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## UWRF goes drag



Christine Patterson, left, and Andrew Geddes, right, dance and lip-sync to Avril Lavignes song 'Girlfriend' Wednesday night during the UWRF Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) drag show fundraiser.

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## UWRF alumna killed in line of duty in Iraq

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UW-River Falls lost an outgoing former member of the campus community this week. Tracy Alger, a 2001 UWRF graduate, was killed by an improvised explosive device Nov. 1 in Shubayshen, Iraq. Alger, 30, graduated from UWRF with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing Communications. Alger grew up in New Auburn, Wis., and graduated from Chetek High School. Alger was deployed to Iraq three weeks before her death, Tanya Leo, Alger's sister, said. "She went over there knowing full well the possibility she would be giving her life," Leo said. Alger decided to join the military in Jan. 2006 and had considered doing so since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center. "It was one of the highest honors she could do," Leo said. "To serve her country and pay whatever cost. She was an outstanding person." Alger went through basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and officer training school at Fort Benning in Georgia. She was a 2nd Lt. with the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat team, 101st Airborne Division while in Iraq. She was a platoon leader who was in charge of convoys that transported supplies.

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Tracy Alger's sister

Leo said that many of Alger's former classmates and professors at UWRF called the family to give their condolences. It was an honor and a testament to Alger's outgoing personality that so many people she met at UWRF called the family many years later, Leo said. "I feel like I'm a better person for knowing her," Todd

Kirschbaum, coach of the Rodeo Club, said. Alger was a member of the UWRF Rodeo Club and president of the Wisconsin Girls Barrel Racing Association. "She was totally dedicated to the sport of barrel racing and improving herself and the team," Kirschbaum said. Kirschbaum said Alger had a lot of connections in the rodeo world and she used those connections to bring clinicians in to help improve the overall team. "She wasn't just trying to make her self better, she was entirely for improving the team," he said. The news of Alger's death came as quite a surprise to those who knew her at UWRF. "I was kind of shocked ... It's always someone further away, but when I saw the name I was just in shock," Tony Jilek, former Rodeo Club advisor and animal science professor, said. "It's no longer just a name. It's a person."



Tracy Alger

Alger worked as a graphic designer and nursing assistant after graduating from UWRF. "I haven't really followed her closely since she graduated, but she was someone with the potential to do good things," Jilek said. "It's still really difficult to think about still." Kirschbaum said he believes people will miss her enthusiasm and her smile the most. "She was always smiling," he said. "Somebody could be down about a bad run and she could always pick them up." There will be private services for family only at a later date, with burial at the Saint Mary of Czestochowa Cemetary in Stanley, Wis, according to *The Chetek Alert*. She is survived by her mother, Pauline Knutson of New Auburn; one sister, Tanya (Chris) Leo of Colorado Springs, Colo.; maternal grandmother, Bernice Symbal of Stanley; special friend, Rick Hawkins from Indianapolis, Ind. A visitation for Alger will be held Nov. 9 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Olson Funeral Home in Bloomer, Wis.

## Professors use alternative methods to motivate students

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Imagine not having to raise your hand to answer a question or getting change tossed at you when you do. These are among the methods employed by UW-River Falls professors to get students to participate in class. Physics professor Hyun Jai Cho has started rewarding students with small amounts of money when they participate in class. "I think it's a device that makes tensions go away," Cho said. "By doing that, in my opinion, the distance between the faculty members and the students actually gets closer." So far, Cho has used this motivational method in only one of his classes, Mathematics of Physics and Engineering (MPE). This is an upper level physics course with 21 students. "I start with the pennies; the least amount that I have in my pocket,"

Cho said "The biggest [amount of money] that I gave out so far was a five-dollar bill." The five-dollar bill was the only money that Cho had on him that day. "For me, personally, I actually analyze what he's doing more and try to follow it a lot more than before," Bridget Onan, a student in Cho's MPE class said. Onan was the student who received the five-dollar bill. "I felt really bad; I didn't want to take his money because I know he needs that for groceries and stuff," Onan said. "I didn't need it, and I didn't want it. I didn't feel that I earned it for correcting a sign in the equation." I gave the money back, but he put it in my jacket pocket after I left the room, Onan said. Some students within the class feel that Cho's method makes class more interesting. "It adds a bit of fun to class," James

Rust, another MPE student in Cho's class, said. Cho's method may be unorthodox, but he is not the first to use this unusual teaching technique. "This one I actually learned from a professor Shepley at the University of Texas at Austin, and he actually learned it from the master in my domain, whose name is John Wheeler," Cho said. There is no departmental policy against using teaching techniques of this sort. "He did talk to us," Earl Blodgett, the chair of the physics department said. "We had a department meeting, and we talked it over. He mentioned that he was going to try this, and I said 'well, give it a try; let us know how it works.'" There is also no university-sanctioned policy against this teaching technique.

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Abby Piette/Student Voice

Physics professor, Glenn Spizak demonstrates how to use the iClicker, like the one he utilizes in the classroom to receive feedback and take attendance.

## Limo offers bar-goers safety

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Winter is right around the corner and UW-River Falls students hoping for a warmer trek to and from their favorite watering hole now have an alternative to walking. A couple of weeks ago, local businessman Bud Fritz began running his new sober-limo service in River Falls. The new service currently operates on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., according to Fritz's Web site. Those seeking a ride to town can do so by phone request from 9 p.m. until closing time. The service also offers rides home from midnight until 4 a.m. Rides home or to other destinations within the city limits cost \$5 a person with a \$20 minimum per ride. Trips to areas outside of town will cost more based on the distance and traveling time, Fritz said. Some bar owners see Fritz's business venture as an interesting concept.

"Five bucks may be a little pricey, but I think it's a great idea if it works," Bo's N' Mine owner Cedric Ellingson said. "I'd love to see everyone find a ride home." Still, the limo fair doesn't turn off some frequent bar-goers. "I think five bucks is totally reasonable," UWRF Senior Evan Carothers said. "It's the price of two drinks, and I would sacrifice those for a safe ride home." One of the things that might hold back Fritz's revenue is the tolerability some students have with walking home after a night out. "If you live within eight or nine blocks [a ride] is not worth it," Carothers said. "Anywhere past that would be good though, especially in the winter." Business has been slow and Fritz is banking on those upcoming cold winter nights. "As soon as the cold weather hits, business will pick up a little bit," Fritz said. One thing is for sure; Fritz does not have to compete with River Falls Taxi Service.

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## Students, faculty provide support to ailing professor

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Room 163 in the Agricultural Engineering Annex on the UW-River Falls campus has had its door locked since early October. That is because the faculty member who uses the room as an office is battling an aggressive form of leukemia. United Hospital in St. Paul has become a temporary home for Kamal Adam, assistant professor of agricultural engineering technology. While the Sudanese native undergoes rounds of chemotherapy, he holds onto the hope of receiving

the bone marrow transplant that will save his life. However, that is easier said than done. The people that are capable of providing Adam with this vital tissue—his father and siblings—are not in the United States. Faculty and students in the agricultural engineering technology department said they were stunned by Adam's sudden diagnosis. What the assistant professor had originally thought was strep throat, they said, turned out to be something far worse. "Pure shock," said Dean Olson, department chair, of his reaction. "He's the picture of

perfect health, no indication that he was sick." Sophomore Sam Vorpahl, who has taken a class with Adam, said he had a similar response. "I didn't believe it," he said. "I didn't understand what was wrong exactly and was definitely concerned." Instead of grieving, Adam's plight has caused the University to spring into action. Chancellor Don Betz and Dean Gallenberg, College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences dean, have written letters of support

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Missing UWRF student found in Michigan

A UW-River Falls freshman that had been reported missing by his parents was found in a Michigan train station near the Canadian border.

David J. Duffy, 18, was found Nov. 1 at an Amtrak station in Port Huron Mich.

Duffy was reported missing by his parents on Oct. 30. He had last been seen at 11:45 a.m. Oct. 30, at his parents' home in Hastings Minn. His mother, Cheryl Duffy, was the last person to see David Duffy and noticed that he left his identification and cell phone at home. Cheryl Duffy contacted Johnson Hall RA Nathan King, at approximately 9:15 p.m. Oct. 30 to check up on her son who was unaccounted for, according to a report from UWRF Public Safety.

The following day, David Duffy's father, John Duffy, and brother, Darin Duffy, were allowed access to David's room in Johnson Hall to see if there were any leads to David's whereabouts. John Duffy found David's library card, social fee card and various UWRF business cards in the trash can in his son's room. It was also noted that his closet was nearly empty and his profile had been deleted from his dorm computer.

Veteran's Service Office honors veterans

Sponsored by the UW-River Falls Veterans' Service Office, American Legion Post 121, current and former UWRF student veterans. All are invited to the Annual Veterans Day observance. The event will be held at 11:00 a.m. Nov. 12 on the North Hall Lawn, near the flagpole to honor American veterans on campus, in the community and around the world. The ceremony will include an invocation, a flag-raising ceremony, a ceremonial rifle volley and the sounding of "Taps."

Wyman Series explores race relations

Few people are willing to tackle the tough and often touchy issue of race relationships and racism in a public talk. At 8 p.m. Nov. 14 speaker, artist and author Damali Ayo will be speaking at UW-River Falls. Damali reached wide-ranging audiences with *How to Rent a Negro*, her book on contemporary race relations. Using examples from real life, Damali shows how to improve our handling of race with practical solutions for how to create healthier, more productive racial interactions. Her straightforward and engaging style will open minds and generate dialogue. Damali's talk, "I Can Fix It," is inspired by a survey of 2,000 people who were asked what five things individuals could do to end racism. The book is currently in development to be made into a film. The event is going to be held in the North Hall Auditorium and is open to the public with admission of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 18 and under. Children aged 5 and under are admitted free of charge. Students are free with ID. This event is part of UWRF Wyman Series, which is sponsored by its Student Entertainment and Arts Committee and the Diversity Awareness Committee.

Discussion goes beyond Big Bang Theory

While it is the most widely accepted contemporary theory for the origin of the universe, the "big bang theory" does not quite answer all the questions that have been posed about the construction of the cosmos.

The next viewing session and lecture at the UW-River Falls Observatory will feature this topic at 7:30 p.m. on the first clear night of Nov. 12-15. This stargazing session's discussion is presented by Rellen Hardtke, an assistant professor of physics at UWRF, as she lectures on "Origin of the Universe: The Big Bang Theory Isn't the Whole Story." After a half-hour talk, participants can take in a viewing of the new to crescent moon, as well as Mars. The event will be held in room 271 of Centennial Science Hall, and viewing sessions take place on the outdoor third floor deck of the building.

Observatory sessions are free and open to the public, and all ages are welcome to attend. Viewers can expect to see a selection of deep sky objects, such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters. Those interested in attending can call 715-425-3560 for more information on that the latest updates on the clarity of the sky each night or visit [www.uwrf.edu/physics](http://www.uwrf.edu/physics), under the Observatory link.

Local string band to play barn dances

The popular local string band the Rush River Ramblers will play the "Second Saturday" barn dances from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Nov. 10, in the Academy Gym at the old Meyer Middle School at Fremont and West Maple Streets in River Falls. The barn dances feature a variety of old-time styles, from reels and round dances to full-fledged square dances. No prior experience is necessary, because each dance includes instruction. Partners are optional. All ages are welcome. The Rush River Ramblers, a favorite in River Falls for the past two seasons of the Second Saturday barn dances, will be accompanied by an expert caller who will lead participants through the dance steps. Future dances in the 2007-08 season are: Lulu Gals, Jan. 12; Barn Cats, Feb. 9; Rush River Ramblers, March 15; and Poor Benny, April 12. All dances will be held on the second Saturday of the month, except for March, which is on the third Saturday. The barn dance is a joint project of River Falls Community Arts Base, River Falls Parks and Recreation and Whole Earth Grocery. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for 12 and under. Inexpensive refreshments are available at the dance.

