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New director brings experience, leadership

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After 18 months without a career director, Career Services chose Bridget Kenadijan out of 29 original applicants to be their new director. Kenadijan has over 11 years of director and assistant director experience at the University of Minnesota, William Mitchell College of Law and Crown College. Kenadijan said she was drawn to apply for the position at UW-River Falls because she felt it was a good fit for her personality, especially coming from a competitive campus environment at William Mitchell College of Law. "I was really attracted to River Falls because of the culture," Kenadijan said. "I saw that it was a really friendly, collaborative environment." Kenadijan said that the Career Services staff has been



very welcoming. "She's a fantastic addition," said Matthew Fitzgerald, Career Services Information Systems Professional. "I feel she brings the broad range of experience that is kind of lacking in our office." Kenadijan will bring her strengths in teambuilding and professional development to the department, said Senior Counselor Gretchen Link. It will help the staff to have a director and advocate to go to. But Link said she doesn't know what Kenadijan will bring to the table when it comes to staff pot-lucks. Before Kenadijan's arrival last week, Career Services had been operating without a Career Director for 18 months. Previously the Career, Counseling and Student Health Services department was co-directed by Carmen Croonquist as Career Director and Alice Reilly-Myklebust as Counseling and Student Health Services Director. Croonquist then moved to a position within the College of Business and Economics, and the Career Director position

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Hunt Arena resurfaced



Hannah Lenius/Student Voice
Hunt Arena workers began the process of building ice for the 2010-11 season Sept. 20. Workers began the process by cooling the floor, a process which takes between 24-48 hours because the surface can only be lowered one degree fahrenheit an hour. The ice surface takes 11,000 gallons of water to make the ice when completed.

Journey House plans to relocate ministry center



Hannah Lenius/Student Voice
A look at the current Journey House which has been sold in order to expand on the ministry. Street construction was cited as a factor in the move to a new location.

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Anticipating the future renovations on Cascade Avenue, the owners of Journey House have decided to sell their current residence in order to expand upon their ministry. Along the front of Journey House, located on the corner of Cascade Ave. and Second Street, is one of three locations projected to have a roundabout constructed according to Journey House Campus Minister Yvonne Wilken. "The roundabout would be getting close to our property," Wilken said. "It is not in Journey House's best interest to stay." UW-River Falls Campus Planner Dale Braun has assured that Journey House would not have to move. "As part of the requirement for the proposed roundabout plan, no buildings would be affected," he said. There would be small changes made to a lot of land along the surrounding area of Cascade Avenue. All of these changes are necessary in order to meet certain needs for the University and River Falls community, Braun said. The roundabout project would fulfill these needs by meeting a set of goals, beginning with addressing the road quality of Cascade Ave. According to Braun, the aesthetic nature of the campus parkway would also benefit from

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Yvonne Wilken
Journey House campus minister

the construction. Braun also emphasized the final prospect, which is the overall safety of those crossing the road. Prepared in two phases, the first in 2012, the project would address two intersections between Spruce Street and Sixth Street. As for the third roundabout on Wasson Lane, the construction would begin as early as 2013 according to Braun. The River Falls city website reveals that the project would cost between \$5 million and \$8.4 million. There is a small portion of Journey House's property that would require minimal acquisition, according to Reid Wronski, the River Falls city planner. "It may make some sense for the city to purchase the entire property, but we have not fully explored that option just yet," Wronski said. The Rev. Chris Meyer at First Congregational United Church of Christ, one of the supporting churches for Journey House, said that there are many reasons for the relocation, aside from the roundabout, to expand their ministry. Journey House doesn't own the property one which they are located. The Wesley Board of the River Falls United Methodist Church does, and they have the ultimate decision, said

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Student Senate approves name change for academic organization

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Student Senate approved the name change for the special academic interest organization, DTS-Women of Agriculture, formerly known as Delta Theta Sigma-Little Sisters, at the Sept. 14 meeting. Full approval for the change by Student Life Director, Paul Shepherd, is still in the works, according to Michelle Haring, vice president of DTS-Women of Agriculture. The Student Life office worked with the DTS-Women of Agriculture to re-write their constitution and develop a new name that clarified that the organization is not a sorority or connected formally to any fraternity, according to Paul Shepherd. The DTS part in the new name does not stand for Delta Theta Sigma. The DTS-Wom-

en of Agriculture went to the Senate for approval since there was no policy saying they could not still have DTS in the name, according to Jenny Breuer, the representative of DTS-Women of Agriculture. "It is just like how FFA does not stand for 'Future Farmers of America' anymore," Bauer said. "The DTS part of our new name is just an acronym with no meaning behind it. We fought to keep the DTS part because we wanted one little piece of our history to remain." Student Life has worked with this organization since October 2009 to help them re-organize to become compliant with the UW System policy regarding student organizations. The main issues Student Life had with the organization were that it was not open to all students, and it operated like a sorority, according to Shepherd.

The DTS-Women of Agriculture lost their Greek letters in this process, according to Cheryl Jeske, president of DTS-Women of Agriculture. This was due largely to confusion that people thought DTS-Little Sisters was a Greek organization, but really was not. The letters represented tradition and history, according to Breuer. "Most of the girls in this organization are hurt and frustrated because they had earned those letters," Jeske said. "It felt like a piece of us was ripped away," Breuer said. The DTS-Little Sisters have been in existence since 1969. The organization is designed to reach out to women interested in and promoting agriculture. The organization is active on campus and in the community, according to Breuer.

"We are involved with Adopt-a-Highway program, we do activities like bingo and pumpkin carving with a nursing home, and we participate in a backpack program with a local church filling backpacks with food and supplies for needy families," Breuer said. On campus, DTS-Women of Agriculture participate in homecoming events, the winter carnival, Agriculture Olympics, Freshman move-in day, the rodeo and Agriculture Tech Day, according to Haring. DTS-Women of Agriculture is open to all areas of study but was granted the right to remain a female-exclusive organization, according to Breuer. "Our by-laws and constitution are now up to par. We have an advisor, Peter Rayne. We

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Family day approaches

UW-River Falls Family Day is coming up on Oct. 23. The event features a variety of activities including a football game, screening of Toy Story 3, ice skating, campus block party, and much more. The cost is \$12 per family member. For more information contact First-Year Experience at fye@uwrf.edu or 425-4444.

CAS holds community feedback forum

The Dean Search Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences will be holding a community feedback forum at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the River Falls Public Library. The committee members work to develop and finalize the position description, they would like to hear input from the community on the requirements and preferences of the position. Any questions can be directed to the search and screen committee chair, Dr. Stephen Olsen, at 425-3899 or stephen.t.olsen@uwrf.edu.

Global Connections hosts Study Abroad Fair

Global Connections is hosting the Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 5 in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center. The fair will exhibit travel options for students as well as answer questions regarding financial aid for study abroad. For more information, interested students can call Global Connections at 425-4891 or visit their office in 102 hagestad Hall.

Campus planning seeks input at open house

There will be a community open house concerning the UW-River Falls’ Master Plan at 4 p.m., Sept. 27 in the University Center Willow River Room. During the open house, the consultants will present four alternative plans for community review and feedback. The Campus Master Plan creates a guiding vision for campus preservation, investment and change over the next 15-20 years. This effort will pull together the entire campus and the surrounding community to create a single visionary concept that guides UWRF’s growth and change. Contact Dale Braun, campus planner, at 425-3840 for more information.

Counseling Services provides new victim support group

A free abuse victims support group is being offered by UW- River Falls Counseling Services from Sept. 29 through Nov. 17. The group is open to men and women who have been affected by physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse. Participants are expected to attend all eight sessions. No new members would be allowed after the first session. Interested persons will need to pre-register by contacting Jennifer Herink at jennifer.herink@uwrf.edu or by calling 425-3884.

