

Bart Starr to speak at scholarship dinner

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Bart Starr, a legendary Green Bay Packers quarterback, will deliver the keynote address at a scholarship dinner benefit at UW-River Falls April 19.

Director of University Advancement Chris Mueller said bringing in Starr helps to raise the level of institutional pride and awareness for the University.

“An event like this can elevate the University,” Mueller said. “We’re bringing in a household name, someone who is well-known and very thoughtful.”

Mueller said Starr was the right fit to bring in to speak because of the football tradition in the area, and that many alumni who will be attending the event will remember watching Starr lead the Packers to the first two Super Bowl titles in 1967 and 1968.

While the event has numerous sponsors donating to the event, a limited number of tickets will be available to students March 6 and 7. The first 100 students can purchase up to two tickets for \$10/each with a valid student ID and with cash only. These tickets buy admission into the program where Starr will speak. Tickets for sponsorship have been sold out and those still interested will be placed on a waiting list.

Platinum sponsors, the top level of sponsorship, will have paid \$20,000 for eight dinner tickets that include a private dinner with Starr, attendance to the program, photo passes and a dessert reception and recognition on website and event signage.

All scholarship proceeds benefit the Falcon Scholars program, unless otherwise designated by the sponsor. Chancellor Dean Van Galen said in the event brochure that sponsoring a scholarship is a great way to give back to UWRF.

“In these times, nothing is more critical to a university than providing scholarship support for deserving students. There may be no better way to support students and UW-River Falls than to sponsor a scholarship,” Van Galen said.

UWRF student Carrie Weichman has seen the direct impact of the Falcon Scholars scholarship program. Weichman was part of the inaugural class of scholars.

“Being a Falcon Scholar opened up so many great oppor-

tunities for me. I’ve gotten to meet a lot of great people and I even got to interview candidates for next year’s class of Falcon Scholars,” Weichman said. “I’m also really excited about the opportunity to study abroad or do undergraduate research my junior or senior year. I’m thinking about going to Italy.”

According to the UWRF website, “Beginning with the entering class in fall 2012, 80 freshman students each year will be selected as Falcon Scholars to receive a renewable four-year, \$1,000 per year scholarship. In addition, each Falcon Scholar will be provided with \$2,000 in their junior or senior year to study abroad or engage in undergraduate research. The funds for the study abroad or research experience are provided through student differential tuition funds, part of the Falcon Promise program approved by students in 2011. When fully funded in 2015, the University will support 320 Falcon Scholars requiring \$320,000 per year in private support.”

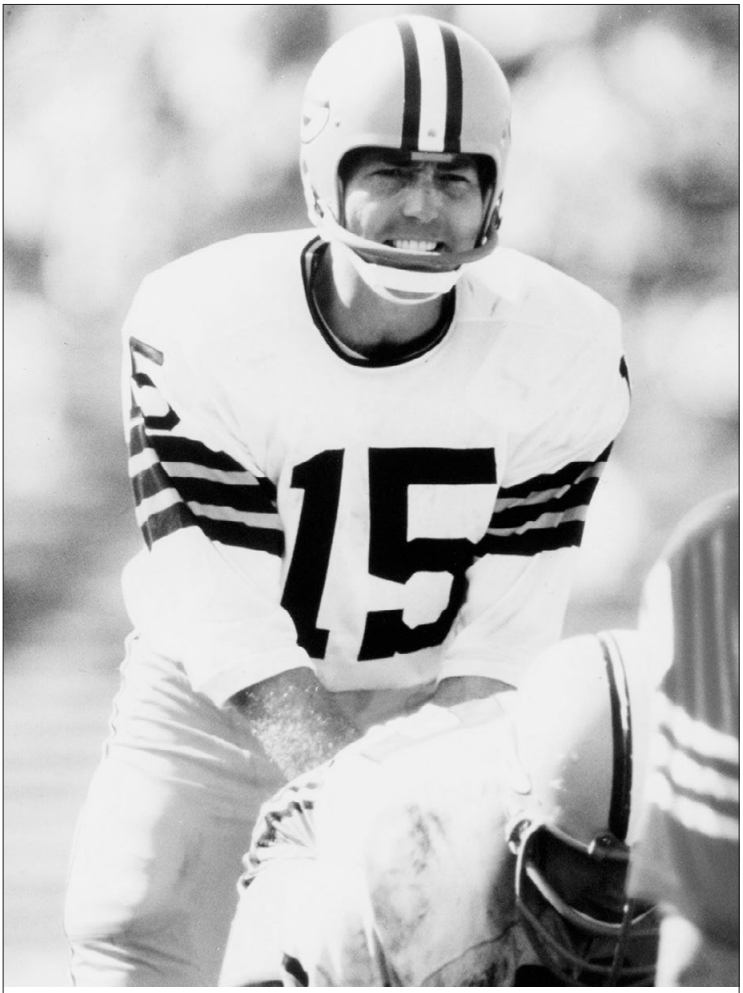
Since the first fundraising campaign began for the Falcon Scholars program during the Rising to Distinction campaign, the program has raised over \$600,000 to support the Falcon Scholars program alone.

Starr comes to UWRF for the second scholarship benefit dinner sponsored by the UWRF Foundation and University Advancement. During the first scholarship dinner, the event earned over \$180,000.

This event may exceed these expectations as tickets for sponsors are already sold out as are the 249 tickets that were sold to the general public for \$45/seat. The student tickets remain the only ones available as of now, but Mueller said people can be placed on a waiting list in the event the student tickets are not sold. Mueller said the amount of tickets was determined by the capacity of Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building that can hold around 400 people.