Silent auction held to benefit food shelf

On Nov. 10 the Women of the Moose are holding a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the River Falls Food Shelf. The dinner will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be raffles and a Silent Action. There will be family oriented music provided by Dean Benoy. There will be Spaghetti, a salad, desert and beverages. A \$5 donation will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will go to the food shelf this evening. The River Falls Moose Family Center is located at 620 North Clark Street, on the corner of Clark and Division St.

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The *Student Voice* is now accepting applications for the spring semester. Drop off your application at 304 North Hall.

Senator Sheila Harsdorf voices concerns, praise at Senate meeting

Budget, tuition concerns and University Center all topics of discussion at Senate meeting

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The recently completed budget, concerns about rising tuition and praise for the University Center were all voiced by guest speaker Senator Sheila Harsdorf in a Student Senate meeting Nov. 6.

Harsdorf began her speech with praise for the University Center ,citing its sustainable aspect as well as the fact that its construction was made possible using only student funds as reasons to use it as an example to others.

"I commend you as students," Harsdorf said. "It took a strong vision to create this and in fact, when I travel around my district, I even use it as an example of what determined people can do."

Harsdorf also took the opportunity to discuss the ups and downs of the recently passed budget with Senate members, voicing concerns about its tendency to borrow more money than in the past but also stressing that keeping tuition affordable should be a number-one priority.

Campus organization receives "Club of the Year" recognition

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In its third year as an organization on campus, the National Communication Association Student Club (NCASC) has won the award for "Club of the Year."

The club was founded on campus in 2004 when Jennifer Willis-Rivera joined the UW-River Falls Communication Studies and Theatre Arts department. This year, the club was chosen as the 'Club of the Year' out of the other 27 NCASC clubs around the country.

"It used to be the Business Communication Organization, but when I got here it had been kind of defunct for a few years," Willis-Rivera said. "I asked if we could broaden the focus [to the national organization]."

Willis-Rivera said that being part of a national club has its benefits. She said it makes it easier for clubs from different universities to connect with one another. It also can help students after they graduate from UWRF.

"It helps with the students who want to go to grad school because the professors all know the NCASC," Willis-Rivera said.

To apply for the award the club submitted a portfolio that had to show commitment to campus, commitment to scholarship and a commitment to the organization as a whole. Willis-Rivera said that their winning the award may be credited to the UWRF chapter hosting the regional NCASC conference in Minneapolis last spring.

"We had nearly 40 students volunteer and help with registration and ushering," Willis-Rivera said.

The student president of the organization, Jacquelyn Harvey, also received national recognition this year when the research paper she wrote was given third place in the



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**Jacquelyn Harvey, president of the National Communication Association Student Club, was nationally recognized this year for writing a paper on student relationships.**

NCASC top paper competition. The paper, which she researched and wrote for entry to the McNair Scholar program, was related to student relationships.

"It was a paper on love styles and how college students have different love styles," Harvey said.

For the paper Harvey interviewed students on campus and had them take a love attitude scale test. She analyzed the data and wrote the paper on how college students' different love styles relate to interpersonal relationships.

"I think it's impressive that most of the people that submit papers are coming out of universities that have graduate programs," Willis-Rivera said. "I think it's pretty impressive that Jackie is competitive in a school where there isn't a graduate program."

She will present the paper to a panel during the National Communication

Association convention Nov. 14 in Chicago.

"I'm so incredibly proud of what they have been able to accomplish in such a short time," Willis-Rivera said.

The local UWRF chapter currently only has 15 members, but is looking to expand.

"We are trying to get out our name out there, but it's off to a slow start," Harvey said.

The club's goal is to promote the study, teaching and application of the principles of communication through educational and social functions that are relevant to the membership of the club, according to the NCASC Web site.

"A lot of people think that this club is just about giving speeches. That's not it at all," Jacquelyn Harvey said. "I think it freaks a lot of kids out."

The club meets 7 p.m. Wednesday's in Kleinpell Fine Arts 119.

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. 27**  
- Melanie M. Preiner, 22, was cited \$83.80 for an open container violation at 106 N. Main St.
- Oct. 30**  
- David J. Duffy, 18, was reported missing. Duffy was found Nov. 1 at an Amtrak station in Port Huron Mich.
- Oct. 31**  
- Hannah L. Hennemuth, 22, and Megan M. Shervey, 22, were each cited \$83.80 for an open container violation at 123 S. Main St.
- Kristen D. Witte, 19, was cited \$172 for shoplifting. Witte was accused of shoplifting approximately \$30 worth of cosmetic supplies from Shopko, located at 1777 Paulson Rd.
- Nov. 1**  
- Emily J. Anderson, 19, was transported to River Falls Area Hospital for alcohol poisoning. Anderson was cited \$249 for under-

- age consumption in Parker Hall.
- Nov. 2**  
- Theft of a wallet was reported to UW-River Falls Public Safety. According to the report the wallet was taken from an unlocked White '95 Dodge Neon in N-lot.
- Damage was reported to a door at Rodli Commons, 512 S. 6th St. There were two marks on the door where it had been struck and a window was shattered.
- Nov. 3**  
- Theft of a bicycle seat was reported to public safety. The bicycle seat was stolen off of a bicycle at the Grimm Hall bike rack.
- Kathryn L. Oberg, 19, was transported to River Falls Area Hospital from Hunt Arena. Oberg was struck in the left eye by a hockey puck during the Falcon Hockey game against Hamline University.
- Nov. 4**  
- Cory S. Peters, 18, was cited \$249 for deposit of human waste in North Hall.
- Israel Neumann, 19, was cited \$249 for deposit of human waste and \$249 for underage consumption. Both incidents occurred in

- North Hall.
- Jesse J. Mulhollam, 18, was cited \$249 for deposit of human waste in North Hall.
- Nov. 5**  
- UWRF Public Safety responded to a report that three people, two male and one female, were damaging light poles on campus. Two light poles were found knocked to the ground, one located between the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building and Centennial Science Hall, the other on the Cascade Avenue sidewalk between Fourth and Fifth Street.
- Gerald R. Matteson, 72, was transported to River Falls Area Hospital to be treated for a possible heart attack. Matteson was lecturing at a seminar when he fell to the floor.
- Nov. 6**  
- A bicycle was reported stolen from the Karges Center bike rack. The stolen bike was described as a purple Huffly bicycle.
- Brittany M. Engler, 21, was transported to River Falls Area Hospital after suffering a seizure.
- St. Croix County Crimestoppers Tip Line:  
**1-800-303-8477**

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# Creativity: Professors utilize unusual teaching methods to reach out to students

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“Faculty responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the areas of curriculum, subject matter, methods of instruction ...,” according to the UWRF faculty and academic staff handbook, chapter 3, article III.

Along with the handbook, there is also an assembly of University faculty members that deal with staff related issues.

“The personnel rules do not deal with teaching pedagogy,” Glen Potts, UWRF economics professor and current member of Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee, said in an e-mail interview.

Cho is not the only UWRF professor to utilize an arguably unorthodox teaching technique. UWRF Physics professor Glenn Spiczak is also using a new technique in an attempt to increase class participation.

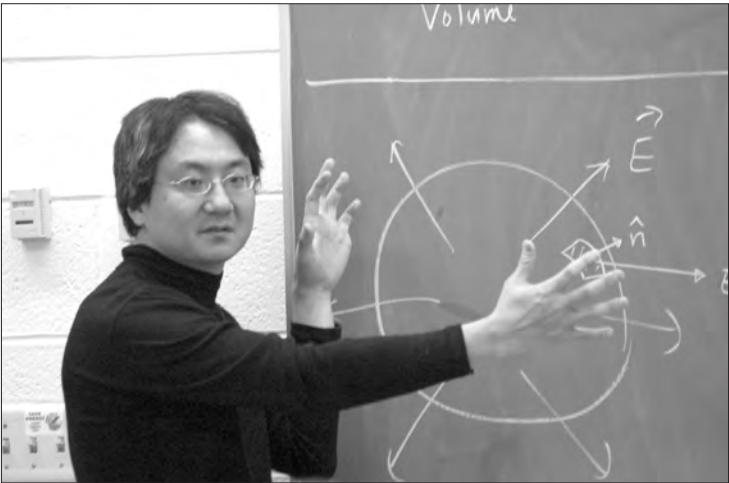
“We’re using iClickers,” Spiczak said.

Iclikers are “an in class response system that allows educators to administer quizzes, receive feedback, take attendance and otherwise test student knowledge without paperwork,” according to their Web site.

“The important thing for the students is then after the question. Then [you] put a histogram of the results up, so you see how many people in class answered a, how many people in class answered b, how many answered c, how many answered d,” Spiczak said. “That snapshot comes up on the screen of who answered what and they realize ‘I’m not alone, there are 40 other people that answered the same way.’”

UWRF is using the iClickers on an experimental basis, Spiczak said.

Spiczak has used them on one of his physics courses, and the



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**Hyun Jai Cho teaches his Mathematics of Physics and Engineering class by rewarding his students with money.**

cost for the iClickers was split between the UWRF Center for Teaching and Learning and with Information Technology Services.

“It helps me a lot as instructor to know if I’m covering something and I think that I’ve covered it well, and I think everybody should understand, but I may ask a conceptual question regarding that and find out 60 percent of the class still doesn’t understand the concept,” Spiczak said.

The iClickers may seem to be an expensive teaching device, but the actual cost of the devices rounds out to about \$25 for each remote and \$200 for each base unit, Spiczak said.

The devices are wireless and for them to be operational in the classroom, only a computer and a projection screen are needed. So far, Spiczak and Political Science Professor David Alperin are the only professors to use this experimental technology on campus.

Imaginative teaching techniques are not subject to the physics department alone.

“In my Shakespeare class, for

instance, I have students act out scenes,” UWRF English Professor Michelle Parkinson said. “At first they don’t really want to do it, and then they kind of get into it.”

Active learning is part of Parkinson’s teaching technique.

“Sometimes I’ll put them in groups and make them come up with lesson plans of their own,” Parkinson said. “It kind of takes the responsibility and puts it on them.”

Parkinson has also used the reward technique utilized by Dr. Cho, although she doesn’t use money as the reward.

“Occasionally, in terms of bribery, I do bring in candy sometimes and chuck it at people that talk,” Parkinson said.

The teaching devices utilized by Cho, Spiczak, Parkinson and Alperin are serving as a means to bridge the gap between students and professors. They may serve as a way to make a personal connection between professors and students.

“We are not just standing there sort of ruling on you,” Cho said. “We really care about you.”

# Adam: Campus unites to aid professor, family

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to the offices of Wisconsin legislators Ron Kind and Russell Feingold asking for their help in securing expedited visas for Adam’s family.

Lisa Owens, CAFES dean’s assistant, said that both Kind and Feingold have pledged their support.

“They’re going to do everything they can to help,” she said.

CAFES faculty and staff have organized a meal delivery pool for Adam’s wife Salma and their three children. The family has also received a promise from the Agricultural Mechanics Club, which Adam advised before his diagnosis, that the driveway to their home will be plowed on a regular basis by student members.

Olson said he hopes these actions help to reassure Adam that his loved ones are in good hands.

“Hopefully we can give him peace of mind that the family life back here is being taken care of,” he said.

Some of Adam’s students have shown their support by making the trek to United Hospital to visit their ailing professor.

Junior Joel Dernovsek said he visited Adam with his friends.

“A group of friends [and I] decided to go to the hospital because we heard that he was not doing well, and that most of his family was not around so he would really like the company,” he said in an e-mail interview.

Dernovsek said that he noted an immediate

change in Adam’s demeanor during the visit.

“When we entered the room, he seemed to get more life into him,” he said. “The more and more we talked to him, the better he seemed to feel. It seems as if we really brightened his mood.”



Kamal Adam

“I could tell he was happy to see me,” he said. “He had good spirits for the condition that he was in.”

The rush of CAFES faculty and staff to Adam’s aid comes with the territory of the college, Olson said.

“It’s just the way we are down here,” Olson said of CAFES. “I think we’re a very close-knit college. It’s almost like a family member gets down where you have an illness like this.”

