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Special assistant to remain in position

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Although Chancellor Don Betz is leaving his position this summer, the Special Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry plans on keeping his job.

"I'm not in the process of creating backup plans," Fry said. "When a new chancellor comes aboard and they indicate to me that they would like to make an administrative change and that administrative change involves my no longer being employed here, then I'll make plans to seek other

employment. But right now I plan to be here at UWRF for the long haul."

The special assistant role has been a staple in the UW System for decades. The position at UWRF, however, became a full-time position when Fry accepted it in 2007. Along with the longer hours came more responsibility than the title implies. He coordinates campus emergency preparedness efforts, which include pre-disaster planning



Blake Fry

and crisis intervention. He is involved in the organization of civic engagement activities such as the American Democracy and Campus Compact, with the goal of getting students more involved with politics and community affairs. Also, he oversees issues regarding campus diversity and supports functions for the chancellor.

"That can be everything from

serving on special committees, and representing the chancellor, doing research on projects, writing, communications, just a random variety of special projects that come through the chancellor's office," Fry said.

Faculty members and academic staff with tenure have job security, because of "rolling horizon contracts" which guarantee employment despite changes in administration. Many at the administra-

tive level serve "at will" and can be dismissed without explanation, which includes Fry's position.

"When the new chancellor comes in, it's the prerogative of that new chancellor to make what changes they want and that's just not specific to my job, that's pretty much anybody at a particular administrative level," Fry said.

Fry has a doctorate in higher education administration from

Oklahoma State University, a master's degree in business administration from Avila University, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Wichita University. He also serves on the board for the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education.

Although he is highly accomplished, Fry still has professional goals to achieve.

"Well, I eventually someday would like to be the president or chancellor myself," Fry said. "By eventually it could be 10 years from now."

Floor makes effort to be substance-free

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Students who wish to live in a substance-free environment at UW-River Falls now have that option with the fourth floor in Johnson Hall.

The floor, which includes a male wing and a female wing, became substance-free in the fall semester of the 2007-08 school year.

"Of the students who were placed on fourth floor Johnson, about 80 percent requested substance free," Jason Neuhaus, the west area coordinator for Residence Life said.

Currently the floor is only for freshmen, but plans are in place to add more rooms for upper-classmen.

"[The returning students] liked it so much that they started a little petition to gain interest, and they found that 78 percent of the males that replied to the survey said they would be interested in living on a substance-free wing for upper class students, and 93 percent of the women said they would be interested," Neuhaus said.

Freshman Adam Sibenaller was the driving force behind the petition. He surveyed the residents about how they like the substance-free floor.

"The surveys came back positive," Sibenaller said. "So I came up with a summary and gave it to the director of Residence Life."

Sibenaller was one of the students who requested to live on the floor this year.

"I feel better knowing I am not going to be pressured into anything that would have a negative effect on me," Sibenaller said.

The men's resident assistant on the fourth floor is Ken

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Mock crash by Cascade



Sally King/Student Voice

UWrf student, Jenny Brever, poses as a victim during a mock car crash April 7. A variety of organizations, firefighters, police and EMS put on "Crash on Cascade." The scene depicted a scene where intoxicated students collided with sober students. The purpose was to make students think twice before drinking and driving.

Seg fees on track to top \$1,000 mark

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The 2008-2009 school year will mark the first time in UW-River Falls' history that segregated fees will top \$1,000. It may, however, be a milestone many students don't even notice.

"What exactly do you mean by 'segregated fees'?" senior John McConville said.

McConville is not alone in his confusion.

"I wish I knew what they were," Beth Ashton said. "I'd love to know why this huge number keeps showing up on my tuition bill."

According to the Student Services Web site, "segregated fees are charges, in addition to instructional fees, assessed to all students for services, programs and facilities that support the mission of the University of Wisconsin."

The money is used to cover non-academic costs of activities or services that directly benefit the student body.

During the 2007-2008 school year, students were charged \$993.96 (\$496.98 per semester)

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Suicide threats, depression rise among students

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Depression among UW-River Falls students is on the rise, but there are several campus services that can help students deal with the college stress.

From the spring 2006 semester to the fall semester, suicide threats among UWRF students rose from two threats to eleven, according to Public Safety records.

"From what I've been told there is a greater number of threats or people at

risk," Richard Trende, director of Public Safety, said. "It's concerning."

Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student Health and Counseling, said that they have noticed an influx of depressed students lately as well.

"It does seem like students are coming to us with more mental health concerns," Reilly-Myklebust said.

There are different theories on the cause of the change in behavior among students. One theory is that students are more aware of other students'

behavior because of the rise of violence on college campuses such as Virginia Tech.

"People are identifying behavioral patterns that might be outside of the realm of what we consider safe and OK," Trende said.

Another theory is that stress among students is increasing and human interaction is decreasing due to technology.

"I think when we become so technologically astute we don't get that human contact," Nanette Jordahl,

assistant vice chancellor, said. "When you don't have face to face contact it can lead to more isolation."

There are services on campus that can help students deal with depression and anxiety. Appointments can be made with the counselors at Health and Counseling Services. There are currently two full-time counselors and two part-time temporary counselors.

On average, students have about

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Seniors Chuck Bardel and John O'Brian-Schroeder view their program of sudoku puzzles. The seniors, along with sophomore David Peschman, submitted their program to the Mathematical Contest in Modeling and were awarded the Meritorious designation award.

Amy Bohrer/Student Voice



Students make history with sudoku program

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Three UW-River Falls students made history this week by becoming the first UWRF math team awarded the Meritorious designation by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA).

Seniors Chuck Bardel and John O'Brien-Schroeder, along with sophomore David Peschman teamed up to create SuperSudoku, a computer program that generates random sudoku puzzles. They submitted their program Feb. 18 as part of the 2008 Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM).

In order to enter the MCM, the team first had to choose between two problems. They decided to

develop a generator that constructed sudoku puzzles of varying difficulty instead of creating a model that examines the effects of polar ice cap melting.

The team was given three days to work together and solve the problem without expert assistance, which included their project adviser, professor Kathy Tomlinson.

Each team member brought a little something different to the table, which made completing the project more efficient. While all three have backgrounds in math, O'Brien-Schroeder and Bardel, who are majoring in computer science, were able to

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VOICE SHORTS

Unity in the Community celebrates cultures

The annual Unity in the Community outdoor festival is scheduled for April 23. This day-long celebration brings together our diverse neighbors from around the world. In the past there have been events including music and dance from Latin, Irish, Native American and Japanese cultures. The campus-wide picnic will provide a taste of ethnic food for everyone (food will be made available for purchase for those without a meal-plan). Bag lunches and blankets are encouraged if you are visiting, so you can stay and enjoy the multicultural festivities. This event is located on the University Center mall.

Choral group to host fundraiser for trip

The UWRF Women's Chamber Ensemble is hosting a brunch and silent auction fundraiser May 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Bridget's Parish School Gym. The menu for the brunch will include an egg bake, rolls, fruit, juice and coffee. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children. Money raised will help support the ensemble's performance tour to Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy, in May. All are welcome to attend this event.

Motorcycle parking to be enforced

Motorcycles must park in designated motorcycle stalls (located in A, E, F, G, O and Q lots). A permit is not required for motorcycle parking. Mopeds and motor scooters (under 50cc engine) may be parked in bicycle racks on campus, provided they are within the confines of the actual bike rack. Parking such vehicles on sidewalks, curbs, etc. next to the bike rack will be subject to a citation. Such vehicles may not operate under power between the roadway and bicycle racks. Operation off roadways could result in a fine of up to \$249.00 and impoundment.