However, Mueller said that while some people may not be able to attend this event, the plan for the Foundation will be to start building an event like this into an annual tradition.

“We’re planning on bringing in entertainers, newsmakers,



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Bart Starr played quarterback for the Green Bay Packers in the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968.

and more that will allow us to reach a different and diverse audience each time,” Mueller said.

He added that UWRF got the idea for a speaker to highlight a benefit dinner from a university in Tennessee that has been holding a similar event for 47 years.

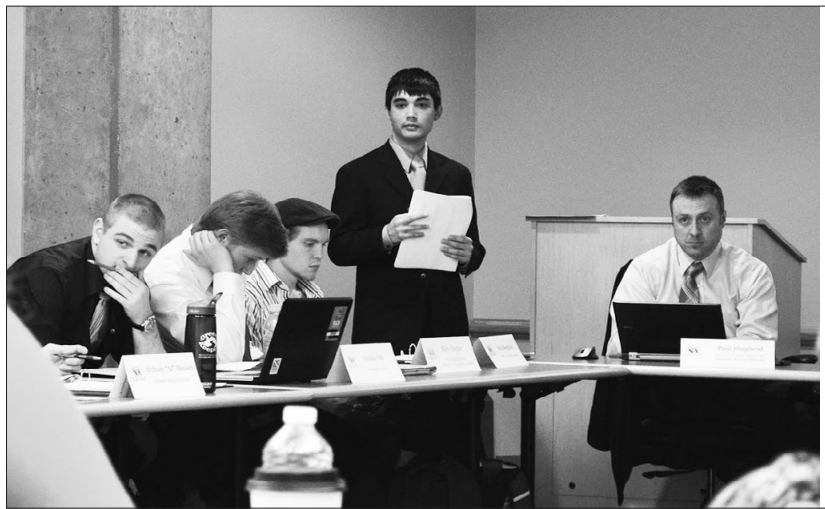
Student Senate hears final budget proposals in non-allocable process

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The final seven facilities and fees budgets have been presented to the Student Senate. Five of the seven requested additional fee increases.

If all five increases are passed by Senate, students can expect to pay up to an additional \$196.65 next year if living in a double occupancy dorm room.

The Senate will formally vote on these proposals on March 5.



Brianna Samson/Student Voice
Facilities and Fees Board Chair Dominic Riel presents budgets for some of the organizations that are not requesting an increase in fees for this year.

Student Life offers variety of programs for UWRF students, hoping to keep them on campus

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UW-River Falls is known as a “suitcase campus,” although Student Life is planning events throughout the year to encourage students to stay here over the weekends.

The University is known as a “suitcase campus” because students who attend frequently choose to return home on weekends. However, in the past the Office of Student Life has offered a wide variety of programs so students have something to do besides going home.

According to Office of Student Life Event Coordinator Karyn Wells, some of the events that Student Life has planned in the past include: open mic nights, bingo, comedians, mentalists, hypnotists and other performance groups.

“We make an effort in the Office of Student Life to communicate with all departments in the Division of Student Affairs to make sure that we are offering a variety of programs on the weekends,” Wells said. For the remainder of the semester, weekends on campus will consist of more open mic nights, a

film competition, a trip to the Minnesota Science Museum, a trip to the Como Zoo and Finals Fest.

Wells finds that more students attend events in the fall semester than the spring semester, “so we are sure to adapt our programming and offer less in the spring to best use student resources,” added Wells.

As far as attendance goes, Wells said that Student Life generally has a good turnout for the weekend programs and are almost at capacity for the open mic nights, RADD Jazz Swing Dance and Cabaret and the comedians. The bingo nights

and other performances range from 50-200 people, but Wells said it depends on the weekend.

Overall, Wells said that the most popular events have been the comedians and the RADD Jazz Swing Dance. “This year we had almost 400 students attend the off-campus Union Depot Swing Dance event in St. Paul,” Wells said.

Students also tend to come out in numbers to events that occur at either the very beginning of the semester, as well as to celebrate or reward themselves at the end of the semester.

Grant for UW System part of Walker budget proposal

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Gov. Scott Walker proposed a \$181 million grant for the UW System after cuts made two years ago.

This proposal is not official until it is debated and voted on by the state legislature, but is a change from the \$46.1 million cut to the UW System in 2011.

“From a university standpoint, this is a step in the right direction,” said United Falcons President Kurt Leichtle.

If this proposed amount is passed, then the increase will be in a flexible spending grant, meaning the universities it is allotted to can put the money in areas of their greatest need.

In an email to faculty and staff, UW-River Falls Assistant Chancellor for Budget and Finance Elizabeth Frueh said, “This increased flexibility and autonomy for the UW System is both a positive development and one reason why evaluating the effect of the Governor’s budget proposal on UW-River Falls is more difficult than in past bienniums.”

The proposal is harder to pass because, typically, when the state gives the UW System money, it

is for a particular purpose. The unknown of where state money will be going is an issue for some politicians who want to see it be put to good use.

For instance, State Senator Sheila Harsdorf said that she supports the flexible spending option, but she also wants the UW System to be accountable to where they are spending the money.

Harsdorf supports this budget, and is very interested to start receiving feedback from campuses, including UWRF, on how it will impact them.

Even with this silver lining peaking around the corner for the UW System’s budget, the gray cloud caused by Gov. Walker’s initial budget cut to the UW System still lingers.