At this time, Adam is still anticipating a transplant as his family members do not match his bone marrow. Currently, he is in the process of transferring to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

# Limo: New service provides safe alternative

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“I don’t see the [the limousine service] being a problem for us,” River Falls Taxi manager Robert Mooney said. “The city sets up our fair and the hours we run.”

The taxi service runs Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on the weekends from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

River Falls taxis will travel to destinations about five miles outside of the city limits. Most of their business comes from the elderly, disabled, adults going to work and students going to clinics, Mooney said.

Fritz’s limo service also goes beyond the River Falls bar scene.

Private party reservations are available outside of the normal running times and have a rate of \$100 per hour, with a minimum one hour fee. Fritz also offers one-way and round trip rides to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, as well as shuttles to sporting events in the Twin Cities.

Fritz owns Fritz Motorsports, a small River Falls business that specializes in small engine repair and kart racing supplies and services, according to their Web site.

The business also provides other services.

“We do everything from whip scooters, go-karts and other small vehicles, to fixing snow blowers in the winter,” Fritz said. “We also [work on] snowmobiles, jet skis, jet boats and other watercraft.”

Despite the numerous services his business provides, Fritz decided it was necessary to embark on a new business venture.

“I figured the business [at Fritz Motorsports] would slow down,” Fritz said. “The [limousine service] will hopefully keep the cash flow rolling.”

The limo service provides a mode of transportation that is seldom seen in River Falls.

“It’s affordable, safe transportation after a night out,” Fritz said. “It definitely beats the \$780 dollars you’d have to pay for a DUI.”

# UWRF hosts blood drive

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Beginning Nov. 14, UW-River Falls will unite with the Red Cross to do its part in helping those in need. The tri-annual blood drive will be held in the UWRF University Center on Nov. 14-15. The station will open at noon until 6 p.m. for both days. This is 28th blood drive held at UWRF, but this will be the first time that Health Services is in charge of organizing the project.

Planning for this month’s blood drive began months ago when Health Services met with the Red Cross. The Red Cross organization took care of advertising and creating publicity to inform students and River Falls community members of the upcoming drive. For this particular blood drive, potential donors are given the opportunity to register online, which will allow them to register earlier.

Every year, UWRF organizes three blood drives in the months of February, April and November. On average, November has proven to be the strongest month for participation. In total, there have been 2,784 blood donations and an average of 103.11 donations per drive.

Last year, the UWRF blood drive ranked second in blood drive participation as far as colleges and universities were concerned. A total of 554 people participated. With impressive participation numbers in the previous years, Health Services has set attainable goals for the upcoming drive. Their hope is to collect 135 units on Wednesday’s drive and an additional 130 units

on Thursday. Currently, registration numbers make predictions for a successful blood drive. Already, 140 people are registered for the first day and 120 people for the following day. A Health Service employee, Stacy Dekkers said that spots are filling up at a fast pace. She also said that usually the blood drive is open to walk-ins but with early registration numbers so high, allowances for walk-ins will be limited.

Not everyone meets the requirements to serve as a blood donor. Some issues that may arise in an incapability to donate is a high or low blood pressure, an insufficient amount of iron in the bloodstream, or if one is unable to meet the weight requirements. Dekkers said that if people are unsure if they meet the aforementioned requirements, they can take part in a pre-screening test by calling 1-800-426-2164 ext. 3885.

According to Dekkers, one person’s donation has the potential to save three other lives.

“It’s an easy way to make a difference,” Dekkers said.

Although Dekkers is helping with the blood drive, she will also experience the drive from a different perspective. She will actually be donating blood for the first time. If anyone is leery about needles or blood, Dekkers can relate. She urges people to still consider donating.

“I’m not going to look when they’re taking the blood, and I’m definitely bringing a friend,” Dekkers said.

Interested donors can register online at [http://www.membersforlife.org/midamerica/mobilesch/bdc\\_sc.php?id=4](http://www.membersforlife.org/midamerica/mobilesch/bdc_sc.php?id=4).

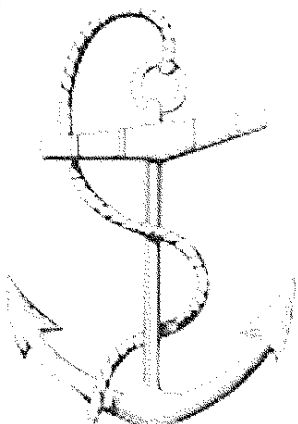
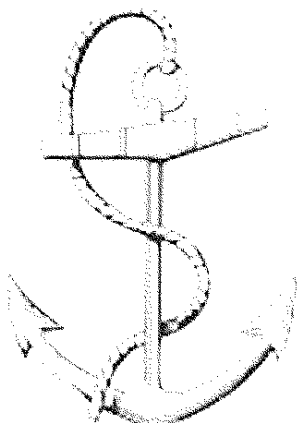
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EDITORIAL

Campus vandals need ratting out

If you are a regular reader of the *Student Voice* police report you’ll notice that every week UW-River Falls experiences multiple instances of vandalism to campus property. From broken smoke detectors in the residence halls to cutting nets on the Ramer tennis courts and, most recently, tipping over light poles on the main campus walkways. Add this to the regular theft of bicycles (even a bicycle seat was stolen this past week) and it would seem our campus is a breaking ground for deviant behavior. While we’re sure it’s no different at other universities, it’s no excuse for those of us who do care about our university to not take action against those who lack respect for this property that we all share.

We’re not here to plead with the vandals themselves, as it would seem they lack the intelligence and conscience to care about much of anything at all. We would like to ask everyone on campus to do their part to hold accountable those individuals responsible for acts of vandalism.

Some may think that this breaks some unwritten code regarding snitching. The fact is, if you let people continue to trash campus, it affects the entire student body. The cost of vandalism for us as students is something that cannot be taken lightly, especially when tuition costs are already increasing at an accelerated rate. If you think about it, while you’re a student at UWRF, campus property is partially your property. Why would you let somebody trash your property? Even beyond that, if you have a conscience, why would you let anyone trash someone else’s property? Are we really that apathetic to the point where we don’t care about anything or anyone else?

So next time you see someone trashing our campus or some else’s property, don’t hesitate to notify the proper authorities. If those of us with a good conscience do that, then maybe it will make the next person who wants to have some fun at the expense of you, or someone else, think twice before they trash student property. So go ahead and be a snitch.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Semester Abroad deserves notice

I am in Europe serving as the group leader for the UWRF Semester Abroad: Europe program. I was excited to see an article about study abroad opportunities in the *Student Voice* (Nov. 1); however, I was very disappointed to see that your writer included no mention whatsoever of Semester Abroad: Europe—the oldest continuous study abroad program on campus.

There are currently 14 UWRF students around Europe having amazing, independent, life-altering experiences. They developed study projects in the spring and came to Europe this fall to carry them out. Some project topics include living in Barcelona and studying the work of Picasso and Gaudi; living in Cirencester, England and working with a milk marketing organization; living in Newmarket, England and helping to develop a vaccine to treat

a serious respiratory disease in horses and I could go on and on. Students who are curious, adventurous and interested in an independent approach to study abroad in Europe should seriously consider this program. More information is available at: [www.uwrf.edu/sae](http://www.uwrf.edu/sae), from Dr. Magdalena Pala or 2008 SA: Europe group leader Dr. Ian Williams.

Brad Gee  
Co-Director, Semester Abroad: Europe

Senator fails to represent UWRF

State Senator Sheila Harsdorf, in 2005 voted to place a constitutional amendment that banned the equal marriage rights of people in Wisconsin on the ballot in Wisconsin. At the time Harsdorf defended her actions by saying she was simply putting the issue before the voters, not restricting the rights herself. The civil, constitutional rights of a minority

are not things that we should allow to be taken away through the inappropriate use of our legal and governmental system. America is the land of the free, not the land of those who would take away our freedoms. At the time of this vote many asked, "If people will not defend others rights, how long before it is me and my rights that are chosen to be sold down the river?"

Students at UW-River Falls learned that their turn to be sold out came this year, when Harsdorf voted against a budget bill that funded Wisconsin Higher Education Grants and the University of Wisconsin System.

This week, Harsdorf came to the UWRF campus to defend her actions in not voting to fund education. She offered many reasons unrelated to education for not voting for the budget bill while hiding behind a statement saying that she supported the educational funding part of it. This is simply not true—the budget offered by Senator Harsdorf and the Republicans in

Madison would have drastically slashed our education budget compared to the bill that finally passed. Again, we see excuses made instead of real action to work for our citizens and the future of Wisconsin.

This week has been Ally week at UWRF, an event sponsored by the UWRF Gay Straight Alliance. The night Harsdorf came to campus, there was a speaker talking about the repercussions discrimination has had upon him. During this week Harsdorf has the audacity to come to the UWRF campus and again say she has failed to work for the rights of all.

I would ask UWRF students to reflect on what has been done to split and divide our nation, taking away rights and our future one piece at a time. How long before more of our rights and our future is sold down the river by these "leaders," while they try to tell us they didn't make the choice to do such?

Ben Plunkett  
Student

Public education funded in part by taxes

Editor's note: The *Student Voice* is 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](mailto:editor@uwrfvoice.com). The *Student Voice* also reserves the right not to print a column if it is not suitable.

So, who pays for a college education? Most college students would probably answer this question, "I do!" Or "My parents and I do!" Or, if they're lucky, "My rich relatives give me a free ride." And they would be partly right. Tuition and fees cover a good part of the costs of your getting the degree that will—we all hope—lead you to a good job and a secure future. Or maybe to fulfilling your wildest dreams.

But another good portion of the cost of your education comes from taxpayers. You've probably noticed that private colleges charge more than public ones. That's because public colleges and universities are partly paid for by state taxpayers. A small

part of the taxes that are taken out of your paycheck go to support UWRF.

Many people believe that their taxes should be as low as possible, and that's a major factor in how they vote. You might even have voted for a low-tax candidate yourself, thinking about your small paycheck and how nice it would be if it were bigger.

If you read the *Student Voice*, you've probably seen articles about the long stretch between July and late October when the Wisconsin legislature couldn't agree on a budget for the state—let alone for the UW-System. This occurred because one side of the legislature was dominated by legislators who believe strongly in lower taxes - and not so strongly in the importance of higher education and other public services.

The last several budgets had already reduced support for higher education, and they wanted to see another big cut in the budget for the University system. One result could have been that the badly-needed physical education facility, which has been waiting for planning funds through



Mary Manke

several budget cycles, would have been put on hold again for at least two more years.

I think that it's a good thing that only limited cuts were made, and the new physical education facility is still on track. Professors and other staff can be hired to fill vacant positions. Library and technology facilities can continue to be improved. Upkeep and maintenance of buildings—as well as our efforts to become a sustainable campus—can continue.

But most important is that the legislature recognized that Wisconsin needs strong colleges and universities that produce well-educated, highly skilled graduates ready to

strengthen our state. A majority of legislators showed that they understood that when the state pays part of what it costs to provide your education, they are not just helping you; they are helping Wisconsin to have a brighter future.

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

College experience exposes higher levels of maturity

As young adults many aspects of our lives are changing. We are now in college and feeling miles away from our senior year in high school. For the first time, a number of us are finding new responsibilities and challenges that we never had to face while living at home.

If you think back to the middle of your senior year, it may be covered in the words fun, maturity and freedom. We all must admit that we thought of ourselves as "big shots," as though nothing could stand in our way.

Now that we share a shoebox size room with another person, our priorities and outlooks on life are changing. We no longer have our mothers to take care of us or siblings to do the chores for us. Our laundry still needs to get washed and the remote still needs finding, but we are the only ones to do the job.

I really do feel that we are growing as people from it. About a week ago I was lying on my bunk and couldn't understand why I had the need to be so organized and clean. When I lived at home my room was always a mess, I never did my own laundry and vac-

uuming wasn't even a thought. I realized that I'm not just turning into my mother. I'm growing up.

Last Friday, I went to my old high school to visit my past teachers. As I sat in their classroom with all of their students, I wanted to stand up on a chair and yell, "Everything they are teaching you—they're right!" I look around here in our classrooms and I see something totally different. Experience and age must be the difference. Living on campus and experiencing so many new things really does change people for the better. So when you are walking around campus, take a look at how far we really have come since those "glorious days" of high school. Whether those days were a few months ago or perhaps many years, you are a different person now, and that's an amazing thing.