Homecoming creates student involvement opportunities

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UW-River Falls Homecoming takes place every year, but this year students will have the opportunity to participate in various events that are new to the University.

Homecoming week will kick off at 5 p.m. on Monday with window painting on Main Street Businesses. Students will decorate the windows of businesses for the best decorated window competition.

The Perfect Pair Game Show will be held in the Falcon’s Nest in the University Center at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

This tends to be a popular event among students. According to Falcon Programs Traditions Programmer Maranda Mahr.

“Once you get to the event, you can sign up to be in the show,” Mahr said. “They have dance offs, sing offs, and ask funny questions about other contestants. There are two comedians who host the event, so it’s really funny.”

Bingo will be held at 8p.m., Wednesday in Pete’s Creek in University Center. All students can participate and winners receive prizes.

A Bean Bag Tournament will be held at 4:30 p.m., Thursday in the University Center Mall. Students can sign up for this event in advance through the athletics department and will compete in teams of two. UWRF’s mascot, Freddy Falcon, will be competing in the tournament in a celebrity match.

“The winners of the tournament will receive a prize,” said Mahr. “This is always a fun, popular event that students seem to like.”

“Last year my friends and I watched the tournament

but didn’t play in it,” said sophomore.

Aaron Larsen. “Everyone was laughing and having so much fun that me and seven of my friends are going to play it this year.”

The Lip Sync Competition and Project Runway are two events that will be held at the same time at 8p.m., Oct. 1, in the North Hall Auditorium. Students who participate in Project Runway will be backstage making elaborate superhero costumes. These costumes will be modeled while the Lip Sync Competition is being judged.

“All types of materials will be used to make the costumes,” said Mahr. “There will be all kinds of fabric, wire, and a lot of other stuff to make the outfits.”

“I just heard about the Project Runway competition yesterday,” said freshman Annie Frasier. “I think it sounds great and would be fun to watch or compete in.”

The homecoming parade will take place before the game at 10:30 a.m., Oct.2 in downtown River Falls. Students, local businesses, alumni, and student organizations and clubs will all take part in the parade.

Following the parade at 11:30 a.m. will be the tailgating party on Ramer Field. There will be food available for purchase and various games available for students to play.

Following the Homecoming Game at 8 p.m. in the UC Ballroom will be Comedian Jay Black.

The final event of Homecoming week will be a dance in the University Center Ballroom at 9 p.m.

For more information on the events during Homecoming week, contact Student Affairs at 425-4444.

Borup beats Plunkett for Wisconsin State Assembly

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The primary elections for the Wisconsin State Assembly were held in the University Center on Tuesday, September 14.

The race for Assembly District 30 featured two men, Matt Borup and Ben Plunkett, both of whom are representatives of the Democratic party.

Borup, a native of the River Valley area, came out victorious over his opponent, winning the election with 69 percent of the vote total.

Borup said that the victory was no easy task, and that preparation is something that you have to do until the point of exhaustion.

“It’s simply about how many hours you can spend talking with people who are in the same district,” Borup said. “It comes down to talking about issues that are important to the people that surround you everyday.”

Borup said that the election process is demanding and something that requires a lot of time.

“Up front, we did a lot of studying and research about the issues that are important not only to us, but to the people around us as well,” Borup said.

Borup said that putting together a good campaign is about finding people that you can trust and who you know will work hard.

“You have to have people that you can relate to on a personal level,” Borup said. “There are going to be mistakes along the line and you need good people there to catch them.”

Bridget Hieb, deputy clerk for the city of River Falls, said that the planning for an event of this nature starts months in advance.

“Planning for an election starts



Jens Gunelson/Submitted Photo
The University Center was a close voting location for UWRF students

months before the actual day,” Hieb said. “There is such a wide range of activities that take place to prepare for an election.”

Small details about voting lines and locations are at the head of the planning process.

“River Falls lies within two counties, so our office must work with both county clerks,” Hieb said. “Residents must vote at the proper location according to where they live.”

Hieb said that the maintenance of voter records and machine testing are all things that go into planning the host of an election.

“Notices must be published, write-in ballots are sent to over-seas and military electors and absentee ballots are sent to those who request them,” Hieb said.

SENATE SHORTS

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Leaders of the Student Senate met on Sept. 14 to cover shared governance reports, make motions and amendments to various topics. For more information regarding the activities of Senate, visit www.uwrf.edu/StudentSenate/.

Club Sports Allocation by-law changes

The Senate by-laws were deemed infeasible and not consistent with past funding procedures, so the Senate resolved that Club Sports Allocation Board, be completely struck from the by-laws.

These changes were voted by the Student Senate to take effect immediately. The Senate hopes this new wording will clear up any confusion and help make the budgeting process go more smoothly.

Karges, Knowles charge fee for student org use

Karges and Knowles have decided to add a fee for student organizations to use their buildings. There are 13 student organizations affected by the new fees, according to Jordan Harshman, the Allocable Fee Appropriations Board chair.

“The fees are to compensate student employees so to keep the facilities open and monitored. A collaborative plan is

currently in the works and if everything goes according to that plan, Student Senate will be presented an option to tackle this problem at its source by next Tuesday’s meeting - the time line may shift, but I’m confident that Senate will be able to help these organizations,” Harshman said in an email interview.

The Swing Dance Club asked the Senate for money for a room to hold their meetings in because the club did not anticipate having to allocate funds for a place to gather. The club was granted \$1,050 from the Senate Reserve Account to pay for a meeting place.

At-large and other vacant Senate positions filled

It is the responsibility of the Student Affairs and Academic Services (SAAS) director to present nominees for the Senate’s approval, according to the Senate’s agenda.

Director Jayne Dalton acknowledged April Knipfer and Rachel Mencheski expressing interest and being well-qualified in at-large positions on SAAS as well as Senator Tyler Latz to be appointed to SAAS as a Senate member.

Dalton also nominated Senator Ryan Debner and at-large student Nikki Shonoiki, who both have expressed interest and have presented adequate credentials, to become appointed to the Legislative Affairs Committee. The motion passed so those positions are now filled.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/
UWRF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Sept. 17

- Children’s books were reported stolen from the Wyman Education Building.

- Eric Lindgren, 19, was cited for underage consumption in McMilan Hall.

Sept. 18

- Megan Piehl, 18, was cited for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

- Kathryn Delaney, 20, was cited for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
- Elliot Orouke, 20, was cited for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

Sept. 19

- Connor Ebsen, 18, was cited for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

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UWRF considers removal of bottled water sales

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Though UW-River Falls has been making efforts to develop an environmentally friendly campus over the years, UW-Stevens Point has taken the idea of a “green campus” a step further and has become the UW-System’s first bottled water free campus.

UW-Stevens Point has decided to stop selling bottled water on campus. Their dining services advisory board made the move to ask University Dining Services to cease sales of bottled water during the 2009-2010 school year.

With a vending contract up for renewal, Associate Director of the University Center Jerome Linderberger said he wanted to find out what costs were associated with the sale of bottled water through the vending machines on campus. He found that the sale of bottled

water was related to their cost in recycling fees.

“We quickly understood that the impact of reducing bottled water on the campus recycling costs was large,” Linderberger said.

By eliminating bottled water on their campus, they are reducing the amount of bottles going into their roll-off dumpsters. This reduces the costs of transporting and having them recycled because there are less bottles to be recycled.

“The financial impact on the recycling budget, based on our anticipated reduction of sales, was a savings of about \$2,500 per year in roll-off fees,” Linderberger said. “We will see a commensurate savings on collection labor costs.”

UW-Stevens Point’s Dining Services has already seen a reduction in sales of all bottled soda products. Instead, they encourage students to use their own bottles and fill them

at water fountains. The campus has equipped water fountains with filler spouts to make the process easier.

"The bottlers, Coke and Pepsi, both advised us that we were making a mistake in that we would reduce our sales," Linderberger said. "Ultimately it is not about the money, it is about the planet."

