just want to feel your rhythm." There's no mention of Iraq, corrupt politicians or prophetic words of wisdom. No, *Magic* is Springsteen's observation concerning the current state of "a bloody red horizon." In the spaghetti western-like "Gypsy Biker," complete with harmonica and quick, jarring acoustic guitars, he intends to make us shiver in our warm beds as he sings, "The favored march up over the hill...In some fools parade...Shoutin'

victory for the righteous...But there ain't much here but graves." Or take "Last to Die," where he croons over violin strings, "Whose blood will spill, whose heart will break...Who'll be the last to die for a mistake." In a reminiscent turn, Springsteen looks back on his youth-places where "The fluorescent lights flick over Pop's Grill" and "the streetlights shine on Blessing Avenue." ("Girls In Their Summer Clothes"). He pleads, "I'll work for your love...What others may want for free...I'll work for your love" to a girl named Teresa in the more upbeat "I'll Work for Your Love." And on the inspiring "Long Walk Home," Springsteen remembers his father's words: "Son, we're lucky in this town...It's a beautiful place to be born ... You know that flag flying over the courthouse...Means certain things are set in stone...Who we are, what we'll do...And what we won't."

These songs foster a brighter past that once existed, but that doesn't mean he believes we can't escape and change what has become of the present. "I got shackles on my wrists," Springsteen smugly tells in the title track, "Soon I'll slip 'em and be gone...Chain me in a box in the river...And I'll rise singin' this song." Hope for the future is even more evident in "Devil's Arcade," where he sings, "The glorious kingdom of the sun on your face...Rising from a long night as dark as the grave." Closing the album is an untitled, un-credited acoustic tribute to Springsteen's friend and 23-year partner, Terry Magovern, who is praised, "When they built you brother, they broke the mold." In his own subtle way, he is advising us to break it as well.

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).

