



**HOCKEY, PAGE 6**  
**Falcons beat St. Scholastica to go to NCHA finals**

**HAGER, PAGE 5**  
**Columnist abstains from textbooks for Lent**

**KANSAS CITY, PAGE 8**  
**After 19 years, the Chiefs will not return to River Falls**



# STUDENT VOICE

March 05, 2010 [www.uwrfvoice.com](http://www.uwrfvoice.com) Volume 98, Issue 17

## Students can earn summer credits in unique environment

Cristy Brusoe  
[cristina.brusoe@uwrf.edu](mailto:cristina.brusoe@uwrf.edu)

UW-River Falls undergraduate students will be given a unique opportunity to earn college credits at the Discovery Center at Pigeon Lake Field Station during the first week of the 2010 summer session.

Students from UWRF, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Superior will be able to take courses offered by any of the campuses at Northwoods U, which is located on the north shore of Pigeon Lake near Drummond, Wis.

Eight courses are being offered to the students, and the classes run from May 23-29 at the Discovery Center. Most of these classes are designed to take advantage of the unique environmental settings.

The courses being offered include three art courses, two physical education courses, two biology courses and an English course - ranging from one to three credits.

According to the UWRF Northwoods U Web site, the students are only allowed to enroll in one course during this period due to the intensity of the courses.

The Discovery Center at Pigeon Lake Field Station is secluded in Chequamegon National Forest. The UW System has been offering courses and workshops in a wide range of disciplines at Pigeon Lake Field Station since 1982. The natural beauty of the area facilitates the exploration in art, humanities, recreation, social sciences, literature and physical education.

All credits earned at the Discovery Center transfer to any UW System University.

Those who enroll in the courses will pay room/board and class instructional/materials cost in addition to the school's tuition.

There will also be an additional two weeks of art intensive courses at the Center. The first week runs from June 13-19 and the second runs from June 20-26. These courses are non-credit workshop classes.

**For more information on how to register for these courses, visit the Web site: <http://www.uwrf.edu/pigeonlake/welcome.php>**

## Psychology students to present research

Natalie Conrad  
[natalie.conrad@uwrf.edu](mailto:natalie.conrad@uwrf.edu)

Several UW-River Falls students will be presenting posters at the National Association of School Psychology (NASP) annual convention in Chicago from March 2-6. There are two student groups presenting: one consists of school psychology students Emily Krousey, Jessica Muszynski and Hetty Whitmore; the other group consists of school psychology students Katie Everson and Jeffery Osterhout.

"We are very honored and excited to be presenting our research at the National Association of School Psychology in Chicago next week," Muszynski said.

The annual NASP convention is the world's largest and most important gathering of school psychologists, offering professional excellence at its best, according to NASPonline.org.

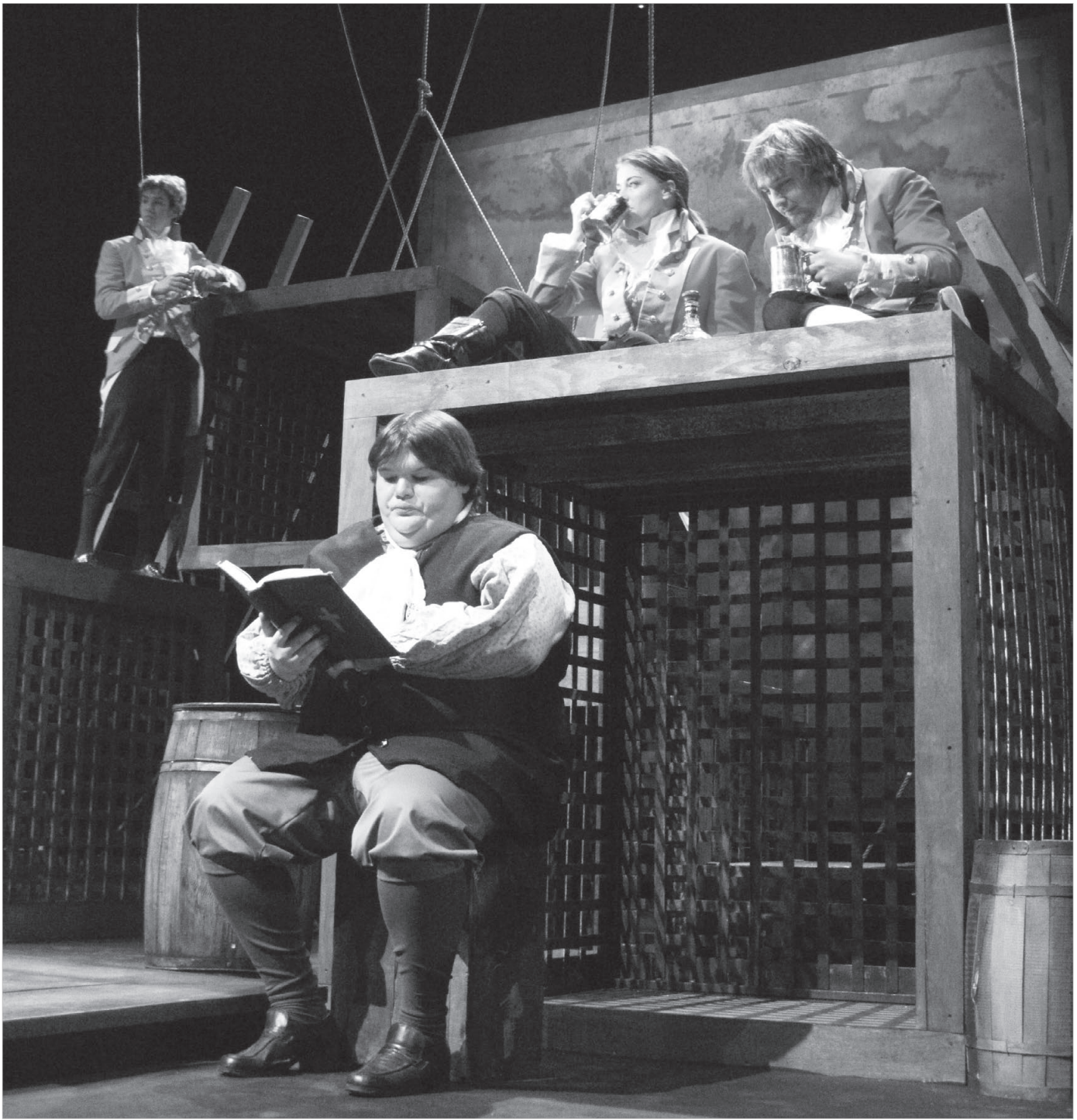
The convention will include multiple events. It will have nearly 1,000 educational sessions and special events. It will provide cutting-edge research and skills training, according to the Web site. There will also be moderated discussions on hot topics in the profession such as response to intervention, a method that integrates assessment and intervention within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement and to reduce behavior problems, according to the National Center on Response to Intervention.

Everson and Osterhout conducted research regarding RTI entitled "Evaluating School Psychologists' Connections to Change, Leadership, and Resources in RTI Implementation." It investigated levels of implementation of RTI in schools. To measure level of implementation they sent out a survey nationally to 1,000 school psychologists, of which 326 responded, all of whom were members of NASP, according to Everson.

Their survey investigated levels of RTI implementation between urban, suburban and rural schools as well as investigated connections between school psychologists and change, leadership skills and their access to RTI resources. The result of the research revealed that location has an influence on the level of RTI implementation within schools. It also confirmed that school psycholo-

See Psychology page 3

## Theater department unveils its 'Our Country's Good' play



Lezli Weis/Student Voice

**UWRF students act out a scene from the play 'Our Country's Good'. The play debuted in February and will also show March 5 and 6. Meg Swanson is the play's director. The play centers around a convict and Royal Marines who are sent to Australia as part of the first colonists in the area.**

## UWRF tries to draw in younger graduates

Christina Lindstrom  
[christina.lindstrom@uwrf.edu](mailto:christina.lindstrom@uwrf.edu)

UW-River Falls is taking a new approach to staying in touch with alumni by attracting a younger group of graduates.

The UW-River Falls Foundation was established in 1948 as one of the first Wisconsin state college foundations, according to the alumni relations Web site. This year, UWRF is setting up events specifically for young alumni—those who have graduated in the last decade. A young alumni Web site was recently launched to provide information on a variety of topics such as upcoming events and links to multiple sites for alumni to stay connected; alumni are able to connect via Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

According to Melissa Wilson, alumni relations coordinator, the Young Alumni Group has been established to better engage and serve UWRF's most recently graduated by bringing together

young alumni and continuing their strong connections with UWRF. Wilson said the series of events and the young alumni community has been established to better serve and support the recent graduates with programs and communication opportunities that are uniquely tailored to their own needs and perspectives. The group's internal goals and mission states "the UWRF Young Alumni Group is also a place where future leaders and volunteers can be identified in ways that deepen their commitment to the University and prepare them for active roles in the UWRF Alumni Association."

The young alumni Web site welcomes back visitors, displaying at the top of the page: "So you already miss UW-River Falls, and lets face it, we miss you too." The site is specifically developed for young alumni, branching off of the regular alumni relations page. The page is meant to be an opportunity for young alumni to stay in the loop with the University, the city and "all

things Freddy." The Young Alumni Group encourages young alumni to stay involved and help the University get to places never before reached, as many of the successes at UWRF are driven by the alumni, according to Wilson.

Alumni share their personal UWRF story and talk about what a great experience they had at UWRF, which encourages the next generation of students to apply, attend, enjoy their education and experience and begin the cycle again, said Wilson.