“[The amount is] just over half of what he cut out of the system budget a biennium ago and we’ve certainly had inflation, as gas prices have indicated,” Leichtle said. “It’s going to help. It is certainly better than another cut, but I guess there’s a part of me, that I’m not sure I want to be cheering all over the place with it.”

“We have to look in the context of the various areas of funding

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Communications professor remembered

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Barbara Lynn Werner, a professor in UW-River Falls' Department of Communication Studies and Theatre Arts (CSTA) died Feb. 2, 2013, at the Christian Community Home in Hudson. She was 59.

She joined the faculty of UWRF in 1994 and until the time of her death was a professor.

A celebration of Werner's life was held on Feb. 27 at the Falls Room in the University Center.

According to Werner's obituary on the O'Connell Family Funeral home's website, Werner gave professional presentations,

led workshops, and was a published scholar, specializing in interpersonal communication and gender studies.

Her professional awards included UWRF's College of Liberal Arts' Outstanding Teacher.

She served the University in various leadership positions, including as department chair, women's studies program chair and Faculty Senate chair.

Jennifer Willis-Rivera, a professor in the communications department, noted the influence Werner had on her colleagues and students.

"Barbara had a lasting impact on the CSTA department – she

was a great mentor for students. She could be a tough professor, but students always learned so much from her classes. When our seniors did their capstone presentations, many of them would use projects they created in Barbara's classes as examples of their best work. She had a lasting impact outside the department too," Willis-Rivera said.

Werner was also a member of the National Communication Association; the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender; and Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership, according to her obituary.

Associate Professor of English Michelle Parkinson worked with Werner in the women and gender studies program. Parkinson applauded Werner's work for female advancement.

"She has been a strong supporter of her female colleagues and has stood up for her belief in gender equity consistently over the time she has been here. Barbara was someone who 'walked the walk,' embodying her beliefs in justice in all she did. She will be deeply missed by our community," Parkinson said.

Her obituary stated that Werner enjoyed travel to the Caribbean, Greece and China.



Megan Rodriguez/Student Voice
Friends and colleagues celebrated the life of Barbara Werner on Feb. 27.

Effects of alcohol more severe than students realize

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In movies, college is depicted as a place with beer flowing freely from kegs of ale and a whole social climate is built around the corners of a beer pong table.

The only thing disappearing faster than the beverage friends pressure each other to chug is the memory of sitting home alone watching another rerun of F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

Despite the image displayed in Hollywood, binge drinking has gone down over the last 10 years on college campuses, including UW-River Falls, said Keven Syverson, Health Education Coordinator at Counseling and Health Services. The reason, Syverson explained, could be because different fads phase through campuses.

Currently, exercising and physical health has been a topic being embraced by students, whereas 10 years ago it was not.

Nonetheless, drinking is still an issue at UWRF, especially when it is done to excess, said UWRF Chief of Police Richard Trende.

"When you're drinking, please do that with moderation and think of the residual impact as far as how much you're consuming and recognizing you're not going to feel the

effects right away. It takes time to get into your system," said Trende.

These residual effects can include alcohol poisoning which can result in death, sexual and physical assault, falling behind in classes, and tickets for underage consumption.

If an individual chooses to drive after drinking in excess, tickets for driving under the influence could be a result; these tickets remain permanent on driving records and will always be present in background checks done by employers.

Even though this warning to drink in moderation may seem like common sense after weighing the consequences, it is heard but unheeded by some students at UWRF.

Kristie Feist, assistant director of Residence Life, said that students new to UWRF, including those under the legal drinking age of 21, may see drinking as something that they are suppose to do since they are in college and that is the part of college they have seen growing up in the movies.

Jennifer Herink, a personal counselor with Counseling and Health Services, said that there is another part of it as well.

"It's fun to relax, it's fun to be high, it's fun to be drunk," Herink said as to why her clients drink and

do non-prescribed drugs.

Even though the fun aspect can remain the only experience some students can have with consumption of alcohol, alcohol poisoning, which results when over consumption is taken to the next level, can be another experience.

This one is not so fun.

"Fortunately, we have not had intoxication to the point where somebody has died because of it," said Trende, but he mentioned it was still a danger.

If a person had trouble breathing, cannot respond to simple questions, cannot be woken up, has cold and clammy skin or can not walk, "all of those are indications to call 911," said Sandi Scott Duex, director of Residence Life. These are signs of alcohol poisoning.

If this unresponsive person is a friend of others underage people who are drinking, they should still contact help, Feist said.

If this happens to be in the residence halls, a Resident Assistant (RA) or a Hall Manager (HM) would be options to contact.

"I don't know of a single time where a student who was the one who called and who had also been concerned ever complained about any follow up with the student. I

think the message was pretty clear about here's what happens most, life or death," Scott Duex said.

She does not remember a time where a minor who has been under the influence of alcohol has ever been punished as a result of reaching out for help from an RA for a friend who was in medical trouble.

She said students need to think about the risk involved and have an obligation to intervene when necessary.

RAs are trained to call 911 in case of emergency, Feist said. Since RA are not officers and can not issue citations, contacting an RA would not guarantee a legal citation.

However, if a student is consuming alcohol underage and is not co-operating, RAs are then trained to call campus police for help and to issue a citation.

Even if abusing alcohol does not reach the level of alcohol poisoning, it can still become an issue and can be resolved through small interventions, Herink said.

"Small interventions are the ones the next morning after the person, your friend, has made a complete fool of themselves and you were with them and you were trying to keep them safe and protect them," Herink said.