Fantasy knock-off 'The Seeker' cheesy and predictable

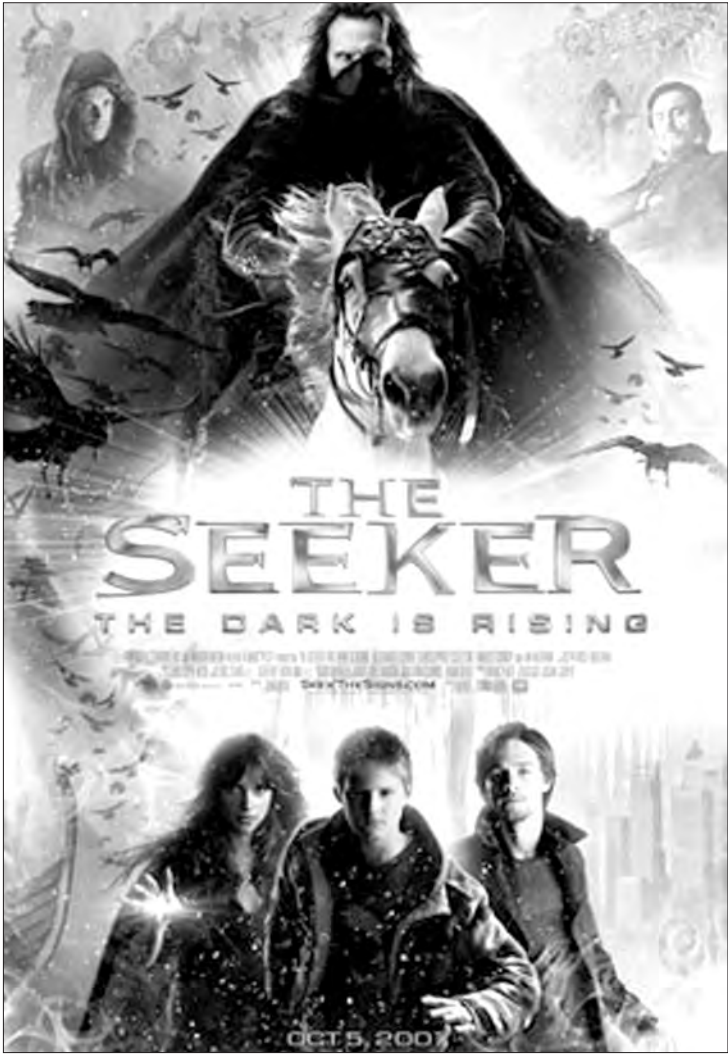


ends up testing his own loyalty to the Old Ones while sending him on a journey across time itself. I'm getting a teensy bit tired of the recent deluge of fantasy features, but that's not my main beef with "The Seeker." What irked me most is how the flick covers the basic structure of a movie of this kind without doing hardly anything unique of its own. It's your basic "young boy, ancient prophecy, blah, blah" scenario, and each attempt made to carve a name for itself seems even more lame than the previous one. What we get is a goofy bad guy in black riding a horse, loads of evil crows (left over from "Resident Evil: Extinction," I guess) and the great Ian McShane spending half of his part screaming, "You are THE SEEKER!" This is one of those movies where the characters just spurt the plot out of their mouths instead of actual dialogue. "The Seeker" is also apparently its own deus ex machina, always taking the easy way out of any situation whether it makes sense or not (i.e.: expect a lot of death-cheating).

looking good (aside from some awkward, swervy camera angles) and for moving along fairly swiftly. Still, when a movie has you yearning for the cheesy glory of "Eragon," you know you have a problem.



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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.

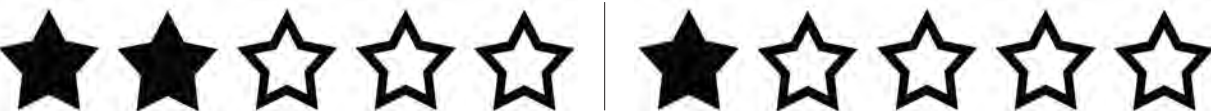
While the "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings" franchises may be the supreme fantasy features of our time, their imitators persistently crawl out of the woodwork to this day. "The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising" (a title every bit as cringe-inducing as "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever") is the latest such example. It is a film whose source material was published long before the Boy Who Lived ever set foot in Hogwarts but is none-too-fashionably late to the table movie-wise. Something strange is happening to Will Stanton (Alexander Ludwig), an American kid still getting used to his family's big move to England. As Will's 14th birthday approaches, birds crowd around him, dogs start to growl at him and he is able to summon great strength on a whim. A group of noble immortals called the Old Ones tell Will he is fated to become the Seeker, an individual whose task it is to recover six "signs" which can be used to combat the Dark, a monstrous force that, if you haven't already deduced from the title, is indeed rising. The Dark wishes to possess the signs for its own nefarious plans, sending out a soldier called the Rider (Christopher Eccleston) to do whatever he can to take them out of Will's hands. Our young hero's quest

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We are taught to recycle since kindergarten, and that reusing everything will keep the Earth happy. Maybe it would have been better if Hollywood had never gotten that memo. Since the universal success "Lord of the Rings" and "Harry Potter," Hollywood has been on a fantasy kick of epic proportions, adapting any available fantasy book to film. At first it was kind of fun, but the novelty has worn off. Listen closely and you can even hear that poor fantasy horse being beaten to death. Enter "The Seeker." Set in modern England, "The Seeker" tells the tale of Will Stanton (Alexander Ludwig), a down on his luck high-school freshman too often overlooked by his oversized family. But Will's 14th birthday brings an end to all that when approached by the Old Ones, an ancient group of immortal warriors fighting for the Light. They turn Will's world upside down as they explain that the Earth is engulfed in an endless war between the Light and the Dark. The only way to stop the rising Dark is to collect the six fragments of Light and unite them against the evil, singularly personified by Christopher Eccleston. It just so happens that Will is the one chosen to find and unite those six pieces. Sound familiar? That's because "The Seeker" doesn't so much weave its own story as it does pull threads from many other fantasy yarns. It is one thing to pay homage to sources of inspiration, and it is another thing altogether to plagiarize them. Parts written for the film become shallow shadows of more

famous characters; two of Will's older brothers just happen to resemble Fred and George Weasley, minus the charm and wit. On a grander scale, the entire premise of the Light vs. the Dark feels too much like "Star Wars" for kiddies. Crossing these copyrighted boundaries could almost be forgiven if it was done elegantly, but eloquence and style are not priorities high up on "The Seeker's" list. In the place of character development and plot, the audience is assaulted with cheesy special effects and queasy camera work. Everyone in the movie feels lethargic while delivering their dialogue from a ho-hum script. It is surprising that the actors can deliver some of the lines without laughing; it gets so corny at times. Even Will's so-called "powers" serve little purpose other than to throw a fiery tantrum. It doesn't help the situation that it takes nearly half the film for it to finally take off. At a lean 100-minute run-time, the film can't afford to waste 45 minutes establishing it's main player as the seeker before diving into the thick of things. Two very serious consequences are spawned from this: the movie becomes overly boring, and the conflict of finding the missing pieces is so mashed together, it becomes trivialized. The resulting mess of a movie is nothing more than another bland fantasy flick that gets lost in an endless sea of clichés. Too dark for kids and too stupid for adults, "The Seeker" is nothing more than recycled garbage.