Students encouraged to attend open forum

The Higher Learning Commission is going to be on campus April 21-23. All students are encouraged to go and meet with them to tell their stories. The Commission will be holding an open forum with students from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday in the theater in the University Center.

Senate candidates to hold meeting for students

There will be a "Meet the Senators" forum at 7 p.m. Monday in the Falls Room in the University Center. All students running for senate will speak, followed by a question and answer session.

Volunteer Day allows students to aid campus

Students will have an opportunity to help out the University and community from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 19. Volunteers will be provided with free breakfast before working and also free pizza and prizes at the end of the day. Students who wish to participate in the event can register online on the Student Affairs Web site.

Voice Shorts compiled by
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Student Voice Correction

An article in the April 11 issue titled "River Falls man faces charges for May Hall break-in" had an error in it. The quotation "Don't open the door for just anyone. You have to watch who you let into your house was attributed to Sandi Scott-Duex. The quotation was given by the female resident referenced earlier in the story.

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

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Senate debates future of computing at UWRF

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Members of the Student Senate posed a number of questions to Information and Instructional Technology Council [IITC] Chair Hossien Najafi and IITC Vice-Chair Lisa Wheeler at Tuesday's Senate meeting. Senate debated on whether or not to mandate the IITC to appoint a task force to develop an implementation strategy such that UWRF becomes a Wireless-Portable-Computing campus. The issue the task force would address is whether future UW-River Falls students will be required to have their own personal laptop computer, thereby eliminating the need for all general computer labs on campus. "Where do we want to be in five years? We feel that permanent labs are no longer sustainable," Hossien said. "Studies show that 68 percent of freshmen coming to campus have ... laptops ... do we really want to have permanent labs on campus or do we want to have the flexibility of forming labs anywhere?" "The primary concern we've heard is ... 'will this pose a financial burden for students?'" Wheeler said. "We do know that we spend around \$100,000 per year maintaining labs ... can we re-use that money ... in a more flexible way to meet both teaching and learning needs here on campus? We're trying to look not just what's in front of us right now, but where are we going down the road? What we're looking for here tonight is [Senate's] agreement that, in

spirit this is a good idea." "I really like the way this has been formatted, I like the way they take into account that technology will change in five years," Sen. Tom Friant said. "This would eliminate the need for professors to reserve computer labs." Some members wondered what would happen to students without laptops. Hossien said that the details have yet to be worked out. "[UW-Stout] requires students to rent a laptop ... it almost cost \$1000 per semester," Facilities and Fees Board Chair Krista Hasselquist said. "There will be a cost, that's the bottom line. Is that cost worth it? We don't precisely know ... we have to confirm [whether] we want to go [in] that direction," Senate President Derek Brandt said. The switch would save paper and reduce energy costs for campus. "It's going to save us money in the long run," said former LDPB Chair Mike Pearson. "This is [Senate's] chance ... to make a difference in the long run on this campus." Senate voted 14-3, with one senator abstaining, in favor of IITC forming the task force. The findings will be sent back to Student Senate for final approval in spring of 2009.

Other Senate News

- "We are really looking for a strong turnout ... we really want your story told," Communication Studies and Theater Arts [CSTA] Assistant Professor Jennifer Willis-Rivera said in an effort to encourage students and Senators to attend the Student



Tyler Leidman/Student Voice
Members of the Student Senate vote in support of helping the Instructional Technology Council Tuesday night.

Open Forum for the Higher Learning Commission being held at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Kinnickinnic River Theater [room 320 in the U.C.]

- The Higher Learning Commission will be on UWRF campus Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to evaluate accreditation of UWRF. "This is huge...[UWRF] has been preparing for this for three years," Brandt said. "Everyone should attend [the open forum]."
- Senate decided to deny Greek funding and also to re-evaluate all requests for annual funding. "[Senate] should not be funding any Student organization event or activity that is deemed a recruitment of members, selection, marketing or promotion of an individual group or student organizations," according to the UW-System policy. "We will be following [UW System policy] and looking

more closely at [all organizations] in our budget,"LDPB chair Mike Defenbaugh said. •A motion to provide additional funding for a graduation issue of the Voice was introduced. "It's a neat way for students to reflect ... and I know families enjoy it," Student Voice Editor Sarah Packingham said. •Monday at 7 p.m. the Student Senate Election Forum will be held in the UC Ballroom. It will be an opportunity for candidates to "get a few minutes to talk about themselves ... then open [the forum] up to questions from the Students in attendance," Sen. Dan Mahr said. • Student Senate Elections will be held online April 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Senate meetings are held Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

Speakers, student involvement highlighted at event

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"Today is a day that we come together ... as a campus to identify and recognize those individuals who have contributed so much to making UWRF a more welcoming and inclusive environment," Multicultural Services Adviser Linda Alvarez said. Alvarez was one of the speakers at the fifth annual Diversity Awards Banquet held Wednesday. "Creating a multicultural perspective on this campus is ...

still a work in progress," Alvarez said. "We're not quite there yet, but keep your eyes on the prize." Chancellor Don Betz was also on hand to speak at the event. "It's not about what we've accomplished, it's about what we are committed to doing," Betz said. "These awards, which you all richly deserve, are emblematic of something much broader." For her work as adviser to the Black Student Union, Njia Lawrence-Porter received the 2008 Diversity Award for

Distinguished Faculty and Staff. Bahvita Patel received the Distinguished Student Volunteer Award for her work with the International Student Association and her involvement with the International Bazaar. Diana Vang, Antonette Guider and Kenny Yoo received Outstanding Student Volunteer Awards. Sanna Jaman received the Distinguished Student Leader Award for her demonstrated leadership in making the Black Student Union more inclusive. Keila Tirado, Ted Cannady,

and Amanda Johnson all received Outstanding Student Leader Awards. The Black Student Union received the Outstanding Student Organization Award for their efforts to make UWRF a more inclusive environment. "It has always been about honoring the dedication and commitment several individuals give to spreading diversity awareness and creating an inclusive environment" said Diversity Issues and Women's Initiatives co-director Nikki Shonoiki.

Students want more, different cable shows

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Over 500 UW-River Falls residence hall students completed a survey that will affect which cable stations will be broadcast on campus televisions next year. Of the students that responded to the survey, 213 want to get rid of mtvU, 184 want to get rid of the ESPN package and 92 want to get rid of Spike. The cable television on campus is different from the cable that one may get from a provider such as Comcast because UWRF acts as its own cable provider, allowing for more flexibility. "With our current agreement, instead of paying for just ESPN, it costs less to get ESPN and ESPN 2 and costs even less to get three stations,"

Jason Neuhaus, west area coordinator of Residence Life, said. "You'd think it'd be more per channel, but it actually reduces the cost." The same goes for the MTV channels including MTV, mtvU and MTV2. "MTV2 did not make the final cut, though, and ESPN Classic probably won't, but again, if it's in that package where we're paying less to get it, we might be able to keep it," Neuhaus said. Part of the survey inquired which channels students would like to see on campus televisions in the future. "There were some that students were interested in bringing, like the Food Network, Bravo—which has really increased in popularity now with the model show and the Top Chef show," Neuhaus

said. "TV Land was another one, and BigTenNetwork was another one that students are interested in." UWRF has been its own cable provider for over 20 years. "The dishes [on top of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building] are how we got the original satellite signal. Two of them are permanent and one would rotate," Larry Testa, auxiliary budgets and contact management director, said. "Back in those days you had to hit different satellites. [The rotating dish] would rotate depending on what satellite the program comes from." Now the signal is sent directly from one satellite to another so the University uses one stationary satellite which is located on the south end of Hagestad Hall.