If this situation arises and there is confusion on how to confront a friend, counselors at Health and Counseling Services are available to meet and form plans to talk with them.

There are many options available for students who do need to get help with addictions and dependencies like those tied to alcohol.

Health counselors like Herink can connect those who need or would like assistance to those programs.

"If someone's safety is in jeopardy, say something," Herink said.

"I still think they're still a lot of 'they'll be fine,' 'oh they'll be fine,' 'they're invincible,' 'nothing happens to us,'" Feist said.

The reality is that in 2012 after drinking alcohol, 28 percent of students did something they regretted later, almost 12 percent injured themselves, 15 percent had unprotected sex and almost 3 percent got in trouble with the police, according to information provided by Student Health Services.

Unfortunately, the ending portrayed in Hollywood is not always the ending for college students, including those at UWRF.

Students who know of someone needing help with alcohol can contact Health Services.

News briefs

Student Voice staff recieve honors at Wisconsin Newspaper Association Convention

The Student Voice has won three awards, including one for overall excellence, in a statewide competition with other college and university newspapers around Wisconsin.

The awards were announced Thursday during the annual convention of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association in Middleton, Wis.

The newspaper received an honorable mention in general excellence, a contest category to "recognize balanced excellence of the college newspaper as a whole," according to the foundation.

Ryan Tibbitts, a sophomore from Glidden, Wis., who is majoring in journalism, won second place in the sports column category for "Small town sports foster sense of community," published in February 2012.

Michael Brun, a 2012 journalism graduate, earned an honorable mention in general reporting for his October 2011 news story, "AFAB allows seg fee funding for dues-based student orgs."

Sponsored by the WNA Foundation, the Collegiate Better Newspaper Contest is judged by journalism professionals from around the state.

BFA and Senior Art Exhibition in Gallery 101 at UW-River Falls

UW-River Falls senior Sarah Vruwink will be showing her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Exhibition in connection with seniors Casey Kemper and Emma Hussey. They will be presenting their Senior Exhibition on March 11-19 in Gallery 101 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Vruwink is working on her B.F.A. in printmaking. She is exhibiting a collection of photographic prints and oil paintings. Her artwork explores the fragility of relationships between individuals as well as between humanity and humpback whales.

Kemper is senior art education major from Kansasville, Wis. In his work, he attempts to depict the ethical, psychological and societal relationships that exist between man and animal.

Hussey is a senior art education major from River Falls. She is exhibiting her hand-dyed and hand-woven scarves as well as oil paintings representing her process of weaving. She has created a series of scarves using color and patterns that invite you to come look closer, see the detail and let your eyes wander.

A reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. on March 15 in Gallery 101. The exhibition can be viewed during gallery hours: From 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Monday-Friday, and from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. For further information, contact the UWRF Art Department at 715-425-3266.

UWRF alerts students of email scam

The University of Wisconsin Police Department has been alerted to a current email scam being sent to some UW-River Falls email addresses.

The email asks you to be a Secret Shopper and fill out surveys. They will eventually send you a money order and give you instructions on how to cash it and how much to send them back.

UWRF Police urge you not to respond to these emails and do not cash these money orders or send money to anyone you are unfamiliar with.

If you have received a money order as a result of one of these emails, contact University Police at 715-425-3133.

UW-River Falls Dairy Club takes top honors at Midwest ADSA-SAD Conference

Fifty-nine members of the UW-River Falls Dairy Club attended the 31st Midwest American Dairy Science Association - Student Affiliate Division (ADSA-SAD) Conference hosted by the Iowa State Dairy Science Club Feb. 2-3 in Ames, Iowa. The group was accompanied by Dennis Cooper, professor of animal science. Students from colleges across

the Midwest attended to share their knowledge of the dairy industry.

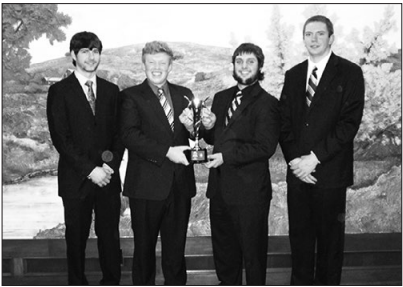
En route to the conference the group toured Larcrest Holsteins of Albert Lea, Minn., recognized worldwide for their superior Holstein genetics. The formal conference began with the quiz bowl competition. UWRF competed in both the junior and senior divisions with the UWRF team taking home the honors in the senior division.

The winning team was comprised of Carl Lippert, Pittsville, Wis.; Erik Warmka, Fox Lake, Wis.; Sam Olson, Chetek; Wis. and Brett Getschel, Osceola, Wis. The junior division team members were: Josh Butler, Watertown, Wis.; Tawna Pogreba, Durand, Wis.; Travis Thamert, Owatonna, Minn., and Morgan Kittel, Burnett, Wis.

Feb. 3 consisted of a full day of educational sessions with speakers from academia and industry followed by a banquet dinner. The keynote session presentation was given by Bill Mahanna, nutritional sciences manager for DuPont Pioneer, and former faculty member in the Animal and Food Science Department at UWRF.

Election of officers for the Midwest ADSA-SAD took place at the conference. Olson, the current ADSA-SAD vice president, conducted the interviews of the candidates in front of the assembled audience. Warmka was elected second vice-president for 2013-14.

On the trip back to River Falls the students visited De-Su Holsteins of New Albin, Iowa, a 1,400 dairy cow operation with high genomic producing cattle.