Organizations on the UW-River Falls campus have been offering programs to minimize bottle beverage usage. To reduce waste, there have been refillable faucets installed in most of the drinking fountains in the UC. Sodexo Services, the University Bookstore and Dining Services all sell refillable mugs and bottles to reduce the amount of plastic water bottles and disposables. Sodexo offers discounts on all refillable mugs in all retail venues, and fountain beverages are always priced lower than bottled beverages. Riverside Commons also offers several tap water options in the

dining room.

“UW-Stevens Point is very principled and I greatly respect their commitment to sustainability,” said Director of Dining Services Jerry Waller. “It would be important for students and staff to request this type of change.”

Both Waller and UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Galen said they admire Stevens Point for making the change, but for such a change in policy to occur at UWRF, students would have to get involved and request the change.

“UW-River Falls has a strong commitment to sustainability, and it is definitely a practice that we could consider as a campus,” said Van Galen. “It would be important to hear the student view on this, since they would be significantly impacted by such a change.”

Journey: Construction factor in house relocation



Tennae Maki/Student Voice
The current Journey House located on Cascade Ave.

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Wilken.

Janet Ellinger, the pastor at the RFUMC, said it was a mutual decision between the Wesley Board and Journey House to sell the property. The Board viewed the house as an inadequate building in need of much repair.

“It was not forced on us by the city,” Ellinger said. “It was a decision that came on over a long process.”

Wilken said the overall campus seems to be growing and steering people further east.

“I feel like we are becoming more and more isolated, but we have to stay on Cascade,” Wilken said.

One of four Journey House residents, Qurina Khan, indicated

ed that the ministry also wants to move to house more people.

“Our key component is our leadership program, which allows our students to live here,” Wilken said.

“The rent is \$200 a month,” said Khan, “But you have to participate in Journey House activities. It’s like a job.”

According to Wilken, through a housing application process the program focuses on admitting students of lower financial means. Wilken looks to those individuals who can’t afford to live anywhere else and in turn, would have to drop out of school. It is a situation that she has seen before, one that could have been avoided had she had more room.

“Journey House isn’t going anywhere, we are just hoping to grow,” Wilken said.

Director: Kenadijan relieves only UW system career services staff lacking director

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was displaced, leaving Reilly-Myklebust to direct the department by herself.

“It didn’t take long to realize that we really needed career director leadership in Career Services. The complexities of Career Services require deep knowledge of the field, and staff in our office were trying to make difficult decisions via consensus, and provide our recommendations to Alice,” said Fitzgerald. “Meanwhile, we were the only career office in the state of Wisconsin without a career director.”

The Career Services staff collectively decided that they needed a career director and chose to eliminate one of the career counselor positions in order to create the career director position.

During the time the staff was directorless, they divided the responsibilities of director among themselves.

“We as a staff were making director decisions, staffing decisions,” Fitzgerald said. “These were decisions that staff members shouldn’t be making.”

The lack of director and need for staff members to step up and fill those responsibilities created strong personalities within the office, Fitzgerald said. Kenadijan is doing well by taking back those responsibilities tactfully without ruffling anyone’s feathers.

“We’ve been operating in ‘survival mode’ for the past 18 months,” he said. “It feels good to have someone come in and help direct the office.”

What he said he really looks forward to with having a new director is restoring a reasonable balance of work and home life.

The career staff outdid themselves in terms of adding programs and improving services without a director, Link said. Kenadijan is fortunate to have a creative and energetic team.

The staff is way overloaded in terms of workload and decision-making, Kenadijan said.

“[The staff] are such team players,” she said. “They’ve all taken on way more than what is normal for their positions.”

Part of her responsibilities as director will be to evaluating what the staff is doing now and how to redistribute responsibilities. Kenadijan said she plans to first observe and assess how the office is functioning and what services are being

offered before making changes. A challenge for the staff will be getting used to having a director again and changes to the way decisions are made, which won’t always be by consensus.

A few services for students that Kenadijan would like to focus on in the future are programs about building electronic portfolios and using professional social medial tools. She also said she wants to reach out and make sure that the department is reaching all varieties of students including introverted students or students with less popular majors.

Kenadijan also hopes to improve upon Career Services’ external relations with employers and alumni.

“We’ve been operating in ‘survival mode’ for the past 18 months. It feels good to have someone come in and help direct the office.”

Matthew Fitzgerald Carer Services Information Systems Professional

Organization: Members of academic organization lose greek letters after name switch

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fixed all the issues that [Student Life] asked us to do so we were allowed to remain an all-female organization,” Breuer said.

Student Life feels this compromise was appropriate based on the commitment from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences to work with the organization as a special academic interest area, Shepherd said.

The DTS-Women of Agriculture organization wants to have even more of a campus and community presence, according to Jeske. The organization is accepting new members. There will be a general information application process where new members will state why they are interested in joining. New members will learn the history of the group,

work with other organizations and have a Big Sister mentor for support and guidance.

“We want the UWRF campus to know that we still exist, even though our name is different,” Breuer said. “We did not do anything wrong, we just had to change a few things to be compliant with the UW System’s policy of student organizations,” Breuer said.

DTS-Women of Agriculture meetings are held Monday nights. Any women interested in joining this organization can contact Cheryl Jeske at cheryl.jeske@uwrf.edu for more information.

“We want the UWRF campus to know that we still exist, even though the name is different”

Jenny Breuer, representative of DTS-Women of Agriculture

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EDITORIAL

Success of Master Plan relies on student input

Planning for coming years will guide the University and unify the community and campus

The Community open house for UW-River Falls’ Master Plan wil give students the opportunity to influence the direction of the University for many years to come.

The decisions we make now will guide UWRF in how it should grow, what it should invest in, campus preservation and what changes it will make over the next 15-20 years.

Student and community input is vital letting the Adminstration know where the true users of the facility would like to see it headed.

Afterall, the students are what the University is here for If the University isn’t going in a direction the student body agrees with, then the organization as a whole is failing to do its job.

The catch is that these decisions need to be made now. These plans are not they type of plans that can simply be changed when students finally become aware of what is going on and decide that they don’t like it.

The time to test these plans, to look ahead and visualize what this will mean for campus in the long run is now—not when the plan is being implemented.

All too often, plans are proposed and recieve no feedback from stakeholders until it is too late. Like planting a tree too close to the sidewalk: it is only when the roots upheave the cement and the tree needs to be cut down that the community recogniz-es the problem; though, the tree has been there for years, and careful thought or feedback to the land-scaper could have prevented the whole situation.

Not only will the Master Plan direct decision making for the University, but it has the capacity to join all those invested in UWRF—students, faculty and administration alike—under one vision.

Whether or not this Master Plan unifies or divides the campus depends on if all voices are heard and considered when creating the plan.

Responsibility not only rests on students to provide their input, but also for Campus Planning to take what they hear into consideration when making their final decision.

During the open house, Campus Planning will present four alternative plans for review and feed-back. The open house will be held at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17 in the University Center Willow River Room.

We encourage all student, faculty, staff and community members to go. These decisions affect us all.

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Gross misunderstandings riddle New York mosque controversy



Jason Larson

Clearly this issue is going to be with us until at least the end of election time and since the debate has continued I feel that it is appropriate to address some misconcep-

tions I have been hearing.

Starting with Islam itself: The Quran is a religious text which, like all religious texts, has an almost infinite amount of interpretations. This makes sense given that no two people believe exactly the same things. So when people claim that the Quran preaches pacification or that the Quran preaches violence they are coming at the issue from their own perspective. In fact, according to Robert Wright, there are verses to support both arguments, something not limited to the Quran but experienced in the Bible and the Torah as well. So it is not an issue of religion inciting violence. It is an issue of religious people who just so happened to be violent. It is also clear that the vast majority of Muslims are peaceful. The evidence of this is easily expressed through simple math. Looking at Afghanistan, the highest estimate of Taliban forces put forth by the General in charge of persuading them not to fight lays at 36,000 with the population being 28 million. That means, according to the CIA World Fact Book and Times UK, that even if one were to believe in Islam inciting violence, a generous .13 percent of Muslims in Afghanistan could be classified as “religiously violent.”