Started in March 2009, the Facebook group titled "UWRF Alumni" currently has over 1,200 members. Members are able to keep up to date with each other and be informed of upcoming events with the new young alumni program and the regular alumni program. The current young alumni campaign is being called "Freddy Takes Over." According to Wilson, about 35 alumni are currently registered for the upcoming inaugural events.

The first event is scheduled for March 4 at the Agave Kitchen in Hudson, Wis., from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is designed for alumni to recon-

nect with old classmates and to meet new ones. It will give young alumni in the St. Croix Valley area a chance to network with each other and stay connected with the University. Friends are welcome to the events, and they do not need to be UWRF alumni.

On March 25 the Young Alumni Group will hold its second event at The Liffey in St. Paul. This event will help young alumni with job searching and allow for networking opportunities. Help updating resumes will be offered, as well as interview practice and advice.

A third event is to be held on April 8 at the 8th Street Grill in Minneapolis. This is another networking event for young alumni to meet up with old friends. This event also offers food and drink specials for attendees. According to Rocky Gonzalez, alumni relations intern, people are showing a lot of interest for this event.

"With the economy being tough with layoffs and such, we thought it would be great to create a workshop for our alumni to update their resume,



Wilson

See Alumni page 3



VOICE SHORTS

**University athletic director to retire**  
Rick Bowen will resign from his position as athletic director from UWRF in June, according to the Sports Information Web site. Bowen has been with the University since 1986 and has been the athletic director since 2004.

**UWRF presents ‘Our Country’s Good’ at KFA**  
The play “Our Country’s Good” opened at UWRF on Feb. 25. The final shows will run at 7:30 p.m. on March 5 and 6 in the Davis Theatre of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 students and seniors. Contact the University Box Office for ticket information at 425-3114. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an hour prior to performances. Please note that the play contains strong language and adult content.

**‘Fiddler’ premieres at RF High School**  
River Falls Community Theatre and River Falls High School presented “Fiddler on the Roof” on Feb. 25. The musical will continue ro be performed at 7:30 p.m. March 5 and 6 and 2 p.m. on March 7 at the River Falls High School. Tickets are available for \$14 at the door or \$12 in advance at Dish and Spoon Cafe.

**The UWRF Jazz Ensemble to perform a new act**  
The UWRF RADD Jazz Series will present the UWRF Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. on March 6 in the Abbott Concert Hall at the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. The performance is directed by David Milne and will feature guest artist Michael Davis, an NYC-based jazz trombonist, composer/arranger, author and clinician. For more information, call 425-3183.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/  
UWRF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**Feb. 20**  
• Alan J. Fagrelius, 20, was cited for underage consumption on the 500 block of S. Main St.  
• Anthony C. Mellenthin, 19, was cited for underage consumption on the 500 block of S. Main St.

**Feb. 23**  
• Graffiti was discovered in the Chalmer Davee Library first floor men’s restroom.

**Feb. 25**  
• Graffiti was discovered in the Chalmer Davee Library on a garbage can lid.

Apply for an  
on-air  
position with  
**WRFW 88.7**  
Pick up an  
application  
outside of  
306 North Hall

WRFW's  
Spring  
2010



Broadcasting  
Schedule

|                  | Sunday                        | Monday                           | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                     | Thursday                        | Friday         | Saturday                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 2-6 a.m.         | BBC                           | BBC                              | BBC                                    | BBC                           | BBC                             | BBC            | BBC                          |
| 6 a.m.-1 p.m.    | WPR                           | WPR                              | WPR                                    | WPR                           | WPR                             | WPR            | WPR                          |
| 1-3 p.m.         | Ben Lee<br>Jonathan Hedeem    | Aaron Bergman                    | Jason Kenison                          | Pat Lynch                     | Wes Campbell                    | Brian Wegner   | Kyle Bereswill               |
| 3-5 p.m.         | Erik Altmann                  | Brian Wegner                     | Cory Heaton                            | Nick Niewinski<br>James Scott | Steven Linzmeier<br>Adam Vircks | Amanda Leeman  | Patrick Okan<br>Jeff Schafer |
| 5-6 p.m.         | Erik Altmann                  | Hip Hop Hourglass                | Stay Alive                             | ACT on AG                     | Let’s Talk                      | Finally Friday | ~empty~                      |
| 6-8 p.m.         | Erik Altmann                  | Laura Krawczyk<br>Katie Heaton   | Jon Lyksett<br>Pat Lynch<br>Pat Bakker | Adam Lee                      | Chris Schad                     | ~empty~        | Jon Stefonek                 |
| 8-10 p.m.        | Ashley Goettl<br>Nathan Riley | Matt Torkelson<br>Kevin Duzynski | Natalie Conrad                         | Jon Lyksett<br>Cory Heaton    | Sara Helm<br>Katie Hudson       | ~empty~        | Jeff Knopps                  |
| 10 p.m.-Midnight | Greg Klimowicz                | Ken Weigend<br>Grady Stehr       | Joe Kelly<br>Jared Fritz               | Cyrus Kozub                   | Nathan King<br>Will Larson      | Ali Al-Hanooti | ~empty~                      |
| Midnight-2 a.m.  | ~empty~                       | Kyle McGinn                      | Andrew Hagemann<br>Erik Gates          | Kim Tri                       | Casey Wolford<br>Alifa Momin    | ~empty~        | ~empty~                      |

Students to fund United Council

Aaron Billingsley  
aaron.billingsley@uwrf.edu

The United Council has recently made it mandatory for all University of Wisconsin (UW) schools to become members with a mandatory but refundable “buy-in” of \$3 from all students.  
The “buy-in,” if every UW school is a member of the United Council, will give it a \$1.2 million budget.  
Students are able to ask for a refund if they do not want to fund the organization, but if the school is a member, then the United Council can still make decisions that affect it.

For the past three years the student population at UW - River Falls has voted against its inclusion in the United Council. Recently, the Student Senate at UWRF decided not to even add the United Council on the upcoming spring elections ballot believing that it would be voted down by the students once again. The United Council, however, has made the decision obsolete with its new mandatory “buy-in” policy.

The United Council is a state-wide UW program run and funded by students. It can make decisions that will affect all schools within their membership that they believe will benefit UW students the most. The United Council, however, has failed to fully represent students of all UW institutions and has recently been only benefiting those within the UW-Madison area, where the United Council is based out of, according to UWRF Student Senate President Josh Brock. The United Council’s lack of representation has been a given reason why some schools have denied membership or withdrew from the student association in the past couple of years, according to Brock.

On Feb. 19, 2010, Brock and another representative of the UWRF Student Senate traveled to UW-Oshkosh to attend a conference with UW student representatives from every four-year institution in the state, most two-year colleges and the current United Council representatives to discuss new policies and requirements for United Council members. These new policies include a mandatory “buy-in” of three dollars for all students and an everlasting membership to the association, according to a document from the United Council given to all universities in the UW system.

UWRF seemed like the minority during the conference, according to Brock, as only it and UW-Whitewater opposed the “buy-in,” despite a lack of support to the United Council from other institutions over the past couple of years. By the end of the conference, all four-year universities signed to be a part of the United Council besides UWRF and Whitewater. Whitewater would later sign the following Monday after an 11-5-1 vote from its Student Senate, according to Brock.

“No one wanted to talk to us,” said Brock. “Since we didn’t agree with the decision, they didn’t want to hear our arguments or reasons. They started using propaganda for us to join.” Such propaganda from the United Council and the other universities, according to Brock, included the threat of not having support from the United Council. Since they don’t represent UWRF, if the system tries to raise tuition, “trying to get out of the United Council is like trying to be in the U.S. and trying to get out of the U.S. government,” according to Brock.

The UWRF Student Senate supports Brock’s opposition, as there is not enough information on United Council and what



Hannah Lenius/Student Voice  
**Student Senate President Josh Brock leads the weekly senate meeting. Brock and other senators have traditionally voted against the representation of United Council, but the council now mandates that all UW schools follow its “buy-in” policy.**

they can do for UWRF, according to multiple senators. Legislative Affairs Director Alex Nelson wrote a motion for the last Student Senate meeting to send a letter to the United Council president and all other UW universities that states UWRF “... will not approve any mandatory or permanent ‘buy-in’ to United Council,” according to the motion.

The Student Senate does not entirely oppose the United Council, only what it has recently been doing in order to get every school in the UW system involved. “We don’t know how they’ll be run, their structure, what they’ll be doing or what they’ll be financing. We don’t know where the money will be going,” said Diversity Initiatives Director Rodney Hillskotter during the last Student Senate meeting. “What scares me is not that it is mandatory to join but that we will never be able to get out if we sign. We don’t know what they’ll be doing, and that blank canvas scares me.”

Facilities and Fees Board Chair Patrick Okan was never against United Council until its recent activities. The United Council, in a memo sent to all schools, said they want to represent the students’ voice and that students only will have that voice when they join United Council and by denying membership, UWRF is taking away choice for its students, according to Brock.

“By forcing students to join and getting rid of the referenda, [the United Council] are denying the students their voice,” said Okan in disagreement to the United Council’s words. “We want the referenda because we want the students to have a choice.”

Nelson’s motion passed, and the letter speaking against the United Council’s new policies has been sent. However, UWRF is alone against the United Council, and the Student Senate reaffirms it is making the best decision, based off given information, that is in the best interest of UWRF students.