The winning Quiz Bowl senior team from UW-River Falls included (left to right): Brett Getschel, Carl Lippert, Sam Olson, and Erik Warmka.

Academic Success Center starts exploring more positive ways to offer tutoring services for all

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The Academic Success Center (ASC) is gearing up for a new semester with their usual services and a few changes. Among these changes, the ASC's tutoring department is now referring to help rooms as "study centers." This is because students go there for support in their studies, not just for help when they are having serious academic problems. Moreover, the service is unlimited and free to all students. Help room tutors can provide referrals to students for additional individual tutoring.

Over 100 help room and individual tutors are employed at the ASC. In order to become tutors, students must complete an application online and get requests from faculty in the fields they want to tutor. They also need to have gotten a grade of an "A" or "B" in the subjects they want to tutor. If students are selected to be tutors, they are contacted by email. Tutoring can lead students to succeed in several different areas. Tutoring Services coordinator, Luke Barber said, "Being a tutor provides many transferrable skills such as communication, problem solving and other leadership that apply to a variety of career paths."

Tutoring Services has two components: individual tutoring and study centers. When they come in for individual tutoring, students need to sign into Tutor Trac. The Tutor Trac website is tutoring.uwrf.edu. Students may also visit the study centers for additional assistance in using Tutor Trac.

Tutoring Services has a total of nine study centers in six locations around campus. Tutors

assist in subjects such as English, physics, chemistry, math and psychology. Study centers for physics and chemistry are located in Centennial Science Hall, a math study center is located in North Hall and the English department has the Writing Center in Kleinpell Fine Arts. Tutors can provide feedback to students on their work and advise them on their writing skills. Students can stop in the study centers whenever they are open.

The main tutoring center is in Chalmer Davee Library. This center has a service called Speaker's Corner in which tutors converse with students who are learning English as a second language. Once or twice a month, the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program features cultural activities at conversation tables in Speaker's Corner. At these conversation tables, students can try cuisine and learn about different languages and cultures of countries by talking with natives of the countries.

Rebranding help centers as study centers can lead students to seek assistance without a negative connotation attached, and can guide all students toward academic achievement. Speaker's Corner aids achievement as well, helping speakers of other languages to learn English, and exposing English-speaking students to languages and cultures outside of the United States. This can broaden the international horizons of native English speakers. Together, ASC managers and help room workers hope to combine their efforts and extend their valuable services to as many students as possible in 2013.

Rising gas prices force Americans to budget better

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The national average for gas prices was \$1.78 in November 2008. However, as conflicts in the Middle East have caused prices to rise, it is the middle class that is hurting most.

Political Science Professor Davida Alperin knows this far too well. In fact, she knows exactly how much she’s paid for gas dating back to 2005. Every time she fills at the pump, she’s made a record. In August 2005 she paid \$2.69 per gallon, and by August of 2009 it had reached \$3.62. Near the national average at the time, Alperin paid \$1.71 in November 2008.

But in February 2013, that price has soared to \$3.79 in the River Falls area. That is just a penny more than the national average.

As of Feb. 26, the national average for a gallon of gas was \$3.78, according to the American Automobile Association (AAA). That is up significantly from a month

ago, when the average was \$3.34, but not far off from the average a year ago that lingered at \$3.69. In Wisconsin the current average is \$3.77 and in Minnesota it is \$3.78. Wyoming had the lowest average at \$3.26 and Hawaii was the highest at \$4.35.

For the past 20 years, Alperin has been commuting to work. Currently, she commutes from St. Paul, a roughly 45 minute drive when the traffic isn’t bad. She is just one of the many faculty, staff and students who have had to reprioritize the family budget.

“During tough economic times it’s always been tight,” Alperin said. “But now, with higher gas prices it has been harder to save for the kids’ college and retirement.”

Alperin has two young children.

GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick De-

Haan said he believes these prices will remain high into the summer months. In a press release he said there are many reasons for higher prices, including unrest in the Middle East, but that also due to poor economic times, states have been implementing higher gas taxes to deal with budgetary problems.

This is alarming news for

“Either you spend more money finding a place to live closer to school, or you have to dish out a fortune to pay for gas,” UWRF student Luke Affolter said.

Luke Affolter, a senior, who travels 30 minutes a day to attend class at UW-River Falls from his parents’ home in Baldwin.

“It’s a lose-lose situation. Either you spend more money finding a place to live closer to school, or you have to dish out a fortune to pay for gas,” Affolter said.

He added that on days where he is on the fence for

coming to class that the cost of traveling often lingers in his head and can influence his decision to come or not.

However, Alperin said she has found ways to cut back on fuel costs. For the first six or so years she was able to carpool with other faculty from St. Paul to River Falls. But now with her kids’ schedules, she said it is difficult to find rides that could leave at the varying times she does. But, she has found other money-saving ways, such as using coupons. She noted that Kwik Trip, for example, offers 5 cents off per gallon of gas, but that coupon, if used in Wisconsin, offers \$1 total off, so she often uses it in Wisconsin instead of Minnesota.

Until the prices subside, Alperin said the real solution to rising fuel costs will be when “we as a nation decide to make the move to alternative energy options.”

But until then, the pain at the pump may continue to linger.



Alicia Carlson/Student Voice

Political Science Professor Davida Alperin shows the many notecards that she has used since 2005 to record the prices of gas. She records the price of gas every time she stops to fill up at the pump.

Gender-neutral housing possibility for UWRF

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UW-La Crosse has passed a rule to allow gender-neutral suite-style housing starting next fall and UW-River Falls is taking steps to follow in that direction as well.

