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Provost cancels Mexico J-Term trip

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The UW-River Falls J-term Mexico trip has been canceled due to the potential threat to student and faculty safety, said Provost Fernando Delgado.

Modern Language 376 has a long standing history of success. UWRF has sent students and faculty on a trip traveling across Mexico for the last 20 years, said the professor leading the trip, Terrence Mannetter.

Director of International Education Programs Brent Greene said that in the 10 years that he has worked for UWRF, a study abroad course has never been canceled administratively.

Finalized by the provost, the decision took serious assessment, Greene said.

A contributing factor to this decision was

based on Mexico's current status on the United States Government current travel warnings list, said Study Abroad Advisor Linda Alvarez.

Other countries currently on the list are Iraq, Haiti and Colombia.

A strong issue of concern was the expanding drug cartels in northern Mexico. Dangerous incidents have also increased, Green said.

The pattern to which the problems have arose has been random and unpredictable. A lot could change between now and January, Delgado said.

Delgado sought opinions and feedback from Greene, Mannetter and the other schools in the UW-System.

"It had been a long running dialog," Greene said. "We had solicited feedback across System."

"The majority of the advisors spoken to cautioned against it," he said

Four schools in the UW-System also canceled their Mexico trips, said Delgado.

"It really does pain me to make this decision," Delgado said.

He added that he wouldn't feel comfortable taking his family at this time, and he couldn't do the same to other families.

"It was really a bummer to hear that the trip was canceled this year, but it's better to be safe than sorry," said former Modern Language student Rachel Rezac.

Roberto Bonilla, an exchange student from Mexico City, said that every country has its problems. He doesn't think that there should be any safety concerns with the course's destination.

The final contributing factor unique to this

course is the mode of transportation, said Greene.

Students and faculty travel on a bus throughout Central Mexico for 21 days, said Mannetter.

Stationary programs can become isolated, which can offer more protection. This class moves around a lot, which makes them more exposed, Greene said.


Modern Language 37, travels to six Mexican cities: Mexico City, Taxco, Queretaro, Guanajuato, Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta where the trip ends, Rezac said.

"I don't think I could restructure the course to the point where there is less mobility," said Mannetter. "The bus is important because the class is about cultural immersion."

In Mexico, student participants tour muse-

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Gala held for student research



Sally King/Student Voice
UWRF student researchers display and discuss their research at the Society for Undergraduate Research Scholarly and Creative Activity Gala, which was held Nov. 17 in the Falcon's Nest of the University Center.

Corps builds well-rounded grads

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Zambia, Africa is starkly different than America and adjusting to life takes time and patience, said Peace Corps volunteer and UW-River Falls Alumna Barbara Heggernes.

Some of the adjustments include adapting to living in a hut and making the necessary improvements to make it feel like a home. Besides fending off mice that had moved in with her, Heggernes had to cement the floors and paint the walls with lime to restrict termites.

"After being here for only five months, I have realized why it is such a long service. It takes a while to adjust to the culture, the people, the food and how to dress," Heggernes said.

Heggernes is participating in a community health improvement project that works with mitigating the effects of disease and illnesses such as Malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis that plague the village of St. Pauls in Zambia.

Joining the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps are two options for recent college graduates

that provide useful volunteer experience and benefits during and after the term of service.

The Peace Corps is a 27-month commitment that sends volunteers to over 77 countries. The volunteers gain cultural, technical and leadership skills, which help many returned volunteers achieve long-term career goals by enhancing their marketability with potential employers, said Peace Corps spokesperson Janice McNerney.

The training that the volunteers obtain can help explain why Business Week named the Peace Corps one of the best places to launch a career, said McNerney.

AmeriCorps, or the "domestic Peace Corps," is typically a nine month to one year service commitment where volunteers serve across the country dealing with issues such as hunger, homelessness, economic development and disaster relief. Some of the benefits that a volunteer gains from AmeriCorps are networking, professional development and being part of a larger purpose, said Ameri-

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Veterans club organizes Care Package Drive for US troops

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The Veterans Club has been working hard to get people to donate to the troops over seas.

"The drive has been going on for four days. A lot of people have given very generously, and we have collected many items. One teacher dropped off \$20 every day," Veterans Club member Brian Ritchie said. "There have been a lot of donations, and those who donate are really generous."

From students to faculty, people have been contributing towards the Veterans Club drive.

"We donated two brand new UWRF stamped game footballs," Head Football Coach John O'Grady said, "I think a few of our players [donated towards the drive]. We have a couple of them who served in Iraq so I think they donated. This drive is a great idea, they should do a couple of them, at least, a year."

The Veterans Club provided a list of items that they want to put in the care packages like hygiene essentials, laun-

dry detergent and coffee with limited candy donations.

"I donated toothpaste and I thanked them for all of the service for what they did," said Senior Jillian Peterson. "I think it's a good thing because it makes students aware of the people serving over there and what they need. It also shows that we are supporting the people over there because donating is a way of thanking them for everything that they are doing for us and all of the sacrifices that they are making."

One of the projects that the Veterans Club is working on is to find and help veterans in the community that are disabled or struggling financially.

"This club just got started this spring, so it is still a fairly new club, and we're trying to come up with more ideas this year. We want to get the Veterans Club involved to help get a house built for struggling veterans," Ritchie said. "So I'm currently trying to find a veteran that would be a good candidate for that. If we find one we would have to do a lot more fund raising to get that project going."

The Veterans Club has been trying to get more involved in the community.

"We will probably do another social event coming up. We had one in the spring last year. This is the big thing that we have been working on," Vice President of Veterans Club Derek LaPlant said. "We went and cleaned up the cemetery. We want to make our club more active in the social community."

Items that are donated to the Care Package Drive will be sent to troops that are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"I am very grateful for the amount of stuff that we have gotten and the amount of response we have gotten," LaPlant said. "I think that it's a great cause and the support that we have gotten has been excellent. I think that it has been very successful and I'm sure that we'll do it again next year."

People can still bring donation to the Veteran's Affair Office to be sent to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Sally King/Student Voice
Brian Ritchie, Scott Dzimian and Derek LaPlant work the Veteran's Affair booth for donations in the University Center.