# Pierce, St. Croix counties rank among Top 10 healthiest in state



Sally King/Student Voice  
**UWRF students participate in intramural broomball to stay active during college. Broomball is one of several intramural sports offered on campus.**



Hannah Lenius/Student Voice  
**UWRF students have access to a weight room facility on campus which can be utilized to stay healthy and in shape year round.**

Lezli Weis  
lezli.weis@uwrf.edu

Pierce and St. Croix County both placed in the top 10 of the National County Health Rankings for 2010, according to a media release from Pierce County Public Health Director Sue Galoff.

Pierce County finished 7th and St. Croix finished 2nd within the state of Wisconsin. “The healthiest of Wisconsin’s 72 counties are largely suburban counties near the city of Milwaukee and on the border with the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area,” according to the media release.

Alice Reilly-Myklebust, the director of Career, Counseling and Student Health Services at UW-River Falls, explained that the University has many surveys that they give to students in order to collect data on things such as drug

and alcohol use, physical activity, mental health and many other topics.

The role of Student Health Services is to provide health and mental health services. There are four licensed counselors available to students at no charge, according to Reilly-Myklebust.

The Wellness Challenge is currently going on, where people can form teams or compete individually. There are prizes for individuals or teams with the most points. However, they also have random drawing to give away prizes to anyone competing.

“Anybody who is trying to improve their health, we want them to have the option to win something,” Reilly-Myklebust said.

UWRF offers many programs in order for students to improve their overall health and wellness. Classes and sessions that are offered on a weekly basis include: advanced

Tai Chi, yoga, zumba, art remedy, meditation and beginner Tai Chi. Relaxation open houses are also offered the first Tuesday of every month.

There are also events coming up, such as the health fair on April 14 and “Cruise Through Finals” on May 10, to encourage students to improve their health and wellness.

UWRF has been asked to be part of the St. Croix ad Pierce County findings, according to Reilly-Myklebust. There is a free clinic in the area and it is also available to students.

“The county looks at the same things we’re looking at with our students,” Reilly-Myklebust said.

UWRF continues to do what they can in order to work with students to help improve their overall health.

Shauna Knott, the wellness coordinator at the River Falls Area

Hospital (RFAH), has a theory as to why metropolitan areas are the healthiest.

“I believe that counties in closer proximity to larger metropolitan areas attract people to try new hobbies and sports that smaller and/or rural communities may not be able to offer,” Knott said. “For example, St. Paul boasts a curling club ... [that] may entice residents to travel 25 miles to try their hand at a new hobby.”

The RFAH has a fitness center that many older members utilize as a safe venue for them to stay active and learn new skills, Knott explained.

“We offer a variety of fitness classes, such as Tai Chi and Yoga, that expand flexibility and agility, and helps to build up balance and prevent falls,” Knott said.

Knott explained that while the healthiest counties are in metropolitan areas, she does not believe

that wealth or class have any impact on their ability to stay healthy.

“I feel that those people who are committed to a healthy lifestyle will find the way and means to support that lifestyle, regardless of class status or wealth,” Knott said. “Yes, it may cost some money to join a gym, but people can easily invest in some dumbbell weights, a jump rope or a yoga mat and stay fit at home, spending less money.”

Libraries also offer DVDs and fitness book selections, and the Internet offers many podcasts and other tools to learn at home.

“With the economy in the condition it is,” Knott said, “staying fit at home with your family or making a healthy meal versus eating out is a great way to connect with your family and try something new.”

# Psychology: Students gather at national conference to discuss research, attend sessions

from page 1

gists with a higher level of leadership skills, greater access to resources and more positive attitudes toward change will have higher levels of RTI implementation in their schools, according to Osterhout.

The team of Muszynski, Krousey and Whitmore will be presenting a poster on their research titled “The Influence of Student Participation on Transition Planning on Post-Secondary Education of Students Receiving Disability Services.” Transition planning is a requirement for high school students with disabilities that maps out the services and supports students need to move from high school to post-secondary education, according to Muszynski. Traditionally, transition planning is dominated by teachers and staff, leaving little input for

the student.

They surveyed students at four and two year post-secondary programs about their participation in transition planning and looked at how much student participated in their transition planning and how that influenced their plans after high school. They found that students attending four year schools participated more in their transition planning than students attending two year programs. They also found that the more students participated in their transition planning, the more it influenced their post-secondary choices, according to Muszynski.

“This is a very prestigious opportunity for our students,” advisor and program director of the School Psychology program, Scott Woitaszewski, said.

The students presenting at the convention, as well as many other stu-

dents in the program, have had work published in various local and state publications. Students frequently get their work published, but not many get to present at such an important convention, according to Woitaszewski.

The last two years, there have been more UWRF students presenting at the conference than ever before, and there has been a growing number in recent years, according to Woitaszewski. UWRF students Amanda Yenni, Amie Hartman, Brooke Fails, Theresa Gulbransen and Cassandra Feldkamp presented at the annual conference last year in Boston.

“For my group along with the professional growth we have gained a valuable friendship,” Muszynski said. “Long hours, failed plans, lots of research and life have led to a valuable relationship.”

# Alumni: UWRF creates events geared towards younger demographic

from page 1

network professionally and socially and receive interview help from the wonderful staff at Career Services,” he said.

The fourth and final planned event for this year is the Twins vs. Brewers game on May 22 at new Target Field in Minneapolis. The cost for attendees is \$35. Fifty tickets have currently been reserved by the Young Alumni Group, but Gonzalez said they may need to get more due to the great interest.

Gonzalez said he believes the

future for the young alumni program will be a bright one.

“Not many Universities in the United States are offering programs for their young alumni, but I think that may change,” he said.

“It is more beneficial for Universities to reach their goals and objectives by getting alumni involved sooner rather than later.”

A new intern will be hired this summer, and they will have control over the young alumni events planned for next year. Gonzalez said he believes the program will continue with the momentum it is building this year.

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**  
River Falls Area High School | 818 Cemetery Rd | River Falls, WI 54022

**Doors open at Noon**  
**Fashion Show starts at 3pm**  
Tickets - \$6 in advance | \$8 at the door



11th Annual  
2010 RIVER VALLEY  
**Bridal Fair**

**Grand Prize**  
Luxury Honeymoon Vacation  
Air & Hotel for 5 nights at a 5 star  
Luxury Resort - RIVIERA Maya, Mexico

FOR TICKETS & OTHER  
INFORMATION, CONTACT  
WWW.RIVERVALLEYBRIDES.COM

**GREAT NEW LOCATION!**

- 9 miles south of Hudson, off 94 & Exit 3
- Convenient
- Easy parking
- Over 80 area businesses

Register to win the  
**Grand Prize** or one  
of **two certificates**  
for **\$250 plus many**  
other fabulous prizes!

Presented by



**Barb's**  
BRIDAL & FORMAL WEAR  
barbsbridalformalwear.com



**TRAVEL LEADERS®**  
Suntime Travel, LLC.  
www.suntimetravel.com




**RiverTown**  
Newspaper Group  
www.rivertowns.net

**Do you have something to say?**  
**Send in a letter to the editor.**  
Submit a letter to [editor@uwrfvoice.com](mailto:editor@uwrfvoice.com)  
or deliver it outside of 304 North Hall.

**UWRF CHILD Center is  
Now Enrolling**

9 months and younger-full time  
2-5years old-full time and part time

For more information about the center please visit our web  
site: [sa.uwrf.edu/sa/child-care](http://sa.uwrf.edu/sa/child-care) or call us at 425-0656.





EDITORIAL

Texting while driving:  
a deadly distraction

It is something parents have been telling their children for a few years now - since the age of 16 - that there is only one thing people should focus on while they are behind the wheel. That one thing is driving. They should not be distracted by the other people in their car. They should not be distracted by the radio. They should not be distracted by their cell phones. Their cell phones. When the majority of today’s college-aged people got their licenses, text messaging wasn’t quite the craze it is today so when parents would tell their kids to not let their cell phones distract them in the car, they simply meant don’t talk on them while driving.

Nowadays, however, text messaging has become the main form of communication cell phones provide people. Looking around, people can be seen texting in, literally, every situation of their everyday lives. People text in class. People text in the bathroom. People text when they are with groups of other people. People text at work. People text while they drive.

Conversations - the kind exchanged through actual voices - have become easier to handle while operating a vehicle. Hands-free devices have made it easier, and slightly more safe, to talk to someone on a cell phone while driving. However, there will never be a way to make text messaging hands-free. There will never be a way to make text messaging safe when the focus should be on what is happening on the road.

As texting becomes the main focus of cell phones, the growth of surfing the internet, taking pictures and sending them, sending instant messages, all become more and more common. Now, not only do parents have to warn their teenage drivers not to have actual telephone conversations while driving and to refrain from texting while behind the wheel, but they must also make sure their children know it is highly unsafe to browse Web sites while they are traveling.

The mere fact that people need to be told that spending more time looking down at a cell phone screen, focusing on typing, than they spend looking at the road is despicable.

As of Jan. 19, texting while driving became illegal in Wisconsin. With the exception of emergency situations, texting while driving has been illegal in Minnesota since 2008.

With fines ranging from \$100 to \$800, hopefully the legislation being passed around the nation will be enough to make drivers think twice before they text and drive. Not only is it unsafe for the people in ‘Car A,’ but all the other cars on the road in a few-mile radius of ‘Car A’ are in jeopardy, as well. Texting while driving has been compared to driving under the influence. While drunk driving can be avoided, so can driving while texting.