The channel packages are purchased from Campus Televideo. "[Campus Televideo] brokers the signal. They actually built a head-end where the signal comes in and gets converted and sent out to the residence halls," Testa said. "We lease it from them and we're also buying the signal from them." According to Search Networking, a head-end is a facility that originates and communicates cable TV services. The head-end includes a satellite dish antenna for receiving incoming programming. "All of the equipment is stored here on campus, and we will provide students with the channels they are requesting," Neuhaus said.

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.	
April 6	Johnson Hall.
--Colt N. Wright was cited \$172 for disorderly conduct.	
--Devin L. Underwood was cited for disorderly conduct.	
--Justin D. Eloranta was cited for disorderly conduct.	
April 9	
--Maclean M. Potts was cited \$83.80 for possession of an open container.	
April 10	
--Eric J. Unser was cited \$249 for underage consumption in	
April 11	
-- Sean R. Pettinger, 23 was cited \$83.80 for possession of an open container.	
April 12	
--Patrick I. Lynch IV was cited \$109 for urination and defecation in public.	

Seg fees: Students pay fees that cover non-academic costs which benefit student body

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in segregated fees. Though many students may have concerns about the amount they pay segregated fees, these annual payments play an essential role in university life, according to Kristen Hendrickson, the university budget director.

“Segregated fees help us fund things we wouldn’t normally be able to,” she said. For example, the University Center was funded entirely by students, and its \$35 million price tag continues to account for nearly half of the segregated fees. Students pay roughly \$200 per semester for operating costs and payments on the bond used to fund its construction, said Larry Testa, the student affairs budget director. The University Center. fee is

set increase by \$7 in the fall semester and other \$7 in the spring. Two other construction projects, the new Health and Human Performance Building and the Ramer Field renovation, will receive nearly \$6.7 million in student fees over the coming years. According to budget proposals, segregated fees are expected to rise by nearly \$70 in the 2008-2009 school year to \$1063.83. A piece by piece breakdown of current fees can be found at the student affairs Web site under the “policies” section. Next year’s fees will be posted once budgets become official. A segregated fee increase is a normal occurrence, Student Senate President Derek Brandt said. He said the UW System recommends a fee increase of 3.7 percent each school year to account for inflation. Next years increase, however, is

nearly twice that much. One of the reasons for this substantial rise, according to Hendrickson, is to make up for recent cuts in public funding for higher education, something that affects the entire UW System. “The state sees its role in a more and more limited way,” Hendrickson said. “The things they’re willing to pay for have changed over time.” “Let me put it this way,” shared governance committee member Ben Plunkett said. “The state has shifted the burden of paying for education to students’ pocketbooks.” This lack of state funding is part of a much larger national issue, Plunkett said. “Over half of all federal discretionary funding goes to the military,” he said. “That’s money that’s not being spent on public health, human

services, economic development, and especially education.” Unfortunately, for students, it’s a trend that’s likely to continue into the foreseeable future, said Hendrickson. “I don’t see it any other way,” she said. “There’s definitely no kind of bright light coming.” Last September, students began paying an extra \$36 per semester in addition to segregated fees. This new charge, known as differential tuition, was created as an additional source of income for the administration to pull from when segregated fees are not an option, said President Brandt. The Senate approved the new fee in March, 2007. “The Student Senate knows we have a need for these things, and the only tool they have directly available to them is taxing students,” Plunkett, who is also a member of the Pierce

County Board, said. “They’ve made the only decision they could based on the budgetary limitations imposed by the state.” All fee increases are considered and voted on by three student bodies before they are passed to the chancellor for final approval. This level of student involvement is unusual in UW System schools, Brandt said. “A lot of hands get into the mix,” he said. “That’s not something you see in a lot of universities.” Despite the substantial say students have in the process, Brandt said he wishes students—especially those with concerns about where their money goes—would be more willing to voice their opinions. “If students don’t bring it up, we can’t address it,” he said. “That’s the apathy that we try to fight all the time.”

Depression: Campus adjusts to meet rising numbers with health concerns

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three sessions with the therapist, according to Reilly-Myklebust. “If students want long term psychotherapy we usually refer them off campus. We don’t have enough staff to perform long-term psychotherapy,” Reilly-Myklebust said. Health and Counseling Services is in the process of getting approval for funding for another full-time counselor. A task force headed by the Governor Jim Doyle recommends that universities have one counselor for every 1,500 students. “We have 6,400 students, so we really should have four full-time counselors, but we have two,” Reilly-Myklebust said.

This semester the Student Senate approved funds to hire another counselor using student segregated fees. “With the atmosphere of campuses nationwide, this should be done now,” said Student Senate President Derek Brandt. “It was put on high priority.” The River Falls Medical Clinic has also hired a psychologist to its staff. Currently, sessions with the psychologist are not covered under student health insurance, but it is being looked into, Reilly-Myklebust said. “If students need to see a psychologist they could have an assessment session with him,” Reilly-Myklebust said. UWRF has also developed a Behavioral Intervention Team that helps individuals

who may be depressed or suicidal. The team looks at the student behaviors and determines if they could be destructive to themselves or others. “If there is some person that has problems or is at risk, we can jointly come to a conclusion on how to address it,” Trende said. “A lot of it is to get the person the assistance they need.” If you think a student is an imminent threat to himself or others, call public safety, Trende said. He says that all suicide threats should be taken seriously. “The worst case is you could be wrong, but I’d rather be wrong 1,000 times than be really wrong by not reporting it and having something terrible happen,” Trende said.

Sudoku: Students enter computer program in contest, receive awards

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handle most of the computer related portions of the program. Peschman, on the other hand, lacked a computer programming background, so he had to contribute in different ways. “I had the most experience with sudoku puzzles,” Peschman said. “So I got to teach the others the methods to solving them and help come up with a logical way to create them.” There are a few basic rules

Besides creating the sudoku program, the team had to write a paper that explained their computer program, their results and the model they developed to aid in solving the problem. All three criteria contributed heavily to the judging portion of the MCM, which was completed April 11. “We [were] judged on how well the program works and the written paper,” O’Brien Schroder said. “I doubt any two groups [had] the exact same solution.” As part of the judging portion of the contest the teams were recognized as one of the following: Successful Participant, Honorable Mention, Meritorious or Outstanding Winner, according to the MCM Web site. Of the 1162 teams in the competition, only 161 earned the Meritorious designation, while only nine received the top honor of Outstanding Winner, according to the 2008 MCM statistics. In past years, some UWRF mathematical modeling teams have earned honorable mention. While it was lovely to see this year’s team earn the highest designation in UWRF history, just entering the contest was a triumph in itself, professor Tomlinson said. “As I see it, [Bardel, O’Brien-Schroder and Peschman] have made a tremendous achievement simply by participating in the contest,” Tomlinson said. “The real accomplishment is the work they have done to solve the problem and write their paper.”