Linda Abel

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



# Personal rights education goes too far

So last week, FIRE, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, issued a press release regarding a situation involving the University of Delaware. According to the release, the university recently implemented a new program of “intensive reeducation” for its Resident Assistants and residents: “[The program] requires the approximately 7,000 students in Delaware’s residence halls to adopt highly specific university-approved views on issues ranging from politics to race, sexuality, sociology, moral philosophy and environmentalism.”

The release also reports that resident assistants there have been required to conduct one-on-one interviews with students, asking them personal questions like “When did you discover your sexual identity?” In addition to this, students are required to participate in mandatory sustainability and diversity programs that involve door decorations, compulsory training sessions and more. They’re also being forced to publicly support ideologies laid out by the residence life department, despite these students’ personal opinions.

It’s clear that residence life at the University of Delaware is attempting to shape its students to be



Joe Hager

responsible citizens, but they’re doing so in a way that is intrusive and unethical. Requiring students to take action for or adopt an idea that they may not really support isn’t the way to create a responsible citizen. If the university is attempting to prepare students to live as well-adjusted adults in a free society, they’re forgetting the “free society” part.

Universities can’t cultivate diversity on campus by stamping out personal beliefs. That would be the opposite of diversity—what’s happening now is an exercise in doublespeak, using the word “diversity” in a way that precisely undermines its meaning. Shoving university-approved ideologies down the throats of students is not the way to create an environment of growth and harmony. It seems that these methods of “reeducation” will only ensure that our generation becomes as docile and weak-minded as possible.

There are other reasons that I’m uncomfortable with this situation. I’m mostly a liberal and have been for several years, but the University of Delaware forcing these pro-diversity and pro-sustainability agendas onto students is taking it too far. It’s painful for me to watch this happen

because these principles—diversity and sustainability—are usually attitudes related to the liberal mindset. It’s tough to see them manipulated and used in a way that is highly un-liberal. Now I know how mainstream Christians felt about Jerry Falwell.

Despite the sarcastic tone of some of my other articles, I support the concept of “living green.” I think it’s a good, logical idea to take care of our planet. But nobody else has to believe this. Coercing people to assimilate perspectives and beliefs is unethical and plain terrifying,,especially in a public university. The public school system is already under siege from groups advocating intelligent design and abstinence. The last thing we need is our Resident Assistants asking us about our sexual identities and carbon footprints.

What happened to privacy, individualism and the freedom that college is supposed to afford us? This is supposed to be a place where we can spread our wings a little bit and experiment with new philosophies and new ideas. At least that’s what I try to include in my own experience here. And I’m telling you now: if you don’t want to believe in environmentalism, WMDs, your parents, Jesus, Cool Ranch Doritos, evolution or me, you don’t have to. Nobody has the right to force beliefs upon anyone else, especially the adminis-

tration of a university.

I hope that the faculty and students of the University of Delaware can stand strong against these new programs. I think it is partially the faculty’s responsibility to step up and help defend students in the face of these unfair and scary policies. We usually don’t have much in the way of student rights, and I’ve thought for a long time that every campus should have some kind of organization to protect and defend the rights of its students. Students at Delaware certainly need some support right now.

The situation in Delaware is not only unethical but it’s also unconstitutional. I hope that the program is repealed and defeated quickly, so we can remain at least a little confident in our nation’s ability to protect our rights. Just because we’re in college doesn’t mean we don’t deserve to be treated like the (supposedly) free-thinking individuals we are. Don’t ever compromise your beliefs or adopt new beliefs because your RA, your parents, your peers or your teachers want you to. Thankfully, our little campus at River Falls has remained a pretty open and free campus, so let’s all try our best to keep it that way.

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.

# Spain proves unwelcoming

Ah, Spain. Where the atmosphere is relaxed, the women have mullets and sestas are a mandatory routine for all citizens. Flying into Bilbao, Spain, from my sweet London home, my jaw dropped at the sight of the towering mountains and the costal blue glory.

Siestas are magical, yet the fact that the entire city completely shuts down from the hours of 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. is immensely foreign to me. Spain is beautiful. But apparently I am not actually in Spain. Bienvenidos a Basque Country.

The Basque Country, also known as Pais Vasco or Euskadi, is the autonomous region of Spain located in central northern Spain on the coast of the Bay of Biscay. The Basque is home to the world’s oldest language known to man, with no other language tracing back to the chk-chk tongue. It is an ancient society that appears to be stuck in 1985, with men decked out in tight blue jeans, leather jackets and

Lionel Richie haircuts. The girls either sport super bangs or mega mullets. Their attitudes are also living in the past.

The rebels of the Basque people are still fighting for their independence from Spain. Their stubborn attitudes are shown strong by their unwillingness to conform to the Spanish language, repair their crummy cobblestone roads and by standing firm in place when window-shopping on a busy sidewalk. On a more political-ly controversial stance, the riots complete with car burning and protests with chanting and Revolution!-type signs are a common sight on news channels and street corners. It is a strong political perspective that I fail to understand. The left nationalists leaders may not be in support of the outrageous vandalism and uproar of the radicals, but the atmosphere down a regular Bilbao street becomes tense when an obvious foreigner wanders by. Walking in a group of Americans past



Teresa Aviles

another group of Basque, we are chased away with mocking chants about being foreigners.

Of course, not all of the Basque people have rotten hearts. After teaching a group of girls a drinking game entirely in Spanish, in return they taught us a more complicated Spanish drinking game. We raised our glasses for “¡Salud a España!” Before the glasses were brought down from the sloppy point above our heads the girls looked on at us in disgust and quickly corrected us. “To Pais Vasco!” We nervously laughed in abashment. We had offended them beyond any other act of disparagement.

Leaving London, I was stuck in the state that I was leaving my new home I had grown fond of. I should have eased myself into the fact that I was about to be in Spain. The people walk slower, the businesses are relaxed and the metro station is clean. But the fancy, trendy London-town is a lifestyle that I will return to without doubt.

Teresa is a journalism major and a geography minor. She is enrolled in the Semester Abroad: Europe program and has done research on the River Thames in London. She is currently backpacking independently across Europe.

# U.S. motives for war unclear

The United States’ key ally in the war on terrorism is facing its own domestic crisis. For the past few weeks, Pakistan has been battling civil unrest and disorder. The widespread protests are a result of the Pakistani Supreme Court’s decision to review President Pervez Musharraf’s eligibility following his victory in the 2007 Pakistani elections. President Musharraf called for the state of emergency to prevent the court from deliberating the election results.

Essentially, the Pakistani has put a hold on democracy. The government in Pakistan had instituted a nationwide censorship of media outlets. Several political activists have been placed under house arrest, and the government has instituted a nationwide curfew. It is difficult to figure why the United States, a global beacon for democracy, can remain a close ally of a government which has put democracy on its back burner in order preserve the power of its president. Though democratically elected in this year’s election, President Musharraf took power during a coup d’état.

The situation in Pakistan highlights the problem with the war on terror. The war was begun to preserve global freedom and security. However, many of the United States’ key allies have a questionable viewpoint on freedom. Pakistan, which is already widely considered the world’s most dangerous country, is speculated to harbor a large population of Taliban fighters and

members of al-Qaeda. One of the key reasons for the invasion of Iraq was the supposed link between Saddam Hussein’s government and al-Qaeda. The United States puts its reputation on the line when it invades one nation because of its terrorist connections and considers another a key ally.

The situation gets even grayer when nuclear arms come into the equation. Pakistan is one of the few nations which have an arsenal of nuclear weapons. If the situation in Pakistan gets worse and Musharraf is overthrown, there is a stockpile of nuclear weapons for the taking. In a world where terrorist organizations vie for the ability to obtain nuclear weapons, imagine a country with no government, and weapons free for the taking. The situation would make the Cold War and a possible conflict with Iran look like simple international disputes.

In the war on terror, there are no blacks and whites, but simple shades of gray. The United States’ allies come in with similar shades of gray. While the Pakistani government has failed to upkeep the American ideals of democracy, consider the alternative. The United States needs to establish a clear priority list; is the war on terror being fought to preserve global freedom or its own?



Joe Eggers

Joe is a fifth year senior from Appleton, WI. He is a political science and international studies major. With any luck Joe will be graduating this coming May. He has been involved in several activities on campus, including a stint as last year’s Student Senate President.

# Lottery tickets suggest possibility for wealth and happiness, but fail to deliver

What do you have? The love of your family? Food to eat? A roof over your head? Loyal friends and a deck of cards? Well, isn’t that sweet. Am I supposed to be impressed?

Like many individuals in our world, I wish a ridiculously large sum of money would fall out of the sky and into my lap.

Call it what you want: materialistic, greedy, lazy or simply unrealistic—whatever you label my wish, the thought of such freedom is exhilarating.

And like many of my peers who are pursuing education after high school, I am nearly thirty thousand dollars in

debt and awfully stingy.

Despite this trait, I recently bought a lottery ticket out of a lottery ticket vending machine in Econo Foods. I didn’t know those existed, and I definitely didn’t consider the consequences.

A flash of all of the silly shit I want appeared behind my closed eyelids as I fed the machine the only dollar I had in my pocket: a twenty-foot tall hologram of Josh Groban standing in the living

room of my carbon copy castle from Beauty and the Beast, surrounded by a moat filled with deep sea angler fish.

I pictured myself spending my days riding around on four-wheelers with dozens of colorful balloons tied to the back. With my backyard as an enormous game of Twister, I would share my wealth by hiring everyone I know to play for an hour a day.

Their salary? Millions upon millions of dollars, as well as a puppy wearing



Annee Mayer-Chapleau

a collar made of sparkly happiness.

I would buy as much time on public access television as possible, only to air endless hours of footage of myself doing cartwheels and laughing uncontrollably. I would buy J.K. Rowling and force her to make Dumbledore straight. Oh, the possibilities!

I used a safety pin to scratch off the ticket because I didn’t even have any change.

I lost. Now thirty thousand and one dollars in debt, I left the grocery store with a furrowed brow and an even more cynical view on the world and its sheer unfairness.

I have come to the mature verdict

that simply wishing for money is pointless.

The Verve says in their song “Bittersweet Symphony,” “It’s a bitter-sweet symphony this life ... Try to make ends meet, you’re a slave to the money then you die.” It is a sad yet true fact. Unless you don’t mind living a humdrum middle-class life, I suggest dedicating your time to burglary. That, or pull an Anna Nicole Smith and don’t die.

Money doesn’t just fall from the sky. You have to work for what you want.

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.

## STUDENT VOICES

### What would you do with your winnings if you won the lottery?



Ashley Townsend, freshman

“I’d probably buy a nice car and a house, donate some money and travel with the rest.”



Hasnain Rahman, sophomore

“Pay off college, start a program on campus for university health care. I’m pre-med so I wish I could start my own med school or rehab clinic.”



Ashley Eager, sophomore

“Move to Europe.”

Rachael Hilbrand, senior



“Pay off tuition and I’d buy my dad a new farm.”



Ted Cannady, sophomore

“I would make a couple of investments and buy my mama a crib.”

Dana Weber, freshman



“I would save half of it and take a major shopping spree.”



# Men’s hockey team welcomes new assistant coach

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The weather is getting colder and the walk to class is becoming more of a pain. Looking out the window at 5 p.m. reveals a depressing dark that always comes too early. Welcome the hostile takeover as the hooded sweatshirts flood the campus. It’s hockey season at UW-River Falls.

Following the departure of All-American goaltender AJ Bucchino to the professional ranks last spring, the Falcon hockey coaching staff has gone to great lengths to address the vacancy between the pipes.

With a stable of athletes competing for the chance to fill the void, the Falcons also brought in the additional experience of coach Paul Frank to the coaching staff.

Following a four-year stay at UW-Stout, where his duties included coaching both defensemen and goaltenders, as well as recruiting players, Frank and his family decided to make a new home for themselves in the Woodbury area. The timing couldn’t have been more perfect for the Falcons.