“For myself as a director, I am in support of upper classmen suite-style gender-neutral housing,” said Sandi Scott Duex, director of Residence Life and Students Rights and Responsibilities. “I think it would support our core value of inclusivity.”

Scott Duex said that there is currently a proposal being considered by the executive cabinet for the Board of Regents, but it may be some time before the decision is made to allow gender-neutral housing on campus.

The current proposal is for South Fork Suites to be able to house both men and women together in a suite. However, living with both male and female students would not be forced. Students would have the choice to live in an all male, an all female or a gender-neutral suite.

“It meets all of the requirements for the Board of Regents policy,” said Gregg Heinselman, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

The Board of Regents housing rules and regulations states, “Coeducational housing in the University of Wisconsin System, as implemented under the conditions of this policy, shall be construed to mean men and women occupying separate living areas by floor or room.”

South Fork Suites abide by those requirements because every student will have their own private room that can be locked. Each suite also has a private bathroom that is secured and locked from other students living in the building.

Both Scott Duex and Heinselman said that South Fork Suites would still remain as junior and senior housing and it gives an alternative for those wanting a co-ed living experience to have that option of staying on campus.

“The earliest it could happen would be for the 2014-2015 school year,” Scott Duex said.

If the Executive Cabinet passes the proposal, it will then go to the Residence Hall Association (RHA) on campus and the Chancellor for approval. Heinselman said that in order to have this new arrangement for South Fork Suites, it would need to be approved by December 2013 by both the Executive Cabinet and RHA.

Residence Life would need time to market the new living option as well as adjust the software for housing sign up to support a new assignment before housing sign-up for the following year begins. Student Senate President Bobbi O’Brien said she feels conflicted about the potential new housing option.

“I don’t see why it would be a bad idea to have it but I don’t see why it would be a good thing either,” O’Brien said. “My concerns are not personally on how I view this, but how parents will.”

Although the proposal for South Fork Suites will not have

to go to Senate for approval, Senate does have the option to get involved by bringing in RHA and the director of Residence Life and have them present why they are for it.

“Student Senate could pass a resolution to pass it, or say they were against it,” O’Brien said. However as of right now, O’Brien doesn’t see Senate getting involved. Scott Duex explained that students want to be treated like adults and those students who want to have a co-ed living experience decide to live off campus. However, if this new housing arrangement passes, they can have the option of staying on campus and still be treated like adults.

UW System schools such as UW-La Crosse, UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee have accepted a gender-neutral model for campus living. UW-La Crosse will allow male and female students to live together in suite style dorms, UW-Milwaukee will begin offering inclusive housing in the fall for LGBTQ students and UW-Madison is offering a living option called Open House: Gender Learning Community where students of all backgrounds and identities can live there while participating in weekly seminars.

Both Scott Duex and Heinselman agree it’s time for UWRF to take that step as well.

“I think it’s time for us to embrace this model. We want to be an inclusive campus and I believe that this will help us do that,” Heinselman said.

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Sutter of the men’s track and field team presented the athletic fee request of \$2.50 to bring the yearly athletic fee to \$100.

Sutter said that some reasons for requesting the increase was that the NCAA is demanding that each team provide an additional official for hockey games, but it is the school that has to pay the cost.

In addition, Sutter said that athletics is not only a powerful recruitment tool for the University, but also a retention tool.

“Many of the budgets requesting a fee increase cite declining enrollment as a reason for the increase. With athletics, we have a solid program that helps with retention

of students,” Sutter said at the meeting.

Another organization requesting an increase is municipal services.

Riel said this fee covers utility (water, sewer, electric) charges from the City of River Falls and software maintenance.

UW System software includes the accounting system and the payroll system used by UWRF.

Municipal services is requesting a 7.14 percent increase, or \$2, bringing the total fee to \$30 per academic year.

The final organization requesting an increase was Student Health Services. It requested an increase of 3 percent, or \$4.

Director of Health Services Alice-Reilly Myklebust said a main reason for the request is

the increasing costs in health care that is out of Health Services’ control. Students would pay \$138 per year if the \$4 fee increase was passed. Health Services’ budget includes fees from the River Falls Clinic and Pierce County Reproductive Health Clinic among others.

Career Services and the University Center requested no increase to their segregated fees. However, Senate will still have to vote to approve both budgets. The Career Services Fee is \$38 per academic year and the University Center fee is \$455.

All seven proposals plus the eight requested last week will be put to a vote by the Senate at the March 5 meeting.

Applications to run for Student Senate now available.

Petition forms and applications can be picked up at the Involvement Center desk in the University Center.

Petitions and applications are due 4 p.m. Friday, March 22.

Walker: River Falls’ State Senator Sheila Harsdorf in favor of Governor’s new budget

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and one of the things that continues to be a focus of this legislature is to pass a fiscally responsible budget, but also one that increases job growth,” Harsdorf said about the cuts.

With this increase to the UW System, she said, she hopes the skill gap that is still prevalent can continue to be filled.

This skill gap refers to the demand for workers to fill jobs that require skills that people are not necessarily trained for, like manufacturing jobs.

Leichtle said the he disagrees with using public education as a means to train people for jobs since the job market is always changing.

“We really do it as service to train you to do something, to train you to do a job when in 20 years, in 10 years, that job

may not exist,” Leichtle said. “We need to look at training you, not just for a job but as citizens.”

These differences of opinion will be discussed at different forums during the legislative process.

