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E-mail system to be replaced

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In response to the increased e-mail interruptions, the UW-River Falls Information Technology Department will soon drop the current system in favor of Microsoft Live.

The termination of the current e-mail system was originally set to take place in fall semester of 2011.

In recent weeks, however, with the current instability of the e-mail system, the IT department has decided to bring this date forward. The exact date is not yet known, said Chief Information Officer Stephen Reed.

“We had issues at the beginning of the semester right off the bat and we can't afford to have that to continue to happen on campus,” said Customer Technology Services Manager Sara Solland.

The two year project took place after much thought and consideration went into choosing a new e-mail system. The ability to partner with other UW System schools was a large deciding factor, said Reed.

UW-Stout Chief Information Officer Douglas Wahl said in a telephone interview that the UW-Stout community began using the same system in the Fall of 2009. When it came down to Google and Microsoft Live, it was found that Live could offer more gigabyte storage.

“Google offers only a small percentage of accessibility over what can be offered to students on Live,” said UWRF Infrastructure and Security Technology Manager Jason Winget.

“It is all of your communication needs in one,” said Reed. “One comprehensive collaboration suite.”

Live offers a 10 gigabyte e-mail and 25 gigabyte online storage, said Solland.

In addition to e-mail, it is an entire package with instant messenger and a calendar through Outlook Live. As for the additional storage, called Skydrive, users will be able to eas-

ily store documents and files and share those folders with other users, said Reed.

Reed said as a financial relief for students, the new system will also have online accessibility to Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote. Reed added that there is no substantial cost for this service for the University.

A key component to the all of the applications, which are attached to an e-mail system, is that users will have access to the capabilities for any Internet device, said Division of Technology Services Communications Center employee Nick Wasmund.

IT currently services 14,000 active e-mail accounts, of those accounts students will have an indefinite change to Microsoft Live and will be able to maintain their accounts after graduation.

Faculty and staff will have access to it if they so choose, said Solland. A local account will also be made available for faculty and staff, added Solland.

“I probably won't use many of the other features but I can imagine that a lot of other people will find use for them,” said lecturer Kate Maude.



Sally King/Student Voice
Chief Information Officer Stephen Reed leads the charge in bringing the new e-mail technology services to UWRF. The changes will take place during spring break.

Student Mike Pechacek said he was uncertain about the change because of all of the extra applications. Students Jennifer Giddings and Stephanie Kempf said they think that the current e-mail format, Squirrel Mail, is unreliable.

“E-mail is our main way of communicating with professors,” said Giddings. “I am really okay with the change, just

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Bazaar connects campus cultures

Sally King/Student Voice

Kaishan Kong helps children with crafts during the International Bazaar. UWRF students displayed their talents and cultures at the International Bazaar. The event, held March 4 in the University Center's Falcons Nest. For more photos, see page 3.

UWRF program extends trips

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Kinni Outdoor Adventures was caught off guard this year due to the popularity of its \$5 day trips it started offering this semester. Considering this, Ryan McCallum, coordinator of Kinni Connections, explained that it needed more options for next year.

Currently, KOA offers these trips that include equipment, lunch and travel to and from the location. The day trips include cross country skiing, snowshoeing, outdoor rock climbing and kayaking, which are all full for this spring semester already.

They were full within the first week and a half that they were offered, McCallum said. The trips are so popular they are considering adding more options to next years trips and also expanding office hours.

“We can't believe how fast they filled,” said McCallum. “So next year, we are plan-

ning on having a lot more to offer to students.”

Haley Kavanaugh, a junior at UWRF, said that she signed up for three of the day trips.

“I signed up for the snow shoeing, rock climbing and kayaking. I think it's a great idea and I am really excited,” said Kavanaugh.

What KOA is planning on doing next year, instead of just day trips, is adding seven to 10 day trips to different places around the country. These trips would be offered during J-term, spring and summer break, McCallum mentioned.

“It is in the works and we are really excited about these trips for Outdoor Adventures,” McCallum said.

Shaun Vass, Student manager of KOA, said that since the trips filled up so fast KOA needed to look towards the future.

“The number of local day trips for next year will be tri-

pled and will include mountain biking, kayaking and even sky diving,” said Vass.

The first longer trip KOA is offering for the summer of 2012 includes a 10-day fishing trip to Isle Royal National Park in Michigan. It is \$500 for students and with only eight spots available, students will have first priority, but is also offered to staff and community members.

Everything will be provided for the people that go on the trip, including transportation, permits, the ferry ride, fishing licenses and equipment.

When the fall semester starts, KOA will be offering two trips a month for students and the community.

McCallum said their will be many more planned trips to go on next year then this year.

“We are currently in the process of figuring out where

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UWRF brings large number of researchers to conference

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One chartered jet wasn't enough to fit all the UW-River Falls students going to present at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research this year; they had to reserve two.

The Society for Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities, or SURSCA, has been sending students to the NCUR since 2002. Since that time, SURSCA had sent around 25-30 students per year.

Tim Lyden, SURSCA faculty adviser, said he used to joke about chartering a plane

for the trip, but never thought it was a viable option for so few people.

“When we got to over 50 [students], all of the sudden it wasn't so silly,” Lyden said.

This year, UWRF has 85 students presenting at NCUR, making them the third largest group of presenters attending the national conference, held at Ithaca College in New York.

Ithaca College has the highest number of presenters, followed by Cornell University, which is located less than three miles away from Ithaca College.

The planes, chartered from Sun Country Airlines, will carry 320 people from the

Midwest region to the conference, including students from 10 regional campuses.

The NCUR is one of the premier conferences for undergraduate research and creative studies, Lyden said. More than 1,500 students nationwide were accepted to present their research at the conference, out of more than 3,000 that applied.

According to the Ithaca NCUR 2011 website, students can present research at the NCUR on wide range of topics. This year some of the topics range from “biochemistry to sport management, from communications to astronomy, from dance to sustainability, from African



Sally King/Student Voice
Tim Lyden, the faculty advisor for SURSCA, is no longer joking as this year there are more than enough students going to the National Conference to charter a plane.