Looking for a change, the opportunity to join the Falcon hockey staff given to him by head coach Steve Freeman was an excellent fit for the former Division I goalie.

The change of scenery has allowed Frank to be a part of what he considers to be a program that is run professionally, and he is excited for the chance to make coaching contributions, especially welcomed opportunities to add insight.

Between the pipes, Frank enjoyed a four-year career at Colorado College, highlighted by WCHA Championships in 1994 and 1995, as well as being named to the WCHA All-Academic team.

Frank considers winning his first collegiate game in overtime at North Dakota to be his favorite hockey memory. This season his knowledgeable experience will be put to use preparing the stable of Falcon goaltenders for their own collegiate wins.

There are some considerably big shoes to fill when replacing an athlete as successful as former Falcon goaltender Bucchino, but up to the challenge are three athletes under the close and personal guidance of Frank.

Each player is different in his own way, but all are fighting to shine brighter than the others in the eyes of the coaching staff.

The introductions of these student athletes will begin with the only returning goaltender from last year’s Falcon team, sophomore Matt Page, from New Richmond, Wis., who is back for his second season in goal after being voted Most Improved Player by his teammates last year.

Frank had positive thoughts on Page.

“He brings a great attitude to the team,” Frank said. “He’s a good team player and a fundamentally sound goalie with a tremendous work ethic.”

Sophomore Tyler Owens, a Detroit, Mich., native transferred to UWRF this year from SUNY-Fredonia, in Fredonia, New York, where he saw action in net as a freshman last season.

“He’s played in a few college games,” Frank said. “He brings in a bit of experience, good energy, and works hard.”

Rounding out the stable is freshman Clark Oliver, from San Diego, Cali. In his first year of college hockey Oliver is making a smooth transition from juniors.

“He brings good athleticism to the position,” Frank said. “And he wants to learn.”

The new coach also extends his contributions towards the forwards on the team. During pre-game warm-ups Frank scouts the opposing team’s goaltender to spot weaknesses as a benefit to his goal-scorers.

A recent example of this occurred last Friday night when the Falcons took on Augsburg College at home. Something spotted by Frank was made aware by him, and the result was Patrick Borgestad’s third goal on the year.

“After warm-ups Coach Frank told me to shoot five hole,” Borgestad said. “He said be patient, look for the opening, it’ll be there.”

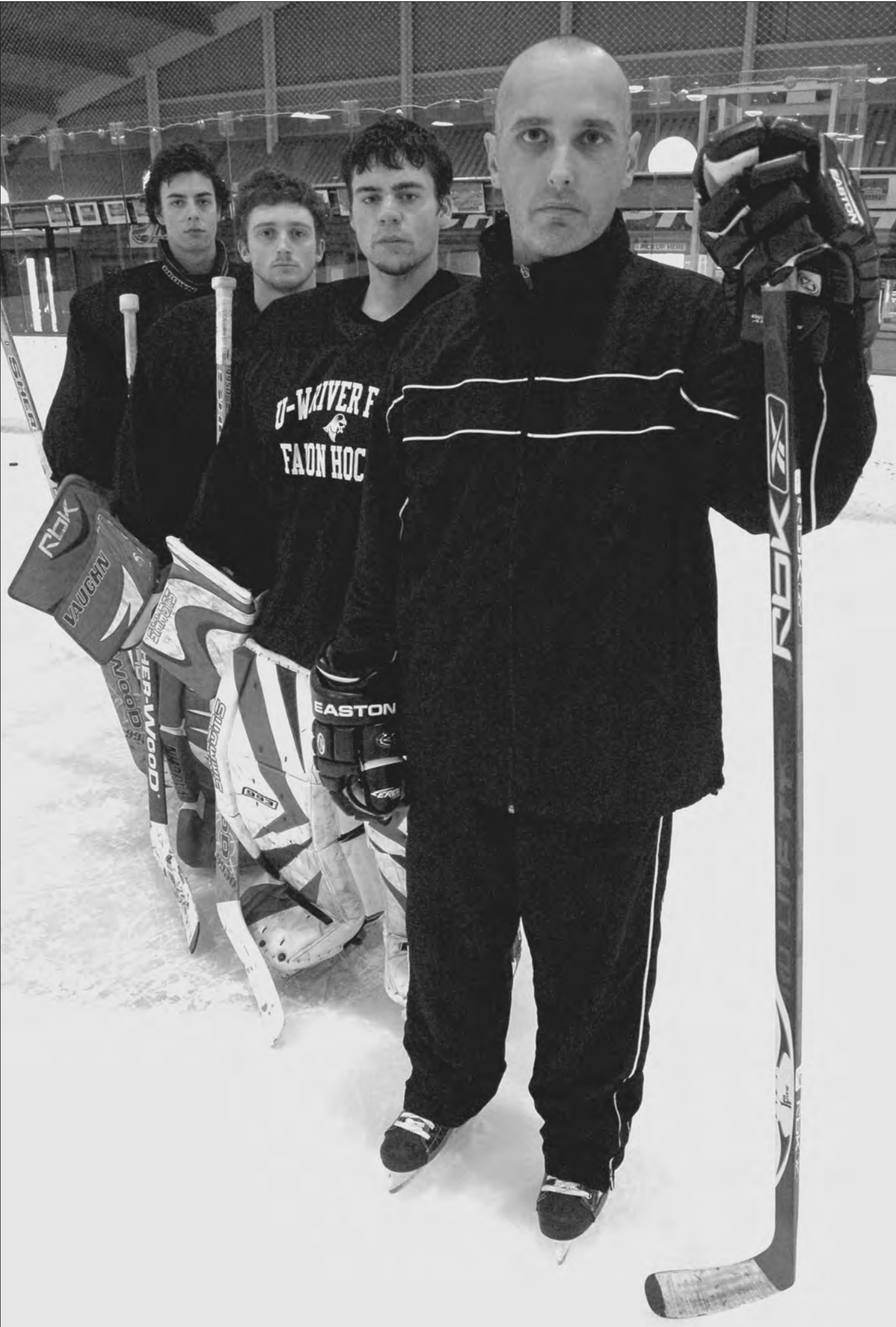
The Falcon coaches expressed only the most positive thoughts regarding the addition of Frank.

“We feel very fortunate to have such a qualified individual who knows goal-tending join our program,” Freeman said. “Our goalies have a great deal of respect for his expertise, and he provides the personal touch and support they need as well as suggestions toward improvement.”

The question on the mind of every Falcon hockey fan is what is being done to replace the empty net at Hunt Arena. Getting Frank to train the prospective netminders is the answer.

“Whoever is in the nets for us is going to be ready to play,” Frank said. “And it’s my job to get them ready to play.”

The 3-0 Falcons take on the St. Olaf Oles, who are 1-1, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at Hunt Arena.



*Kenny Yoo/Student Voice*  
**Paul Frank, right, is the new assistant coach for the men’s hockey team at UW-River Falls. Falcon goalies, left to right, Clark Oliver, Tyler Owens and Matt Page are looking to fill the void left by the departure of AJ Bucchino.**

# Top NFL quarterbacks help make teams tough to beat



**Lauren Bennett**

It seems to be the question of all the quarterbacks recently; are they the best? No one can really answer that.

In a recent trip back to campus, my dad and I were listening to the Packer Radio Network, and the host asked “Could [Brett] Favre be considered the best ever?” The answer from all the announcers, and die-hard fan, my dad, was no.

But what about Tom Brady, or Peyton Manning? Are they the best? ... most say no.

Everyone is so quick to say that their favorite is the best, but in reality there are only few that could fill that spot. While many people think Favre could round out top five, he doesn’t seem to compare to Joe Montana, Dan Marino or John Elway.

While Favre, Brady and Manning could all be great, they couldn’t all be the best. However, all three are showing why they are considered to hold such a great honor this season.

Favre is not as good as he used to be, and that is just a fact. He has come back year after year for 15 seasons and has not once given up. This year alone he has moved the ball for over 2,400 yards and led the team to seven wins in eight games, the latest a victory against the Chiefs Nov. 4 at Kansas City. He has broken multiple records, including most touchdown passes and wins by a starting quarterback. With a win in Kansas City, he now has beaten every other team in the NFL as a quarterback.

But his arm is not nearly what it used to be, despite his 50-plus yard throws every couple of games; this will probably be the last of Favre’s glory days. There is argument that Favre could be this year’s MVP for the fourth time, beating his own record of three, but there are plenty of other players, including other quarterbacks, that could give him a run for his money. Though this seems as though it will be a good season to end a career on, you know that Favre will be searching for a trip to the Super Bowl.

Coming fast on number four’s heels, however, is wonder-boy Tom Brady. Many say he is one of the top in history, and he has only been playing in the spotlight for seven seasons (if you don’t count the one game he played in 2000 as a season ... I don’t), which might seem like a long time for any football player, but to be great, you have to play to your heart’s content. For this season he has thrown over 2,600 yards, more than Favre, but both have a long way to go before they can beat Marino’s record for the overall. He has also thrown 33 touchdown passes so far and has only had four interceptions. Brady has led the team to three Super Bowls in the last five years; he has what it takes to carry his team to the bowl yet again this year. With his 33 touchdown passes this season he is coming up fast to steal Manning’s record of 49 in one season. If Brady continues to play for the Patriot,s he could wind up breaking every quarterback record. However, he needs to play for at least eight more seasons to even be considered for a “best quarterback of all time” vote in my book because Joe Montana, Dan Marino and John Elway have all played for at least 15 seasons (Favre too, but he’s not officially in the hall of fame).

Leading one of the toughest teams in years, Brady has been the cover-boy for the NFL. He is the star of the New England Patriots and has recently helped them win against the Colts, which brings us to another star in the quarterback position.

Peyton Manning has been playing for the Colts for 10 seasons, and while his stats are not nearly as impressive as Brady’s this season, he has had plenty of great stats in the past. So far, he has only thrown for about 2,000 yards this season, but he also has a great offense that the Colts can run the ball with. Manning led the Colts to a Super Bowl win last year, and is looking for a repeat. He is currently ranked second right now with only one loss to the Patriots. The Colts are aiming for the top.

He is considered to be one of the upcoming best of all time, but based on the team that he has had to work with for the past ten years, it’s no wonder he only has one ring. In his 2004 season Manning broke the record for most touchdown passes in one season (now beaten by Brady) and has had the most consecutive seasons with over 4,000 passing yards.

While all quarterbacks mentioned are great on the field, Manning is also great off the field. He started a foundation called the PeyBack foundation to help benefit at-risk and disadvantaged youth.

Favre, Brad, and Manning are excellent quarterbacks this season, and all seasons up until now. The Packers, Patriots and Colts are all in the running for a Super Bowl appearance this year, and it will be up to the quarterbacks to lead them to the victory.

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# Annual Turkey Trot benefits children with special needs

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Huddled outside in the cold, in running shorts at 9 a.m. Saturday, were the participants of the ninth annual Turkey Trot. The five-kilometer run is organized by the Health and Human Performance Department of UW-River Falls. A one-mile walk also took place.

Health and Human Performance students Christine Peters and Tiffany Gardner helped promote and plan the run for the Sports Management class. Gardner is on the UWRF cross-country team and has participated in the run for the past two years. Peters was the co-director of the run.

“We hope everyone has fun,” Peters said.

Health and Human Performance professor Deb Allyn is teaching the Sports Management class that helped organize the run.

The goal for the class is to “plan, implement and administer recreational events.”

The history of the turkey trot goes back 100 years when it was a part of intramurals. Nine years ago, the sports management class took over the event, Allyn said.

Despite the cold, the participants in this year’s turkey trot were upbeat and ready to run.

Ann, Molly and Katie Staelen came well prepared for the event wearing real turkey feathers on their backs. They participated in the run last year and were excited for this year’s run. Ann Staelen was eager to participate in the event.

“The run benefits special needs children, and I

work with special needs kids,” Staelen said.

Other participants had their own reasons for participating.

“We did the run for ourselves and for health,” Missy Murphy, a River Falls resident, said.