VOICE SHORTS

Deadlines set for holiday mail to deployed troops
Family and friends have just under one month to get those holiday care packages mailed out to ensure they reach deployed service members before Christmas. According to the U.S. Postal Service, Nov. 12 is the recommended deadline for packages addressed to Army/Air Force Post Office and Fleet Post Office ZIP codes, if those packages are sent by regular mail, or parcel post. The deadline extends to Dec. 4 for packages sent by priority mail to APO addresses in contingency areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan, and Dec. 11 for all other APO addresses. First-class mail cards and letters must be sent no later than Dec. 18 to be received by Dec. 25. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Jackie Guthrie at 608-242-3050 or 608-516-1777.

Annual Art Sale benefits students and Art Society
The Annual Art Scholarship Sale features one of a kind artwork for sale that benefits scholarships for continuing art students, the student organization Art Society and a fund for visiting artists. There will be a wide variety of art displayed including glass, ceramics, painting, fibers, metals, printmaking, photography and mixed media. The sale will be during gallery hours from 9-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-4 p.m. Sunday from Dec. 1 through Dec. 12 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building Gallery 101.

Masquers present ‘How I learned to Drive’
The Masquers will be putting on “How I learned to Drive,” Paula Vogel’s 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning play that exposes a taboo subject that has been living in the shadows for very long. The play mixes realistic drama with surrealistic comedy for a tension-filled portrait of abuse. Opening night is at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Blanche Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. Performances will continue at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Dec. 3 through Dec. 11. The box Office opens at 6:30 p.m. on performance nights.

CBE faculty recieve outstanding awards

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Three College of Business and Economics faculty members, who cited their interaction with students as the best part of their jobs, received certificates in recognition of their outstanding performance in advising, teaching and research.

This is CBE Advisor Ellen Schultz’s second time receiving the Outstanding Advisor award, having previously won it in 2004. Schultz was surprised by getting the award because she did not know she could receive it again, but she was also very touched.

Schultz has been at UW-River Falls for 15 years, and she advises 375 to 400 students. Schultz said her style of advising is more developmental than prescriptive.

“I help the students explore the options and resources available to them, set goals and give them the proper tools they need to find answers, but I want the decisions to be their own, so that they are more aware of possible repercussions with their decisions,” Schultz said.

The most important piece of advice Schultz tells all advisees is that college is a full-time job.

“[College] is a 40 hour or more commitment. Daily studying and time management will pay off way more than cramming,” Schultz said.

Schultz’s favorite part of being an advisor is seeing the enthusiasm and hard work of students. Schultz also likes the great campus environment, the people at UWRF, the fact that her job is different everyday and that she gets to continue to learn new things all the time.

Assistant Professor of Marketing and Management and Director of the MBA Program Claire Kilian received the Outstanding Faculty award. Kilian has been at UWRF since 2000 and teaches human resources, ethical leadership and social management courses. Kilian is also the MBA Director where she recruits students, deals with

marketing strategies, schedules courses, works with advising practicums and is on the faculty graduate committee that looks at changes to the program for the future.

Kilian was very surprised and pleased to receive the award.

“Since the award is voted on by students, it is nice to know and get feedback from the students that what you are teaching them is worthwhile. This award is meaningful because it shows the students are getting something of value and that they appreciate it,” Kilian said.

Kilian’s favorite part about teaching is the interaction with students and getting them to engage in conversation. Kilian said that human resources is a very dynamic and real field. Kilian has a current style of teaching, which means that she asks her students what is going on in the news today to show connections to how concepts taught in her classes are relevant to the present real world.

CBE Professor Stacy Vollmers won the Outstanding Research Award.

“I feel very honored to receive this award. Faculty at UWRF are very active with research so this is a big honor,” Vollmers said.

Vollmers has been at UWRF since 2006, teaching and having her research published. Vollmers has authored several articles on branding, international marketing and ethics. These articles have appeared in the Journal of Business and Industrial Marketing, Journal of Asia Pacific Business and the Journal of Hospital Marketing and Public Relations. Vollmers has also published in case journals, using consulting projects as a basis for the cases, such as Annual Advances in Business Cases and the Journal of Critical Incidents.

Vollmer’s upcoming research projects include looking at education logos and doing an experiment that looks at the differences in recall.

Vollmers favorite part of teaching is the students.

“UWRF has a real culture of value regarding its students and its teachers.”

Parking Dept. strives to expand lots

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As the population of UW- River Falls continues to grow, there are many areas that require expansion including parking, and parking is no exception.

The Parking Department is looking to the future in order to expand its metered lots and parking areas for students. With expansion comes a lot of commitment and money, said Chief of University Police and Parking, Richard Trende.

“We’ve been asking ourselves what [projects] we can afford and how we are going to pay for that,” he said.

Since the master plan has been recently discussed, the Parking Department is acting seriously about the subject of expansion on campus, and Trende said that it is no easy task to weigh all of the options.

“There has been a lot discussed in the department on expansion, and we are trying to defray the costs now by identifying what these projects are going to be and the expenses,” Trende said.

Operations Program Associate Wendy Penny mentioned past projects such as the parking spots by Ramer Field, which were successful but not cheap.

“The land slot itself was \$500,000, and then it cost us \$68,000 to construct that temporary lot,” Penny said.

Money for future projects has been kept in a separate fund. The money that is put into this fund will not be used for anything else.

Some of the ways that the Parking Department pays for these projects include the meters on campus, citations and permits; however the Parking Department also uses this money to pay for maintenance, repairs and parking employee wages.

Most of the Department’s funds come from the permits issued out every year for students to park in the lots.

About 10,000 parking citations are



Hannah Lenius/Student Voice
Nearly 10,000 parking citations are issued each year. The money from these citations help fund the expansion to parking lots owned by the University.

issued per year. Penny said that many tickets are from students misinterpreting times of parking and what sections that they are able to park in during the day.

“Students shouldn’t be confused about parking since we have all the information here at the parking office, and all the times are listed right on the back of our business cards.”

Although the citations may be high in numbers, Trende said that the number of appeals for these citations have been low in the past few years.

“Even two years ago we would have parking appeal hearings, and there

would be a substantial list to go through,” Trende said. “Now, it is considerably less, which is good.”

Trende said he hopes that in the future, the number of appeals and citations will be reduced to zero with more awareness to bigger signs and clearer regulations on campus.

For more information about the Parking Department and what they provide, visit their office in 27 South Hall or online at www.uwrf.edu/parking.