This budget increase does not include the faculty pay plan that has yet to be proposed by the governor. It is also uncertain if tuition will be increasing, Frueh said in an email.

Student Life: Hipnotists, mentalists, bingo, open mic among many programs offered on campus

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Junior Aeriana Culpitt finds herself in a similar situation.

Culpitt said that she attended more events at the beginning and end of her freshman year than she has this year.

She travels home once or twice a month, but it is hard for her to attend student events because of her school and work schedules. She added that she would attend a program if it were for a class, though.

In order to market the events that Student Life puts on, Wells said students are encouraged to like the department’s Facebook page,

UWRF Student Life, and she said “they try to spread the word in the University Center with popcorn Fridays.”

Student Life also works with the rest of the Division of Student Affairs on the publication called “Falcon 411,” which is distributed to students via email.

“Falcon 411” provides more detailed infor-

mation on upcoming events and programs. Posters, flyers and slides on the screens in the University Center are also ways Student Life gets the word out.

Wells said that the information is available, although students need to know they must take an active role in choosing to seek it out.

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EDITORIALS

Go support Falcon women’s hockey team

The Falcon women’s hockey team is ranked No. 6 in the country. On March 1 they are hosting the second round of the NCHA O’Brien cup playoffs at Hunt Arena right here in River Falls. While it is vital to support any of your classmates in their endeavors, be it athletics, arts, or in the classroom, we find it very troubling that the most successful sport at UWRF barely gets the support they deserve.

We have been spoiled at UWRF as the women’s hockey team has now won its third consecutive conference title. After seeing both the men’s and women’s basketball teams, the softball team and several track athletes make the NCAA tournament a year ago, the success of athletics was garnering national attention. The stands were packed and students showed generous support.

But where has that support gone? In last week’s opening round of the NCHA playoffs, another game the Falcons hosted, there were only a handful of students at the game. This even after the athletic department offered free popcorn to every student in attendance. Far too often we hear students complain that there isn’t anything to do at UWRF. Well, here’s a perfect opportunity to have some fun with friends, support your classmates, and see some of the best women’s hockey the nation has to offer.

The playoffs already make for an exciting atmosphere, but the staff of the athletic department and of Recreation and Sports Facilities makes Hunt Arena one of the greatest venues to enjoy a hockey game.

Even if you don’t like hockey or have never seen a game before, what have you got to lose?

We believe that once you go, you will want to keep coming back as the Falcons fight for a trip to the NCAA tournament once again.

Division III athletes put in just as much work as Division I athletes, but with no scholarships or fanfare to go with it.

Go support a group of young women that represent this University with pride, determination, and a strong showing of excellence.

Coach Joe Cranston has made the women’s hockey program into one of the best in the nation, and while we are a part of it, we should enjoy it every moment we can.

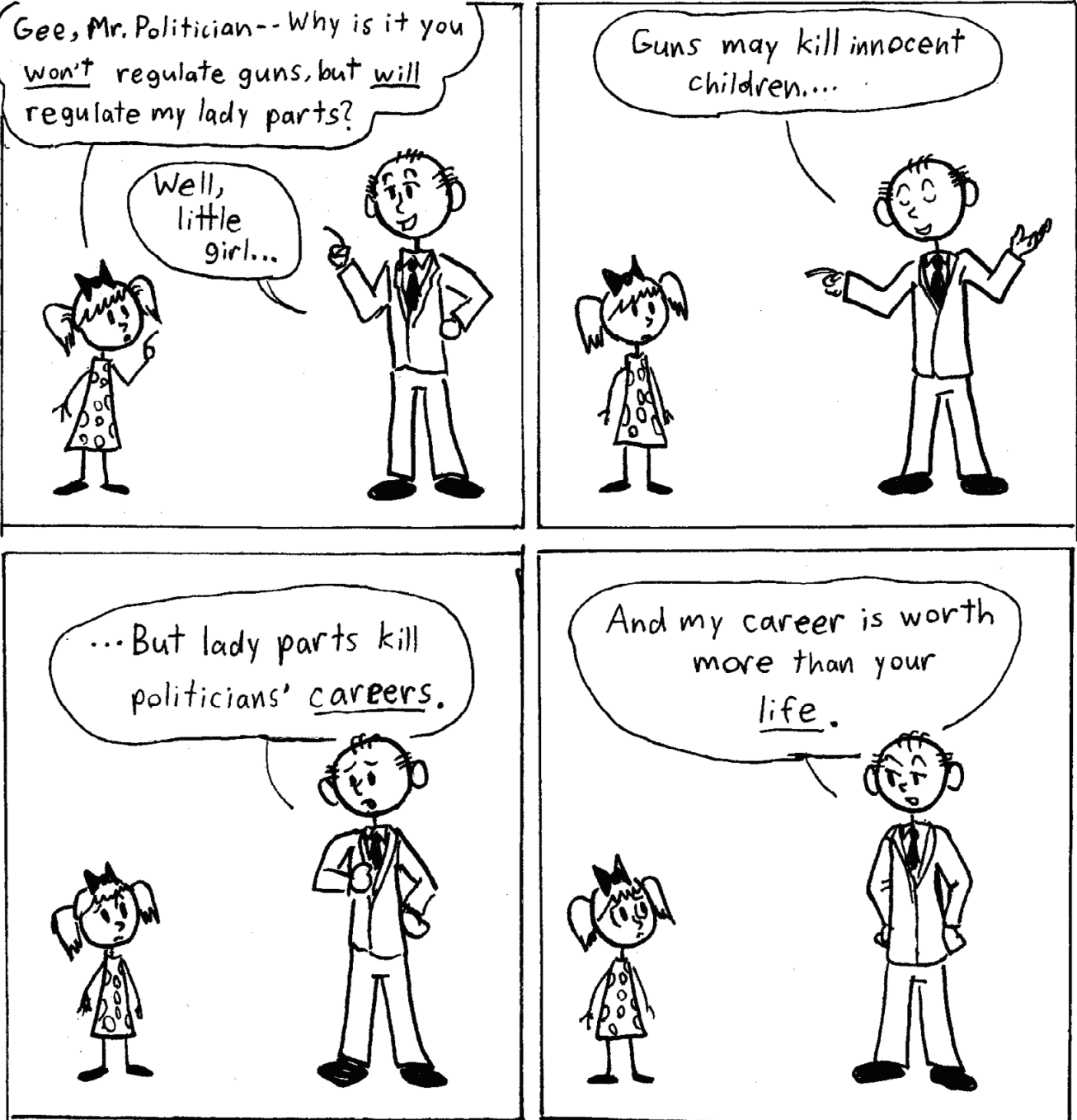
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Letter to the editor