Voice Shorts

Board of Regents member to appear at open forum

On Friday, March 4 Board of Regents member Stan Davis will visit UWRF for a reception and open forum. Davis will make brief statements about problems such as the budget repair bill and changes to the UW System outlined in Gov. Scott Walker’s 2011-2013 state budget. The forum will start at 2:30 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom.

University seeks ideas to help manage costs

Students, Faculty and community can send ideas about solutions to help our university reduce costs, increase revenue and be more efficient. Those interested can submit ideas by Friday, March 11. Send ideas to: <http://bit.ly/hQfoIt>.

University center to host town hall meetings

UWRF will host two town hall meetings March 7 and 8. Topics will include Gov. Scott Walker’s proposed 2011-2013 state budget, as well as the campus strategic direction and the Falcon Promise. The meetings will take place at 12 p.m. March 7, and 3 p.m. March 8 in the University Center’s Kinnickinnic Theater.

Last chance to see theater production

This is the last weekend of the UWRF Theatre production “The Shape of Things.” The play runs 7:30 p.m. March 3-5 in the Syse Theatre in Kleinpell Fine Arts. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students with a valid student ID and \$8 for seniors.

Senate Shorts

From the March 1 Student Senate Meeting:

- The Allocable Fees and Appropriations Board’s proposed budget was passed for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- The Facilities and Fees Board’s proposed budget was passed for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- The Student Senate passed a motion to grant the Legislative Affairs Committee \$441 for two quarter page ads in the Student Voice in regards to the general city election on April 5.
- Student Senate passed a motion to adopt a new timeline for Student Senate elections. It is as follows:
 - Petitions available: March 2 at noon
 - Petitions due: March 11 at 3 p.m.
 - Primary elections (if needed): March 28 at 8 a.m. through March 29 at 4 p.m.
 - General elections: April 4 at 8 a.m. to April 5 at 4 p.m.
 - Results posted: April 6 at noon
 - Official election grievances filed: April 8 at noon
 - End of Student Senate term: April 26 upon meeting adjournment
- The Differential Tuition Oversight Committee is looking for student members.

Appointments:

- Beth DeLong was appointed to the Shared Governance Committee.
- Derek Johnson was appointed to the Chancellor’s Award Committee.
- Jordan Harshman was appointed to the Chancellor’s Award Committee.

River Falls Police/

UWRF Police Department

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

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- Jacob Ryan Lindsey, 20, charged with underaged consumption in May Hall.

J-term India trip enlightens both students and professors

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A J-term study abroad trip to India provided the opportunity for students in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science to experience the agricultural process in India.

“This trip resulted from a visit from India through the administrative level about five years ago,” said Professor and Chair of Agricultural Engineering Technology Dr. Dean Olson. “They were looking to establish ties through India and through that trip they identified a few universities that deal primarily in agriculture. So this has been the second time that we have brought students over to visit and work with these universities.”

During the two-week trip, students learned about the production and postproduction of agriculture and how farmers in India work.

“They are very available and they offer so much help to farmers. They are so helpful, and they led us around on tours. They showed us some of the demonstration plots where they teach farmers the best ways to grow different crops. They have a very good system there,” said Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering Technology Dr. Joseph Shakal. “And they do everything by hand. Out in the countryside, you see a few tractors driving around. But most farms have at least two Indian cows with the big horns to hitch on a plow or a trailer.”

The first half of the trip they toured and worked with the agriculture program of the University of Bangalore.

“It’s very similar to River Falls Col-

lege of Ag and Environmental Science,” Olson said about the University of Agriculture Sciences in Bangalore. “They have similar type programs, there are also huge

differences in how they do things. But primarily it’s their version of CAFES. And so our students got to experience intervarsity life in India that would be comparable to what we do over here.”

“We got to see an India that a tour guide or company wouldn’t show you.”
Dr. Dean Olson,
agricultural engineering
technology chair

But almost every square inch of that farm is producing something,” Olson said. “They are very diversified in crops and vegetables and animals. Everything is used sustainably; the manure from



Submitted Photo

A group of students and professors, pictured, traveled to India for two weeks to learn about agricultural techniques and procedures in another country.

For the second half of the trip they went to the Central Food Technology Research Institute in Mysore, India.

“That is a government entity over there, kind of comparable to the USDA here in the United States,” Olson said. “And their mission is to research food and process food. And all of those areas will be in. So it was a great way to give them global exposure to what they will be doing someday.”

This was Olson’s first time going on the India trip, and according to him it was as much of a learning experience for the students as it was for him.

“We got to see an India that a tour guide or company wouldn’t show you. A typical farm over there is about two and a half acres, which supports a family of four.

the dairy cows is used as methane to cook in the house, the manure then goes to a vermin culture for raising worms, which feeds the chickens, and then the compost goes out onto the fields as fertilizer. So everything is contained and sustainable. And they do it as a necessity. So that was very neat for students to see.”

Students who went on the trip experienced a culture shock while studying and observing India’s agricultural processes.

“It was an interesting cultural experience. Nothing can prepare you for India. The smells, sights, sounds that surround you at every moment have you constantly wondering what’s coming next,” said Agriculture Engineering student Andy Moravec. “Never before have I been more outside my comfort zone, while at the same time feeling so safe and welcomed by the people there.”

Shakal encourages students to go to India to get a good perspective of the world.

“You see things there that you just cant see anywhere else, and you experience things that you can’t experience anywhere else,” Shakal said. “It’s very fun.”

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E-mail: Students express concerns over server reliability

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as long as it is simple and fast.”

“Microsoft has invested millions so that it is user-accessible,” said Winget.

Wahl said the transition at UW-Stout was not difficult because students are so technologically versatile. Before the unanticipated e-mail disruptions earlier in the semester, the IT department had planned to establish a large pilot program this spring, said Reed.

“The largest disappointment for us is that we won't be able to have that large controlled migration effort and student involvement we had planned,” Reed said. “Involvement will take place on a more concentrated scale.”

Microsoft Live has made a huge difference on the UW-Stout campus in terms of e-mail capabilities and that it has worked really out well overall, Wahl said.

“This is going to be an amazingly better than what we have seen in the past, the goal is to enhance student learning oppor-

tunities and accessibility,” Reed said.