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Chief of University Police

University improves campus sustainability grade

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UW-River Falls improved its grade from a B minus last year to an A minus this year on the on the College Sustainability Report Card.

The report is designed to recognize colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada that are leaders in sustainability, according to the Campus Sustainability Report Card website. Participants are evaluated in several key areas such as energy, recycling and student involvement. Schools are then able to learn from each other and work towards improving their own sustainability practices.

Director of Facilities Management Michael Stifter said that he believes the report is a good indicator of the sustainability of a campus because the data gathered is thorough and reveals areas that need more improvement.

UW-Madison and U of M-Twin Cities were two of only seven schools that received A’s this year. Approximately 300 schools participated.

Areas where UWRF received A’s were administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, and student involvement. Transportation was the area that UWRF scored the lowest with a C.

“[Transportation] presents one of our greatest challenges but also opportunities,” said Director of Facilities Management Michael Stifter. “Public transit is the key to so many of the big campuses like the U of M and Madison getting A’s.”

Director of the St. Croix Institute

for Sustainable Community Development Kelly Cain said opportunities for improving transportation include a campus wide bicycle sharing plan and providing incentives for green travel such as preferred parking for electric or hybrid cars.

“The biggest and easiest leap we could make would probably be for a campus system for carpooling in all aspects of both students, faculty and staff travel,” Cain said.

Food, recycling and student involvement were areas UWRF excelled in.

Currently, Dining Services spends 10.5 percent of its food budget on local products according to data submitted to the College Sustainability Report Card.

While campus lab farms already have a composting program for animal and other waste, Cain said Dining Services will be releasing a major proposal for composting food waste within the next few weeks.

Johnson Hall resident Tyler Soutter said he is really impressed with some of the university’s sustainability efforts, particularly the rainwater collection system and dual flush toilets in the University Center.

The university has reduced its per capita water consumption by 25 percent since 2005 due in part to the dual flush toilets, high-efficiency laundry machines, and weather-informed irrigation systems.

Despite the incredible steps UWRF is taking to improve its sustainability, Cain said there is more to it.

“Most fundamentally, it is the daily decisions and practices of each of us individually that truly makes the most

difference in minimizing our footprint for energy, water, food, etc.,” he said.

The Residence Life Energy Conservation Contest is an ongoing competition between the halls to see who can conserve the most steam, water and electricity. At the end of the year, a prize of \$250 is awarded to the winning hall in each category.

Soutter said that while he has heard discussion about which hall is winning and which is losing, he has not heard of anyone taking steps to change their behavior to conserve more.

“I think at the beginning of the year it is really promoted but then it’s forgotten about,” said Grimm resident Jade Kaczmarski.

And when it comes to recycling, Kaczmarski said in the past she and her roommate had become careless and threw a lot of recycling away in the trash.

Soutter said he felt a more aggressive promotional campaign reminding the students to conserve would help even if it was as simple as a small sign to tell students to turn off the lights when they leave the room.

The large jump in score from a B minus to an A minus is something Cain said is hard not to be proud of and has hope for further improvement.

“If we continue to see the major progress we anticipate in our current efforts around curriculum, energy, food, transportation and other areas, I am quite confident that we can get to the A category,” he said.

SENATE SHORTS

- The Senate strongly opposes and condemns the current draft of the UW-System Student Representative Constitution and will continue to oppose any versions of this document that include mandatory United Council membership. If a constitution including such mandatory membership is ratified, the Senate will take active steps to inform UWRF students of the refund process.

- Motions Passed at Nov. 9 Meeting:
- Shaun Vass, Lucas Mueller and Allison Riske are appointed to the Recreation and Sports Facilities committee.
 - Helen Sobczynski was appointed to the Dining Services Advisory committee.
 - Charlie Korenchen is appointed to the Allocable Fees Appropriations Board as the Campus Media Representative.
 - Matthew Faveere is appointed as a First Year Senator.

Pick up a Student Voice application for the Spring semester outside of 306 North Hall

Mexico: Expanding drug cartels justify student trip cancellation

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ums, pyramids, markets, elementary schools and a college lab farm, said Rezac.

The 2010-11 Mexico trip was to be of particular importance to Mannetter and the rest of UWRF.

Mannetter said he and Linda Larson from UW-Superior had been awarded a \$14,026 grant from UW-System.

The grant was based on two intercultural

courses: one to be taught online, and the other to be taught in Mexico. These two case studies would be used to measure student reception through alternative experiences, according to the UWRF website.

“The class was the subject of the grant,” Mannetter said. “It had great opportunities for the University.”

Global perspectives is one of the credits fulfilled by Modern Language 376, said Global Connections Peer Advisor Chad Forde.

This trip was also a Spanish immersion

credit which is needed for some students to graduate, such as those studying Spanish education, said Mannetter.

“If students are still interested in fulfilling their hopes to study abroad with a language component, we recommend them to come into Global Connections immediately,” Alveraz said.

Costa Rica is the other Spanish speaking trip offered during J-term; however, it is no longer open for application, said Global Connections Office Manager, Carol Rogers.

There are other Spanish speaking programs available outside UWRF that are offered by another UW-school or by a third-party provider, Alveraz said.

As for students seeking to accommodate a global perspectives requirement, other J-term courses remain open, Forde said.

“There are many options still available if a certain course doesn't seem to meet a student’s needs,” said Forde. “They can work with their adviser.”

Corps: Volunteer opportunity offers unique start to recent graduate careers

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Corps alumnae, student support services counselor and AmeriCorps Falcon Fellows coordinator Gina Sevik.

Besides the experience that is gained, while a volunteer is serving in AmeriCorps or Peace Corps they are provided with medical care, a living allowance and loan deferment on some loans, according to their websites.

When serving in AmeriCorps, interest that is accrued on college loans is paid, and the Peace Corps may offer up to 30 percent forgiveness on some loans, Heggernes said.

After completing 27 months in the Peace Corps, the volunteer earns \$7,425 and has one year of noncompetitive eligibility for federal jobs.

Upon completing the full-time service of one year in AmeriCorps, the volunteer is

given an educational award of \$5,350. The award can be used toward paying off loans or future schooling. Several universities across the country will match the educational award, said Sevik.

Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN will give an undergraduate who is currently serving, or has served at least one year a \$5,000 scholarship. Augsburg will also grant an AmeriCorps volunteer who has served at least half-time for one year a 25 percent tuition credit towards one course for the duration of a graduate program.

The education and experience that is acquired through service in the Peace Corps

or AmeriCorps can be of value to certain employers, said Director of Career Services Bridget Kenadjan.

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Bridget Kenadjan
Director of Career Services

“In a job market like this one, additional global and multicultural experiences are highly valued and make you a unique candidate,” Kenadjan said.

The Peace Corps and AmeriCorps are large commitments that should be thought through and may not be for everyone, said Kenadjan.

“Certain personality types may have a more difficult time with these experiences than others, so knowing oneself and one’s limits is important when considering if you want to

apply,” Kenadjan said.

The tangible benefits should not be the driving factor for signing up for the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps, and a volunteer needs to have a strong motivation towards service and helping people, said Sevik.

As Heggerness wrote on her Facebook from Zambia, she discourages those who may join because it looks good on a resume.

“There are volunteers that are here for that reason, and although they would probably never admit it, it is quite apparent because they are miserable. Peace Corps is not for everyone, and I encourage anyone thinking about applying to look extremely introspectively into themselves to make certain they are committed to devoting the time, energy, patience and flexibility to be a Peace Corps volunteer.”

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EDITORIALS

Senate campaigns for student body

The Student Voice would like to officially give its support to the Student Senate in its decision to oppose the UW Student Representatives Constitution.

The fact that the constitution would require UW-River Falls to become a member of United Council against its will is something to be fought based on principle. The constitution would force UWRF into a political lobbyist organization.

Joining United Council would have little benefit to UWRF. They proposed constitutions weighted voting system gives more voting power to larger schools. Because of its size, UWRF would have less votes in decision making, which makes it subject to the decisions of larger schools with more weight like UW-Madison.

Two-year institutions would be hindered greatly also since they are allowed the least votes.

Adding insult to injury, students would be charged a fee each semester despite our resistance to joining the group. Students may ask to have this fee refunded to them, but the system is time sensitive and confusing.

The Senate is doing right for the students they represent by taking this proposed constitution seriously and making the effort to have it denied.

We encourage students to take their own stand by supporting Senate it its decision and by voicing their concerns to the Board of Regents, which has the final say in whether or not this constitution is passed.

As a student body, we should all be opposed to this constitution and the way it would take advantage of UWRF by forcing it to fund activities it wishes not to be a part of.

We wish the Senate the best of luck in recruiting support from the Board of Regents and other UW-System schools.

The Student Voice staff wishes its readers a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

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Darielle Dahnke/Student Voice

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ron Kind thanks voters; addresses his upcoming plans as congress-elect

I want to thank everyone who supported me this past election. Thank you for entrusting me with the honor and responsibility of representing western Wisconsin. I believe solving the problems our country is facing starts with standing up to party leaders and special interests to do what's right for the people who sent me to Washington. I am committed to representing you and getting the job done for western Wisconsin. I couldn't be more proud than to serve you in the U.S. Congress.

This election was long, and it was tough. And unfortunately, it was very negative. Third party groups came into western Wisconsin for the first time with \$2 million in ads to take me out. But it didn't work. You saw through the misleading ads. And you saw through the implausible 11th hour attack on me, my character, and my hard-working staff. I was glad to see that you were not fooled by these last

minute allegations by a campaign willing to do anything or say anything to get elected. You saw it for what it was: dirty politics at its worst. And for that, I thank you.

In this tough, partisan political environment, it's more important than ever that we focus on working together. As a nation, we have more in common than we have in differences. We must come together to do not what is best for a certain party but what is best for our country. Our economy depends on it. I promise to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle--to do everything I can to help create the good paying jobs to get western Wisconsin working again. I will not rest until we get this economy back on track.

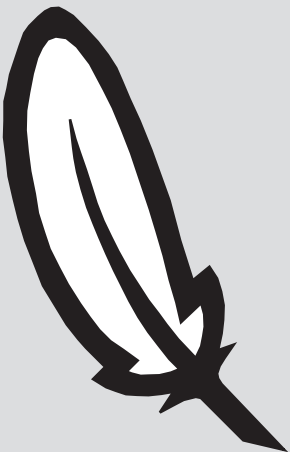
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Voices

1. What is your favorite Thanksgiving Dinner food?
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3. What Thanksgiving traditions do you have?



Kevin Duzynski,
editor

“Pumpkin pie. Vast, vast quantities of pumpkin pie.”

“Family, friends, pretentious literature, class on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Kirsten Blake.”

“Post-Thanksgiving Black Friday shopping. You haven’t lived until you’ve witnessed crazy American consumerism at its finest.”



Kirsten Blake,
assistant editor

“I am in love with my mom’s ham and cream cheese rollups. I try to recreate them, but it doesn’t work out. I also love my aunt’s fudge. It’s just the recipe off of Jet-Puffed Marshmallow Creme jar, but somehow it’s better when she makes it.”

“In all seriousness, my health. Without it, life wouldn’t be too fun. I’m also thankful for my family and that we all pretty much like eachother. Compared to a lot of the world, I’d say I’m doing pretty well.”

“My household has a rule that you can only watch Christmas movies or listen to Christmas music between Thanksgiving and New Years day, so after the main festivites of the day my family watches at least one of our favorites movies (e.g. the 1951 “A Christmas Carol” or “It’s a Wonderful Life”).



Sally King,
chief photographer

“My fav Thanksgiving day food is my grandmothers delicious cinnamon rolls.”

“I’m thankful for my friends, family and Kirsten Blake.”

“We usually have two thanksgiving dinners. One with my parents and siblings, and another with my grandparents and cousins.”



Blaze Fugina,
front page editor

“Turkey and gravy. The ultimate Thanksgiving food. With white meat and not deep fried.”

“I am thankful for close friends, family and football.”

“My family always comes over for Thanksgiving brunch, and then we converse and watch football.”



Kara Johnson,
viewpoints editor

“I love cranberries. I put cranberries on my turkey, potatoes and stuffing. Or I’ll just eat them straight.”

“I’m thankful for my family, friends and for Emma’s having off-sale wine.”

“Every year on Thanksgiving I watch “Planes, Trains and Automobiles” with my family after dinner. Then we prepare the house for Christmas by putting up decorations.”