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

STUDENT VOICE

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Editor              | Ken Weigend       |
| Assistant Editor    | Renee Thony       |
| Front Page Editor   | Jenna Nelson      |
| News Editor         | Kevin Duzynski    |
| Viewpoints Editor   | Matt Torkelson    |
| Sports Editor       | Blaze Fugina      |
| Etcetera Editor     | Kirsten Blake     |
| Online Editor       | Priya Kailash     |
| Chief Photographer  | Sally King        |
| Staff Photographers | Lezli Weis        |
|                     | Hannah Lenius     |
| Cartoonists         | Jon Lyksett       |
| Chief Copy Editor   | Andrew Phelps     |
| Proofreader         | Ashley Goettl     |
| General Manager     | Ashley Schmeling  |
| Ad Manager          | Lisa Hamilton     |
| Circulation Manager | Grady Stehr       |
| Faculty Advisor     | Andris Straumanis |

Read the *Student Voice* online at  
www.uwrfvoice.com

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

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

Letters to the editor must be 300 words or less, and include a first and last name and phone number. They can be submitted at 304 North Hall, River Falls, WI, 54022 or to editor@uwrfvoice.com.

The *Student Voice* reserves the right to edit any material for content, label or space. It also reserves the right to withhold letters. All letters, news releases, briefs, display ads and classified ads must also be submitted no later than Wednesday at noon.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student upset over graphic  
theatre production on campus

I saw the university’s most recent theatre production on opening night, Our Country’s Good. I was shocked and repulsed by its immoral and sexually explicit nature. It should be called “Our Country’s Bad.” As a matter of fact, it should be called “Our Country’s Pornographic.”

One of the opening lines in the play contains the C word and an X-rated description of cunnilingus. My first thought was that I misheard, that word simply couldn’t have been said on stage. Next, they dropped the f-bomb. Then the word “whore.” Before long, there was a woman on stage with fake cleavage drawn on her chest, as if it wasn’t big enough to begin with.

I finally came to fully realize the nature of this play during a scene in which a female actress says to her male co-actor something about “spreading her legs” as she does so with her own body. Her next action involved circling his nipples with her fingertips and saying something like “first the left and then the right.”

The foremost complaint that I have about this production (besides the obvious) is that nothing anywhere made me aware of its content. The title, Our Country’s Good sounded innocent enough to me. So guess what? I took my 15 year old daughter.

We walked out before intermission. When I went to the ticket booth to complain, I was told, “This isn’t a children’s play.” That’s the understatement of the year. To begin with, I wasn’t expecting to see a children’s play. We’re no longer interested in Sesame Street, but neither are we interested in smut, which is exactly what we saw at UWRF.

After we left, I noticed the teeny-weeny words “adult content” printed on the bottom of the program. Who looks there? But most importantly, who even knows they should look for adult content at a school play?

Since this University does not use a rating system for its productions, I want to raise awareness for those students, who, like me, would be justifiably enraged by its content. It is detestable, revolting, and downright foul. This play contains well beyond a few curse words, so their little disclaimer found at the bottom of the program “adult content” is severely inadequate. The language and actions truly are X-rated.

I thought my school, UWRF, was a safe place where I could share meaningful learning experiences with my family; however, it appears to me that this school isn’t the safe community campus that I originally thought it to be. I feel disappointed, betrayed, and broken-hearted.

Erika Rihm  
Non-Traditional  
Student, UWRF

Professors should not place  
great emphasis on technology

Since the first professor brought a VHS into the classroom, technology has created both passageways and barriers. As one of my parting gifts (this being my last semester), I give you a list of how technology has harmed me while in college.

**My professors don’t know how to use D2L.**

This has got to be the most frustrating reason because there’s nothing you, as a student, can do about it. The incapability of a professor to perform a remedial task on D2L is a detriment and frustration to you as a student. What do they do at those seminars they go to anyway? Jeesh.



Chaia  
Lindberg

**The incapability of a professor  
to perform a remedial task on  
D2L is a detriment and  
frustration to you as a student  
What do they do at those  
seminars they go to anyway?**

**Web sites are not to be trusted.**

Especially ones that are sourced from outside the University. Turnitin.com is a Web site; and like many other sites of its kind, it is doomed to fail every once in a while. Unlike other Web sites, it can make or break your grade in class.

**My professors think technology is an infallible god.**

This may be a generational thing, but for some reason professors have a hard time admitting the fallibility of technology. When Turnitin crashes, doesn’t load or when spell check makes a mistake, it can never be blamed on the machine. Guess who the blame does fall on? That’s right: you. It will always be your fault that the stupid piece of equipment failed to operate at optimal levels, so long as the deadline was not evidently met. Do you remember AOL? Horrible program and yet because it was modern technology, it was incapable of error.

**Professors don’t check their e-mail.**

Or they give you alternate e-mails that are not to be found in the UW-River Falls directory. Silly professors, do you realize how much we have to keep track of in a single semester? Your outside e-mail addresses is not one of them I’m probably going to remember. Also, if you’re going to list it as a contact, then be kind and check it.

**My extra credit is dependent on receiving and maintaining a remote control.**

It clicks, more specifically. What happened to raising your hand? What happened to being able to answer out loud? Reliance on technology may be the reason people with doctorates resort to PowerPoint and point and click in order to manage their classes. I understand the appli-

**If you don’t trust your students,  
or more accurately if you don’t  
have the sufficient knowledge  
to tell plagiarism from the actual  
thing, you may want to  
reconsider your profession.**

cation in rooms of over 200 students. However, if no one else has noticed, our school holds a 30-1 ratio.

**Turnitin.com is evil.**

I understand I already covered the fault that websites can not be trusted, but REALLY. There is no need for this site. If you don’t trust your students, or if you don’t have the sufficient knowledge to tell plagiarism from the actual thing, you may want to reconsider your profession. Do not let technology do your job for you. Just saying.

So there it is. My list compiled about the many ways that technology kills my grades. It may seem I have used my column to vent a little frustration, and you’re right, I have. Feels good.

*Chaia means life; and she tries to live it to the fullest. Writing is what she loves. Spanish, Hebrew, Portuguese and English are the word she uses. Tel Aviv is where she is inspired.*



# Packer fans should be very optimistic for 2010 season

NFL football in 2009 is all said and done with. Packer fans have long put behind them that painful loss to the Cardinals, and Viking fans are finally shutting their mouths about a “Favre Super Bowl!” In case you didn’t know, Viking fans, Favre didn’t come through, and now you get to look forward to a “will he/ won’t he” for the next few months. Personally, I hope he does come back, because it was a lot more fun to despise Minnesota fans this year than in years past.

This column, believe it or not, won’t be a thorough bashing of the purple and gold. I figure the Packers will do the bashing for us for the next, oh I don’t know, decade or so. As Packer fans, we have so much to look forward to, and though football for us won’t begin for over five months, it doesn’t hurt keeping up with and getting excited about the next season of Packer football.

First, let us discuss the one and only, ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Aaron Rodgers. How good is this man? My dad once told me that when the San Francisco 49ers went from Joe Montana to Steve Young that it didn’t even seem fair. Well, that may have seemed like the case, but admittedly, it’s a pretty wonderful feeling going from a legend to another superstar.

To all critics of Rodgers, look at his stats, let them sink in, and then put a big slab of duct tape over your mouth. Honestly, I welcome our rivals running their mouths. Looking at our squad, from Rodgers and Grant, to Mr. Clay Matthews and B.J. Raji, who do you think will be running the NFC North for the next decade? No one thought that the Packers would even have a shot at going over 500 after losing to the winless Buccaneers last season. We did. I fully expect the Green Bay Packers to come out as an explosive and dominant team in 2010.

My confidence and excitement aside, there is obviously plenty of room for some improvements. Overall, I think the transition to Dom Capers’ 3-4 defense was a great success. I can understand how some might seem skeptical after Kurt Warner tore up our secondary in the NFC Wild Card game. Personally, I believe that that was just the magic

of Warner, and I think that the Packers just realized “Hey, we’re not there just yet.” It’s a transition period, and it’s hard to do, but it’s necessary to be patient.

Our record showed that this period is going about as smoothly as it can. It was fun to see the team’s success progress as the season went on, and that doesn’t only apply to our defense.

Halfway through the season, Rodgers was the most sacked quarterback in the NFL by far. Luckily though, we yet again made some hardcore improvements. With the re-acquiring of Mr. Mark Tauscher, as well as some stability in our O-line, Rodgers was able to stay more comfortable in the pocket.

I do think that we should take an offensive lineman in the first round of the draft, but

again, that’s up for debate. Some might think that a player like Al Harris is past his prime, and that perhaps we need a cornerback. I, however, am a believer in players like Williams, and obviously, unless you don’t like amazing talent, you too believe in someone like Charles Woodson.

I don’t think that our secondary should be our number one concern, although it is most definitely, a concern. It just excites me for the draft next month.. Though people like to say they hate Ted Thompson, come on now, you can’t deny he had an incredible draft this last year. If you want to complain about something, perhaps you should write a letter to McCarthy about his play calling.

I expect a lot to happen this offseason that will both surprise and excite Packer fans. Knowing that there are plenty of NFC North titles waiting for us in the future, it’s hard not to already start engaging in a little trash talk with our neighbors to the west and south. Ok, mainly just to the west.

Matt is a marketing communications major in his senior year. He enjoys listening to The Beatles, and playing piano whenever he has some free time.

Matthew Torkelson



To all critics of Rodgers, look at his stats, let them sink in, and then put a big slab of duct tape over your mouth.

Though people like to say they hate Ted Thompson, come on now, you can’t deny he had an incredible draft this last year.

the mascot, like the Duke Blue Devils.

It is finally March, and for the college basketball fans this can only mean one thing: March Madness. Many of us, (myself included) will take the time to fill out a bracket of the 65 teams that will make the NCAA tournament, playing for a chance at the national title. For those who are new to the “system,” there are 65 teams who are seeded one through sixteen in each of the four regions. To fill out your bracket, you simply choose who you think will move on.