The IT department will be holding a series of informational meetings and will be making online information available to the campus community. The timeline for all of this to occur is still uncertain.

No e-mails will be lost when the account addresses change to: first name.last name@live.uwrf.edu.

Trips: Kinni Outdoor Adventures plans overnight trips

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we want to take these seven, 10, and 14-day trips,” McCallum said. “We've been listening to the students and where they want to go, so we will try to make it as affordable as possible.”

Vass also said in an email that it has been a few years since

UWRF’s outdoor recreation program has led trips and the interest is there.

“I feel that the \$5 day trips are very popular because UWRF students and faculty are very interested in outdoor activities but didn't have the means of a lot of money to get out and do the things that we offer, especially outdoor climbing and

kayaking,” said Vass.

For more information on Kinni Outdoor Adventures, contact Ryan McCallum or Shaun Vass at 715-425-4289. Limited space is available for this trip.

SURSCA: UWRF shares charter plane with other campuses

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American studies to nursing, including many MANY more.”

Tim Morris Jr., president of SURSCA, will be presenting research on understanding more about stem cells and how they interact in three dimensions at NCUR this year.

“This is important because scientists used to study cells in flat culture, but in the body cells are in a three dimensional environment,” Morris said.

Morris went to the conference last year in Montana, and said he had an “amazing experience.”

He added that he enjoyed speaking with peers from all over the nation, including students from Hawaii. Morris also said he learned a lot about professionalism from going to the conference.

Samantha Wagner said she is excited about presenting her research for the first time at the national conference. Wagner, a psychology major and biology minor, got accepted to present two of her projects at NCUR this year, one in each of her fields of study.

“I think that presenting there is very beneficial to a person.

It helps them grow, connect with other individuals, it promotes the work you are doing, others might become inspired by your work,” Wagner said.

SURSCA will also be attending Posters in the Rotunda this year, an event where students can showcase their research poster inside the state capitol rotunda in Madison. In the past, SURSCA members have traveled to places such as: Salt Lake City; San Rafael, Calif.; Lexington, Va., and Missoula, Mont.

NCUR has been held at UW system schools twice; once at UW-Whitewater in 2002 and once at UW-LaCrosse in 2009.

Wide array of events show off cultural diversity



Sally King/Student Voice

Top: Korean fashion show participants show off their traditional clothing at the International Bazaar Fashion show March 2 in the Falcon’s Nest.

Top right: Students perform Oendan, or Japanese cheerleading, at the International Bazaar.

Right: Student Minori Yokoo serves food at the dining portion of the International Bazaar March 2 in the Falcon’s Nest.



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EDITORIALS

Make a difference, run for Senate

The Student Senate is a unique asset for students but involvement has been lacking. There are currently seven vacancies on the senate and there will be 14 positions next semester that will need to be filled.

Although student awareness of issues that the senate is working on are improving, in part because we at the Student Voice have heightened our coverage of the senate, student participation is mediocre.

There are 14 Student Senate positions open for next semester and we urge students to strongly consider applying. The positions include: president, vice president, seven at-large senators, a representative for each college and a representative for non-traditional students.

The senate deals with a vast array of issues that pertain to student life, services, and interests. Since fall semester, the senate has passed several proposals and reforms. The Falcon Promise, which hinged on the support of the senate, passed Jan. 25. The increase in differential tuition generated by the Falcon Promise will go towards undergraduate research, student scholarships, classroom renovations and supports additional tutoring.

The senate also revised the campaign rules that now clearly define what it means to campaign and eliminates the restriction on when a candidate can begin campaigning.

The Allocable Fees and Appropriation Board within the senate passed the budget that directs money for student organizations on March 1.

These are just some examples of what the senate deals with and has control over. The issues that the senate deals with have a direct impact on the student body. Without active and engaged members, the mission of the senate will be undermined.

The overall welfare of the UW-River Falls depends on a fully engaged senate. There is more, however, that needs to be considered. The senate must includes a cross section of the student body. Then meaningful dialog that represents the diverse perspective of UWRF students can occur.

Besides the fact that one can play an active role in improving the campus environment, involvement with the senate can have self-serving benefits as well. When future employers are reviewing numerous resumes, they will be impressed to see Student Senate participation.

In order for a student to get on the ballot, an application must be filled out and 50 signatures must be acquired by March 11. Applications can be picked up in the Involvement Center. Once this is done, the student will be placed on the ballot. Elec-

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Coin postage travels through the post office

Christopher Pagels
Columnist

What I am about to tell you is completely legal. However, some back-ground information is in order. Back in October of 2009, I was going through a phase of doing social experiments (a public stunt to see how people react, if they react at all) when I found an idea shenanigan on the internet using the Stumble-upon application. In this shenanigan, the prankster sent a letter with seven coins (quarter, dime, nickel and four pennies) equaling 44¢ taped where the stamp should have been on the top right corner of the envelope. He

claimed that it worked, posting a picture of the envelope with the coins still attached as evidence. The skeptic in me deduced that the prankster used Photoshop to manipulate the picture, but the optimist in me wanted to prove him right. What seemingly looks like an illegal use of the postal system is actually an acceptable way of sending mail, according to a local post office woman. When the post office worker sorted the mail, they would replace the coins with a postage stamp. However, she said it wasn't a good idea because if the coins fell off the letter would be "returned to sender." It was a little depressing to find out that the coins wouldn't reach her like how the prankster's coins reached his friend.

That day I called my friend Ingrid in southern Minn..., with whom I have a snail mail history, telling her my plans to send her this abnormal letter. We confided with each other in giggles of hysteria. There is no rush in comparison than getting away with it, even though we weren't actually getting away with anything. I told her

The skeptic in me deduced that the prankster used Photoshop to manipulate the picture, but the optimist in me wanted to prove him right.

I would send it to her on the morrow, but it would most likely take two or three days because I thought it would be hand sorted instead of sorted by machine. I sent the "coin postage" letter October 26, 2009, accompanied with a "control" letter with correct postage on it. The letter I sent had a time-capsule feel to it.

Dear Ingrid,
If you have received this letter, it means that you have just received the most awesomest piece of mail ever! If you are someone else, well, congratulations because this is still cool.
-Christopher

Less then 24 hours after departure, I received the following post from Ingrid on my Facebook wall: "THE LETTER WORKED! COINS ARE STILL TAPED."