Christina Lindstrom,
chief copy editor

“Definitely the peas. Everyone else hates them, so I can enjoy to my heart’s content.”

“My family. I’m adopted, so I’m really thankful that I’m so lucky to have the life with the family I do.”

“I hunt with my dad and uncles, watch football over lunch break and have leftover turkey. We usually have our Thanksgiving dinner the night before because of work conflicts.”



Natalie Conrad,
news editor

“I don’t really like Thanksgiving food. Halloween is better. I like candy!”

“Family, friends, food, fun and kittens!”

“Just eating with the family, taking a much needed break and, of course, making hand turkeys!”



Ashley Goettl,
etcetera editor

“Stuffing. The name implies the traditions of Thanksgiving, and it serves as a gentle reminder of how blessed we truly are.”

“Coming from the craziest state. There’s never a dull moment in Minnesota sports or politics!”

“Playing extreme solitaire with all the cousins, or starting fires. I’ve done that by accidentally putting a newspaper into a candle!”



Emily Van Ort,
sports editor

“My mom’s sweet potatoes. She always douses them in melted butter and brown sugar.”

“My family, friends, dogs and my closet.”

“Looking at the Black Friday ads in the newspaper; it helps me decide which sale I’m going to struggle through first.”

STUDENT

Voices

What do you do to donate to the community?

Kelsey Ryan,
senior



“Yes, I donate to charities. I donate my time to Ready for Success and Project Homes.”



Jacob Jenson,
freshman

“In the past I have. I’ve donated my time to elementary schools to help with events.”

Kirk McGinley,
sophomore



“I donate to my brother’s memorial fund and for pancreatic cancer.”



Lauren Evans,
junior

“Yes, usually I donate to shelters for people who are harmed by sexual and domestic violence.”

William Schuster,
senior



“I feel it is important to give back to the community, so I donate my time to going on mission trips every summer to help people in need.”



Sam Powell/Student Voice



Rachelle Dupre/Student Voice

Swim, dive team experiences early success

Andy Moran
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The UW-River Falls Swimming and Diving teamhas started their season 2-0, with a recent record setting win at home against Ripon College.

The men’s team has won their only two meets this season, while the women’s team has posted a win and a loss.

“The season is going really well,” said interim head coach Ryan Hawke. “We have a couple more injuries than I expected coming into it, but for the most part I’m really pleased with how the swimmers are improving.”

Hawke said that improvements are coming both as a team as well as individually.

“Caitlin Gargulak actually set her personal best in the 500 [meter] at our Macalester meet and then broke her own record at the next meet,” Hawke said. “So that kind of thing is nice to see.”

Hawke stressed that the team’s strengths and weaknesses come with each swimmer. He added that depth and numbers play a factor in the strength of the team.

“When we swim some of the bigger schools like Eau Claire, they’re going to have 40 girls and 30 guys,” Hawke said. “So our 15 guys and 15 girls are going to be a little outnumbered.”

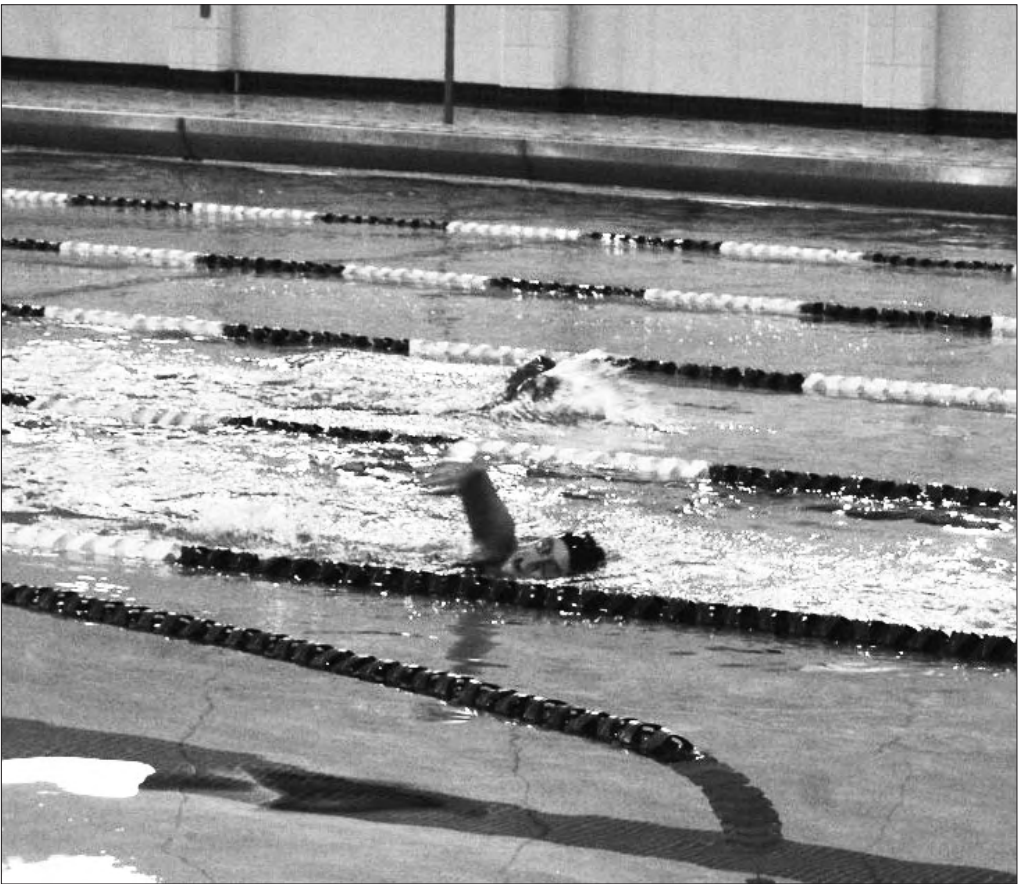
“With the girls we sometimes don’t even have enough people to fill each lane, so we are automatically giving up points right there,” Hawke added.

The Falcons turn to senior leadership this season, while also finding strength in returning underclassman.

“All of our seniors and all of our returning swimmers have stepped up and pulled themselves into a leadership role, which I really like to see,” Hawke said. “Not just the captains stepping in, but the juniors and sophomores are stepping in to help out when something needs to be done.”