Andy Engel, a senior at UWRF, participated in the run because he wanted to see if he could still run as well as he did in high school.

“It was nice to see some of the campus, but my brother beat me by a minute or two,” Engel said.

The first person to finish the run was Jason Phillippi, a Health and Human Performance major. Phillippi finished the run in 16:16. This is about average time for him, according to Phillippi. Phillippi has been on the UWRF track and cross country teams in the past.

“The course was nice in fact but it was pretty

cold, its about 38 degrees outside,” Phillippi said.

There were about 55 participants that pre-registered for the event. Registration fees ranged from \$12 to \$18, depending on the participant’s age and when they registered. All participants received a long-sleeved t-shirt.

After the run, frozen turkeys and other prizes were raffled off.

The proceeds of the run and walk went to the Y Partners, a YMCA scholarship program for youth.

“Funds raised through Y Partners assure that no one is ever turned away from YMCA membership and programs due to financial need,” according to the YMCA web site.

Y Partners provides financial assistance and subsidies to members of the public who cannot afford memberships or programs.



SPORTS WRAP

Volleyball players receive WIAC honors

Falcon outside hitter Kelsey Scheele, a sophomore, has been named to the first All-WIAC volleyball team and Nina Cooper, a junior, has been named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Scheele played in all 122 games for the Falcons. She led the team with 445 kills and a .220 hitting percentage. She also led the team with 532 digs. Scheele, one of only two sophomores named to the first All-WIAC team, had 30 service aces and 41 blocks. She was named the team’s Player of the Week four times. The 532 digs is sixth highest in a single season.

“Kelsey is a complete volleyball player, and that was demonstrated throughout the season. She established herself as one of the top outside hitters in the WIAC by providing the Falcons with valuable stats in hitting and defensive categories. She is a very solid volleyball player and has great court sense. Even though many teams focused on her, she always found a way to score,” head coach Patti Ford said.

The league’s All-Sportsmanship Team is for individuals that displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season. The team included one member from each school as selected by that school. “Nina is the true essence of team. She has great passion for playing volleyball and works extremely hard on her game. Nina is a gifted leader and her spirit and good humor creates an environment that is fun and enjoyable,” Ford said.

The Falcons finished the 2007 season with an 8-26 overall record and a 1-7 WIAC record.

Zweifel, Norman Players of the Week

Football wide receiver Michael Zweifel, a freshman, and hockey forward Dustin Norman, a junior, have been named WIAC and NCHA Players of the Week. Zweifel was named the WIAC Offensive Player of the Week after he set a conference single game record with 18 receptions in the team’s 49-34 loss to La Crosse on Saturday at Ramer Field. The 18 receptions broke the WIAC record of 17 that was held by three players. Zweifel had 149 receiving yards and scored on a 3-yard pass play in the second quarter to tie the game at the time, 21-21. He had a long reception of 25 yards. This year, he has 85 catches for 945 yards and seven touchdowns. The 85 catches and 945 yards are both school records.

“Mike was doing the same thing he’s been doing all year long,” said Falcon Coach John O’Grady. “We can count on him catching the ball and making something happen.”

The Falcons play their final game of the season on Saturday at Oshkosh with kick-off set for noon.

Norman was named the NCHA and WIAC Player of the Week. He scored five total goals over the weekend in the team’s 7-0 win over Augsburg and a 5-4 win over Hamline.

Against Augsburg, Norman recorded his first career hat trick. He scored a goal in each period, including the game-winner in the first period. On Saturday night Norman netted two more goals-both coming in the first period. He is tied for third on the team with six points (5-1). He already has half as many goals as he did last season. “He has an outstanding shot that he can really get off quickly. He’s a threat whenever he has room to shoot the puck,” head coach Steve Freeman said.

On Nov. 9, the Falcons host Gustavus Adolphus at Hunt Arena with the puck dropping at 7:05 p.m. On Saturday the Falcons play at St. Olaf at 7 p.m.

Women’s hockey opens with 5-1 victory

Jamie Briski had two goals and an assist and Jessica Thompson added a goal and two assists to help lead the Falcons to a 5-1 season-opening win at St. Catherine on Saturday night.

The Falcons led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 after two.

Chelsea Nelson started the Falcon scoring at 7:09 in the first period with assists to Kelly Snedeker and Kristen Juven. The Falcons went ahead 2-0 at 8:40 when Briski scored her first goal with assists to Ashly Berner and Thompson. The Falcons made it 3-0 at 16:10 when Briski scored a short-handed goal with Thompson getting the lone assist.

Cassie LeBlanc put the Falcons ahead 4-0 at 14:36 of the second period with another short-handed goal. She was assisted by Kelly Jensen and Kacie Anderson.

Thompson picked up her first goal of the season at 16:41 in the third period. Bailey Vickstrom and Briski assisted. St. Kate’s averted the shutout when Kaytlyn Mount scored with 2:19 to play in the game.

UWRF goalie Cassi Campbell, making her first collegiate start, made 25 saves to get the win. St. Kate’s Mel Gerton stopped 44 UWRF shots. The Falcons outshot the Wildcats, 44-25, for the game, including 15-6 in the first period and 20-010 in the second.

The Falcons picked up two short-handed goals in the game. The most short-handed goals for the Falcons in a season is four (2000-01). This is the first time ever the Falcons have had two short-handed goals in a game.

The Falcons, now 1-0 overall, will open their home season on Saturday when they host Gustavus Adolphus at 5:05 p.m., at Hunt Arena.

**Falcon Swim Team loses at UW-Eau Claire**

The Falcon swimming and diving team fell to Eau Claire on Friday. The men lost 181-57 and the women lost 167-70.

The men did not take first in any events on Friday. Mark Thorsen placed second in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:40.06.


The women also did not place first in any events at the meet. Emily Stein placed second in the 200 yard freestyle at 2:07.45. Jill Lambach placed second in the 50 yard freestyle at 26.74. Jaynell Feider took second in the one meter diving with a score of 201.60 and second in the three meter diving with 192.45.

The Falcons will compete next at home against Lawrence Nov. 10.


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SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men’s Hockey



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Gustavus Adolphus College

7:05 p.m. Nov. 9

Hunt Arena

The Falcon men will take on Gustavus Adolphus at 7 p.m. Nov. 9. The women’s hockey team will be at home Nov. 10 to play the Gustuavus Gusties at 5:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Abby Piette/Student Voice

The men’s basketball team practices for the upcoming season. The Falcons have added three transfers to the team as well as four incoming freshman. The team will play an exibition game against Bemidji State 3 p.m. Nov. 10 in Karges Gym.

Men’s basketball prepares for ’07-’08 season

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The 2007-08 Falcon men’s basketball team hopes to rebound from a disappointing season last year in which they finished 10-16 overall and 5-11 in the WIAC.

While the Falcons lost one of their starting five from last year, the core of the team will be returning along with some promising new recruits.

Senior forward Scott Kelly and senior guard Courtney Davis will be back along with sophomore guard Jontae Koonkaew and sophomore forward Nate Robertson.

Head coach Jeff Berkhof said he has not named starters yet, but expects all four to be major contributors.

Both Koonkaew and Robertson had standout seasons as freshmen last year and earned honorable mentions on the All-WIAC team.

Robertson was also named to the Division III News All-Freshmen Team.

“I was pretty honored to get the national recommendation,” Robertson said. “I didn’t see it coming at all.”

Robertson led the team with 142 field goals, a .573 field goal average, 364 points, 28 steals, 43 blocks and 170 rebounds (47 offensive and 123 defensive).

Having a strong freshman season also raises expectations.

“It puts pressure on me to have a better season this year,” Robertson said.

Koonkaew was equally impressive, leading the team with 96 free throws and 82 assists, and was second to only Robertson with 342 points.

Senior guard Ryan Thompson will not be returning for his senior year after a transfer to Jamestown (N.D.) College.

Senior guard Erik Olson and senior forward Tim Pearson, who

both played frequently in non-starting roles last season, will also not be returning.

Thompson’s starting spot could be filled by one of the incoming freshmen or transfer students this year, senior guard Willie Wright, junior guard DiJon Reese and junior forward Steve Farmer.

Wright is a transfer from the University of Missouri-Rolla. Prior to that he attended Anoka-Ramsey Community College where he was an All-State selection during the 2004-05 season, according to the Falcon basketball Web site.

Reese is also a former All-State selection, earning it during the 2006-07 season at Riverland Community College.

They will be joined by four incoming freshmen: guards Brady Hannigan and Danny Johnson, and forwards Alex Whittenberger and Wade Guerin.

“Coach did a very good job addressing our needs from last year,” Robertson said. “[They are] all very capable of playing this year.”

Guerin was an All-Conference selection his senior year and Johnson and Hannigan were twice All-Conference.

Hannigan was also named to the Academic All-State team his senior year.


“We like all of our four freshmen a great deal; they’ve looked very good at practice,” Berkhof said. “We’ve got big plans for them.”

With the new additions this season, the Falcons could be a very much improved team, especially on offense.

“[We are] athletic enough to compete with anyone in the nation,” Robertson said. “Offensively, I don’t think we can be stopped.”

The Falcons start their season 3 p.m. Nov. 10 with an exhibition game vs. Bemidji State. The first regular season game will be at the Concordia-St. Paul Classic Nov. 16 vs. Macalester.

Vikings to knock Packers’ fans down a peg



Chris Schad

The Green Bay Packer fans are in euphoria right now. “How could the John Deere Cult be 7-1 after 8 games?

How did Brett Favre find the fountain of youth? Why is their defense so good? Who is Javon Walker? We have Greg Jennings! Ahman Green? Pffft. Ryan Grant, please! Aaron Kampman eats people alive.”

Congratulations Packer fans, you didn’t hire Brad Childress to coach your football team! However, there is one thing that is definitely being overlooked and it’s not your football team. (NOTE: You can’t be overlooked when your quarterback is mentioned 8,000 times excluding plays and his wife writes a book because she’s his wife and survived breast cancer and is invited on Monday Night Football.) It’s the fact you should be 6-2. Packer fans who are drinking the kool-aid, which I believe, for them, is Pabst Blue Ribbon or Leinenkugels, can’t believe that I just said that. Nobody can beat the mighty Packers! Not with Brett Favre and his laser rocket arm! Who could I possibly say should have beaten the Green Bay Packers? The Minnesota Vikings.

Now you’re really laughing aren’t you? “The Minnesota Vikings??? Oh my goodness! [Going over to friend Billy Bob] Look at this homer! Hahaha!” Well, I have no doubt that you won’t believe me, but Monday morning revisit this column and tell me what you think. There is one reason why the Vikings lost Sept. 30 and will win this Sunday against the Packers, and his name is Adrian Peterson.

Peterson definitely is the wild card for the Vikings. When Peterson goes off, the Vikings obviously win. When Peterson doesn’t, they don’t. Also, when Peterson isn’t used, the Vikings lose. Brad Childress finally figured this out a couple weeks ago and named Peterson the starter over Chester Taylor. Their record since then is 1-1 but the ways that Peterson opens up the offense are staggering.

Last Sunday, during Peterson’s record-breaking performance of 296 rushing yards, Brooks Bollinger came in for an injured Tarvaris Jackson. It looked like the Vikings were going to lose this game until Childress decided to ride Peterson all day (No pun intended). Peterson punished the San Diego Chargers D, running around and over them right and left and up the middle. Midway through the third quarter the Vikings were tied 14-14. The entire Charger defense stuffed the box, so Vikings Offensive Coordinator Darrel Bevell decided to go deep to Sidney Rice. The result was a touchdown, and the Vikings took a lead they wouldn’t give up.

This leads me to this Sunday. Bollinger, Jackson or Kelly Holcomb won’t beat the Packers, but Adrian Peterson will. In the first half of the Viking-Packer game on Sept. 30, Peterson had 10 carries for 110 yards, including a run where he dragged Packer safety Nick Collins 15 yards (I think Collins is still smeared across the Metrodome turf). Peterson only got 2 carries the rest of the game and the Packers took advantage of the Vikings hapless offense and walked out of the dome with a win.