A couple of minutes later, she posted two pictures of the envelope with the coins still taped on the outside of it! There was even a cancellation mark (a mark over a stamp preventing the stamp from being used again) on top of the quarter, dime, nickel, and four pennies. That means I sent a letter for free. That also means that letter went through the machine. According to the

post office woman, the letter with the coins should have mangled the machines in a bad way. It gets better, a single stamp of 44¢ covers a Standard First-Class letter of one ounce (28 grams), yet the coins, envelope, and piece of paper weighed 34 grams, which is more than an ounce. That means the letter should have cost 61¢. Does that make the letter more free?

The best part of the whole thing was that the "control" letter arrived a day after the "coin postage" letter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students' experience the Madison protests

For the past two weeks, the people of Wisconsin have occupied the State Capitol in Madison. During this time they have been rallying in opposition to Gov. Scott Walker's proposed Budget Repair Bill that, if passed as-is, would (among other things) end the collective bargaining rights enjoyed by our state employees. With that said, this is not about Scott Walker, our state legislators, or their policies. These words are about people from all walks of life coming together. Not only Wisconsin residents, but also travelers from across this great nation (and kind messages sent from abroad), coming together under one roof and showing unity in their fight for civil liberties and human rights.

After being fortunate enough to spend six days and three overnights rallying side-by-side with other protesters, they were quickly transformed from fellow protesters to friends and family, there were many moments when the capitol felt as if was a great celebration. Better than Christmas, the community centered in Mifflin Square offers gifts of hope, faith, trust, communion, understanding, and peaceful power. The celebration, not thanks to the hefty bill that is attempting to push through, is a reminder of the simple harmony that happens as the result of a cooperative humanity. The food was bountiful, for the first ten days anyway, and the company lively and ready to lend any kind of support. The atmosphere included a center drum circle, groups organizing events throughout the day, and children making new friends in the first floor north. There was no complaint of theft, major disputes, or general disrespect amongst the gatherers. The capitol, though grand in size, allows for daily reunions of people previously met, often re-welcomed with a smile, hug, handshake, and the latest updates on the protest and the trial. Save

sleeping on marble floors, this is indeed an environment most wish to live in.

Even the police force seems to good to be true as all are welcoming with smiles and kind words. Several law enforcement officials thanked Michaela and the other volunteer clean-up crewmembers only after first inquiring why they felt the need to scrub down the capitol. Many off-duty police even stayed overnight Saturday, Feb. 26, allowing for even more Madison families to feel entirely rest-assured about heading to the capitol for the largest sleep-in Wisconsin has ever seen.

Looking down upon the capitol from the third floor, there is an amazing sight to be seen, people from all walks of life represented, respected, and pleased at the unity formed in this unique capitol-community. It is a truly amazing experience to be a part of ad never before had either of seen a well-executed, peaceful and effective protest. We encourage everyone who is in opposition of Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill to go to Madison and be a part of history. If you cannot make it to Madison, you can still make your voice heard. Call and email your state representatives, write editorials, talk to your friends, talk to your neighbors, make signs and rally, etc.

Of course having a political opinion is an important part of being a voting adult, but the most important value that the community formed at the capital has taught its partakers is unity through humanity. We are all as one, were are all in union.

Jordan Kocak and Michaela Toth students

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Anglers prepare for spring fishing



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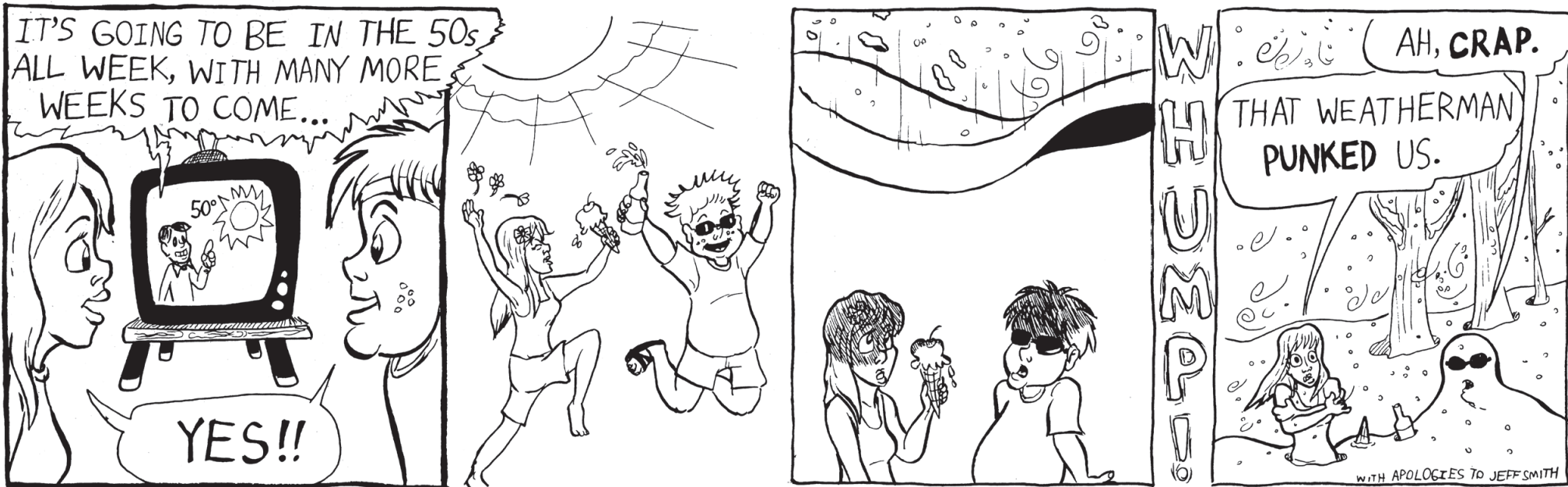
It has already been the snowiest winter in over a quarter-century and we are staring at the prospect of another storm early next week. Wednesday arrived with zero degrees, yet spring is almost here.