Johnson: Res. hall experiences high demand for substance-free living

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Weigend, who came to Johnson after being an RA in Stratton Hall in spring semester of last year. “I was nervous at first [about coming to Johnson] because it was an experimental wing,” Weigend said. “[But] it is almost easier because the people are more outgoing and open to interaction.” Fourth floor Johnson will stay substance-free for upperclassmen, allowing the students currently residing there to keep their

rooms; third floor Johnson will become the substance-free floor for next year’s freshmen. The freshmen floor for next year is in high demand. “There are already too many freshmen,” Sibenaller said. “Anything open on the fourth floor will go to overflowing freshmen.” Students that live on the floor are required to sign a contract to stay substance-free. “One thing we have found is maybe their behavior off-campus is taking away from the integrity of the wing, so we have asked a couple of students to move,” Neuhaus said. “But that happens very rarely, and most of the students are able to honor the contract for the duration of the year.” Additional substance-free floors at UWRF are a possibility in the future if the wings in Johnson Hall fill up. “It will certainly be a conversation we will have next year, but I imagine it would probably go to another building,” Neuhaus said. “Johnson Hall will not necessarily become a substance-free building, but we might be able to implement a community in the east area.” The floor has become one of the most sought-after since spring break, from students who want to get away from the negative influence of alcohol, Neuhaus said. “It is a fun and active place,” Weigend said. “It is cool to see a group of people having so much fun without the alcohol crutch.”

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EDITORIAL

Leadership roles come with responsibilities

With the Student Senate elections looming on the horizon, we at the *Student Voice* want to encourage all students to get out and vote. Students need to remember that voting for members of the Student Senate is actually a big responsibility. You get to choose who represents you and your college life. Whether you know it or not, Senate actually has a lot of say on this campus. We need students who are going to be professional and prepared to make major situations. Senate votes on a number of things each week, including increases in segregated fees and the cost of tuition for the upcoming school years. They also work on approving student funding for various student organizations on campus. In the tough situations, we expect our senators and any other students elected into leadership roles on campus to follow through on what they promised to those they represent. People in power need to always keep in mind their purpose and also remember who put you in that position, even though big-hat politicians and famous people don’t always do the same. Although it’s not as easy to get information about the candidates on school as it is politicians like Hillary Clinton or John McCain, it could be in the future.

We at the *Voice* admit that we dropped the ball on this a little more than we should have. We haven’t provided the coverage and information that you, our readers, need. We could have written information regarding what is going to happen during the voting days, or published biographies of all the candidates on the ballot. But it didn’t get done this year. And for that, we’re sorry.

In the future, we feel that Senate should have debates or more open forums. There is one forum Monday night, but they should have more leading up to the election. Other campus organizations like the *Voice* or WRFW could sponsor a debate so students have a chance of seeing and hearing their potential President or Senator. However, the candidates are doing what they can to get the word out about their ideas. Candidates are sending out e-mails to all students, starting up blogs and making Facebook groups. In the UW System, each university’s Student Senate is highly regarded as a decision-making body on the campus. The state of Wisconsin is unique in the way they use decisions made by Senate. If you get informed and get out and vote, you can make this a positive experience for the entire University.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Land use, zoning meetings are set

Pierce County is developing the county comprehensive plan that will determine future land use and zoning. Pierce County is seeking public input for future land use planning. Effects of land use can include where commercial zones and business development take place, the population density in an area, planning for future mass transit or walking and biking accessibility to work and recreation, future pollution on issues involving septic tanks and wells, and many other environmental and social issues. Meeting for the comprehensive plan will take place at the following times and locations:

- April 23 - Diamond Bluff Town Hall (Sub-Area 2)
 - April 24 - Rock Elm Town Hall (Sub-Area 4)
 - April 29 - River Falls Town Hall (Sub-Area 1)
 - April 30 - El Paso Town Hall (Sub-Area 3)
- This is an opportunity to help shape the direction our county will take in future development. I encourage all people to attend one of these sessions and make their views for future land use known.

Ben Plunkett,
Student, County Board Member

Student supports v.p. hopeful

UW-River Falls Student

Senate has become an echo chamber of singular thought. Facebook reveals a Student Senate dramatically different than the whole UWRF student body. Certain groups have a disproportionate amount of influence due to the ills of rampant cronyism. Casie Kelley is a unique candidate, who seeks to be Vice President not out of ego, or resume building. Kelley is driven by a quiet devotion to a more effective and efficient student government. Ms. Kelley has traveled to almost every UW Campus and seen different ideas, innovations, and governing styles. Kelley is a deliberate yet decisive decision maker whose organization skills are unparalleled. Ms. Kelley will bring more

metrics and accountability to the student government and ask questions which should be asked often in the circular world of student government are never voiced. Kelley is a small business entrepreneur, leader in her church, volunteer in her community and effective activist in politics. Change has become a buzz word this electoral year, and only one candidate for vice president offers a chance for a clean break from the feckless leadership of the past. Vote Kelley for vice president April 22 and April 23 for a government which is effective, efficient, diverse and innovative.

Nicholas Carow,
Student

Columnist encourages students to get outside

Over the past five months we have been running from building to building and avoiding every possible reason to have to go out into the blistering cold. Now that the sun is shining and the thermometers are reading over 40 degrees, it is sure refreshing to see the grassy areas come to life. Now that the spring semester is coming to an end, we seem to be having more free time on our hands while we await finals week. Many people may have forgotten how many fun activities are available here in River Falls. Sporting activities are always a good way to spend



Linda Abel

time with friends, enjoy the weather and get some exercise as well. I don’t know about any of you, but if I haven’t encountered the freshman 15 over the past eight months, I sure have found some excess body fat that I didn’t bring with me. With all the open grassy space on the west end of campus and the multitude of basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, there seems to be free fun around every corner. Don’t forget all the fun to be had off campus as well. A

beautiful part of River Falls, the Kinnickinnic River provides a peaceful walk or a fun place to sit and enjoy the silence while you study up for those last-minute assignments. Main Street also offers a wide variety of social fun. Of course we are all aware of the \$3 movie theatre, but now that the weather is nice, why not walk to it and enjoy the fresh air while you’re at it? Along with the usual activities present here, there are also spring sporting events and intramurals that can always use the support and sportsmanship of fellow students. A couple interesting sports to attend right now are the men and women’s rugby and lacrosse games going on every weekend. If watching

isn’t your cup of tea, try joining an intramural softball team and get into the action. Now that a few options for spring-time fun have been reopened to our campus life, go get into the fun, Falcons! Although finals and finishing the semester on a high note are important right now, this is also a time to soak up all the school year fun we can before the separation of summer hits us. Be sure to get out side and enjoy every minute we have left of the 07-08 school year, because there’s nothing like the fun we have here with our UWRF family.

Linda is double-majoring in marketing communications and business communications with an emphasis in professional organization.

Church promotes hate, causes student uproar

It is no secret that I am very liberal in my political views. It is also no secret that I accept everyone as they are. Another thing that I don’t hide is the fact that I am not a very religious person. I was raised Catholic. I attended Sunday school classes until I was in middle school, but I was never confirmed nor do I attend church regularly. I have not retained a lot of what I learned there but I do remember the emphasis on God’s infinite love for all of his creations. I believe that God creates all of his children with love and with purpose. I also believe that He made us all different to test us, to test our compassion, our tolerance and our ability to treat one another as equals. Last week, 1,000 UW-Stout students rallied against people from the Westboro Baptist Church when they showed up with signs and saying that the students who died in the fire were killed because America is evil. The church has two Web sites that are

dedicated to how much hate God has for us. They claim that “God hates fags” and that “God hates America.” What the Westboro Baptist Church says about God hating “fags” is not only hurtful; it’s totally backwards. God doesn’t hate. He loves. He loves all his children equally. I applaud Stout for standing up to the fools who think that they have the right to judge other people as if they were the Almighty himself. Why do people feel the need to judge one another? I know I do it too but it’s not like I make a Web site about how completely disgusting Ugg boots are or how lame and outdated American Idol is. Everyone is entitled to their opinion but they are not entitled to attack other people for being who they are, believing what they believe or making the deci-

sions that they make. I sincerely hope that every campus across America takes Stout’s example and forces ignorant people like those from the Westboro Baptist Church off of their campuses and out of their cities and towns until they have nowhere to go. We need to stand together against hatred and ignorance. We need to stand together for acceptance. We need to stand together for peace. Let Westboro Baptist Church and others like them know that we hear what they’re saying and that we disagree. Let them know that what they say is wrong.