So about this Mosque. First off, it actually is not a Mosque; it is a community center with plans for places of worship for Muslims, Christians and Jews. Oh, and a swimming pool, basketball court and movie theater; hardly a terrorist training camp. Second, it is not actually on ground zero, it is two blocks away. It is replacing a Burlington Coat Factory which was damaged in the attacks, though this, as some would suggest, does not make it apart of “ground zero;” which refers to the center of an event, not the periphery. Thirdly they have yet to even start fundraising for the project, making any claims of the project being funded by terror supporters completely irrational.

Complicating this issue has been some recent interviews with the Imam behind this community center, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf. The two most controversial statements have been about the cause of the Sept. 11 attacks and his rational for not moving the community center. Starting with Sept. 11,

Imam Rauf has argued that the foreign policy pursued by the United States led to the terror attacks of Sept. 11. This statement, while sounding extreme, is arguably true according to Ahmed Rashid. Whether you agree with his argument or not, it is not extreme at all to be critical of the United States’ foreign policy. The only difference between Imam Rauf’s comments and people who have criticized President Obama’s or President Bush’s foreign policy is that Imam Rauf is building a community center which contains a mosque somewhat near ground zero.

Another statement he is criticized about is when he addresses the possibility of moving the center to a different location. He argues that if he were to move the site then the extremists would take this as a victory and be further emboldened. He says, in his most recent interview, that he acts out of concern for the national security of the United States, that it would erode the safety of U.S. troops and citizens abroad. Some people take this as a threat; however, to me it seems more like a warning. The actions taken by the United States do have a large effect around the world and though this debate may seem internal to most Americans, it is not.

Media around the world are covering this story too and, frankly, having this debate does not portray us in a favorable fashion. Imagine what it looks like to have the United States, the symbol of religious tolerance, debating the building of a religious outreach center because the man behind it is Muslim. If our goal is to seem like racist assholes

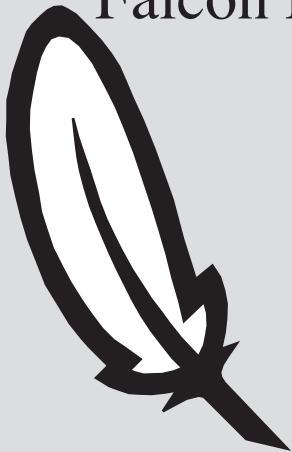
then mission accomplished. Imam Rauf understands this, probably more than anyone else and he is an authority on the matter. He has been employed by the United States to provide cultural and strategic guidance with regard to Muslim states and non-governmental agencies.

So should the center be built? I do not know. Clearly Americans do not want it, mitigating any affect a cultural outreach center may have; however, I find it sickening that this is even a debate at all. I am deploying to Afghanistan and I really am not looking forward to explaining to Afghans why our country, which is supposed to be a beacon of religious tolerance, is against this community center which just so happens to contain a mosque, a church, and a synagogue. While I sympathize with the families who have lost loved ones in the tragic events of Sept. 11, I cannot believe that we are compromising who we are as a country to appease people who cannot possibly be thinking rationally.

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Various sidewalk travelers create apprehension



Ashley Cress

Have you ever found yourself dreading the walk to classes, not because you are not particularly looking forward to the class, but just the act of walking itself? Of

course, we have all been there; some of us have even voiced our dreams of teleportation out loud. But what is it about our daily sidewalk promenades that make us so reluctant? You can blame it on fatigue (and perhaps on Friday mornings that is the legitimate reason), but I think the blame can be put on the five types of people you meet on UW-River Falls’ sidewalks.

The first kind of person that you may encounter on the sidewalk is the ever speedy but surprisingly stealthy bicyclist. Generally, it can be quite difficult to predict the exact moment when they will be whizzing past you. Any normal person just walking down the sidewalk is most likely deaf to the signs of a potential bicyclist attack. But if you listen carefully, you will undoubtedly recognize the whirring buzz of the wheels as well as the clicking of the spokes as the distant biker races toward you. Really open your ears to these distinct sounds and know that it may take some training. Your time will be well spent, lest you want to be frantically diving

out of the way of these two-wheeled speed demons. Speaking of speed, allow me to introduce the second category of people that you may meet, a group that I like to call the “Speed Impaired.” They come in two different types of inconvenient. First, there are the people who walk way too slow, but for whatever reason you cannot pass. There isn’t really anything else that irritates me more than when I have somewhere to be and I am stuck walking behind Mr. Dawdle. Seriously, drink some caffeine, listen to “Wannabe” by the Spice Girls (yeah) or catch a ride with a bicyclist; anything to get you moving. Thank you.

Next, there are the people who walk way too fast. You know these guys instantly because they step on the backs of your shoes and breathe on your neck. It’s just creepy, so take some notes from Mr. Dawdle and back off. (Now you are thinking, “what a hypocrite; she wants people to walk slower and faster?” Exactly.)

Have you ever been casually walking through campus when out of nowhere, this group of people all start sprinting toward you. Confusedly, you look around for the fire but see nothing. In the time it takes to figure out what is really going on, that same group of runners completely surrounds you on the sidewalk and all you can do is pray that you don’t literally get run over. Terrifying, right? At least with bikers, you have the option of diving for your life. Let’s all take a walk down memory lane for a moment and think about some-

thing as simple as elementary school hallway rules. Every time you left the safety of your classroom you first got into a single file line and stayed on the right side of the hallway. Second grade teachers all around the country know this is the best way to keep mayhem at bay. The same rule should apply twelve years later on the sidewalk.

And let’s not forget the smokers who are number four on this list. You can easily find these ones for they leave a toxic smoke trail wherever they venture, which is not usually far from any building (twenty-five feet people). Clearly you failed Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), but as a review, this is what you need to know. Cigarettes will kill you, and potentially me. So do us all a favor and spend your money on something that will make your life worthwhile.

And lastly, the next group of people you will hopefully meet are the little tikes from the CHILD Center. Okay, they don’t aggravate me, but anything that cute is worth mentioning. Alright, so the five types of people you meet on the UWRF sidewalks are definitely not as profound or meaningful as the five people you meet in Heaven, but they are a big part of our daily lives in very small ways. Acknowledging that they exist is the first step to positively dealing with them which gets you a step closer to class.

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STUDENT VOICES

One of the new slogans on UWRF’s homepage reads “Work together. Stand apart.” What does this mean to you and how can this be accomplished?

Jordan Brown, sophomore

“Working together to achieve excellence, so that they can stand out.”



Lindsay Webber, sophomore

“Encourages people to work together in groups and still be an individual, people can be more open to work together.”



Savanna Farmer, freshman

“Use resources, be unique and contribute.”



Krista Crabb, senior

“Working together cooperatively and you will stand apart which later can be achieved with a positive attitude.”



Alex Block, senior

“Work together in the classroom to stand apart in the workforce. By working with real world situations.”



Mark Yang, junior

“Working together as a whole to be an individual. Be more active in associations and clubs.”



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Loss unable to silence fans



Matthew Torkelson

This last Monday, it seemed that there was this aura of sadness and disappointment

coming from a lot of students

on campus. I can only imagine that the Vikings starting off 0-2 has something to do with that. Sure, my beloved Green Bay Packers are 2-0, but I’m not going to sit here and claim that we’re Super Bowl bound just yet. It’s my favorite time of year, and there is a lot of NFL football yet to be played.