The Mississippi River does not freeze between St. Paul and Red Wing, Minn. This glorious fact allows cabin fever-crazed anglers who have little regard for their own comfort to launch their boats and try to catch a fish. I’ve often heard the comment, “What about ice fishing?” Fishing rods are not meant to fit in a five-gallon bucket. Most anglers won’t admit to it, but ice fishing is something we force ourselves to do for lack of a better option. So when we find open water, we

migrate to it. As our migration begins, so does our quarry’s. Without the walleyes, it would all be a moot point. March is the time for walleyes to begin their spawning run. In the next few weeks, tens of thousands of fish and hundreds of anglers will meet on ice-free water. In some places, the boats will pack in one hundred anglers in a half-mile. The intensity of the fishing pressure means it is mostly a catch-and-release fishery, but that matters not. The opportunity to float instead of stand on water is reward enough, but 10-pound walleyes don’t hurt either. While this paper is being printed, I will be in the midst of my first excursion on the river. The forecast calls for snow. No matter, a few flakes are no more than a nuisance. Besides, I’ve been anticipating the trip since I tucked the boat away in November. Jig shopping, line

spooling, buying a new motor I can’t afford, the things that sustained me through past winters have almost got me through this one. Soon it will be spring break. For much of campus it will mean trips to Mexico, the Caribbean, maybe spring training. For me it will mean a glorious week of uninterrupted cold fingers and a snotty nose. While you’re thinking I should be jealous of you, I will try to understand why you’re not jealous of me. So if you or your roommate can get to a boat and you’re not fleeing the area, come join our club “#fish-ingerds”.

Elwood is a senior journalism student originally from River Falls. He tries to write about topics from a slightly offbeat perspective. Outside of school he typically dreams about fishing, then goes fishing, daydreams while he is fishing about what he is going to cook when he gets home, then cooks. That is, unless the Packers are on.



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STUDENT VOICES

What do you think about UWRF switching their email services to Microsoft Live?



Melissa Deaner,
sophomore

“Microsoft Live utilizes more current technology, which is beneficial for the student population.”



Abby Dvorack,
freshman

“As long as it doesn’t crash as much as Squirrelmail did, I think it would be a good thing.”



Amanda Gyger,
freshman

“As long as it generally functions the same, it shouldn’t be a big deal.”



Christa Hoel,
senior

“I don’t have any experience with Microsoft Live, but it is something to look into since Squirrelmail has had problems.”



Matt Jackson,
senior

“The reliability and user friendliness would far outshine Squirrelmail.”



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Tony Kennedy,
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“I don’t really know how it will change, I am kind of misinformed.”



Zach Lofgren,
freshman

“I believe it should stay as is because as a freshman, I have had no problems with it yet.”

Basketball goes to first NCAA tournament

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The UW-River Falls men’s basketball team continues to the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in UWRF history, according to UWRF Sports Information.

The announcement of the 61 team tournament was made Feb. 28. Although the team lost to UW-Stevens Point at Stevens Point Feb. 26, they received an at-large bid to the tournament based on their record, said Roger Ternes, UWRF Athletic Director.

The UWRF men’s basketball team will play Illinois Wesleyan 5:30 p.m. March 4 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

The men began their playoff season by defeating UW-Platteville at home Feb. 24 with a score of 69-60, according to UWRF Sports Information.

Going into the game, the Falcons had a record of 19-6, according to season statistics.

“All year we’ve said that ‘United We Win’ and I think that has held true for this year. We’ve stayed as one this entire year and for that our record speaks well of us,” senior Jontae Koonkaew said.

The men’s team has experienced a 180-degree turn around, which can be measured by wins and losses and the continually increasing student support, said Ternes.

“The proudest moment for me has been knowing that we came together as a team to produce a successful season after coming off a terrible season a year ago,” said senior Brady Hannigan.

The men then went on the road Feb. 26 to Quandt Fieldhouse to play UW-Stevens Point in the first men’s conference championship game in UWRF history, according to UWRF Sports Information.

“We want to make it to the conference championship. It would be very special to us to make it there after where we finished in last year’s season,” Koonkaew said.

The Falcons were defeated by UW-Stevens Point with a score of 79-56. With the win, UW-Stevens Point claims the WIAC Conference Championship title for the third consecutive season, according to UW-Stevens Point Sports.

The men’s team is losing four seniors in next year’s season, which include Hannigan, Koonkaew, Jake Voeltz, and Danny Johnson, according to UWRF Sports Information.

“We are going to miss all four seniors. They have provided great play and leadership,” said Head Coach Jeff Berkhof.

Berkhof has been named the 2011 WIAC Coach of the Year according to the UWRF Athletic Department.

The UWRF students and other Falcon fans have helped make for a great season, Ternes said.

“I think the students should be proud of themselves. They have helped us with their enthusiasm and presence at our games, and for that I want to send a special thank you,” Koonkaew said.

The women’s basketball team began the playoffs with a 66-44 win over the fourth seed, UW-Eau Claire Feb. 23 at UW-Eau Claire.

“That’s a good match-up for us. We split with them during the season and have every opportunity to beat them again,” said Head Coach Cindy Holbrook.

The game against UW-Eau Claire marked the first time in school history that UWRF has beat them in a playoff game, according to UWRF Sports Information.

“Eau Claire is the best game we could have asked for. The rest of the games will follow,” said senior Tess Lardie.

The women advanced to the semi-finals in the WIAC Feb. 25 at UW-Stevens Point.

“This time of year the goal is always to win your next game. If we just win the next game, we get to keep playing, that’s what it’s about when you get to the playoffs,” Holbrook said.

The women lost to UW-Stevens Point with a score of 65-54, according to UWRF Sports Information.

“The women have played UW-Stevens Point really tough. They’re tough to beat, but on any given day, anything is possible,” Ternes said.

Although the women’s season is finished, they have a lot to be proud of, Ternes said.

“They finished fifth in the WIAC, which is in the top half of the league. WIAC is the envy of everyone in Division III because it is the premier conference in the country,” Ternes said.

The team has come a long way in preparing for post season, said Lardie.

“Students should look forward to us playing our game in the effort to win in one of the most competitive conferences in the nation,” Lardie said.

The women finished their season with an overall record of 16-11 and fifth in the WIAC.