Guest column Megan Leoni

Megan is a marketing communications major with a business administration minor. She enjoys reality TV and sleeping in. She is a hard worker but has been known to procrastinate like it's going out of style.

College Democrats need fewer ‘Democrats,’ more intelligence

As the election draws closer, as the Ads and the YouTube videos grow more and more bitter and propagandic, I find myself sitting here thinking about Mike Donnelley.

You know Mike Donnelley; his brother Al was running for Governor. Okay, for those who don’t know, I’m talking about that cinematic masterpiece “Black Sheep,” starring Chris Farley and David Spade.

Farley played the role of Mike Donnelley, a candidate’s skeleton-in-the-closet brother with a love for mischief. While the movie didn’t get more than a star or two from critics, I think this was one of the greatest movies of our time.

Truly great movies have truly great messages. “American Beauty” taught us to look at the little things in life instead of stressing out over the meaningless, “There’s Something About Mary” taught us to never borrow hair gel from a 16-year-old prom date and “Black Sheep” taught us to look at the candidate and not judge him by the company he keeps.

This is great advice when it comes to my candidate, as we have heard nonstop quotes from his minister on the evening news. But I’m not here to talk about the next great American President; I’m here to talk about his party.

Until recently, I was more than happy to join in the occasional political conversation or debate, and then they ruined it. I never thought that I would be ashamed of fellow liberals, and I never thought it would go as far as me changing my Facebook Political Beliefs to “Very Conservative” to avoid being in the same category as our faithful College Democrats.

I can already hear the keys on their keyboards clicking away amidst Neil Young records and the disgusting scent of clove cigarettes, but please let me explain. It seems like everywhere I go on this campus I run into our College Democrats (I am in no way complaining about their First Amendment rights) who have nothing better to do than harass other students.

If our College Democrats could just step back for two minutes, put away their Free Thought Society pirate costumes and focus on the job at hand, maybe this wouldn’t be a problem. How is our political base supposed to

persuade undecided or apathetic student voters with megaphones and twelve-man anti-war marches? (T-he Vietnam War is over; Charlie took a bullet in his no-no zone, but he’s okay now—you can relax.)

I wholeheartedly support campus-wide debates, but I think the College Democrats should be banned from them. These debates and activities should be left to the College Republicans and the Socialist Alternative. These are the organizations that I see doing research, creating discussions, and standing up for their beliefs. These organizations are doing everything they can to bring people in, as opposed to scaring them away.

With that said, I am pleading with the College Dems to disband, or at least rid themselves of the loud, obnoxious members who taint the term “liberal” on this campus. I hate to say it, but take some notes from the College

Republicans on how to act professionally. If you do not agree with such statements, feel free to visit any Student Senate meeting.

Last week Tuesday started with College Democrat Ben Plunkett addressing Student Senate by saying, “Mr.

President, our country is at WAR!” REALLY??? I had NO idea that we were at war. Hmm ... I wonder what else you could offer me as I bathe in your glory? Needless to say, that was the intellectual high point of the speech.

The night ended with the same faithful Democrat calling out Student Senators and members of LDPB in a fairly unprofessional manner. In fact, the actual phrase being yelled out by this loud monstrosity of a man was, “You gotta keep these f*****s in line!”

I couldn’t agree more. Our College Dems should try keeping their own members in line. If we want the Democrats to actually win a Presidential election or stop the war in Iraq, we need support from our peers. Stop hurting the Democratic Party. This isn’t a kooky Chris Farley movie, you can’t just get high, collect a

few laughs, and expect all to end well. This is our chance to make actual U.S. History, so I plead with you, my former-fellow Democrats, stop screwing this up for the rest of us!

Mike has been an avid Barack Obama fan since 2004. He is currently completing his tenure as an education major.



Guest column
Mike Pearson

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‘White Castle’ sequel ignites anticipation

Every once in a while, a movie comes along that completely and utterly destroys everyone’s expectations. A few years ago, I saw the trailer for the pot comedy “Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle”—a movie that follows the adventures of two stoners too stubborn to give up their dream of the perfect meal. It looked absurd—the kind of outrageous and cheesy B-comedy only a stoner could enjoy.

When I finally saw “White Castle,” I was shocked! The movie was incredibly funny—just as raunchy and outrageous as I had expected, but certainly a grade-A comedy. And now the official sequel, “Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay” releases in theaters April 25, and I have to say that I’m almost as excited about it as I am about the new Indiana Jones flick coming out in May.

Harold and Kumar are icons of my generation. Addicted to fast food and a laid-back lifestyle, Kumar is a relentlessly lazy pre-med graduate who refuses to go to medical school despite his “natural capacity for medicine.”

His uptight roommate Harold is a social doormat who can’t muster up the cajones to talk to the cute

girl next door. But after stuffing himself full of White Castle near the end of the film, he finally works up the courage to say hi.

“Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle” is a movie filled with laughs and some humorous political commentary. For instance, Harold shares a jail cell with a bespectacled black guy reading a book. Later, the over zealous adrenaline-junkie (read: racist) cops in the station mistake the book “Essays on Civil Disobedience” for a gun, and tackle the guy violently.

I’m hoping and expecting more of this in “Escape From Guantanamo Bay”—one of the Internet trailers for the movie shows a clip of Kumar holding a massive glass bong on an airplane as passengers freak out. He attempts to calm everyone down by yelling “IT’S ONLY A BONG!” which, of course, comes out sounding comically like “bomb.” I’m hoping moments like these fill “Guantanamo” with laughs like the first.

Perhaps the best part about

“Harold and Kumar” is the cameo-turned-star performance of Neil Patrick Harris, known to most as Doogie Houser, M.D. “N.P.H.” as he is repeatedly referred to, plays himself as a drugged-out hornball on ecstasy that can’t get sex off his

mind. Harold and Kumar struggle to relate to N.P.H. after picking him up on the side of the road. They both want him to be a cool, friendly guy but he simply isn’t he’s just an

ass. And it looks like Doogie will have an even larger role in “Guantanamo,” as the official movie poster is simply a gigantic picture of him riding a unicorn.

No matter how absurd things get in “Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay,” you can bet that N.P.H. will be there pushing boundaries right alongside. For those of you who missed the first “Harold and Kumar,” do yourselves a favor and check out “Escape from Guantanamo.”

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Joe Hager

Uninvolvement relates to uninformed students

Over a week ago, River Falls had its largest anti-war rally since Vietnam. There were approximately 100 people participating in the march, the rally or both. From the River Falls Public Library to the University Center mall, students and community members brought awareness to the town’s center with signs, chants and even their mere presence.

The Rally in the River Valley was sponsored by the Socialist Alternative, College Democrats and River Falls Peace and Justice organizations. The community march, presented by the River Falls Anti-War Coalition, was held before the main event at the University Center.

Unfortunately, I had class when the march took place, so I joined in on the rallying at the main event to listen to speakers and music. I was surprised to see that of the 100-some people attending, the majority were community members. Since this event was sponsored by two University organizations and was mostly held at the University, I would naturally predict a larger percentage of students.

Was a lack of advertising to students the reason for the small number of students in attendance? Doubtful. Large posters have been plastered around town and on campus except, of course, in the University Center itself, which does not allow posters on its pretty painted walls.