Sounds simple, right? In a perfect world the number one seed would always win as they are the favorite, but since the tournament began in 1979, only once (2008) did all no. 1 seeds make the Final Four. But what makes the difference between an average bracket and the friendly competition winner, is the gutsy decisions to pick the right upsets, where you feel stupid if you get it wrong, but look like a genius if you get it right.

While I am all for the underdogs and nothing makes 2010 is an interesting field, as there is no overall favorite. None of the favorites are undefeated, and all have their weaknesses.

me more excited to see the powerhouses such as North Carolina, Kentucky, and Duke falter, just do me one favor, and don’t pick a sixteen seed to beat the no. 1, as that has never happened in the tournament’s history. But who knows, maybe 2010 will be the year. There are many ways in which people may go about picking their favorite teams.

Some pick Alma Maters or teams from around the area. Others choose to go against big rivals, (my rule is to never advance a Big Ten team farther than the sweet sixteen). Others come from strange whims, for instance, I will never pick a team whose coach looks like

2010 is an interesting field, as there is no overall favorite. None of the favorites are undefeated, and all have their weaknesses. Kentucky, for example, an early favorite for the title, starts three freshmen.

Is that a weakness, or are they really that good? Over the last few weeks things have been shaken up, as the sixth ranked team in the nation, Purdue, lost their star Robbie Hummel for the season, which could mark for an early upset for one of the top teams.

When choosing your bracket, go with your gut and take some chances. Find a team and let the madness

When choosing your bracket, go with your gut and take some chances. Find a team and let the madness begin

begin. There is no logic or no formula to picking the right bracket; it is all based on luck.

My pick for the 2010 Men’s NCCA Basketball Championship will be the Syracuse Orange. There is really no particular reason for this, but they are currently ranked first in the country. But I wanted to go with them as I came from a school that also had a “color” for a mascot (Scarlet). Yes, this doesn’t seem like a prominent reason to choose a team, but that only adds to the madness and the fun for the “bracketology” breakdown. Let the madness begin.

Ashley is a freshman double major in digital film and television and political science. She is also a member of the UWRF softball team, WRFW radio, Forensics, College Republicans and Student Senate

Ashley Goettl



# Columnist parodies Lent by giving up textbooks

Two years ago I was but the clutching seed of the tall, proud sprout I’ve become.

Today I look back on my errant past, seeing both encouraging growth and the wayward blunders of youth. Danish savant Soren Kierkegaard (that grizzled thinker with feathered, existential hairbobs and a postmodern chin) once said “Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.” My understanding of the drifts and tides in my life’s river is sharpened whenever I pull out my old creative productions for post-game analysis. Glenn Beck often assists with his chalk board, he’s such a nice guy.

Recently I glanced at a Voice article I had published two years ago, on the subject of Lent. The season of Lent is upon us once again but regrettably I remembered it late this year because of the Olympics and totally missed Ash Wednesday. Two years ago, I didn’t take Lent seriously. But now at the advanced age of twenty-five, I can’t afford to procrastinate any longer on securing my ticket to Heaven. I’m very sensitive to heat.

I look down upon you under-twenty-fivelings and almost feel a sort of pity. You have so much to learn. In these weeks before Easter, why don’t you join me in fasting for awhile? It is after all a time of penance and everyone must do their part in easing the burden of mankind’s sins. Every fraction of that sinful weight that you can help alleviate will make the angels smile. I heard it’s very healthy for the soul, you can lose weight, and you get your God card hole-punched one more notch for not eating. I believe you get free french fries at five punches, but oh, you can’t eat them until the next feast day. Penance for your corrupt evildoings

doesn’t always have to come in the form of fasting. For instance, instead of giving up

food you could practice some other system of self-denial to atone for your wickedness. Personally, I rely on food for daily sustenance and nutrition. I feel more alive when I eat food than when I don’t. So I’m inventing a form of abstinence that is more convenient to my lifestyle. I’m giving up all books except for the Bible until Easter Sunday. Yes, I’m sorry professors, but that includes textbooks.

After all, who needs textbooks? Those academic types with their liberal agendas cling to textbooks as a child clutches its pacifier.

You’d think those dreary, dusty tomes would help eschew obfuscation. But the truth lies only in the Bible, remember? Duh: “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:15-17). Who needs to learn a craft when everything anyone would want to know is all packed into one conveniently abridged book?

Though ranking the Bible above such scum as “Soil Fertility and Fertilizers: An Introduction to Nutrient Management, Seventh Edition” may postpone my academic progress and induction into Barack Obama’s forthcoming socialist New World Order, I believe it’ll be worth those free french fries, sent unto me as manna from Heaven.

Joe is a marketing communications major with a creative writing minor. He is interested in movies, religion, politics, culture, and people

Joe Hager



In these weeks before Easter why don’t you join me in fasting for awhile? It is, after all, a time of penance and everyone must do their part in easing the burden of mankind’s sins.

# March Madness leaves door open for many possible outcomes, upsets

It is finally March, and for the college basketball fans this can only mean one thing: March Madness. Many of us, (myself included) will take the time to fill out a bracket of the 65 teams that will make the NCAA tournament, playing for a chance at the national title. For those who are new to the “system,” there are 65 teams who are seeded one through sixteen in each of the four regions. To fill out your bracket, you simply choose who you think will move on.

Sounds simple, right? In a perfect world the number one seed would always win as they are the favorite, but since the tournament began in 1979, only once (2008) did all no. 1 seeds make the Final Four. But what makes the difference between an average bracket and the friendly competition winner, is the gutsy decisions to pick the right upsets, where you feel stupid if you get it wrong, but look like a genius if you get it right.

While I am all for the underdogs and nothing makes 2010 is an interesting field, as there is no overall favorite. None of the favorites are undefeated, and all have their weaknesses.

me more excited to see the powerhouses such as North Carolina, Kentucky, and Duke falter, just do me one favor, and don’t pick a sixteen seed to beat the no. 1, as that has never happened in the tournament’s history. But who knows, maybe 2010 will be the year. There are many ways in which people may go about picking their favorite teams.

Some pick Alma Maters or teams from around the area. Others choose to go against big rivals, (my rule is to never advance a Big Ten team farther than the sweet sixteen). Others come from strange whims, for instance, I will never pick a team whose coach looks like

2010 is an interesting field, as there is no overall favorite. None of the favorites are undefeated, and all have their weaknesses. Kentucky, for example, an early favorite for the title, starts three freshmen.

Is that a weakness, or are they really that good? Over the last few weeks things have been shaken up, as the sixth ranked team in the nation, Purdue, lost their star Robbie Hummel for the season, which could mark for an early upset for one of the top teams.

When choosing your bracket, go with your gut and take some chances. Find a team and let the madness

When choosing your bracket, go with your gut and take some chances. Find a team and let the madness begin

begin. There is no logic or no formula to picking the right bracket; it is all based on luck.

My pick for the 2010 Men’s NCCA Basketball Championship will be the Syracuse Orange. There is really no particular reason for this, but they are currently ranked first in the country. But I wanted to go with them as I came from a school that also had a “color” for a mascot (Scarlet). Yes, this doesn’t seem like a prominent reason to choose a team, but that only adds to the madness and the fun for the “bracketology” breakdown. Let the madness begin.

Ashley is a freshman double major in digital film and television and political science. She is also a member of the UWRF softball team, WRFW radio, Forensics, College Republicans and Student Senate

Ashley Goettl



# STUDENT VOICES

Do you feel UWRF professors utilize technology in the classroom?

Julie Fischer, senior



“I’m an art major, so there’s only so much technology you can use for certain majors. They utilize it as much as they can for what we have.”

Matt Holger, first-year



“I’ve only had two classes, so based on limited data I’d say they do.”

Brie Simon, freshman



“It depends upon who the professors are. Teachers that do use it spend the first part of class trying to get it to work .”

Samantha Wilson, freshman



“I haven’t had a teacher use PowerPoint, but I have had a teacher use the projector.”



# Falcon hockey teams experience success in NCHA playoffs

Blaze Fugina  
blaze.fugina@uwrf.edu

The WIAC playoffs have started for the UW-River Falls men’s and women’s hockey teams, as both try to earn bids into the NCAA tournament draw.

The Falcon men hosted their first round of the WIAC play-offs Feb. 19 and 20 against UW-Eau Claire, and the women’s team played their first round of the playoffs at home Feb. 26 and 27, also against UWEC.

In their first hockey series, the men defeated the Blugolds at home in two games. On Feb 19, the Falcons started the series off with a 3-1 victory. In the game, Andy Inderieden, Tad Norris and Ben Beaudoin all scored goals for the Falcons, while goalie Bo Storozuk made 24 saves.

In the second game, the Falcons and Blugolds played a high scoring game, with nine goals combined between the two. The Falcons won the game 6-3, with the Falcons putting 34 shots on Blugolds goaltender Brandon Stephenson.

Caleb Wolfram, Ryan Goodmanson, Sean Roadhouse, and Tyler Czuba all scored goals in the game, with Ben Beaudoin scoring two. Storozuk gave up three goals on 16 shots.

With the victory, the third-seeded Falcons played their way into a second round NCHA game against St. Scholastica, who earned a bye in the first round as the number two seed. St. Scholastica finished just above the Falcons in the season standings, with a six point lead.

Fans at the game were aware of the playoff implications for not only the Falcons, but the other teams as well. The results of other games in the NCHA playoffs determined where the Falcons would play the second round.