Senior men’s captain Dan Blasberg said in an e-mail that he notices team improvement.

“The season is going very well,” Blasberg



Sally King/Student Voice
Falcon swimming and diving team practices at River Falls High School because they do not have a campus pool . Coach Hawke thinks a pool would help promote the team.

said. “Many of the swimmers are swimming faster than last season.”

“Coach Hawke is doing very well as head coach,” Blasberg added. “I am very pleased with his performance on the deck and off. One thing I am very pleased with is his ability to socialize with swimmers.”

“I feel like he knows every swimmer’s strengths and weaknesses and is able to manage that into practices and meets so that we are getting the full benefit of our workouts.”

With the absence of a pool on campus, the Falcons are confined to the use of the River Falls High School facilities.

“I am very happy with our situation at the high school,” Blasberg said. “However, I do

think that the team would definitely benefit from a campus pool. It would allow us to choose better practice times, it would look more professional and lastly, I think it would promote swimming better.”

Hawke said that the installation of a new facility on campus would be beneficial to the team.

“I think that would allow us easier scheduling times, which would be nice for the kids,” Hawke said.

The Falcon’s next meet is away at Lawrence University on Nov. 13, when both the men’s and women’s teams take on the Vikings.

Athletes flaws outweigh their positive actions



Ashley Goettl

Why do we admire professional athletes on a grand scale?

We watch their every move and want to grow up to be just like them. But are these the role models we want for our children?

Time and time again, we see these athletes engaging in unethical behavior that is deemed unacceptable in our culture. Whether it’s cheating on spouses, sending lewd text messages, taking performance enhancing drugs or selfish antics, these behaviors put a damper on the world of sports. There are a small portion of athletes whom we admire and make us believe in something greater than ourselves.

The truth is, we don’t hear about the positive stories because it doesn’t make for a good story or attract viewers.

The examples of the athletes who can perform at the highest level, heed the call of citizenship and go above and beyond the call to give back to the community are quite simply unheard of.

Did anyone report that the Milwaukee Brewers All-Star outfielder Ryan Braun gave free meals to military veterans on Veteran’s Day? Or that Indianapolis Colts’ quarterback Peyton Manning created the Payback Foundation to help disadvantaged youth?

Athletes such as these garner the respect and admiration from fans around the country but may only be mentioned in passing.

Stories like the New Orleans Saints restoring hope and belief in overcoming tragedy after Hurricane Katrina to a devastated city that make us put geographical and bitter disappointments aside. How could anyone cheer against teams like the Yankees or the Patriots shortly after Sept. 11? (It may have been the first and only time I will ever consider myself a Yankee fan.) But it is during these times where athletic competitions can unite a city or a nation and make us put aside the cares and troubles of this world, if even for a brief moment.

The world of sports is not perfect. There is so much time, resources and money spent on what many would call a silly game. But what it boils down to is that athletes such as Braun and Manning remind us that baseball and football go beyond the innings and quarters. The world of sports captures the essence of the American spirit: that hard work and determination can take you anywhere; that helping your neighbor and believing in the extraordinary can bring out the best in people; and, ultimately, when facing that insurmountable challenge, you discover things you never knew you could do.

Ashley is a sophomore double majoring in journalism and digital film and television with a political science minor. She enjoys watching the Twins and Vikings, and she is a member of UW-River Falls’ softball team.

Women’s hockey deserves more credit, more fans



Sarah Hellier

A couple weekends ago I went to the first women’s hockey exhibition game at Hunt Arena. The game was a great: it was intense, enthusiastic and most of all, spectacular hockey. The Falcons pulled out a win with the final

score being 4-2. It was a very entertaining hockey game to say the least. The only thing missing were the fans.

The women’s hockey team has done remarkably well over the past few seasons. Last season, they were one game away from making it to nationals again but lost in a heart-breaking third period. I expect nothing less exciting from them this year. From what I saw in their game against Canada, they have some strong leadership and undeniable talent, just like in recent years. In past years, there has been a larger number of fans, and that is why I was disappointed to see the outcome on their very first exhibition game.

The men’s team had their first game on Oct. 23, and it was a blow-out: they beat Concordia, 8-1. I’m not taking away from the men’s team. The game great, but the only difference was the amount of fans was obviously more then the women’s game.

Why is this?

Is it due to the masculinity of the sport? Or the fact that women’s hockey players are not technically allowed to body check?

I talked with Minnesota USA Master Level Certified Hockey Coach, Jacob Mars. He said he thinks the main reason for the fan

difference is the “lack of legal body checking.” Does this mean that finesse and skill make a sporting game boring?

Mars and I went deeper into why women’s hockey does not allow body checking.

“Due to the physical make up of a woman’s body, it’s much more difficult for females to safely body check. If a woman is hit wrong, it can harm their reproductive system and could not allow them to produce children.”

But couldn’t the same happen to men? Shouldn’t the possibility of risk be assumed across all sports?

Mars said he isn’t surprised that women’s hockey in River Falls doesn’t get a lot of fans because even the Olympic Committee is considering pulling women’s hockey from the Olympics all together.

Hearing this news really saddened me — because being a youth and high school hockey player myself — it was and always will be the Olympic event I look forward to the most.

“Sadly, it is seen that women’s sports are lesser equal then men’s,” Mars said.

Unfortunately, I believe he is right.

Not only is this obvious gap in fans seen in hockey but in all women’s sports when being compared to men’s. I think the only way we can attempt to fight this inequality is to start supporting and increasing our fan base at women’s sporting events, starting with the River Falls women’s hockey team this winter. I have much confidence that this hockey season will be an exciting one, so I encourage everyone to come out and support not only our hockey team, but also all of our women’s sports.

Good luck ladies!

Sarah is a journalism major who plays lacrosse for UW-River Falls. She is involved with 88.7 FM WRFW, and she enjoys long walks on the beach.