Was it a lack of interested, informed minds that caused the skewed student-to-community member ratio? This is a definite possibility, as it is rare to find actively involved students at this University who are

concerned about their country and its affiliation with other nations in the world.

To be honest, I have always been opinionated, but never active about my opinions and ideas on a mass public level. As of late, I have noticed news articles and truly moving photos of active citizens around the world that have come out for a cause they believe to be vital. I even participated in a demonstration while in Belgium last fall.

Upon realizing how moved I was by such demonstrations, protests, rallies and sometimes riots, I consequently realized how important it was to do my part in expressing my beliefs at such a crucial time for our country and Iraq.

As individuals living in the United States, we have the right are privilege to voice our feelings about how our tax dollars are spent. Students pay taxes too, and some of their 20-something-year-old friends have probably been to Afghanistan or Iraq.

More student involvement would influence other young people’s minds through demonstration. Others would then become educated and informed about world and local issues that affect us more directly. Shouldn’t you be more concerned about your education than providing various weapons

to destroy people around the world? Your country won’t be so great if the next generation in control lacks educated.

Teresa is a journalism major and a geography minor in her senior year. She enjoys kangaroo burgers and creating pretty maps.



Teresa Aviles

STUDENT VOICES

“What do you look for in a Student Senator?”



John Hanley, junior

“That they know what students want and express it at meetings.”



Katie Kampa, senior

“I look for someone who will listen to students and get their opinions on issues.”



Kristin Deloy, sophomore

“I look for someone who has the best interest for the students.”



Neal Gupta, freshman

“I look for honesty and trust. Someone who is willing to look at students interests.”

Student Senate members could influence tuition cost

A few weeks ago, the Student Senate approved a motion that will increase the student contribution to the new health and human performance building on campus. The increase in the student fees for the building comes as a result of the increased cost projected for the building.

It’s not a surprise. Every year, a student’s personal contribution for his or her education increases at an alarming rate while the state’s funding for higher education fails to add up.

I’ve been around for a while and I’ve seen it happen firsthand. An individual student’s responsibility has grown by nearly double-digit increases during every budget cycle for the past six years while many students sit idly by.

Budgets are not a very interesting subject, but they are important for students, maybe even more important than voting for elected officials. Personally, my experience with budgets has been a mixed bag of disappointments and anger, basically nothing exhilarating, and more often aggravating.

Students are responsible for an ever-increasing portion of their tuition. Traditionally, this has meant the state would increase its contribution to financial aid in the form of a variety of grants. However, the recent trend has shifted to more loan based programs. This means students are forced to take out loans for the same education.

College, historically, especially

UWRF, has been relatively affordable. But because of the shift to loan based programs, many students are graduating tens in thousands of debt. In May, I’ll be graduating with over \$19,000 in debt

and I consider myself lucky.

You may be asking yourself, “so what?” What difference does it make how much debt a student has or how much students are paying for a building on campus? It’s true, many students are blessed enough to not need loans and some won’t be around, like

me, to pay the increased burden of buildings on this campus. It won’t matter that the state is pricing higher education out of the hands of many of the youth, especially first generation students and students from low income families, most of which have been the backbone of the institution. That’s fine; it probably won’t affect a lot of you.

If you’re one of the people who, for a lack of a better term, don’t care, then there is no need for you to read on.

Now that I have weeded out the people who are apathetic to their classmates, let me make my plea. The Student Senate is holding its elections soon. It may be too late to run this spring, but it is not too late to get involved. Student Senate is my baby—I’ve poured my



Joe Eggers

Student Voice gets so they can pay people like me. (Well, you might like to see less of me.) Take the time and get to know your candidates, who will be leading the campus into the future, and vote. I know I push voting a lot, but you don’t even need to be registered this time.

Joe is a political science and international studies major. He will be graduating this May.

Lacrosse teams prepare for playoffs



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Falcon lacrosse player Rich Grinstead celebrates Corey Loesch’s goal during a Feb. 10 game at the Xcel Energy Center. The men’s lacrosse team has 12 new members this season who have helped contribute to its success. The team is 4-1 in conference.

Men’s lacrosse games could secure championship bracket

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The UW-River Falls men’s lacrosse team will play its only home games of the season Saturday. The team has been working toward their goal of making it through the second or third round, if not the championship game, in the upcoming Great Lakes Lacrosse League (GLLL) Championship Playoffs. Though the Falcon men’s lacrosse team is recognized as a campus organization, it is run more like a varsity sport. The team is self-coached and self-disciplined, with appointed captains running practices. The Falcons are currently 4-1 in the division and 4-1-1 overall. Team president Blake Ashley, attributes their success to organization, as they have scheduled practices Monday-Friday from 10-2 p.m. The spring season is a short one for men’s lacrosse at UWRF. The players have only been competing since the last weekend in March, and they will play their last game at the GLLL conference tournament

in Madison April 26-27. At the season’s end, the team will have played a total of eight regular season games. The shortness of the spring season somewhat limits the Falcons’ opportunities. “I wish we had more home games,” Ashley said. “It’s unfair to other schools to make them host more than one.” The Falcons have gained 12 new members for the team this year, nine of whom played on organized lacrosse teams in high school. “They are a pretty young team, and can only get better from here,” Ashley said. “[They can only] improve from where we stand, and they’re already a dominating force in the competitive league.” Ashley is the founder of the Falcon men’s lacrosse team. As a graduating senior this year, he will leave the team knowing he contributed to UWRF. However, he is a little regretful that his lacrosse experience as a Falcon is coming to an end, even though he realizes that he is leaving the team in good hands. He sees only good

things for the team in the future. “I would like to come back here in five years to see the team still operating to its capacity,” Ashley said. The Falcons are currently tied for first place in their division. The divisions of the GLLL are based on state location with five divisions in total: northern, eastern, southern, western and central. For the Falcons, the championship bracket for the conference tournament is resting on Saturday’s games. If UWRF wins both match-ups this weekend, they will have secured the championship bracket spot and will be given an advantage over the teams in the consolation bracket. There are a total of 28 teams in the conference. If the Falcons win Saturday, they will be named the Western Division Champions. Ashley said he “would really like to see a lot of fan support this weekend.” The Falcons will host UW-La Crosse at 11 a.m. and UW-Stout at 2 p.m. at the intramural fields Saturday.

UWRF women’s lacrosse hosts tournament

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The UW-River Falls women’s lacrosse team is trying to get as many games in as possible, so they chose to participate in a tournament last weekend. The tournament consisted of 15 teams getting as much game time in as they could before the playoffs begin. “The tournament was really more of play day,” team President Maria Hockert said. “We just call it a tournament because otherwise no one would know what we’re talking about.” This is the third straight year that UWRF has participated in this tournament. It is being held at the intramural fields on campus. Maria Hockert has been the team president for 3 1/2 years and is responsible for scheduling games and practices. According to Hockert, the tournament keeps on expanding. Last year, there were only 10 teams. Four more teams joined the league in the off-season, making the tournament bigger. UWRF played a total of six games in 48 hours this past weekend, winning four of them. UWRF has made it a tradition to host this tournament because of the well-conditioned intramural fields. North Central Women’s Lacrosse League (NCWLL) has told Hockert

the league likes the UWRF fields above all other grass fields. River Falls is also in a central location for all the teams. The women’s lacrosse team has made great strides in the past few years. Several years ago, the team didn’t have a full team, so they had to play shorthanded. A full lacrosse team must have 11 players and a goalie. Now, UWRF has been able to field a full team with substitutions. “We’ve had a lot of freshman come in and help our team,” Hockert said. Now that the tournament has ended, the team looks for a playoff spot. They are currently tied with Bethel and Hamline for the last spot in the Lakes division. If UWRF makes the playoffs, it will be the first time in eight years, Hockert said. Hockert has also praised the team for their hard work during the season. “This is the best team and most dedicated group of women that has ever stepped on the field in Falcon uniforms,” Hockert said in an e-mail interview. To make the playoffs the team needs to finish in the top four in their division. The playoff will be held April 19-20 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Falkons Gina Goetzke, Lauren Conrad and Ashley Warren defend the Falcon goal April 10.