“We, the super fans, and others, were cheering on Superior and Stout that night after our game because if both of them had won, we would have hosted a game [Feb 27],” said Falcon fan Keith Cremin. “Sadly, neither team won.”

The game is important in Division III hockey, with both teams ranked nationally. According to the US-CHO Web site, the Falcons are ranked 15 in the nation, and St. Scholastica 6 in Division III.

Falcon’s Coach Steve Freeman said preparing his team for the playoffs could make the difference in the continuation of his team’s season.

“The playoffs are serious business, something we’ve worked for everyday since September,” Freeman said. “These games represent the opportunity to keep moving toward our goal or shut down the season.”

Freeman said that although the team goes into tournament games with similar strategies as the regular season, game changing plays in games become magnified in a playoff atmosphere.

“The X’s and O’s don’t change much, but the mistakes really become magnified,” Freeman said. “Bad penalties and turnovers become major problems that can end your season.”

The second round game will be played at St. Scholastica which is located in Duluth, Minn., Feb 27.

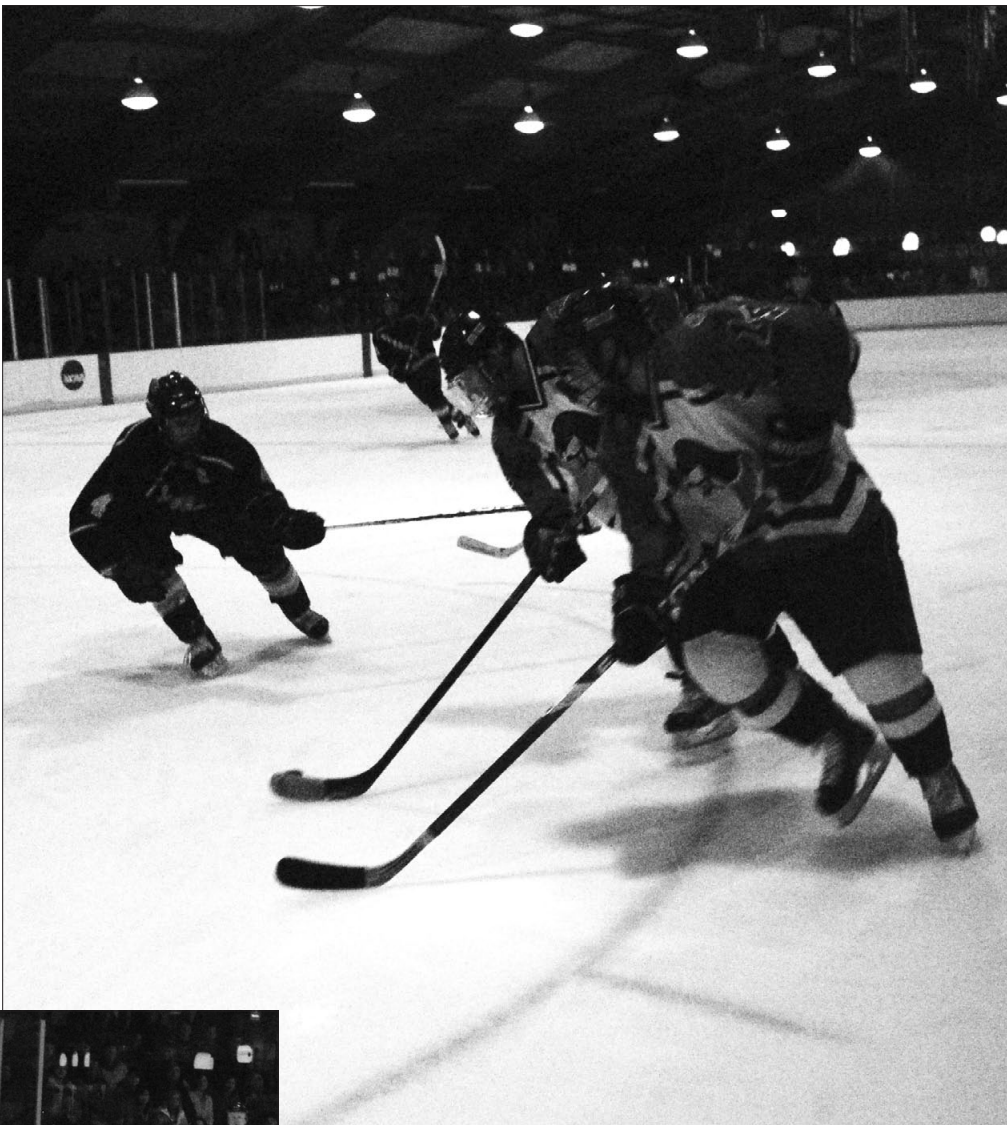
The Falcon women, who start the NCHA tournament a week

after the men, will host the first round matchup at home, also against the Blugolds. The Falcons earned home ice after finishing third in the NCHA, with the Blugolds finishing sixth. The teams played each other Jan. 15 and 16, and tied both games.

Head Coach Joe Cranston said that the team will go into the playoffs with a similar mindset as the regular season. “We aren’t doing anything out of the ordinary,” said Cranston.

“We are just trying to stay focused and we will be playing our game.” He also said that the intensity is what makes the playoffs different than the regular season for the team.

“I think the only thing we need to change is our mind set, and be able to play with



Sally King/Student Voice  
**Top: Two Falcon forwards carrying the puck against the opposing defense in a regular season game. The Falcons have won three consecutive playoff games to earn themselves a spot in the NCHA championships. Left: Forward Tyler Czuba carries in a regular season game. Czuba has three goals and five assists in the NCHA playoffs this season.**

though that doesn’t show in the regular season standings, we’re really looking forward to proving ourselves throughout play-offs,” she said.

The women’s hockey team advanced to a second round game against Adrian on March 5. Both teams finished tied at the end of the season with 23 points. The game will be played at Lake Forest, Ill.

The men also advanced to the NCHA finals, defeating St. Scholastica, 6-3. They will play at St. Norbert on March 6. The winner receives an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. St. Norbert defeated the Falcons in three games this season.

**“We’re really looking forward to proving ourselves throughout the playoffs.”**  
Cassi Campbell, goaltender

## Falcon men’s hockey has good season away, leads to playoff push



Derek Johnson

how to win on the road.

The team went 1-11-1 on the road and just 10-15-2 overall. The poor away record led to their worst overall record since the 1991-92 season where they went 6-17-1.

This year has been a completely different story. The Falcons have dominated the road side of their schedule going 10-1-2. In fact, the team has looked more comfortable on the road then they have at Hunt Arena this season. The team finished the season one game under .500 at home with a 6-7-0 record, but won both of their first round games of the NCHA Peter’s Cup against UW-Eau Claire to move ahead to 8-7-0 at home. Because of

Last year at this time, the Falcon Men’s hockey team was packing up their bags, getting ready for the off-season, and trying to figure out

their up and down season at home, the Falcons had to rely on their road record to secure the third seed and home-ice in the first round for the tournament. They took care of UW-Eau Claire and found themselves in a semi-final match-up at St. Scholastica. The combination of the Falcons looking comfortable on the road and St. Scholastica recent struggles led to a 6-3 victory for the Falcons.

The Falcons now have a re-match against St. Norbert, the only team to put a mark in the loss column on the road.

The Cornerstone Community Center is the home of the St. Norbert Green Knights hockey team and it has treated them well since it opened the doors in the 2000-01 season. The Green Knights are 101-10-5 all-time at the Cornerstone Community Center, which includes a 9-4-1 mark in its first year. In the last six seasons, the Green Knights have posted a 92-6-4 at the Cornerstone and three of those losses and a tie came in one

**The Falcons now have a re-match against St. Norbert, the only team to put a mark in the lost column on the road**

**The Falcons look to snap the three game losing streak against St. Norbert...**

season against the national champion, UW-Superior in 2001-2002. Entering the 2007-2008 season, the Green Knights are 79-3-2 in its last 84 games at the Cornerstone and has seen a winning steak of 16 games there and also from 2002-2004 a 35-game winning streak.

The Falcons look to snap the three game losing streak against St. Norbert, dropping two games at Hunt Arena in November and losing the last game of the season up at the Cornerstone on February 13th. Including the playoffs the Falcons have won 7 of their last 8 games and are 11-3-1 since the mid-season break.

The Falcons will head to the Cornerstone looking to win their third NCHA Peter’s Cup Championship and their first one since 1996 when they defeated UW-Superior. Their first NCHA Peter’s Cup Championship was in 1988 when they defeated Bemidji State. The last time the Falcons made it to the NCHA Peter’s Cup Championship game; they lost at St. Norbert 2-0 in the 2003-04 season.

*Derek Johnson is a journalism major. His interests include: playing/watching sports and writing music. Derek also spends his time broadcasting sports for WRFW*

## Falcon hockey compete in NCHA playoffs, track and field heads to UW-Platteville

### Track & field

On Feb. 26, the men’s and women’s track and field teams headed to UW-Platteville to compete in the first day of the WIAC Meet. The pentathlon event was the only one completed on Friday. Carl Calabrese was the top finisher for the men, scoring 2,940 points. Kevin Rengo and Jake Cavanaugh finished with 2,811 and 2,687 points respectively. Sarah No-

vak scored 2,391 points, finishing in the top for the women. Alex Radtke finished with 2,148 points, and Megan Rinke scored 2,088 points on the afternoon. The second day of the meet was the following day, the 27th, and the women placed fourth overall; the men, seventh. Natasha Arnold won the 400, setting a school record, snatching an NCAA National Meet provisional qualifying time. Alyssa Rasmussen, Samantha Nyre, Kali Meurer and Arnold won the 4x400 relay, and the distance medley relay team, consisting of Leah Korf, Megan Rasmussen, Brittany Nordland and Carly Eggert, also placed first. For the men, Nick Zeien placed second in the 800, and Scott Degner, Indy Liljeval, Alex Zeien and Jared Brandenburg, the distance medley team, finished second as well.