I love the border battle, and I couldn’t think of a better place to soak in the misery of Vikings fans than at our beloved UW-River Falls. Since most Viking fans are really good at boasting and bragging about absolutely nothing, I urge you Minnesota fans to keep trash talking to us Packers fans. I actually believe that the Vikings will have a decent season, and I couldn’t be more excited for our upcoming meeting, but honestly, the Vikings are--for lack of a better word--screwed.

For starters, do us Packers fans (and yourselves) a favor and stop talking trash about Aaron Rodgers. I understand that you’re jealous that our organization has had a star franchise quarterback for 20 years. It almost seems unfair to go from Favre to Rodgers, but I’m not complaining. Oh, and speaking of Brett, please stop telling me how amazing he is, because I think he might have run out of gas this year. Don’t you remember when he was embarrassing your organization for over a decade with us? I guess if I had so many years of disappointment, I’d have a “bad memory” as well.

To be fair, the Vikings have an incredible amount of talent. Despite my pure hatred for your organization, I greatly respect players like Jared Allen, Adrian Peterson, and of course players of Packer past like Favre and Ryan Longwell. Vikings fans have a nasty habit of being cocky without legit justification. Sure, Minnesota made it to the NFC championship

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game last year and beat us twice, and I still hear all about it. It was sad (okay, awesome, actually) how the championship game ended, because Favre did something similar in the 2007 season. Don’t tell me, or any other Packers fan that we live in the past. Even if that were the case, it’s better to live in the past than live in some fantasy world where the Vikings are this “unstoppable force.” I think you best stick to bragging about the Twins, Minnesota. Your Vikings organization doesn’t really threaten us at all. You boasting to me at this point would be like me telling you that the Brewers are an outstanding organization, much better than the Twins. It would be irrational and downright stupid. Think about what you’re really representing when you talk trash to us Packers fans.

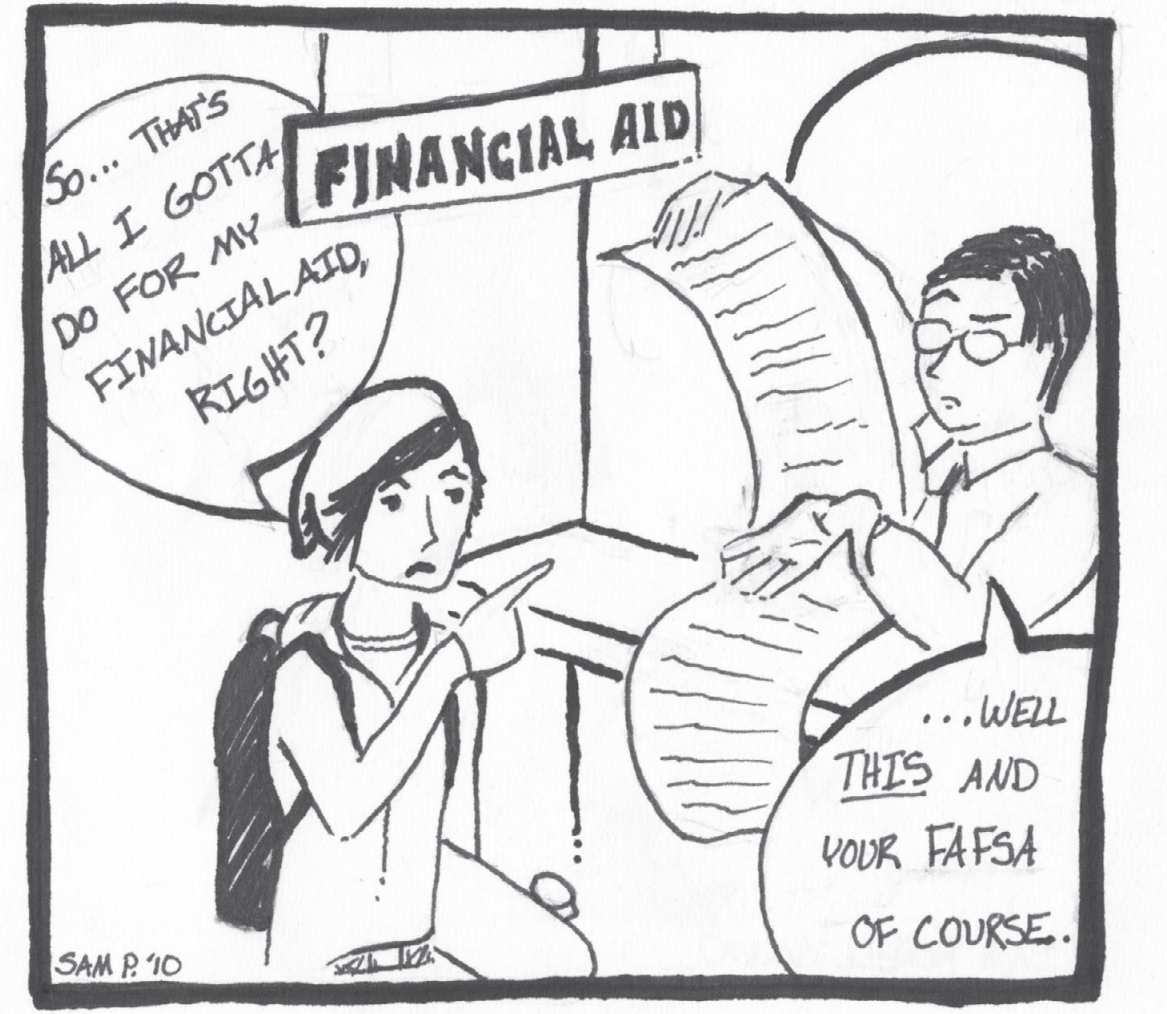
Green Bay Packers fans, get excited. As soon as our dominance of the Bills ended on Sunday, I immediately thought “Okay, how many hours until the showdown with the Bears?” Even if we fall to the Bears this Monday, I won’t be worried. I think the Packers are going to be one of the most important things an NFL team can be, and that’s consistent. Do I wish the “Pack” would go 14-2 and crush

the Vikings in both meetings? Of course, but I’m a realist, and I think it is safe to say that you can believe some of the hype that is behind our organization. With a leader like Rodgers, a stellar receiving core (Jermichael Finley is a beast), and weapons like Charles Woodson and Clay Matthews on defense, I’m cer-

tain the Green Bay Packers will not only be owning the NFC North division for the next 5 or more years, but owning the NFC on the whole. Give credit to Thompson for finding us some incredible stars in the last couple years, as well as bringing in Dom Capers last year. I’m convinced we’ve got it all my friends.

One of my favorite Beatles songs goes something like “Life is very short, and there’s no time for fussing and fighting my friends.” Obviously, The Beatles weren’t major football fans. When it comes to Viking fans, I don’t want to “work it out,” I’d much rather shove every defeat right in their face. Let’s go Pack!

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Sam Powell/Student Voice

Coach to leave football, fees behind

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Tired of the baggage associated with being a head football coach, John O’Grady will retire after this season. O’Grady, 56, has been the head football coach for 22 years, making him the longest tenured football coach at UW-River Falls.

Some of the aspects that have deflated O’Grady’s passion for the job include paperwork and adhering to some of the policies and procedures that the UW-System enforces.

“For the vast majority of my career I have had a passion for coaching,” O’Grady said in a prepared statement. “I still do, but I am not passionate about all of the other aspects of my job that do not have much to do with coaching. As a result it is time for me to go.”

Onepolicy O’Grady said he finds irritating involves an additional fee the football program has to pay. O’Grady helps run a summer football camp at UWRF, which he said is one of the most successful camps in the state. Two years ago, around 350 student athletes participated in the football camp, but due to the success, O’Grady said the University began charging approximately \$2,000 for the use of the intramural fields.

“This is a policy I disagree with. I have taken camps off of this campus with good success because of these new policies. I can go to another site and be charged less and people

at those places really enjoy having us there,” O’Grady said.