“Of course we would have liked to finish better, but we dropped a couple of key games that were really costly for us this year. We



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Senior Jontae Koonkaew goes for the layup against the UW-Platteville defense Feb. 24 in the Karges Center. The Falcons won the WIAC playoff game 69-60 to put themselves in the championship game, which they lost 79-56 to Stevens Point.

knew going into the season we were going to have to stay healthy, as we needed to be at full-strength in this conference. We had to show up and really compete physically and mentally every single day. We weren’t able to do that,” Holbrook said.

The women graduate one senior team member, Lardie, according to UWRF Sports Information.

“She’s been versatile and has been able to fill some critical roles as we battled injuries this year. We return everyone else and have a

very nice recruiting class coming next year,” said Holbrook.

Students also have a lot to be proud of in the UWRF Basketball Program, said Ternes.

“The character of the young men and women that are a part of these two programs is something to be noticed. They are polite, hard working, have integrity and are proud to wear UWRF red and white. They are also doing extremely well in academic programs across the campus,” Ternes said.

Softball season underway; team prepares for Florida trip

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The UW-River Falls women’s softball team opened its season last weekend with a sweep of Gustavus Adolphus in a double-header played Sunday at the Rochester Dome in Rochester, Minn.

The Falcons took game one in decisive fashion, routing the Gusties 18-5. Game two proved to be a different story, with the Falcons hanging on for a 1-0 win.

Captain Dana Book had a good weekend, going 3 for 5 in game one, with two runs scored and four RBI. Book added two homeruns in the game as well.

Head Coach Jody Gabriele said that the team is prepped and ready for what should be a great season.

“2011 Falcon softball looks great,” Gabriel said. “We have details to perfect but we definitely have the potential to be at the top of the WIAC.”

Gabriel said that the Falcons have a lot of potential, adding that talent and depth will play an integral role in the team’s success.

“The strengths of this team will be the talent and ‘ball sense’ of this group,” Gabriel said. “They are ready to compete at a high level because of the previous experiences

they have had.”

Beginning March 13, the Falcons will be competing in the annual Rebel Spring Games, a nationally recognized tournament held each year in Florida.

The tournament, which runs through March



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The Falcons softball is currently spending their time practicing indoors, but soon will take the outdoor field for the ir outdoor rebel games beginning March 13.

18, features some of the top teams in the nation, spurring Gabriel to make on thing very obvious.

“One thing that I like to clarify is that Florida is not just spring training for us,” Gabriel said. “It is an important part of our season in which we play ten games.”

Gabriel added that the competition in Florida is something to use as drive to perform at optimum level.

“We will be matched against some nationally ranked teams,” Gabriel said. “We will fight to win every game we play there.”

Competition and winning aside, Gabriel said that the trip to Florida is an important time to build relationships on the team among other things.

“Florida is important for team chemistry and trying to develop a more set batting order, defense, and pitching rotation for the conference season,” Gabriel said.

The 2010 Falcon softball

squad included only one senior; something that Gabriel said can play a positive role for the 2011 team.

“Last year’s team only had one senior,” Gabriel said. “So this year’s group will be ready to hit the ground running.”

Talent rich and with experience on their side, Gabriel said the Falcons will be plagued by one thing in particular.

“Weaknesses will be simply finding consistency,” Gabriel said.

After a successful first weekend, Gabriel said she was very pleased with what she saw from her team.

“Knowing that we have all parts of the game in order was very important,” Gabrielsaid. “The team handled pressure well and came through with two victories.”

According to Gabriel, the upcoming season is one that has tremendous amounts of potential.

“The upcoming season looks promising,” Gabriel said. “If we are willing to work hard and get better everyday, we are definitely capable of achieving our goals.”

The Falcons are in action again on March 13, when the take on Ramapo College in The Rebel Spring Games.

UWRF winter sports teams continue to find success in postseason play

Ashley Goettl, Columnist

The winter sports season at UW-River Falls is far from being over. The No. 1 women’s hockey team is just getting started in their quest for a national title, and the men’s basketball team earned their first ever birth to the NCAA Tournament, so they too will be fighting for a national title.

While it is worth commending these teams which have brought not only recognition to our school, but have proven that hard work and determination can take you anywhere, it is also worth noting the people behind the scenes who have brought these athletes and thus their teams to reach their fullest potential.

First, are Head Coach Joe Cranston and Assistant Coach Jeremy Weiss of the women’s hockey team. Cranston was recently awarded his fourth NCHA Coach of the Year award after leading the Falcons to an unprecedented 20-0-4 record through this weekend’s NCHA semifinal game against Concordia University in Wisconsin

According to the Falcon athletic website, “Cranston was named the league’s Coach of the Year for the fourth time. He also won the award following the 2009, 2007 and 2003 seasons. Cranston led the Falcons to a 17-0-3 NCHA record and this is just the second time in league history that a team went unbeaten in conference games. He currently has a 192-100-29 overall record, and is 117-40-19 in NCHA games. Cranston has coached the Falcons in each of the team’s 12 seasons.”

Before the team’s 7-1 win over St. Norbert, Assistant Coach Jeremy Weiss was honored by both Chancellor Dean Van Galen and Athletic Director Roger Turnes in a pregame

ceremony that honored his commitment to the team and excellence in coaching.

On Monday, it was announced that the men’s basketball made the field of one of 61 teams in the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. The Falcons, who are 20-7 overall, will play Illinois Wesleyan University (19-8) in its first game on Friday at St. Thomas.

What may be most impressive about this Falcon basketball team is that just a season ago; they finished dead last in the conference. However, thanks to the coaching experience of Head Coach Jeff Berkhof, the team has made an unprecedented run.

According to the Falcon’s athletic website, “Berkhof was named the league’s Coach of the Year after taking the Falcons from a last place finish in the WIAC standings in 2010 to a second place finish in 2011. UWRF finished the regular season 19-6 this year and fashioned a school record 15 game winning streak. Berkhof then led the

Falcons to the WIAC playoffs championship game — the first time a Falcon team has ever reached the title game. He has a 59-69 career record at UWRF and is in his fifth season as head coach. He is in his 19th season in some capacity as a Falcon. Before joining the coaching ranks, Berkhof spent two seasons playing for the Falcons from 1992-94. He spent 12 seasons as the team’s No. 1 assistant coach before being named head coach before the 2006-07 season.”