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almost as if it was time to report for battle - but that was of course not the case. Instead, Carroll escorted us to a sandy training area known as the combatives pits.

Here, cadets were being trained in hand-to-hand combat. The instructor gave students reasons why hand-to-hand combat might be necessary in a combat situation, such as a gun being jammed, no gun at all or an unexpected attack coming from around a corner. He also went on to give his definition of a warrior.

“In combat, a warrior is the person who takes the fight to the enemy - that’s the warrior,” he said.

UWRF freshman Amanda Parczak joined the ROTC this year after already being involved with the Army reserve. She said her favorite part of the weekend was the hand-to-hand combat training.

“It’s a good thing to know exactly how to defend yourself if you’re in any kind of situation where you don’t have any weapons,” Parczak said.

After watching the training in the combatives pits, we had the opportunity to take a break in the shade and grab a bite to eat. We didn’t have lunch, but we were given a complimentary meal courtesy of the Army. For anyone who has never had a “meal ready to eat (MRE),” it is quite the experience. The MRE is far from your mother’s home cooking, even if she has never cooked a day in her life. But I learned the point of an MRE is to provide soldiers with enough nutrition to keep them alive, so I quickly came to realize that taste is not a priority.

According to the MRE information Web site, “while everything in an MRE can be eaten cold, it usually tastes better warm.”

I had the cheese tortellini with pineapple pound cake, but much like a soldier I had neither the time nor space to heat my meal, because by the time I got around to opening it we were on a bus headed to our next location.

“Dahlke, you should see the face that you’re making right now,” Yoo said.

Yoo’s father was in the military, so occasionally he would bring home some MREs for his son. Yoo was fascinated with the MRE, as children often are by such obscure things. Yoo was quick to remember that he was fond of the jumbalaya, so he made sure to snatch that up before me.

The tortellini never really struck a soft spot on my palette, but the pound cake was somewhat tasty. Needless to say, it was all I had eaten and it got me through our next activity - land navigation.

We arrived at the land navigation course meeting point and instantly my eyes were drawn to a group of soldiers lying in the grass with M-16 rifles. Like the noon trumpet in the loud speaker, the soldiers toting the rifles made me contemplate real war. Carroll was quick to let me know that the rifles were merely rubber replicas, and I quickly bounced back to reality.

After relaxing for a short time and waiting for people to regroup at the meeting area, a man began describing what was going to happen with the land navigation training.

The purpose of land navigation is to use a map, compass, protractor and azimuth to find a given set of points. In this case the points were located in the woods, identified by a wooden pole with an eight-digit grid coordinate.

“It’s kind of a glorified walk in the woods,” Carroll said. “But the point is, if you’re out in the middle of nowhere with no GPS [Global Positioning System] you can find your way out.”

Throughout the entire time at Ft. McCoy, safety was a recurring theme. Even though we may have only been taking a “glorified walk in the woods,” the man giving the land navigation briefing made sure to provide a safety briefing. He warned everyone about uneven terrain, wildlife, vegetation such as poison ivy, being accountable for people and above all, nutrition and hydration. There was plenty of water available and they constantly encouraged everyone to take advantage.

Glanz was having trouble keeping food down and has a history of heat problems, so she was deemed a “heat casualty,” basically meaning that she was at high risk for passing out or having some other type of heat-related problem. She was not allowed to participate.

We joined up with our group leader, known as a “lane walker,” and began our land navigation mission. We proceeded up a road for a short while, and then turned down a sandy path that led us into the woods.

About 100 yards into the woods we found our first point; it was at least a partial success, but it was time for us to begin our journey back to civilization and out of the boundaries of Ft. McCoy.

Carroll showed us our way back to the land navigation meeting point where we were to catch a ride back to our vehicles. Along the way we discussed the experience and he explained the purpose of the weekend from the ROTC perspective.

“The focus of the weekend is to show freshman and sophomores what things are like,” Carroll said. “The goal is to just give them a taste and see if it’s something they’re interested in doing.”

We only stayed for an afternoon and were bombarded with a variety of activities, so it’s safe to say that newcomers are given a fair opportunity to get a taste of the Army, and not just in a MRE.



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A blackhawk helicopter hovers over Ft. McCoy during Josh Dahlke and Kenny Yoo’s stay at the army base.

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