The Falcons had their first home game Saturday, Sept. 19, and O’Grady expressed disappointment about the team’s appearance on the field.

“Could anyone see the yard line paintings,” said O’Grady in an e-mail. “This was our first home game and it looked like a junior high school game field!”

Patrick Houlton, 21, who plays the tight end position, is in his fourth year playing Falcon football. Having been coached by O’Grady (who Houlton calls OG) for four years now, his gratitude for the coach is apparent.

“O’Grady has been here so long that he’s become a big part of this campus and this program, and a lot of guys admire and respect him,” Houlton said. “Although he seems rough around the edges sometimes, O’Grady is a coach you can trust and rely on, whether it’s with football, academics or personal issues. I know myself and the rest of the seniors have loved playing for O’Grady these past 4 years.”

According to Athletic Director Roger Ternes, O’Grady is the most stabilizing presence in football or any other sport on this campus in the last 22 years, and “his presence will be felt for years to come.”

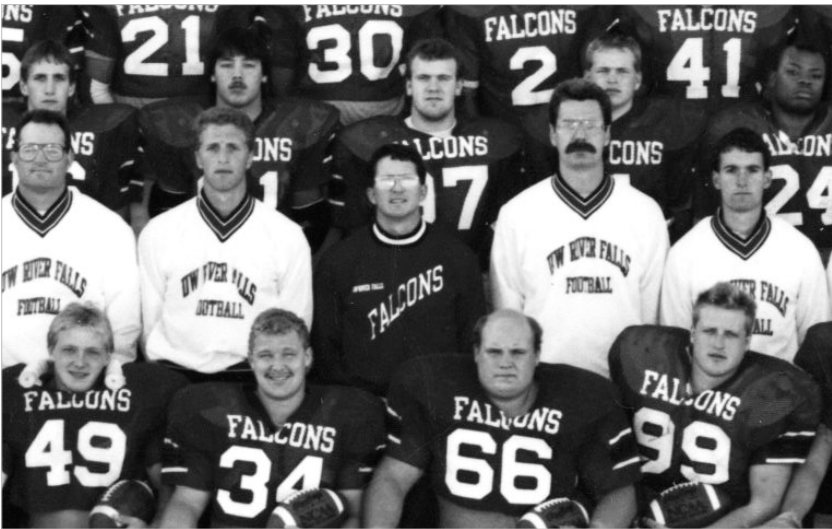
In 1995, O’Grady was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference coach of the year. O’Grady’s teams throughout the years have a record of 78-68-3 in WIAC play. In 2008, O’Grady was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The credentials for such an honor include coaching record, longevity and service

to the WFCA.

O’Grady, who played football for the Falcons as a linebacker from 1972-1975, has been affiliated with UWRF for 37 years. O’Grady started out his coaching career at UWRF as an assistant coach of linebackers, secondary and special teams from 1976-1980. Over the next several years, O’Grady held various coaching positions for the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Kent State University in Ohio and Miami University in Ohio. O’Grady returned in 1989 and has held the head coaching position ever since.

Hiring a new head coach will entail the usual procedures: writing up a job description and setting up a search and screen committee that will include a cross section of faculty, staff, students and community representatives. Ternes is anticipating around 50-100 applicants for the job. However, there may be added hype and pressure in picking the new head coach.

“The position, next to the chancellor, is one of the highest profile positions [at this university],” Ternes said.



Archived Photo
Coach John O’Grady (center) with the 1990 UWRF Falcons football team.

According to the 2009-2010 budget, O’Grady’s salary for coaching was \$44,414 and he earned \$14,805 for teaching classes in the Universities health and human performance department.

Some of the qualities that Ternes said he is looking for in the next head football coach are passion, high energy, competitiveness and an outstanding recruiter, because a football team is “only as good as the students who play for you.”

O’Grady said he would still like to coach football, just not as a head coach. He said he is thinking about coaching football at the University of Dubuque in Iowa as their assistant head coach. O’Grady’s last day will be Dec. 31.

Vikings must count on Peterson to carry the team



Ashley Goettl

The cheese-heads around campus are ecstatic and there can only be one reason for that: the Minnesota Vikings are 0-2 to start the National Football

League season. But for all those Aaron Rodger fans, don’t be crowning him king of the National Football Conference North just quite yet, and Vikings fans, don’t be fretting, we will still make the play-offs and we will still beat the Packers once, if not twice during the regular season.

After Brett Favre’s performance in week two versus Miami, many columnists and sports critics were asking the same questions that they’ve been asking for the last five or so years: will Favre be able to repeat his past performance and be able to compete through the wear and tear of a grueling NFL season? And time and time again, Favre has been able to defy the “age” limit and has put his team in a position to succeed throughout the years (the exception was his one year “fling” with the New York Jets).

Although 0-2 was not the start we had imagined, especially after last year’s success and the high expectations of this year’s team that returns all of its starters (minus Sidney Rice who is out for half the season due to hip surgery), the Vikings are still poised to become a threat in the NFC and beyond. First, look at all the potential Super Bowl prodigies that have already lost as well: Indianapolis, Dallas (who lost to the Bears for crying out loud) and Baltimore, to name a few. So to write the Vikings off already is simply foolish.

But if there is a positive to take away from the 14-10 loss (and trust me, there wasn’t much to find for positives), and this should not be taken lightly, but the reemergence of Adrian Peterson as the primary playmaker for the Minnesota Vikings. Peterson singlehandedly carried the team and brought them within yards of winning. He had over 140 yards rushing, including a touchdown, and added 40 yards in receiving yards as well. While old man Favre was playing catch more with the Dolphin’s defenders than our receivers, Peterson brought life back to the offense. I have always

believed that Adrian Peterson is the best running back in the league; after all, he did lead the NFL in rushing touchdowns last season with 18.

If the Vikings will continue to give Peterson the ball and let him go to work, there is no doubty in my mind that the Vikings will not only win the division, but go a few steps further.

So, my cheese-head friends, don’t start your postseason celebrations yet, and the true purple and gold fans don’t fret, because we have Brett, (okay, I only put that because it rhymed) but what we do have, is a one of a kind running back who can single handedly take over a game and run his way to the top.

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Different quarterback, the exact same results



Robert Silvers

Last Saturday the Falcons football team committed to changing quarterbacks for what appears to be the remainder of the 2010 season. Junior B.J. LeTourneau was named the starter Friday and played every offensive snap against the No. 17 ranked Trine Thunder.

The end result, however, was the same as the Falcons loss, 14-35.

LeTourneau replaced former starting quarterback Ryan Luessenheide who had continued to make mistakes in his second year in the starting roll.

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Coach John O’Grady. “He seems to be more comfortable in the pocket.”

In 20 career games, Luessenheide had been 166-322 with 13 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. Watching Luessenheide, he never seemed comfortable, even when he had protection and time to pass he would still miss wide-open receivers. He has played in 22 career games.

Meanwhile, LeTourneau is 30-58 with 2 touchdowns and 0 interceptions; how-

ever, he is still young as far as experience. He has attempted 268 fewer passes than his predecessor and played in just five games, 18 less than Luessenheide.

In Saturday’s loss to No. 17 Trine, LeTourneau was 13-24 for 104 and one touchdown. Joe Ganske was the leading receiver with three receptions for 38 yards. Joel Yogerst

caught LeTourneau’s touchdown pass out of the backfield. Taylor Edwards led the Falcon offense gaining 175 total yards, 169 of which came on the ground. Matt Ainsworth led the defense

recording ten tackles, eight solo.

The Falcon Football team is home this weekend against UW-Oshkosh. The Titans received 13 votes in this week’s d3football.com top 25 poll. Both clubs enter the game in search of their first win. UW-Oshkosh is 0-2 after dropping

their first two games to Top 10 teams and UWRF is 0-3 after dropping their first three games to teams all ranked No. 17 or higher.