### Women’s hockey

The women’s hockey team beat UW-Eau Claire in the first of two games in the first round of the NCHA playoffs on Feb. 26. The Falcons beat the Blugolds, 3-2. Breanne Hrade scored the first goal for the Falcons, and Jessica Thompson picked up the second. Scoring the third goal for the team was Kayleigh Bell. Falcon goalie Cassi Campbell made 18 saves, picking up the win. In the second game of the weekend, the

Falcons took the series over the Blugolds, finishing with a win on Saturday, 3-1. Shannon Nelson, Jamie Briski and Emma Nordness scored each of the goals, respectively. The win moves the team to a 12-0-4 record in the last 16 games. The Falcons advance to the NCHA semifinals and will play Adrian at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at Lake Forest. In addition, Katie Flanagan, Amanda Ryder, Briski, Thompson and Lauren Conrad were named to All-NCHA teams.

### Men’s hockey

On Feb. 27, the men’s hockey team beat St. Scholastica, 6-3, earning themselves a spot in the NCHA finals. Ben Beaudoin scored two goals on the night. Brady Horn, Tyler Czuba, Jason Yuel and Sean Roadhouse each chipped in one goal apiece, as well. Goalie Bo Storozuk had 29 saves on the night, to pick up the win. The Falcons are ranked No. 12 in the USCHO.com poll this week, and will face St. Norbert in the NCHA Finals at St. Norbert College. The puck drops at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 6. Justin Brossman, Czuba, Storozuk, Josh Calleja, Horn, Caleb Wolfram and Yuel were each given All-WIAC honors.

**St. Patrick's Day:**  
Corned beef & cabbage served all day  
**\$2 Irish Whiskey-\$2.50 Guinness-\$2 Killians**  
Live Irish music: 3-7

**1 buck PINTS, 1.50 rails, SEVEN days a WEEK!**  
2 buck Captains, Thursday nights.  
Buck Hunter, Free Wireless

www.johnniesbar.com • 425.9291 •116 N. Main



# Cheap humor weakens Kevin Smith’s latest film

In the opening minutes of “Cop Out,” star Tracy Morgan spouts off more movie quotes than I could count. Among them is the famous “Yippee-ki-yay...” line from “Die Hard.” After he says it, the scene cuts to a smiling Bruce Willis who, with his tongue planted firmly in his cheek, claims to have never seen that movie before. This exchange pretty well sums up the tone of the entire film. “Cop Out” is a silly, self-referential tribute to the buddy cop genre.

Laughs come quick and dirty in this action/comedy, usually the result of some toilet humor or a well-timed f-bomb. It’s the kind of film that works best if you can turn off your higher brain functions. So long as you keep your expectations low and don’t take it too seriously, you’ll probably have a good time.

On the beat in Brooklyn, police detectives Jimmy (Willis) and Paul (Morgan) celebrate their 9-year partnership by trying to stop an ambitious drug dealer from taking over the streets. After spectacularly botching an undercover sting, they get suspended and

removed from the case. However, after a series of comical misfortunes, they find themselves face-to-face with the dealer they wanted to bust.

Vulgarity is the name of the game in “Cop Out.” Nothing is sacred in this film, which comes off as though it were written by a couple of giggling junior high schoolers. It’s sleazy and offensive, but mildly enjoyable.

due in part to the actors’ performances. Tracy Morgan plays Tracy Morgan (love him or hate him), and Bruce Willis plays a slightly more unhinged John McClane. These are certainly not challenging roles for the duo, but they provide an air of lightheartedness that keeps the film playful and fun.

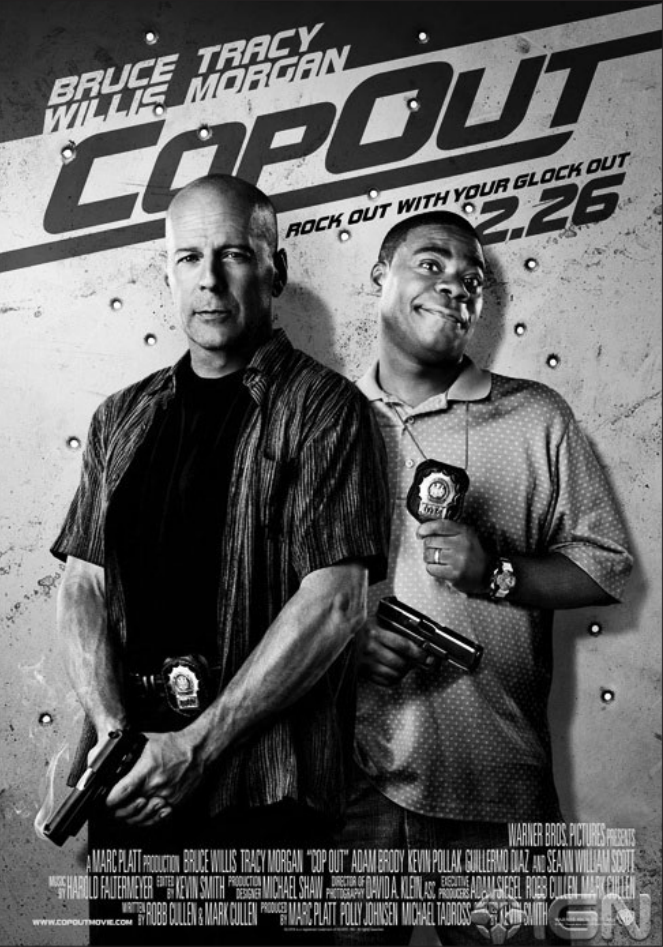
Every aspect of the film’s plot pays homage to 80s buddy cop movies. It’s “Beverly Hills Cop” meets “Lethal Weapon,” complete with every genre cliché and stereotype imaginable. Like 2007’s “Hot Fuzz,” “Cop Out” is more of a tribute than a parody. It pokes fun at the ridiculousness of the genre, but it does so with loving fondness. Unfortunately, its plot never feels as tightly structured or witty as “Hot Fuzz.”

You might not know it, but “Cop Out” is the latest film from director Kevin Smith. The one-time king of indie comedy, he hit it big in the 90s with cult classics like “Clerks” and “Mallrats.” Although Smith didn’t pen the screenplay for “Cop Out” (a first for the writer/director), it has enough geeky pop culture references that it fits with the rest of his oeuvre. It also features a cameo by long-time Kevin Smith collaborator Jason Lee.

One or two solid laughs aside, “Cop Out” fails to match the hilariousness of Smith’s previous films. Easily his most mainstream outing to date, it’s also among his weakest. I don’t blame him for trying something different, but it’s just not that funny. For every joke that works, several more fall flat. Also, some of the best gags have already been spoiled by the trailer.

Unless you’re a huge Kevin Smith or Tracy Morgan fan, you can probably skip “Cop Out.” It’s a decent enough tribute to buddy cop movies, but its lack of intelligence prevents it from being anything more than a forgettable farce. If you do plan on seeing it, don’t expect anything more than a few cheap laughs.

Michael Brun is a journalism major with a minor in film studies. Although he is a self-professed gorehound, he can also be emotional - he cried like a child at the end of Terminator 2.



## ‘The Crazies’ freshens classic zombie plot

There have been numerous zombie flicks and horror films about towns going crazy or becoming infected by some evil virus, but “The Crazies” offers a fresh and close to home take on the classic zombie-type film. The setting of the film, a small farm town in Iowa, is perfect for creating a compelling atmosphere and relatable characters.

Crazies wastes no time, showing the first “crazy” within the first few minutes of the scene. And from that moment on, there are nonstop scares, leaving the audience on the edge of their seats. If there is more than a few minutes of time when all is calm, you know something terrible was bound to happen soon.

This movie could easily be compared to “28 Days Later,” but instead of pinning the “crazy” virus on scientists doing tests on monkeys, Crazies puts the blame on the government. It seems there are a lot of films lately that show

the government and military as the bad guy, such as Oscar nominees, “Avatar” and “District 9.” But while I enjoyed “28 Days Later,” “The Crazies” seemed a lot more realistic to me.

The four main characters, the Sheriff, his wife, the deputy, and a teenage girl, were very likable and worked well as the few sane survivors in the town. It was exciting and entertaining to watch their journey through a disturbingly corrupt town. I also enjoyed how the two lead women don’t feed into typical female stereotypes in horror films. Radha Mitchell and Danielle Panabaker play two strong women determined to survive. The male leads, Timothy Olyphant and Joe Anderson, also had exquisite performances in the film.

The film had many intense moments that made me hold my breath in shock. A scene that takes place in a car wash is definitely one to watch out for. It was disturbing and thrilling to watch the transformations as seemingly simple

happy small town people go crazy and kill their own families.

There are few large flaws in this film, but there are some details that I found a little absurd. In a few parts of the film they show some of the crazies working together as a group or team to kill innocent people. I didn’t quite understand how these delusional crazy people could find a way to work together. Also, the purpose of the biological weapon that infects the individuals is explained is a destabilizer for civilizations. What good would it do to destabilize a community or civilization?

I really enjoyed watching “The Crazies,” although its basis wasn’t so unique. It took a familiar storyline and freshened it up a bit. It’s filled with thrills and chills that will keep you sitting at the edge of your seat the whole way through. You’ll be compelled by the characters, constantly wondering what will happen next and hoping they’ll make it through. Just don’t avoid traveling through Iowa because of this film!