Weather places UWRF track, field teams at disadvantage

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The UW-River Falls track and field team is ready to move all meets and practices outdoors. According to the track and field Web site, practices and meets outside were supposed to start at the beginning of April. The unpredictable weather left the team

at a disadvantage at the start, head coach Martha Brennan said. “There are schools in the south that are able to practice outdoors year round, which makes it difficult for us to compete against them at nationals,” Brennan said. Another disadvantage to the unpredictable weather is that it takes time to make the switch


from indoor to outdoor. The team can be indoors for a couple days, and outdoors the next day, followed by more practices indoors, Brennan said. Brennan coaches both the men’s and women’s teams. “All the athletes train together at the same time. Everyone works hard and everyone wants to be successful,” Brennan said.

She also said that there aren’t really any differences between the teams. “The only difference might be that the women’s program is more successful than the men’s, but that is due to the fact that the men’s program has been dropped and brought back throughout the years,” Brennan said. According to the track and

field Web site, the men’s program was reinstated in 2002. Even though the gender of the athletes may be different, Brennan’s training methods are the same. She has an organized training plan that follows the course of the school year. That plan will get re-evaluated at the end of the year. “There are no training

secrets, just two key components,” she said, “Organization and re-evaluation.” Brennan mentioned the overall goal for this season. “Our goal is to get as good as we can,” Brennan said. “Right now, I think our women’s team is one of the top 10 teams in the nation. The men’s team isn’t there yet, but I think we can get there in a few years.” Brennan also said that in the three years she’s been here, UWRF has been better nationally than in the conference, all because of the depth the team has.

UWRF had one athlete compete at nationals in 2005, two in 2006 and five in 2007. “Usually, those schools that have five people at nationals are in good shape,” Brennan said. In the conference, UW-Lacrosse and UW-Oshkosh are the top two teams. UW-Eau Claire and UWRF will battle it out for the third spot before the WIAC championships May 2-3.



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Students dress in drag to entertain crowd

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Save your single bills for the spring drag show that will be hosted by the Gay Straight Alliance April (GSA) 24. “Last year we had about 15 people in the show. It turned out to be a real hit,” Willow Gallagher, co-chair of the organization and the lead organizer of the drag show, said. “The drag show itself allows those who don’t give a shit about societal assigned gender roles a chance to shout it. It also brings to our irritatingly conservative campus a bit of much needed diversity. This is why I participate in it,” Trevor Tomesh, a returning performer, said.

There is one drag show each semester. This past fall’s drag show, held at the Falcon’s Nest, brought in approximately 100 people in the audience, according to Gallagher. Tomesh performed last year to the song “Wig in a Box,” from the film “Hedwig and the Angry Inch.” “He was the most popular one,” said Gallagher. “We’re hoping he will do the song ‘Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything’ from Veggie Tales this year.” Tomesh has yet to decide what songs he is doing for sure. “I’ve been tossing around

songs and I think that I have at least settled on ‘I Will Survive’ by Gloria Gaynor,” Tomesh said. “People should attend the event because they support the GSA. They should attend because they support their friends who struggle so very hard just to be who they are in a society that still won’t accept them.” Trevor Tomesh, drag show performer

a Sonny and Cher song. Gallagher will be doing two group songs and a solo as well. “I’ll be performing ‘Take Me or Leave Me’ from Rent with my girlfriend, and the song ‘Gay Boyfriend’ in a four-person group,” Gallagher said. “I’ll be doing ‘In The Navy’ alone. I do both ‘king’ or ‘queen’ songs.” They were taking any interested participants until Wednesday. “All they need to do is e-mail me with a song they want to do and they can do anything they want,” Gallagher said. “We would also really like to get a couple

of the faculty members involved.” GSA first started hosting the drag shows at UWRf two years ago for fundraising. Now it is more of a publicity event. “People should attend the event because they support the GSA. They should attend because they support their friends who struggle so very hard just to be who they are in a society that still won’t accept them,” Tomesh said. “And they should attend because it is a very entertaining time.” The show will start out the Day of Silence, April 25. The National Day of Silence brings attention to anti-Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transgender (LGBT) name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools across the country.

GSA will also have a place in the upcoming Unity in the Community event on campus that is also held April 25. The organization promotes awareness for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgenders for hall programs on campus and acts as a resource for people who need aid or support with personal or social issues involving LGBT. They have done staff training for the staff members at the Career and Health Services on how to deal and be supportive with such issues with students. The organization will be hosting a speaker next fall and will be working together with Journey House to host films as well.

B-52’s still strong with new album 30 years after debut

It’s hard to believe that after 30 years the B-52’s can still kick it like they did in 1979. Don’t believe me? Take “Pump” for a spin, the surfer/disco romp that pops as Kate Pierson growls “I’m in it, I’m on it / Shake that jelly / Rattle them bones / Dance to the rhythm that’ll make you moan!” At 60, there are few female vocalists half Pierson’s age who can match her fun and bold vibe. Cindy Wilson handles herself well too, especially in “Juliet of the Spirits,” a techno-induced trance that sounds like neon. And then there’s Fred Schneider. What else can be said? He began rap-singing far before hip-hop gained ground, and still is in a league of his own, singing (speaking?) “Four miles to a breakdown / Anybody wanna leave town /

There’s a rest stop / Let’s hit the G-spot!” Yes, half their first album in 16 years, “Funplex,” is riddled with sex. Scratch that—nothing is hidden here, it’s in your face. While some may find that gross (get over it), the B-52’s do it with all the quirk and tongue-in-cheek humor they’re known for. The title track holds an echo of “Rock Lobster” within it as Schneider says, “Faster Pussycat, thrill, thrill / I’m at the mall on a diet pill.” What does that mean? The hell if I know, but it’s fun seeing the B-52’s as their odd selves again. Although, sometimes they’re too clever. “Love in the Year 3000” has Schneider repeating “Robots, bootybots, erotobots” several times in a monotone voice over synths. No, I’m not kidding. “Deviant Ingredient” features

a Wilson and Pierson duet: “Strip naked soul soup / The deviant ingredient,” but it sounds more like something their doctor prescribed than a turn-on. Even with its faults, it’s hard to complain with “Funplex” as it’s much more than an album. As pioneers of New Wave, acts such as The Strokes, Prince, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and The Red Hot Chili Peppers wouldn’t exist without them, period. Knowing this, there’s not even a sign of smugness in the songs. They’re here to make you move and have a good time. “Go to church on Sunday / Party on Monday / And every other day of the week / We’re just a bunch of party geeks,” they shout on “Keep This Party Going.” Honestly like that ain’t easy to come by in an era of lip syncing and fake images. It makes you want to jump on stage with them.



Submitted Photo
The B-52’s have been performing since their debut in 1979. The group’s latest album, “Funplex,” is their first release in 16 years.