Weekly Sports Wrap

Men’s Hockey <p>UWRF fell 3-6 to UW-Eau Claire Saturday night. Falcon Jon Schreiner scored his first goal of his collegiate career bringing the Falcons one goal shy at the beginning of the second period. The Falcons travel to St. Norbert College to take on the Green Knights at 7 p.m. Friday.</p>	Women’s Hockey <p>The Falcons beat Concordia 5-1 Saturday. Goaltender Ashley Kuechle stopped 26-27 shots. They take on Lake Forest at 7 p.m. Friday in Hunt Arena.</p>
Football <p>The Falcons earned their first victory Saturday against UW-Eau Claire. Falcon Joe Ganske set and broke a 41-year-old school record with nine passes for 202 yards and two scores. Head Coach John O’Grady ended his career and season with a 45-42 win.</p>	Men’s Basketball <p>UWRF men’s basketball opened their season with a 74-41 win against Viterbo. Falcon Jake Voeltz — along with two other Falcon team members — ended the night in double-figures. This weekend the Falcons participate in the Northwestern Tournament where they play Simpson College at 4 p.m. Friday in Northwestern College.</p>

WIAC Standings

Football		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Whitewater	7-0	10-0
UW-Stevens Point	5-2	7-3
UW-Oshkosh	3-4	4-6
UW-Platteville	3-4	5-5
UW-Stout	4-3	6-4
UW-Eau Claire	2-5	4-6
UW-La Crosse	3-4	4-7
UW-River Falls	1-6	1-9
Women’s Soccer		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Stevens Point	7-1-0	18-2-1
UW-Whitewater	7-1	11-7
UW-Eau Claire	6-1-1	13-7-1
UW-River Falls	4-4-0	10-8-2
UW-Platteville	3-4-1	11-9-2
UW-La Crosse	2-4-2	8-7-2
UW-Oshkosh	3-4-1	9-8-1
UW-Stout	1-6-1	7-11-1
UW-Superior	0-8	3-17

Women’s Volleyball		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Oshkosh	7-1	24-14
UW-Eau Claire	7-1	25-10
UW-Whitewater	6-2	28-9
UW-Platteville	6-2	33-4
UW-Stevens Point	3-5	21-13
UW-River Falls	3-5	20-13
UW-La Crosse	3-5	11-18
UW-Stout	1-7	6-24
UW-Superior	0-8	9-27

Men’s Hockey		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Eau Claire	1-1	3-2
UW-Superior	1-1	3-2
UW-River Falls	2-2-0	3-3-1
UW-Stevens Point	0-0	4-3
UW-Stout	0-0	5-3

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Alien film sets tone for future



Michael Brun

There is a scene in Steven Spielberg’s “War of the Worlds” in which Tom Cruise keeps his fictional son from running over a hill and seeing a fight between the army and an alien tripod. You hear all kinds of sweet explosions as rockets and tanks rush headlong into the fray. But Spielberg never shows the battle, a fact that still frustrates me to this day. “Skyline” is basically what was on the other side of that hill.

The plot of “Skyline” revolves around a group of friends holed up in a Los Angeles apartment building during a surprise alien attack. The extraterrestrials are a nasty lot: they fly, have a lot of tentacles and eat human brains. They are devious, too, giving off a brilliant blue light that, when seen, forces hapless humans to walk outside for easy pickup by harvester ships.

“Skyline” has been described elsewhere as “Night of the Living Dead” meets “Independence Day.” While it does share many elements with them, comparing it to such classics is too flattering. I say it is more like “Cloverfield,” only without the faux documentary style and with plus a lot more action.

Like “Cloverfield,” “Skyline” presents an alien invasion from the prospective of a small band of survivors.

We aren’t given any information beyond what is known by the characters. Who are these aliens, and what do they want?

These questions and more are brought up without any definitive answers. If you are the kind of sci-fi fan that enjoys speculating about alien societies and their organizational structure, then you will be pleased with how much is left to the imagination.

Where “Skyline” differs from “Cloverfield” is the amount of action. You don’t go to an alien invasion movie to watch humans scurry around and sort out their relationships;



you go to see monsters wreck stuff. There is some romance in the plot, but it is overshadowed by plenty of destruction and mayhem.

Directors Colin and Greg Strause (known collectively as the Brothers Strause) have only one other major motion picture to their name, the absolutely abysmal “Aliens vs. Predator - Requiem.” While “Skyline” doesn’t redeem them for their work on that movie, my opinion of the duo has changed greatly. It takes a certain kind of cool to make a movie featuring a fleet of unmanned drones firing nuclear missiles at an alien mothership, and the Brothers Strause have it.

Joining the Brothers on the production of “Skyline” were legendary creature designers Alec Gillis and Tom Woodruff Jr. Their work includes such iconic movie monsters as the aliens from “Aliens” and the robotic skeleton from “The Terminator.” As would be expected from such talent, the aliens they designed for “Skyline” look great.

Although they are clearly inspired by similar movies, they have a sort of organic technology thing going on that is very intriguing.

Unfortunately, the humans are not nearly as interesting as the aliens. A small, tight-knit cast works well in this kind of movie so long as the audience can become invested in their survival.

As group members

inevitably begin to get picked off, I found myself not caring. The actors are a kind of necessary evil in “Skyline,” thrown in to make it a movie and not just an hour and a half special effects demo.

On the subject of special effects, I was impressed with how gorgeous “Skyline” is. Even though it was made with an estimated \$10 million — paltry for this kind of movie, it looks far from low-budget. Some of the CGI effects are cheesy, but there are enough jaw-dropping moments to balance them out.

The cast is bland, certain special effects shots miss their mark and the ending reeks of studio intervention, but “Skyline” is still a worthy entry into the alien invasion sub-genre. There is a wave of alien-themed movies coming in 2011, and if they are at least as enjoyable as this, then we are in for a treat.

Michael Brun is a journalism major with a minor in film studies. When he grows up, Michael would like to be a film critic or RoboCop. Or both.

Nail-bitter tears up train tracks



Anthony Orlando

I feel like I’ve become very jaded towards newly released movies. Mostly, I just like to poke fun at the gimmicky Hollywood junk that winds up on screen, completely unashamed of its birth from a movie company profit equation.

But over the past several months, I have really seen very few films that have tightened the pants for my inner movie lover.

Then, when I realized that my best option for the week was the out of control vehicle disaster movie “Unstoppable,” which looked suspiciously like “Speed 3” in disguise, I knew that if I didn’t take some sort of action, my movie habit was in jeopardy of being kicked.

So I did what any sensible addict does, I grabbed six or seven titles from the library and went on a three-day movie binge. It turns out this was exactly what I needed.