Peterson is the starting running back now and he’s not sharing carries with anybody. Think of it this way. If Peterson got 110 on 10 carries, what happens when he gets 25-plus carries? The Packer defense gets absolutely mauled, that’s what happens. A John Deere Cult member said it was impossible for Peterson to duplicate that because the game isn’t in a dome and the Packers have a good run defense. Ok, he obviously doesn’t remember the Vikings/Bears game where Peterson ran for 224 and 3 TD at Chicago in the rain. Also, tough run defenses? San Diego’s run defense was ranked seventh in the NFL going into Sunday’s game. Peterson only ran for 296 yards, but I’m sure you knew that.

Bottom line is this: your Packers are on borrowed time. This Sunday will begin a free fall, which would even make the Vikings proud. After Peterson drops 300 at Lambeau, the Packers have to play Detroit and Dallas the next two weeks, the beginning of a three game losing streak. So in parting, I have just one question for you cult members. What is Peterson’s number? I ask because that’s all you’re going to see ALL DAY (Pun intended)!

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Men’s vs. Women’s Rugby in costumes  
11 a.m. Nov. 10  
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# Etiquette dinner teaches students valuable lessons

## Students enjoy five-course meal with education

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Imagine having the opportunity to enjoy a five-course meal on the UW-River Falls campus. Students who attend the annual Etiquette Dinner have the opportunity to dine on a variety of delicious foods and learn good manners in the process.

Career Services, along with the help of Chartwells, puts together the dinner for students each year.

Carmen Croonquist, the director of Career Services, said she believes that the Etiquette Dinner is worthwhile for all students on this campus.

“Students who attend the Etiquette Dinner have an opportunity to learn many important pointers regarding business and dining etiquette that will serve them well in many social situations throughout their lives,” Croonquist said in an e-mail interview. “Realizing that everything we do creates an impression (positive, negative, or somewhere in between), the goal of knowing proper etiquette is to

give students confidence and a sense of comfort in those situations where not knowing what to do could cost them a job offer.”

Senior Alicia Braker, a biotechnology major, attended the dinner for the first time last fall with a group of students from her residence hall.

“I thought it would be a very educational experience to learn proper etiquette,” Braker said. “It’s important to learn how to conduct yourself.”

Those who attend the dinner will learn about the do’s and don’ts about proper dining in formal and business situations. Students will learn about introductions, proper handshakes, how to eat certain foods, what types of food not to order during an interview and much more, Croonquist said.

“In summary, they learn professionalism and how to make a positive first impression,” Croonquist said.

Some students, like senior Megan Kiesow, attended the Etiquette Dinner for class credit, but came away with information that they did not expect and decided it was a great event to sharpen her etiquette.

Preparation for the dinner has been going on for a long time and Croonquist credits her staff for helping her to make the Etiquette

Dinner a reality.

“Melissa Wilson has done an outstanding job of coordinating many of the details, as well as Chartwells (who puts on the dinner), and our front office staff who processed all the student registrations and made the certificates,” Croonquist said. “The process involves picking a date(s) that works well for students, reserving the ballroom and determining set up ... working with Chartwells on the menu and the serving process, promoting the dinners, handling and processing the registrations, designing and printing up the ‘Etiquette Pocket Pals’ and marshalling the assistance needed for checking students in the night of the dinner.”

Students who attend the Etiquette Dinner can use their meal plan, bonus points, Falcon Dollars or cash. For students who pay with cash, the cost of the dinner is \$11.60.

Braker used her meal plan last year and thought having that option over having to pay out of pocket really made the dinner more accessible to students.

While the registration date has passed for the Nov. 12 and 13 Etiquette Dinner, students can look forward to another dinner sometime during spring semester.

# Student shows passion for marketing dairy products, receives scholarship

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A UW-River Falls student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for her passion in marketing dairy products.

The National Dairy Shrine/Dairy Management Incorporation Milk Marketing Scholarship is designed for sophomores, juniors or seniors who have “an explicit interest in milk marketing,” according to the National Dairy Shrine Web site.

Melissa Klein, a senior majoring in marketing communications with an emphasis in agriculture, grew up on a dairy farm in Lake City, Minn., and wants to pursue a career in marketing dairy products.

“It had always been in the back of my head to be involved in the dairy industry,” she said.

Klein got involved in the marketing of dairy products through the Princess Kay of the Milky Way program in Minnesota; she was runner-up for Princess Kay in 2004.

Klein heard about the scholarship through word of mouth and by seeing other recipients of the scholarship published in agricultural publications.

“I was very excited [about receiving the scholarship],” Klein said.

It was important for Klein to receive the scholarship because it meant people are recognizing her for her accomplishments, she said.

Klein transferred to UWRF in 2005 after receiving an associate’s degree in agriculture sales and service from Northeast Iowa Community College.

“I wanted to pursue this marketing degree,” she said.

Beyond working on her degree, Klein is involved in a variety of activities on campus.

She is the president of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT).

Tamia Trulson has worked closely with Klein over the past couple of years in classes and in ACT, of which Trulson is the academic advisor.

Klein has been very organized and efficient in ACT, and that is one thing Trulson admires.

“She’s a leader, and she’s a communicator,” she said.

With her strong dairy background, Klein has the ability to communicate in the dairy industry.

“It’s definitely a passion,” Trulson said.

Gregg Hadley has been working with Klein since the spring of 2006, in a finance course, through the AgStar Scholar program and through a service-learning project over a J-term trip to Mexico with two other students.

The scholarship committee made an excellent choice when they chose Klein as a recipient, Hadley said, because she will be able to encompass what the dairy industry wants to achieve, and she will be



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**Senior Melissa Klein was recently awarded a scholarship for her academic accomplishments and pursuit of dairy marketing.**

able to meet those goals.

“She’s going to be an excellent representative of the dairy industry,” he said. “[Klein is] professional and persistent.”

Klein is also the vice president of Alpha Zeta and is involved in the Association of Women in Agriculture (AWA), dairy club, WELS campus ministry, and she currently works for public affairs.

Klein has been happy about the program here at UWRF. She will be the first in her family to receive a four-year degree.

Through all of her activities and courses, Klein has never seemed to struggle beyond the usual college life.

“I have not heard her complain about things,” Trulson said. “She’s just done things very well.”

Klein is proud of her accomplishments thus far and is ready for the future.

“Knowing that I’ve done this,” she said, “I can move on to the next step, now.”

## Career Carnival prepares students

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The Career Carnival is a different, and less publicized, event on the UW-River Falls campus. Unlike its Career Fair counterpart, the Career Carnival is a more relaxed event that aims to educate students as well as provide a fun, carnival type atmosphere.

The Career Fair brings in over 100 employers sent to recruit students for potential jobs and internships, whereas at this event, employers came to help students enhance their interviewing skills, one of the event coordinators, McKenna Schumacher, said.

“The event took place on Nov. 1, in the University Center Ballroom. 166 students signed up to participate in the mock interviews, Director of Career Services Carmen Croonquist said.

Schumacher was one of the student interns that was in charge of putting the event together.

“In the past, this event was the Walk-Thru Workshop. This year we gave it a makeover and turned it into the Career Carnival to make the event more interactive,” Schumacher said.

The Career Carnival is an annual event at UWRF and consists of mock interviews with employers where students have the opportunity to sit down with actual employers and go through the interview process to gain valuable experience.

In addition to the mock interviews that the event provides, career services attended the event to provide resume critiques as well as to run the different carnival events, which included various career information and activities. There were

also concessions provided for the students.

“We were fortunate to receive sponsorship from UPS and Block and Bridle to provide the popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy,” Schumacher said.

The event was designed to give students a learning opportunity with an aspect of fun with the carnival games that incorporated a career component to them.

The general target audience that career services aimed at for this event was first and second year students to get them to start thinking about the career and interview process, although all were welcome.

“It is important students understand that career services is a comprehensive office that helps students with their entire career planning needs and is not just an office that assists graduating seniors,” Schumacher said.

There will be another career-related event in the spring that will have similar activities, but tweaked to appeal to the needs of graduating students to prepare them for real world situations and interviews.

“The mock interviews provide great practice for students to get some experience with the interviewing process and situational based questions,” Croonquist said.

An overall goal of the event was to provide students with a way to get an early start on gathering career information and resources, Schumacher said.

Student Erin Orgeman was one of the students who participated in the events at the carnival.

“I thought it was really beneficial because I haven’t had an interview since I applied for jobs in high school so I didn’t really know what to expect,” Orgeman said.

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# Renowned author, media critic to visit UW-River Falls

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UW-River Falls students and faculty will have the chance to debate, analyze and dissect how the media deals with coverage of war during a Nov. 14 visit from syndicated columnist, author and media critic Norman Solomon.

Solomon is a nationally syndicated columnist who has been writing his column “Media Beat” since 1992 and is most well known for his criticism of the media’s coverage of war. His columns have appeared in various newspapers, including the Washington Post, The New York Times and USA Today as well as the International Herald Tribune and Canada’s Globe

and Mail.

Solomon is also the author of numerous books, including “Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn’t Tell You,” published in 2003 and “Made Love, Got War: Close Encounters with America’s Warfare State,” published in 2007.

Although much of his media criticism reflects the coverage of war in mainstream media, it will only be one of the elements Solomon hopes to discuss with students.

“It’s beneficial to look at lots of specific news coverage and talk about it together,” Solomon said. “War coverage is just one of those elements that people are - understandably - so concerned about.”

Journalism professor Pat Berg

met Solomon at an academic conference several years ago and was lucky enough to speak with him over dinner. As someone familiar with Solomon’s work, she knew he would make an interesting campus speaker. With the help of funding from several departments in addition to journalism, Solomon was scheduled to come and speak on campus.

The way that the media covers war in general is a question that needs to be examined; for this reason, Berg is requiring all of her students to attend at least one of Solomon’s presentations.

“The role that the media played is a question we must answer,” Berg said. “If we don’t, people will never have trust in information [media]

again.”

Solomon’s analytical look at media coverage that includes but isn’t limited to war was what impressed Berg most.

“The question of how we got into this situation in Iraq is as big as any,” Berg said. “We need to look at how leaders use this rhetoric of peace and democracy to get us to where we are today.”

Students and faculty will have a chance to participate in a discussion centered around Solomon’s book and documentary during Coffee with the Times at 9 a.m. Nov. 14. Solomon encourages any and all students to attend since the students are the ones who will most benefit from learning to understand news media.

“I’m always impressed by the

approach [of young people],” Solomon said. “They need to learn to critique...understand...it’s the young people that will be responsible for sustaining the long-term media projects that will progress our society.”

Even some of those who don’t agree with his political viewpoints plan to attend one of Solomon’s lectures, including political science major Steph Sianko.

“I appreciate the passion Norman Solomon has for the issues he has chosen to address, such as the Iraq War,” Sianko said in an e-mail interview. “Even though I don’t agree with his activist liberal views, I am very interested to hear what he has to say on Tuesday.”

Solomon has appeared as a guest on many national media outlets, including PBS, CNN and C-SPAN, as well as made numerous appearances on international outlets, such as BBC Radio World Service and Al-Jazeera Television. He has also traveled around and appeared at numerous college campuses, including a recent visit to UW-Oshkosh. However, this will be his first time in River Falls.

“I look forward to hearing what a variety of people have to say, especially students,” Solomon said. “By taking steps to understand media coverage, [students] are opening themselves up to possibilities for change.”

# Chicago’s Umphrey’s McGee releases jam-packed live album



Matt Loosbrock

Jam band fanatics: you can rest easy now. The departure of Phish was a sad realization, and no one will ever live up to the standards set by The Grateful Dead, but the tradition of the jam band lives on through Umphrey’s McGee’s Live at the Murat. The lads from Chicago have the charisma, style and talent to create one the biggest live albums this year. Their secret ... improvised solos and creative ways to push their music, right before your ears. Throw in over a dozen styles of music, highly driven instrumentals and a highly concentrated musical energy and you got the gist of what this sextet has to offer.