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Reeves mediocre in predictable police drama ‘Street Kings’



A.J. Hakari

If there’s one thing that David Ayer and James Ellroy know, it’s dirty cops. Ayer previously penned the scripts for such flicks as “Training Day” and “S.W.A.T.,” and he and popular novelist Ellroy even collaborated on “Dark Blue” (which still features Kurt Russell’s hands-down best performance ever, but I digress). The pair has pooled their talents once again for “Street Kings,” a crime saga set on the streets of L.A. that seems like it’s going to tread cinema’s thin blue line for the umpteenth time. Indeed, “Street Kings” isn’t without its hokier and more predictable moments, but the unusual amount of character development and conflict found in the plot make all the difference in helping make this flick a cut above your usual police story. Keanu Reeves tolines as Tom Ludlow, a corrupt cop whose dirty dealings actually do some good. He’s part of a hush-hush division of the LAPD that’s dedicated to going to whatever lengths possible to deliver justice to the city’s scumbags, even if it means altering the crime scene after blowing them to kingdom come. Ludlow is a master of his craft, but after learning that his ex-partner (Terry Crews) has been snitching to Internal Affairs, Ludlow decides to confront

him, only to land smack dab in the middle of a supposed robbery that leaves the partner dead as a doornail. It’s not long before IA starts sniffing around and pegs Ludlow as a potential suspect, but Ludlow has his own agenda in mind. Teaming up with a young detective (Chris Evans), our troubled hero launches himself headfirst into an investigation of his old buddy’s shooting, crossing paths with not only L.A.’s criminal ilk but also with some colleagues who don’t want Ludlow digging too deep. Like the recent “21,” “Street Kings” is an example of what happens when a little extra effort is made in telling a story that would otherwise seem old hat.

Come to see the ballet of bullets, stay to give two flips about the guys being shot at.

Instead of just going through the motions of being a cop drama, “Street Kings” goes one step further by including, God forbid, fascinating characters and a central mystery that actually earns your interest. Ellroy, along with fellow screenwriters Kurt Wimmer and Jamie Moss, don’t focus the story so much on the gunfights and car chases as they do on the motivations behind them, ensuring that Ludlow is deeper than the average action hero. But as decent as he is compared to previous performances, Keanu Reeves just doesn’t have what it takes to bring to the surface the sort of conflict and inner turmoil that a guy like Ludlow would suffer from. Reeves just guzzles down some vodka and swears, expecting that to convey his inner emotions. As imperfect as it is,

though, “Street Kings” manages to find itself a comfy little place between being your basic, shoot-’em-up action flick and hard-hitting character study. Come to see the ballet of bullets, stay to give two flips about the guys being shot at.

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blaze its own trail through this urban doom and gloom, but finds the territory already worn out, riding into the ground the very horse it is beating to death with street-preached grimy sermons on crooked back-alley justice. Revisionist cinema this is not; screenwriter James Ellroy succumbs to peer pressure, releasing an anguished sigh as he writes to the realization that if he can’t beat ‘em, he may as well join ‘em. Self-loathing L.A. detective Tom Ludlow (Keanu Reeves) frequents the shadowy fringes of the law, taking his personal brand of street justice to near vigilante proportions. Protected by his captain (Forest Whitaker), Ludlow begrudgingly trudges between the seams of legality, eliminating common street thugs and gang bangers before burying his means-to-an-end in red tape. In the wake of his wife’s death, Ludlow finds it harder to ignore the skeletons in his closet, questioning the morality of the ghosts he’s created. After being implicated in the gang-style execution of a fellow officer, Ludlow takes a stand against the same force that has protected him his whole life. I suppose this tired, fortune cookie set up could lead somewhere refreshingly original, but there is no pot o’ gold at the end of this rainbow—just an action-packed Cracker Jack prize that is kind of fun to play with for a little while, but ultimately forgettable. And therein lies the pure consumeristic essence of “Street Kings:” build a cheap founda-



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tion on sleight of hand flash and hollow panache, silhouette it in a dirty neon glow, and weave it all together into a cheap distraction aimed at keeping your mind off of the empty shell that has been handed to you. Director David Ayer would have you believe that his nitty-gritty is really an exposé on police corruption—a hard-hitting docudrama of sorts, with tough-as-nails emotion to boot. But any sense of absolutism the film might strive for is buried in an undergrowth of overt racism and falsified mockery, culminating in an ending that is borderline insulting.

Blood-spattered action is what the film does best ...

Reeves tries his best, sliding in a decent enough hand as the tormented demon-saint of the streets, getting better at warbling out the weary hero role each time he takes one on. But by the time the credits roll, his weariness is the only thing driving the engine. Blood-spattered action is what the film does best, and it is what the film should be appreciated and remembered for. Ellroy and Ayer script the philosophical question: “Are there any square cops anymore—or is everyone just out to get theirs?” The answer is obvious, and the filmmakers are cashing in on, and perpetuating, a broken public trust.

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A celebration of culture at International Bazaar



Niki Paton/Student Voice
Saori Ugaeri sings through tears in the University Center Ballroom during the 2008 International Bazaar. Ugaeri's tearful performance followed an introduction where she told those in attendance that the song originated from a CD given to her by friends before leaving Japan two years ago.

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Every spring for the past 20 years, UW-River Falls has held an International Bazaar to share the cultures of the international students with the River Falls community.

On April 10 there were ten countries represented: China, Canada, Korea, Mexico, Indonesia, Kenya, Taiwan, India, Japan and Bulgaria, with the opportunity for community members to taste food from these cultures and have a night of entertainment.

“There was about 20 International Student Association [ISA] members that were working and setting up prior to the event, and almost all the ISA members were helping at the bazaar with serving food, hosting and performing,” Momoko Deguchi, senior and ISA president, said.

“Automatically all the international students become members of ISA. I was involved in the International Bazaar last year and it was a wonderful experience to organize the biggest event that we hold,” Deguchi said. “I think it is a good chance for UWRF students to see what our cultures are like.”

There was a video documenting Linda Alvarez’s trip to see the orphans of Kiambu. She had with her donations of food and clothing for the families in the slums of Nyrobi, and a video of the UWRF students involved in Global Connections volunteering around the world and taking advantage of the study abroad program.

During dinner there was entertainment including two Japanese songs from Saori Ugaeri, martial arts performed by Kenny Yoo and an Indonesian song from Georgius Muljadi about memories and a child’s appreciation for its mother.

In addition to the entertainment, a variety of food from across the globe kept those in attendance well fed. The popular Kenyan dish, Sukuma Wiki, is an inexpensive and healthy dish. The name translates to “push the week,” as it helps a family’s money go further. It consists of greens, sautéed onions, red peppers and hot peppers.

Other dishes served were Poutine, a favorite from Canada made of French fries topped with cheese curds and gravy; Taiwanese deep fried sweet potatoes; four happiness pork, a Chinese dish; and hot kimchi pickles from Korea. For dessert there was green tea cheesecake; Orehovy Medenky, a honey walnut cookie from Bulgaria; and Bubble Tea, known as “Boba,” from Taiwan, which is a hot sweetened tea with milk and tapioca.

“There was a fashion show, dances from all over the world including hip hop, break dancing and a Japanese dance as well as a few short plays,” Katie Oenga, study abroad and international student adviser, said.

This event was a way for UWRF to show the community its understanding and acceptance of other cultures.

“Understanding other cultures is the way to world peace,” Oenga said.



Niki Paton/Student Voice
Top: Canadian Poutine is prepared by Tyler Czuba and Sean Pettinger at the UW-River Falls International Bazaar in the University Center Falcon’s Nest April 10. Bottom: Chicken Mole Sauce on a tortilla, Chinese Orange Chicken, Indian Pav Bhaji and Kenyan Sukuma Wiki were among 11 dishes offered at the bazaar.

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