UWRF is 35-18-1 all-time against UW-Oshkosh. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.; listen live on 88.7 FM WRFW

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Weekly Sports Wrap

Wildcats

River Falls high school Wildcats fell to Eau Claire Memorial 30-9 Friday night at Ramer Field. Nick Zimmerman led the Cats offensively rushing 17 times for 90 yards. Lucas Weiss hit Evan Huppert from six yards out, in the fourth quarter, for the only touchdown of the day for River Falls. Weiss also had a 32-yard field goal in the second quarter. The Cats are on the road at Chippewa Falls this Friday trying to play spoiler in the Cardinals homecoming game. The action can be heard live at 6:30 p.m., Friday, on 88.7 FM WRFW.

Golf

The Falcon Golf Team finished 10th this past weekend at the Division III Midwest Classic at the Jewel in Lake City, Minn. Mackenzie Casey led the Falcons shooting a tournament total of 178 a +34 score. She finished tied 23rd overall. The Golf Team also played Augsburg Thursday but results were not available in time for this publication. The Falcons are at the Stevens Point Invitational next weekend at Stevens Point.

Volleyball

The Falcons lost a pair of heart breakers over the weekend to conference foes, UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse. Both matches were 3-1 decisions. The Falcons are now 6-5 overall and 0-2 in the WIAC. The volleyball team was at UW-Stout Wednesday in another conference matchup but results of that game were not available in time for publication. At 7 p.m. on Oct. 13 the Falcons will be back at home against UW-Superior.

Soccer

The women dominated the pitch this past weekend recording a conference win 2-1 at home over UW-Platteville Saturday in their WIAC opener and a 9-0 win at Ripon College on Sunday. Alyssa Manor led the Falcons over the weekend with six points, two goals and four assists. The Falcons played Wednesday at Northland College, but results were not available in time for publication. At 4 p.m. on Wednesday UWRF will be home against UW-Superior.

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Film lacks creative amusement

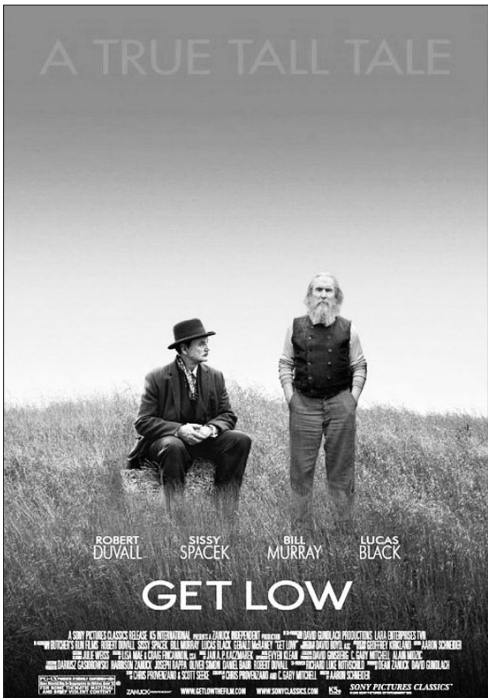


Anthony Orlando

“Get Low” is a true story taking place in the rural, early 1900’s United States starring Bill Murray (‘nuff said) and Robert Duvall. So when a friend asked if I wanted to check it out, the choice was made. “Get Low” tells the story of Felix Bush (Duvall); a crazy, infamous old hermit and the subject of myth, legend, and stories told to scare children into eating their vegetables in four counties. After waking from an interest-seeding dream/nightmare about a darkened figure leaping from a flaming house in the middle of the night, Felix gets behind the mule (literally) and rides into town for the first time in four decades to buy himself his own funeral party. After being refused by the local church (“You can’t buy forgiveness. It’s free, but you have to ask for it,” says the town reverend) he is approached by the local funeral home owned by former used car salesman (complete with pencil mustache and pinky ring) Frank Quinn (Murray) and his sole employee buddy (Lucas Black) who are in desperate need of business, as people don’t seem to get themselves killed out in the country like they do in Chicago. Quinn agrees to take Bush’s business and throw the outlandish and borderline blasphemous funeral party, despite Buddy’s reservations about it. As the story continues, Felix’s past is slowly revealed as are his reasons for

secluding himself and wanting to attend his own funeral, and the mystery of his apparent involvement with the town sweetheart, Mattie Darrow (Sissy Spacek). The film is hit or miss with the acting, mostly hit though. Lucas Black does his job well enough even though he keeps making the exact same facial expression throughout the entire movie. Murray also gets his job done providing the much needed comic relief in what turns out to be a very morose tale. It was also nice to see him do a little bit of actual acting versus seeming to just happen onto a movie set. Aside from successfully exuding the awesomeness that is expected of a “no-nonsense, take what I want and do what I want” old recluse with such a crazy-chic hair/beard combo, he really brings the character to life with several of the nuances. One might encounter an individual who hasn’t had any type of social interaction in half a lifetime. The ending does promote a bit of critical thought, but I guess I’m just not sure what the director really wanted the audience to focus on. The implications of Bush’s self-imprisonment, his relationship with God, and a weird possible Christ-figure connection involving his miraculous skill as a carpenter are all present and ready for reflection, but none of these things seem to really develop as much as they should. Overall a noble effort with many of the right ingredients, just not quite enough time in the creative oven.

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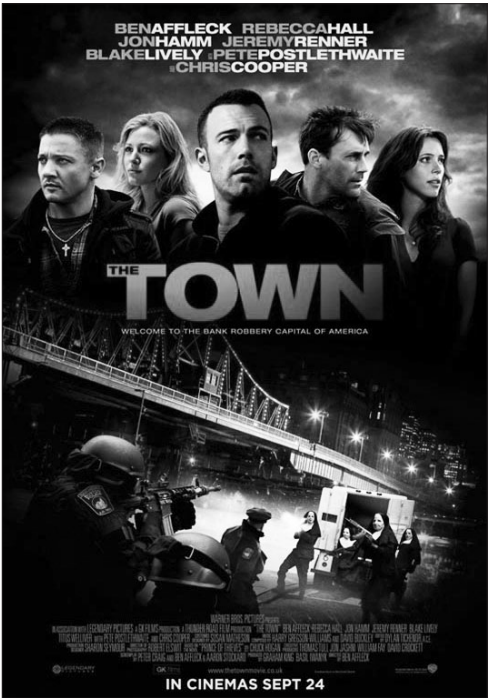
Affleck falls short in completing masterpiece



Michael Brun

After its release in 1995, Michael Mann’s crime epic “Heat” would go on to impress both audiences and critics with its gritty portrayal of professional thievery. With its talented cast, memorable characters and dedication to authenticity, “Heat” is widely considered the gold standard for heist movies. To say that “The Town” looks and feels inspired by “Heat” would be an understatement. It is obvious that Ben Affleck, flexing his creative muscles as the film’s director, co-writer and star, took plenty of notes while watching Mann’s masterpiece. However, while “The Town” has many of the same elements that made “Heat” a classic, they fail to reach the same level of quality. It was a noble attempt for his sophomore directing effort, but Affleck’s “Town” is lukewarm at best.