So while here on campus we may be more familiar with the faces of the game and the athletic teams our fellow classmates represent, but let us take a moment and thank the Falcon coaching staff for all athletic teams, for the hard work and dedication they have put towards Falcon athletics. For without them, the dreams of postseason and the courage to lead would be impossible.

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Liam Neeson shines in ‘Unknown’ while plot falls short

Dustyn Dubuque

When a man awakens from a coma, only to discover that someone has taken his identity and that no one believes him, not even his wife or best friend, he must figure out what has happened since the car wreck that put

him in this situation. The man is Dr. Martin Harris (Liam Neeson) who is on a business trip with his wife (January Jones) in Berlin, only to forget his bag at the airport as they are checking into their hotel.

In a rush, Dr. Harris rushes to get a cab so he can retrieve his bag, but on the way the cab loses control in an accident and tumbles off the side of a bridge. The doctor hits his head on the cab window, which knocks him out, and he is saved by Gina (the cab driver played by Diane Kruger). He then wakes up four days later from a coma to begin a game of chase to figure out what has happened and why even his own wife does not even recognize him. He then teams up with Gina to put together all the pieces of the puzzle which takes the viewer on the ultimate thrill ride to figure out what has turned this doctor’s life upside down.

While “Taken” was great, “Unknown” is just average.

From the first car crash to the seventh one, Liam Neeson is great. With his very straight forward attitude that is so likable, much like many of the other characters he has portrayed in the past, Neeson bring light to the screen in an overall very dark movie. As many before me have already stated, this film reminds them much of his 2008 flick “Taken.” While “Taken” was great, “Unknown” is just average. Though the story is a different concept, there are many holes that don’t get filled so the plot at some points even falls apart. It is also a little too over-the-top to really give the audience and sense of realism that this movie is striving to achieve. The action was well done overall, but became too much and really took away from the main story of the film. The only movie in recent memory that may have had more car crashes was “Bad Boys II.” With a story that is so based around its characters, “Unknown” has to remain on track with a steady plot, while throwing in some action. “Unknown” often time strays away from that concept.

Even with some rough plot points and some overdone action sequences, “Unknown” is still worth checking out solely because Neeson and Kruger are so great. You really see their chemistry on the screen come alive in every scene. Neeson continues to amaze moviegoers like me with his aura on the screen that I just can’t get enough of, and hope there is more to come.



‘The King of Limbs’ demonstrates musical finesse



Ryen Klieser

Just recently, the musical masterminds called Radiohead released their latest album, simply known as “The King of Limbs.” Prior to its release, I really didn’t hear much advertisement or promotion and, honestly, hadn’t

even known they were back in the studio working on an album. But I must say I’m glad to have stumbled upon this fantastic release.

Radiohead has been on the music scene for nearly two decades now and are undoubtedly worldwide rockstars. With their last album release of “In Rainbows” several years ago, I had the good fortune of seeing them while doing a quite rare Midwestern performance as they played live at the Lollapalooza Music Festival in Chicago. Nearly 100,000 plus ecstatic Radiohead fans were there in the crowd and created a musical experience unlike anything I have ever witnessed. Any way you look at it, that’s one hell of an audience for any band, especially for Midwestern venue.

Yet frankly speaking, that’s the norm for Radiohead. These guys are rockstars in every single essence of the word and constantly sellout venues as large or even larger than that. Every fan was fixated upon watching these guys and the three-hour performance went by as if only minutes had passed. Needless to say, after this experience, I had very high expectations for this new album and to no ones surprise, they were completely fulfilled. “The King of Limbs” seems to build where Radiohead had left off with “In Rainbows” and looks as if it attempts to transition this group from its earlier works to something entirely new. The days of “Pablo Honey”

These guys are rockstars in every essence of the word.

and “The Bends” are long in Radiohead’s past, and with this album, it seems they have gotten farther away from their original heady guitar-based masterpieces and changed focus to more percussion based very chill and distant songs. Don’t get me wrong, Radiohead has always utilized a chill aspect to their music, but never before has it been as predominant as it is with this new album.

Throughout Radiohead’s existence, Thom Yorke has been known for having a very unique voice as the lead singer, and portrays it in a shrill, distanced and soothing tone very well. In my mind, his vocals are fantastically brilliant and seem to linger so perfectly within a listeners head, one can’t help but to find themselves singing along.

On this new album, Radiohead has several tracks destined for the charts and honestly, an album capable of winning a few awards. Despite this album only being eight tracks long, songs such as “Lotus Flower” and “Codex” almost certainly are awaiting a long radio prowess. “Lotus Flower” is a lively percussion and synth-based song which easily entrances a listener towards just flowing with the jam. On the other hand, “Codex” is nothing short of an emotional symphony and will likely make your hair stand on end due to its powerful vibes.

Simply put, my words cannot do this band or this album any true justice, yet I hope those of you reading take advantage of my praise to these men, and listen to this album. Even if its just one song that catches your attention, you must realize that music of this matter really does not come along very often.

Radiohead is an extremely talented unique group of musicians, with the capability of entrancing a nation if only given the chance. These men speak through their music and their message couldn’t be more beautiful to one’s ears.

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- 1. Petitions.** Pick up a petition at the Involvement Center Front Desk in the University Center. The petitions will be available on Wednesday, March 2 at noon. will be due on Friday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m. President and Vice-President Candidates are required to collect 100 signatures of currently enrolled students at UWRF. Students running for Senate seats in the spring election will need to collect 50 signatures.
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If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Election Commissioner in the Student Senate Office at 715-425-4444 or e-mail: patrick.okan@uwrf.edu
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Consulting firm reveals preliminary master plan

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A new science building and a parking garage are among the projects in the preliminary master plan for UW-River Falls, unveiled to the campus community by the consulting firm JJR Inc. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Work on the master plan started in earnest last September when JJR came to campus to meet with faculty, staff, students and the community. Those meetings brought about several alternatives and options for what the master plan should include. Since last fall, JJR has been working with those suggestions along with the City of River Falls to design the master plan.