Natalie Conrad is a junior journalism and marketing communications major and French minor. She enjoys running, reading, writing, playing guitar, and traveling.



Natalie Conrad

## ‘Queen’ Yu-na highlights Olympics with medal-winning performance

“The Olympics are a wonderful metaphor for world cooperation, the kind of international competition that’s whole-some and healthy, an interplay between countries that represents in all of us,” composer John Williams once said.

This statement certainly rings true for the recently concluded Vancouver games. Although the tragic death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili cast gloom and doubt over the opening days of competition, the athletic drama that unfolded over the following 17 days -from the slopes of Cypress Mountain to the raucous Canada Hockey Place-was nothing

short of magical.

These Winter Olympics included 5,500 athletes from 80 nations, but one young figure skater rose above them all, providing the most everlasting and breathtaking performance of the games.

Kim Yu-na arrived in Vancouver under more pressure than any other athlete, her every movement scrutinized in South Korea, where she is so wildly popular that she can’t go out in public without an army of bodyguards. With the hopes, dreams and expectations of an entire country resting on her 19-year-old shoulders, she shrugged off the pres-

sure and produced two of the most magnificently beautiful performances ever-shattering her own world record and cementing her status as an Olympic legend.

Even to someone who knows next to nothing about the fine intricacies and nuances of ladies figure skating, her perfectly refined, graceful and flawlessly executed routine was simply stunning-a sublime combination of power and beauty that has been witnessed only a handful of times throughout the history of the sport.

In an emotional, tension-filled ladies free skate that included

a heartfelt and gutsy performance by Canadian Joannie Rochette, (grieving for her recently deceased mother) as well as a dangerous opponent in Japan’s Mao Asada, Kim dominated in a way that left onlookers speechless. She emerged with an untouchable 228.56 points, obliterating her previous world record by 18 points.

Referred to reverentially as “Queen Yu-na” in her native Korea (her diamond

earrings are even shaped like crowns), her face is ubiquitous, appearing on television commercials and billboards advertising everything from

Hyundai vehicles to Samsung phones-endorsements that earn her upwards of 8 million dollars annually.

However, if Kim failed to win the gold that everyone expected from her, she faced the very real danger of not only losing her sponsorships, but being frozen out in South Korea, cast off and forever labeled as a disappointment to her country.

When Kim took center ice, an entire nation stopped to watch. 61 percent of people watching television in Korea tuned in, and people even stopped work to watch her skate. Trading volume on Seoul’s stock exchange fell by 50 percent during her

performance on Feb. 25., and according to a South Korean news agency, 440,000 people logged into the Internet at

the same time to follow her live. By becoming the first Korean woman

to win a figure skating medal, Queen Yu-na was able to accomplish a feat that epitomizes the finest quality of the Olympics: she was able to bring genuine joy, relief and pride to millions of her countrymen across the globe-or as Korean President Lee Myung-bak said in a congratulatory message, “a great jubilation to the people.”

Andy Phelps is an English major with a journalism minor. He enjoys gambling and Korean soap operas. He possesses a deeply-rooted dislike for Nickelback.



Andy Phelps

MULTIPLE  
UNITS Available

5 Bedroom • 2 Bath  
Close to Campus  
AC • Off-street parking  
\$1500 mo.  
Call Brian  
651.206.2532

Watch  
*Focus On U*  
at  
9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.  
on  
Channel 19





# Chiefs’ summer training camp no longer at UWRF

Elwood Brehmer  
elwood.brehmer@uwrf.edu

It is now official that the Kansas City Chiefs will not be returning to River Falls in 2010 after 19 years of holding summer training camp at UW-River Falls. The impact of the team’s move is already being felt at UWRF, campus officials said, but it may not be fully understood area-wide for several years.

“It was finalized at the end of January that [the Chiefs] won’t be back,” Larry Testa said.

Testa worked as the sole UWRF campus liaison for the Kansas City Chiefs for five years. Testa said he was in direct connection with the Chiefs UWRF contact to communicate any needs or concerns either side had during their relationship.

“We had one voice on campus in contact with the Chiefs in order to lessen the chance for confusion between us,” he said.

Despite the fact that the Chiefs won’t be returning this upcoming summer, Testa said the team’s decision to move was a financial one that had little to do with UWRF.

“If you talk to [the Chiefs], it’s not so much that they wanted to leave, but they couldn’t afford not to,” he said. “The state of Missouri offered the team huge tax breaks to relocate.”

The Chiefs training camp will now be held at Missouri Western State University in St. Joe’s, Missouri.

Testa said the Chicago Bears and New Orleans Saints left UW-Platteville and UW-Lacrosse respectively, for similar reasons.

The Saints held their training camp in La Crosse from 1988 to 1999, while the Bears visited Platteville every summer from 1984 to 2000.

During the time these teams practiced in Wisconsin, the Chiefs were in

River Falls and the Green Bay Packers held camp at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis. The Packers are the only team still holding its training camp in the state. Wisconsin’s popularity among NFL teams was primarily because of its welcome summer weather in comparison to the teams’ home states, UWRF Athletic Director Rick Bowen said.

“If you’ve ever been to Missouri in July, you know how humid it is,” he said.

Bowen said he’s disappointed to see the team leave, but UWRF athletics will profit from the Chiefs’ presence for years to come.

“Three years ago, in order to keep the Chiefs, we rebuilt the locker rooms,” Bowen said. “The football and men’s and women’s hockey teams benefit from NFL caliber locker rooms and training facility.”

UWRF head football coach John O’Grady said in an e-mail interview that the Chiefs left behind equipment his team will continue to use.

“We still have hundreds of pairs of pants that we can use as practice pants that have been left behind,” he said. “This will save us thousands of dollars in our budget. We also inherited shoulder pads, game balls and many shoes that again saved our budget a lot of money over time.”

Testa said the Chiefs didn’t supply a great deal of money for the University, but benefited UWRF and its students in other ways.

“The Chiefs paid for everything they got,” he said. “We did cover all our expenses and get some additional revenue, but we’ll really miss the student jobs that just won’t happen now.”

Students were hired every summer to get housing and food service prepared, as well as to work in conjunction with the Chiefs in the Hunt and

Knowles complex. Testa said 25 to 30 students were hired every year specifically to meet the Chiefs’ needs.

Testa said many of his responsibilities also left with the team.

“I’m working part-time now,” he said. “My job was basically halved.”

Fully maintaining the practice fields at the Ramer Field complex is something the university will now have to cover Testa said. The Chiefs had covered the majority of the maintenance since they began training camp at UWRF in 1991.

“I was the women’s soccer coach [at UWRF] in



Above: Fans crowd players for autographs at the Kansas City Chiefs’ summer training camp previously held at UWRF



Above: “Superfan” attends the Kansas City Chiefs’ summer training camp, an event that will no longer be held at UWRF

Right: Athletics Director Rick Bowen at Ramer Field

‘94 and ‘95 and we never played on a field better than ours,” Testa said. “It’ll be an additional expense for the university to maintain during the summertime.”

O’Grady said the spent upwards of \$40,000 on the fields every year and Chiefs took control of the upkeep in May, long before camp began.

“Most of that money was devoted to seeding and manuring the fields,” he said. We simply cannot come up with that kind of money.

“Those fields were off limits for the entire spring and summer. This will no longer be the case. We will now have spring practice out there and we will have at least one summer camp there. This will also affect the fields.”

River Falls City Administrator Scot Simpson said River Falls may not feel the Chiefs absence this year, because people will be drawn to the city for another reason.

“This summer is will be unique because the Farm Technology Days will be here in July,” he said.

Wisconsin Farm Technolo-

gy Days, which drew 80,000 people when it was held in Dodge County near Madison last year, will be held south of town on the farm owned by Roger and Bev Peterson, July 20-22, according to the event’s Web site.

River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau CEO Rosanne Bump said even though the chamber is very excited about the upcoming farm expo, it has been working with a marketing firm to better advertise the area’s attractions.

“We’ve been working quite aggressively on a new tourism initiative so that we can draw visitors long term,” she said. “We’re also working on a new Web site that will be more comprehensive and allow us to have more



specific tourism packages.”

Bump said she expects the Web site to be finished within several months.

If the Chamber of Commerce is going to successfully offset the loss in tourism dollars caused by the Chiefs departure, a study done in 2003 by the UW Extension Survey Research Center shows that it will have to draw a significant amount of people and money to the area year after year. The study states that the Chiefs presence in River Falls brought nearly 9,100 people to the St. Croix valley that spent in excess of \$700,000 in 2003 alone. The team also spent over \$400,000 on goods and services that were not figured in to the \$700,000, according to the report.

For the businesses who will have to make up that money, Gabe Scalzo, manager of Coach’s Bar and Grill in downtown River Falls, said future summers hold plenty of unknowns.

“There’s not a whole lot we can do right now,” he said. “We might have to change our specials to draw a bigger crowd, but we really just have to wait and see and ride it out.”

## Find Freddy’s Feather

Find the lost Freddy the Falcon Feather in this issue of the Voice!

E-mail the Voice at [editor@uwrfvoice.com](mailto:editor@uwrfvoice.com)

Be the first person to report the find  
AFTER 10 a.m. Friday, March 5, and win  
two free movie passes!



Last weeks Winner:  
Britni Wies

Check out  
the *Student Voice* Web site

- View more photos and video content not printed
- Post your own movie rating
- Comment on the articles you read -and more!

[uwrfvoice.com](http://uwrfvoice.com)