With my cravings satisfied, I found myself cruising along on the way to the theater and actually looking forward to what promised to be a very silly and very action-packed movie, which is pretty much exactly what I got.

“Unstoppable” is the nail-biting tale of a Pennsylvania cargo train that accidentally has its brakes disengaged, is cranked to full power and is left unmanned.

All of which is understandable, considering how apparently commonplace it is to leave dangerous machinery in the charge of complete idiots in America.

Oh, and the train is carrying like 10,000 tons of highly explosive chemicals.

Of course.



So the train gets away from its operators, and two unlikely partners—one a soon to be downsized railroad vet (Denzel Washington) and the other young cowboy (Chris Pine) who keeps getting berated with the cry of “you took er jerrbbss!”—decide to chase it down before it hits a certain sharp turn in a rapidly approaching city.

What’s really crazy is that this apparently actually happened in a city in Pennsylvania in 2011.

How did I not hear about the half-mile long runaway warhead story until now? Something tells me a bit of dramatic license was used here.

While this movie has pretty much everything you could expect from a runaway train movie—car stuck on the tracks, horses stuck on the tracks, people stuck on the tracks, incoming train full of school-children, daring helicopter rescue attempt, bad guy, love story—it never tries to be anything that the trailer didn’t claim it would be.

It sure was mindless, and I really feel like it wouldn’t matter much if I gave away the ending. Quite frankly, it was a fun movie to watch.

There’s lots of unintentional comedy, corny acting and dialogue, some genuine comedy and touching moments and a few heart stopping scenes where I found myself thinking, “Watch out little schoolchildren!!!”

This certainly isn’t a movie for deep philosophical ideas, or introspection but more something for you and your friends to go see for kicks.

I’m sure you could find enough train, tunnel and “half-mile-long” analogies to make it worth your while.

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where I found myself thinking, “Watch out little schoolchildren!!!”

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Columnist calls on fans to revive sagging indie music



Jon Lyksett

I might as well be signing my own death certificate by writing this: modern indie music is boring.

Okay, I know that there are a lot of independent bands and plenty of variety within independent music that makes for some pretty enjoyable music; I’m not ruling every single band or artist out, as there are plenty of indie bands that I’ve seen or listened to that I enjoy.

There are several things that are bringing down indie music—the first is its repetition.

This summer, I tuned into the Current, the Twin Cities local Indie station. The Current has a wide selection of alternative and classic music. Depending on the DJ, the day or even the hour, its style can change dramatically.

Anything you can think of from the Flaming Lips to Biz Markie is on the Current.

But when the DJ decides to play a long set of new Indie tunes, that’s when things start taking a one way trip to Snoresville: population, Jon Lyksett.

I get so bored and so tired of new indie music because new indie groups love repetition.

If you know anything about music, or if you can remember back to your elementary music classes, you might

remember talking about the ABC system.

The ABC system is how a song is laid out: the verse is A, the chorus is B and the bridge is C. A good song has all three components and can be laid out in any number of ways, but on average, it looks something like this: A-B-A-B-C-A-B.

Bridges are good for breaking up the flow of the song and adding some interest.

Often times, bridges contain a solo by one of the artists. Sometimes, songs add a key change.

Both tools can make a song that much more enjoyable to the listener. There doesn’t have to be just one bridge in a song. If you ever listen to a jazz album, you will hear many bridges, many of which involve a solo from each one of the band members.

Indie musicians format their songs in very different ways, and it usually looks like this: A-B-A-B-A-B-A-B. This goes on—over and over and over and over—usually for four to five minutes or until the producer of the album dies of boredom, in which case it continues for at least 10 more minutes.

Indie music lacks proper structure, and without it, audiences lose interest.

The second thing that modern indie lacks is creativity. In the good old days, indie bands got together

Modern indie music is dead, and it’s killing me. Repetitive, lifeless, poorly structured songs are getting ridiculous amounts of airplay, and putting listeners to sleep.

and said, “Hey, let’s do something different, something original.”

Because of these indie groups, music evolved and changed dramatically. If you think about it, both punk music, and hip-hop, for example, were formed by independent groups. They took old styles of music and molded them into something new and different. Punk took rock ‘n’ roll, sped it up and added screaming singers and guitars to become something totally different.

Hip-hop took cues from R ‘n’ B rock and blues to become one of the freshest and most original styles of music of the 20th century.

So what does modern indie do? Modern indie groups have decided — maybe not consciously — that they are going to fall back on old styles of music.

Last time I listened the Current, I heard to eight bands playing similar music; guitars strumming a steady, monotonous beat, which was accompanied by a steady, trembling bass-line; and primitive cave-like drum beats. Each band had a singer with an airy, lifeless voice. Each track made me feel like the band didn’t really think I was cool enough to be listening to them. This is what indie music has become: emotionless, hopeless and lifeless.

These qualities are the very opposite of what music should be!

These factors are not the only things that are killing indie music; the fans are also responsible for them.

You’ve seen them before, those hipster kids that are so mad because their favorite band is now huge, and their music is getting played on the local pop or rock station.

To those people, I have this to say: get over yourself.

All of the bands that have made music what it is today started out as an Indie band.

Before The Beatles had herds of screaming fans that awaited their arrival in the United States, they played in strip clubs; before Bob Dylan had an entire movie made about his career, he was thrown out of clubs in Minneapolis and forced to play at smaller venues.

Music that changes the world never stays indie; it evolves and shapes the way we look at music.

Indie music is not meant to stay indie, yet all of these artists seem to believe that if they become famous, they are selling out. The reason they think this is because of the fans.

Music is about change and evolution, and change happens.

Deal with it.

Modern indie music is dead, and it’s killing me.

Repetitive, lifeless, poorly structured songs are getting ridiculous amounts of airplay, and they are putting listeners to sleep.

Indie music needs something, and it needs it fast, or else things are going to keep getting worse and worse.

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UWRF drag show displays student talents



Hannah Lenius/ Student Voice

Top Left: Students walk down the runway at the Drag Show in the Falcon's Nest. Bottom Left: Students perform a skit. The Drag Show promoted diversity and inclusivity in issues related to gender, equality and neutrality. The Falcon's Nest was full of students, staff and community members who watched the performers. Talents ranged from singing, dancing, comedy and performing skits for a vast audience.

Above: Student Senate President Lee Monson sings at the Drag Show.

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