JJR, based out of Ann Arbor, Mich., is one of the premiere consulting firms in the country, said Campus Planner Dale Braun. JJR was paid \$250,000 to put together the plan, which will take them two years from start to finish, Braun said. The impetus for the preliminary master plan was the projected growth of the university and to determine space needs.

According to JJR consultant Jon Hoffman, UWRF is below the state and national average in academic space.

The preliminary master plan encompasses several projects that will alter the outward appearance of UWRF. The plan also addresses logistical issues such as roads, pedestrian walkways and building requirements. The plan is also taking into account how to preserve and protect one of UWRF’s core values of sustainability.

New Science building

One of the more significant projects will be a new science building where Karges and Hagestad are currently located. The rational behind the new building is to bring together

all the different fields of science into one building. The master plan design will unite chemistry, biology, physics, math and other applied sciences within the College of Food and Environmental Sciences.

Adjacent to the new science building, the plan indicates that a new residence hall will be built to accommodate the growth in students that is expected for UWRF. A science learning community for first year students will also be within the new residence hall.

Centennial Hall

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Once the science courses are absorbed into the new building on the west side of campus, Centennial Hall will be renovated for classrooms, collaboration space and offices.

North Hall

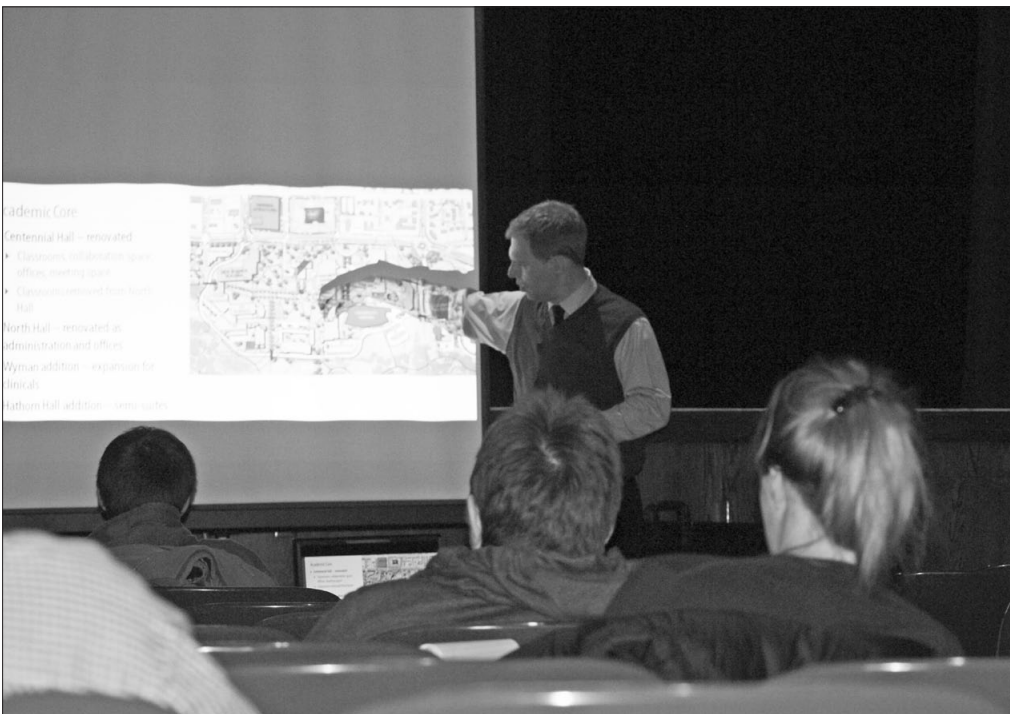
There are currently 1200 people who cross Cascade Ave everyday, as a way to minimize that number, courses taught in North Hall will be moved to other buildings, Hoffman said. North Hall will then be comprised of administrative offices and collaboration space.

Rodli Hall

The preliminary master plan also sets in place a renovation of Rodli Hall. Once remodeled, Rodli Hall will house everything relating to enrollment services and will be the common welcome center for prospective and new students, Hoffmann said. Other student services such as the academic success center, career and health counseling and international programs will also be located in Rodli hall, added Hoffman.

Parking

Parking lots K and N, which are currently located in the floodplain of the Kinnickinnic, will be removed and converted into open space for recreation and storm water protection area. A three story parking structure will be built on Q lot west of North Hall. The structure will provide an additional 500 parking spaces.



Sarah Hellier/Student Voice
JJR consultant Jon Hoffman shows the preliminary campus master plan to members of the River Falls community Tuesday night.

At noon on Wednesday, the consultants stood outside of the dining services in the University Center to show students a large diagram of the preliminary master plan. Several students showed their interest by asking questions and studying the plan.

Steph Jankowski said she liked the plan, especially the addition to the head greenhouse, because she said there are classes that currently compete for space.

Ruth Bohnhoff said she liked how the plan reuses existing buildings such as Rodli Hall.

One student was not as interested in the master plan. After finding out that the entire master plan will not be complete for 20 years, she was overheard saying, “I don’t care, I will be gone by then.”

Director of University Recreation and Sports Facilities Steve Stocker said he is unhappy with some of the aspects of the master plan. Two of the outdoor fields will be taken and parking lots will be put in their place, said Stocker. Although some of the sports relat-

ed issues that Stocker has will be addressed with the new Health and Human Performance building, the plan doesn’t fully address the needs and concerns of faculty and students, he said.

Assistant Director of Recreation Ryan McCallum said that recreation is non-existent in the plan.

The first projects within the master plan that will be addressed are the South Fork Suites and the Health and Human Performance Building, but beyond that it is speculation, said Braun.

The cost for the entire master plan and who will fund it is unknown, he added.

The consultants are asking for feedback from the campus community. Those interested in commenting on the preliminary master plan can email Braun by March 22 at www.dale.k.braun@uwrf.edu. JJR will be back on campus April 27 to deliver the final master plan.



Karges Center and Hagstead Hall, pictured in back, will eventually be the site of a new science building and residence hall if the Campus Master Plan goes into effect.



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The parking lot picture right, known as Q lot, could become the location of a parking garage, according to the master plan.

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