The whole double album is set for success with their opener, the ever-changing “In the Kitchen.” Focusing on the basics first, the acoustic intro bleeds the soul of Santana’s Latin mastery and groove, which then melds into the vocal part of the song that features more improvisation and laid back light rock riffs. Somewhere along the lines, acoustic mutates into electric, and the jazzy driving force of the song bull rushes through, leaving a wonder of song craft and originality, that you won’t know what to expect from the rest of the concert. And that’s just the first song.

In fact, the live album is so fantastically morphed together that it’s almost an insult to even try to say what is considered a song. For a few damn-good minutes, you’ll be treated to the reggae-rock (think The Police) “Higgins,” only to be entertained by the comical and ’70s soul heavy jives (think Earth, Wind and Fire) of “The Fuzz.” That’s just the beginning. Umphrey’s tosses in some of The Allman Brothers Band with their tranquil “Hajimemashite,” the bluesy soul of “’40s Theme,” the trippy acid rock of “The Triple Wide” and even a dash of metal in the power chord driven “Angular Mountain.”

The style of their music is only further complimented by their virtuosic improvisation. In each song they play, they are constantly challenging themselves and each other to bring up their game. Kris Myer’s drum kicks will be matched by Jake Cinnigar’s guitar licks. Brenden Bayliss’ vocals will soar above Joel Cummins’ organ harmonies. The length of these unrehearsed breaks in music might turn some off (we are in a generation of 3 minute music), but those who understand and appreciate the rawness the Umphrey’s shows will revel in the urgency of their originality - a true rarity in today’s music. Umphrey’s McGee will be playing Nov. 10 in Madison, Wis., at the Eagles Ballroom. Go see them if you’re in the area, or take road trip. You will be hard pressed to find a more entertaining show this year.

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).

# Letterdoku

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# Washington’s new movie ‘American Gangster’ a masterpiece



A.J. Hakari

Much has been bandied about lately as to why the recent wave of thematically-heavy films have been underperforming at the box office. I suspect the sheer glut of them has something to do with this, but by no means does that make the crime drama “American Gangster” worth passing on in the very least.

Based upon a true story (although shunning away any of the more hackneyed elements that come with that label), “American Gangster” spans from the late ’60s to the mid ’70s. Frank Lucas (Denzel Washington) is a Harlem mobster’s dedicated driver/bodyguard, and when his boss kicks the bucket, Frank proceeds to take over his operations in a big way before his rivals come a-calling’.

Tired of seeing middlemen dilute the heroin he sells on the streets, Frank himself flies to Bangkok and strikes a deal, which leaves him with 100 percent pure product, which he makes a fortune off of by selling for half of what his competitors are charging. Frank relishes his success and rises quickly to gangland power, but it’s only a matter of time before the law takes notice.

Enter Richie Roberts (Russell Crowe), a New Jersey detective with a troubled personal life but intense dedication to his job, who’s made the head of a special task force assigned to take down high-profile figures in the drug trade — with none other

than Frank emerging as their first target.

Please don’t let the above summary lead you to believe that “American Gangster” is a generic cops-and-robbers fable. Director Ridley Scott doesn’t spin this into a simplistic, shoot-’em-up crime story (although there is a rousing raid on Frank’s drug den near the end of the film), instead weaving a gritty tale about a drug dealer fulfilling his vision of the American Dream.

Though not above the occasional violent outburst, Frank is cool as a cucumber, running his trade with a smart business sense and knowing just how to keep operations going underneath the watchful eyes of Johnny Law.

Frank’s rise to power is fueled more by basic economics than it is by criminal ambitions, resulting in one hell of a balancing act

with searing emotions, “American Gangster” is a strong, tense and character-driven crime masterpiece — in short, this is one of the best movies I’ve seen all year.

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Ken Weigend

Our culture is changing; audiences have replaced the corny Westerns of yesteryear with grimy and graphic fables of a new frontier.

This frontier fights over pills and powder instead of gold and silver; its battles are fought on the streets of our metropolitan cities. Bloodthirsty savages have been replaced by coked-out junkies and the cowboys-made-cops sell for profit the very smack they confiscate. Ridley Scott blazes his own trail across this dirty frontier with “American Gangster,” a gritty look at New York’s drug obsession viewed through the eyes of its junkies and its dealers.

Following the true story of, but taking poetic license with, Frank Lucas (Denzel Washington), the nobody driver/bodyguard and protégé of drug kingpin “Bumpy” Johnson. Learning all he could from Bumpy and the Sicilians he did business with, Lucas inherited the ailing empire with a glisten in his eye for change.

Well aware of the growing drug problem the military was facing in Vietnam and armed with an entrepreneurial sense of street wise economics, Lucas visited Thailand to hammer out a deal to buy heroin directly from the Asian market and ship that supply to the states in the coffins of U.S. soldiers. This art of cutting out the middleman allowed Lucas to sell a pure, undiluted product at half the cost as the competition.

The perfect antithesis to Lucas, Detective Richie Roberts (Russell Crowe) enters as the good in the face of limitless evil. Constantly ridiculed for turning in a bust of \$1 million in unmarked bills instead of pocketing it, Roberts’ stubbornness for justice lands him the job of leading a newly formed narcotics task force.

Feeling his way up the food chain, Roberts

aims at Lucas and the two engage in an instinctual game of survival. Although the pair doesn’t meet until the taught climax, their lust for the other’s demise is palpable nonetheless.

Crowe and Washington each become possessed by their roles, losing themselves to their character. The two travel down their carefully structured parallels and breathe much needed life into character classes we’ve seen too many times before.

But what adds more dramatic punch is the incongruent lifestyles each of the men live around their actions. Lucas weaves a veil of decency to become the wolf in sheep’s clothing, believing he is chasing the American Dream as he enslaves a city at needlepoint. Roberts upholds the law and crusades against corruption even as his personal life is reduced to ruin. Roberts is denied happiness while Lucas profits \$1 million a day.

A simple premise of good vs. evil is afforded even more complexity with an undertone of racial tensions; the white cop crusades against the black villain.

Director Scott composes his symphony of morality and deceit to a quiet thunder. No scene is wasted as each chimes in its own tune, all building upon each other, towards a crescendo not grandiose in spectacle but in its deliberate submission.

“American Gangster” is a modern epic. It is a seductive expose, a wildly engrossing reinvention of a tired cops/druggies formula. Scott is inducted into the elite ranks of Coppola and Scorsese as “American Gangster” enters the pantheon of great American crime films alongside “The Godfather” and “Goodfellas.”

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

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.







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Like many other UWRF students, senior Patrick Borgestad enjoys deer hunting. Here, he proudly displays a whitetail deer shot last season. The gun season for deer opens Nov. 17 and runs through Nov. 25. The goal for this season is to reduce the Wisconsin deer population to 700,000 from the estimated 1.6-1.8 million deer which currently occupy the state.

# Deer hunters prep for next weekend’s gun opener

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Deer hunting has long been a tradition in Wisconsin, and for some it is almost a religion. This year’s gun deer season opens Nov. 17 and runs through Nov. 25, and the outlook is great according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Thousands of people will head out to the woods and fields of the state to pursue the whitetail deer, including many from the UW-River Falls community.

Everybody has their reasons for hunting deer. For some it is just a part of life, something that their family has done for years. For others it may be for the thrill of the hunt, harvesting venison, defending their crops from deer damage, managing a healthy deer herd or just to enjoy the outdoors.

UWRF senior Michael Krause will take part in this year’s gun deer season. Krause has been hunting since he was 12-years-old. Like everyone who hunts deer, Krause has his reasons.

“It is a stress reliever, not the killing part, but sitting out there,” Krause said. “I like just watching wildlife more than I do shooting ‘em.”

Michael Kaltenberg, a UWRF professor in the department of plant and earth science, will also be taking part in this year’s gun season. Kaltenberg has been hunting since he was 17-years-old. His father did not deer hunt, but his uncle did. Kaltenberg was interested so he asked if he could go along.

“I shot an eight point buck my first day out, so that was pretty sweet,” Kaltenberg said. “It got me hooked.”

Like Krause, Kaltenberg enjoys deer hunting because of his love for nature.

“What I like doing is just being outdoors, watching the woods come alive in the morning,” Kaltenberg said.

Krause also mentioned that he takes part in deer hunting for the management aspect of it.

An estimated 1.6 to 1.8 million deer occupy the state this year, according to the DNR. During the 2006 nine-day gun deer season 342,411 deer were harvested.

There are a number of reasons to hunt deer. The DNR clearly monitors the herd and harvest every year, gathering data in an effort to come up with acceptable goals based on the needs of deer and society.

“The [2007] overwinter goal is 700,000 deer,” Linda R. Olver, assistant deer and bear ecologist at the DNR’s Bureau of Wildlife Management, said.

Deer are considered the most popular animal among hunters and non-hunters in the state. Unfortunately, the coexistence of deer and humans brings rise to many problems.

“There are a number of consequences of having 1.6-1.8 million deer, including agricultural damage, car-vehicle collisions and ecosystem impacts,” Olver said.

Agricultural, forest and vehicle damages from deer costs millions of dollars to society every year in Wisconsin alone. In 2006 there were 36,900 deer killed by cars, according to a DNR report.

There are also threatening health impacts that can result from an uncontrolled deer herd.

“Deer can carry diseases that may infect people

and domestic and captive livestock,” according to the DNR.

Dangers to humans include E. coli and Lyme disease. Livestock could potentially be infected with Salmonella, lung, stomach or brain worms, chronic wasting disease or even tuberculosis.

Management of the deer population is not only convenient for humans, but it also benefits the health of the herd itself. When there are too many deer, competition for resources can result in a malnourished and underdeveloped herd.

“Decreased physical condition in deer shows up as reduced body weight, antlers with fewer points and smaller beams, reduced fawn production, and lower rates of population increase,” according to the DNR.

Krause’s family owns 240 acres by the Rush River, southeast of River Falls. His father purchased the land in 1988. That is where he and his family will be hunting during this year’s gun season.

“I think it’s important to eliminate a lot of does,” Krause said.

He noted the connection of shooting does to population control and the quality of hunting. Between his family’s property and their neighbors, they collectively have about 600 acres. Krause said his family tries to work with the neighbors to cooperatively manage their tract of land, in an effort to better the quality of deer hunting.

Some say the whitetail deer occupies an area of one square mile, so management of an area such as that of Krause and his neighbor’s provides a prime opportunity to conduct deer management. Krause said that he believes there has been a

noticeable change in the quality of deer on their property.

“Managers are most concerned about the harvest of does, because does bear the next generation of deer,” according to the DNR.

Over the last several years the DNR has enacted regulations in many parts of the state, such as the Earn a Buck program. Under this program, hunters must shoot an antlerless deer before they can take a buck. Arguably most deer hunters long for a “trophy buck,” one that has a prized set of antlers, so many will hold out for a good buck to fill their tag instead of shooting a doe. Programs such as Earn a Buck are designed so that hunters are forced to legally shoot a doe before shooting a buck, in an effort to manage the population of the herd.

It is no surprise that deer hunting has a significant impact on the economy in Wisconsin. Everything from magazines, to guns, to ammo, to camouflage, to scents, to optics, to licenses purchased by deer hunters has an effect on the state’s economy. Deer hunting in the state generates about \$1 billion, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation.

Saturday, Nov. 17, one-half hour before sunrise, gunshots will begin to ring through the air in Wisconsin as thousands of people in blaze orange continue a tradition and carry out a wildlife management mission. While they are dodging bullets for nine days, the deer may not realize that this mission is being carried out for their own good. But, after all, that is why we are at the top of the food chain.



Submitted Photo

Senior Evan Carothers holds an 8-point buck that he shot in Cumberland, Wis.

## Wisconsin Deer Hunting Facts and Figures

-  The first official Wisconsin deer season was in 1851
-  This year’s season runs from Nov. 17-25
-  An estimated 1.6-1.8 million deer occupy Wisconsin this year
-  The goal is to reduce the Wisconsin deer population to 700,000
-  In 2006 there were 646,511 licensed gun deer hunters
-  In 2006 a total of 342,411 deer were harvested in Wisconsin
-  Deer hunting generates \$1billion in total economic impact