The title of the film comes from Charlestown, a crime-ridden Boston neighborhood that is supposedly a spawning ground for bank robbers. One of them is Doug MacRay (Affleck), a down on his luck former hockey star forced into a life of crime to pay his bills. He is not a bad guy -- just the product of desperation and family tradition (MacRay’s father, played by an underutilized Chris Cooper, is also a thief). The real bad guy in this tale is James Coughlin (“Hurt Locker” star Jeremy Renner), MacRay’s childhood friend and partner in crime. Whereas MacRay tries to avoid hurting bystanders, Coughlin has no qualms about roughing up a security guard or killing a witness. After MacRay falls in love with a bank manager taken hostage during one of his robberies (a likely event), he begins to question his wayward life. But he soon discovers that bank robbing is a tough job to quit, and that getting out of Charlestown



is easier done dead than alive. Like “Heat,” the plot of “The Town” is mostly character driven. In other words, it is propelled forward by the actions and choices of its key players. In both films, the actions of the lead characters are influenced by an internal conflict between love and loyalty; they crave a life free from violence, but are held back by brotherly devotion to their comrades. Where “The Town” and “Heat” differ is in the complexity of their characters. While even unimportant background characters feel fleshed out in “Heat,” only the core team of Affleck and Renner receive proper development in “The Town.” The rest of the cast is full of what I like to call Characters of Convenience. They are a hollow, unimaginative lot, introduced to serve a single purpose in the plot before getting conveniently cast aside. Jon Hamm, star of AMC’s “Mad Men,” falls into this unfortunate category. He plays the role of an FBI agent determined to bring down MacRay and his crew. Their cat and mouse battle of wits is occasionally thrilling, but Hamm’s character is almost criminally underdeveloped. Ditto for “The Prestige” star Rebecca Hall as Affleck’s love interest. They are both terrifically talented actors, so it is a shame that they’re relegated to the fringes of Affleck and Renner’s spotlight. The most memorable scenes in “The Town” are the intense robberies, the majority of which devolve into frantic gun battles with the police. But even these feel like lesser tributes to the legendary shootout from “Heat.” Also, the action in these scenes borders on blockbuster extravagance, weakening the film’s adherence to gritty realism. Ultimately “The Town” is little more than “Heat Lite.” While it is a satisfactory action film, its plotting is too obvious and its characters are too thin for it to be considered a new classic. Affleck has a masterpiece swirling around in that head of his, but unfortunately this is not it.

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Bronze radio return is superb



Jon Lyksett

We’ve all got at least one friend who loves “that old time music.” You know the guy; he’s the one that goes out and spends \$750 on old Beatles, Stones and Zeppelin albums in vinyl, hell, you might even be that guy. Don’t get me wrong, I would like to be that guy, but frankly, I don’t have the cash, and I certainly don’t have the patience to line up the needle on the album just right so the sound comes out (give me a computer, an iPod and a download cable and we’ll call it good). In any case, I’ve never heard a band so caught up with the sounds of “the good old days of rock” since listening to Bronze Radio Return. Seriously, even their name implies a return to the golden years of vinyl, 45s and EPs! Bronze Radio Return’s debut album, Old Time Speaker, is loaded with references to the way rock used to be in the 60s and 70s. BRR formed out east, all five of the members hailing from New York and Connecticut. Each of them studied musical performance in colleges across New England and met through various friendships made at these institutes. They were discovered by producer Doug Derryberry, who has produced albums for bands such as The Ben Folds Five, and Bruce Hornsby. BRR members cite many inspirations, but all of them seem to point back to one central theme: a love for old records and albums, humming away on the turntable. The opening track “Lo-Fi” is a glorified love letter to the vinyl of yesteryear, and the “crackle that sizzles my soul.” “Lo-Fi” is a fast paced, driving tune that won’t fail to get stuck in your head for days on end. This is speaking from experience, of course. Another track, “Play it on Me”, is another quality track, dedicated to the memory of old school music.

It tells the tale of a man listening to the voice of a woman on the radio, whom he deeply loves, and although his copy of her song is scratched, and old, the memories that the song brings back keep him listening to her. My favorite song on the album, is “Digital Love.” By far and away, it has the best lyrics of the entire album, and it has such a cool oom-pa-pa beat to it! The beginning of the chorus was what really hooked me: “Cause I don’t need another chore to do, I’m an analog man with a digital case of you.” What a clever set of lyrics this song had! Bronze Radio Return’s lyrics could charm the pants off of the coldest of cold listeners! The music itself is very catchy as well: think Ben Harper’s relaxed and laid back sound infused with the instrumental talents of the band Mute Math. I certainly can’t define it as easy listening or rock, so instead I’ll call it “soul rock.” There are some obvious blues patterns and influences, but you’ll also hear some steel guitars and banjos, perhaps a nod men like Johnny Cash, and other popular bluesmen from the 1960s. Bronze Radio Return has some incredibly solid music, as well as some very enjoyable lyrics. There are many tracks from this album still buzzing in my head and I have a feeling they will be there for days and weeks to come. BRR has convinced me that the dolled up sound of radio and music today, although great in its own respect, still just isn’t quite the same as that good old fashioned stuff. I think more than that, they’ve convinced me to start a vinyl collection. So with that, I present you this letter: Dear Amazon.com, Please send Bronze Radio Return a thank you letter. Their masterful lyrics have made a believer out of me, an avid record buyer from you. Please take a portion of the hundreds of dollars I will soon be shelling out to you, and give them some love. Your Friend, Jon Lyksett.

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Weekly Wellness Events

Fall 2010

Mondays

Advanced Tai Chi

Location: Falcons Nest

For individuals who have done Tai Chi in the past and are ready for the next level

12:00-1:00pm

9/13-12/6

Mixed Level Yoga

Location: UC Ballroom/
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No previous yoga experience necessary
Please bring mat or towel & a water bottle

4:00-4:45pm

9/13-12/13

Tuesdays

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Location: Wind River Room

Learn basic techniques to help you relax, unwind & focus

3:30-4:30pm

10/26-11/16

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Location: Falcons Nest

Learn to use slow, meditative movements for relaxation & awareness

4:30-5:30pm

9/14-12/7

Wednesdays

Zumba

Location: Falcons Nest

This class combines Latin dance moves to create a fun & energizing workout

4:45-5:45pm

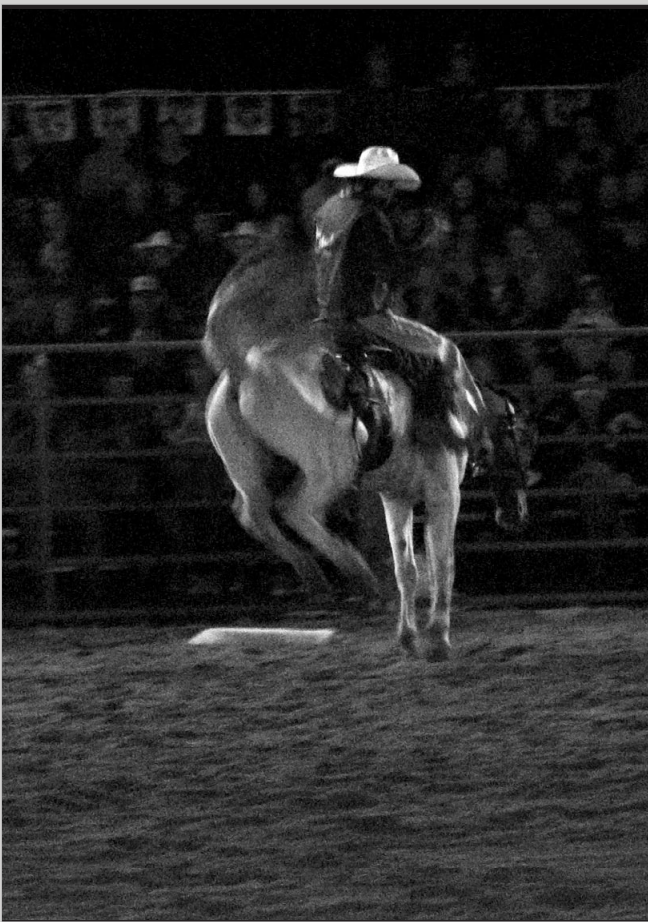
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Rodeo displays a wide range of talent



Sally King/Student Voice

UWRF rodeo students participate in the annual rodeo. The event featured many competitions including cattle roping, and barrel racing. The event took place Sept. 16-19.



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The rodeo celebrated its 46th anniversary and has been a main attraction for the campus.



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