Community member thanks anonymous helpers

I would like to send a big thank you to three UW-River Falls students who came to our rescue on Main Street in River Falls on Valentine’s Day. We were attempting to load a way too heavy object into the back of a truck. While driving past, they saw we were in need of help and indeed we were. They ran to our rescue, and within seconds had it loaded. Not knowing their names, we cannot thank them personally, but hopefully they will read this message and realize just how much it meant to us.

Gene and Marlene Nelson
River Falls

Value to be had from political dialogues

It seems like every time a group of people discusses politics or governmental issues, both liberals and conservatives refer to it as a “political debate.” The term “debate” implies that opposing viewpoints are being put forth for one idea to be deemed superior to the other. However, the beauty of politics is that all citizens are entitled to their own views and can voice theses beliefs with their vote. The goal of political discussion is not to win, but rather, to engage in the critical thinking process to reach an educated conclusion about your own beliefs.

Each citizen in the United States has been politically socialized in a different way. We come from a variety of family backgrounds, are products of diverse school systems, and have had unique experiences. These socializing agents, combined with many others, have shaped our values in a profound manner. The values people hold are often deeply engrained, and these values have caused people to make decisions about the attitudes they have on specific political issues.

Because of how political socialization works, it is obvious that the political views of human beings are firmly established and are not easily changed. As a result, when discussing politics, it is important to keep in mind that it is extremely rare for a person to change their views after having one conversation about an issue. However, this does not mean that governmental issues should be completely ignored. There are a number of valuable things to be gained from discussing governmental issues if people are willing to be mature and open-minded.

Hearing both sides of a political argument provides an opportunity to gain a better understanding of a particular issue. Many times in political discussions, facts and evidence are revealed that you do not have previous knowledge of. When this occurs, instead of jumping to false conclusions, becoming upset because the other person does not agree with your

views, and/or name-calling, ask questions about this new information.

Where did the person find that particular statistic? What led that expert to reach that specific conclusion? Asking questions will allow you to acquire more knowledge so you can be confident that you have made an educated decision on the issue.

Furthermore, discussing specific issues will lead to one of two outcomes. The dialogue will either reaffirm what you already believe in or it will cause you to think about the issue in a different way than you have before and possibly change your position. Both of these results are positive because regardless of the end that is achieved, you have taken part in the critical thinking process.

Taking different points of view into consideration, analyzing all of them, and reaching a conclusion is a key process in political discussions. Without engaging in this process, very little will be gained from the political discussion other than extreme frustration.

It is clear that there is a stigma of political discussion in our nation because the subject typically makes people upset. However, there is nothing to fear about these interactions. If all parties enter the dialogue with a willingness to engage in the critical thinking process, the outcomes should be nothing short of positive.

If you do not know something about a particular issue, and are curious, do not be afraid to ask questions and open a discussion. If there is something you want to know about an argument that differs from your own, do not be afraid to talk about it. Political discussion is a vital part of being an active and responsibly engaged citizen of the United States of America. Until people welcome these opportunities to learn and grow, our national will continue to be held back by immaturity and self-interest.

Morgan is a junior majoring in political science and minoring in professional writing. When she graduates from UW-River Falls, she wants to become a state prosecutor and specialize in domestic violence cases.

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China trip provides rewarding experience

Shanting
Chen

Guest
Columnist

I was staring at the diverse scenery through the window in the train, excited and curious. My mind was wondering what I had signed myself up for and how magical it was that I was on a trip to an orphanage in Yushu, China as a volunteer.

I received the opportunity to be a volunteer from one of my mother’s friends. At first, I really had no understanding of the concept of being a volunteer. However, because the destination is an orphanage, which lies in Yushu, a place I had never been, I chose to take the adventure. The only thing I knew about the place was that it experienced a severe earthquake in 2010, so it would be very cool if I went there and then shared my experience with friends when I got home. Eventually I signed up for the group, just for fun.

After I searched online, I felt interested but fearful. Yushu is a poverty-stricken area in the world’s highest plateau called the Tibetan Plateau, the Roof of the World, with an average elevation of 4,500 meters (14,800ft) and it is the main source of water for Yangzi and Yellow River.

In addition, it has naturally beautiful and rich grasslands with a worldwide reputation for the sea of song and dance. It is said that people in this area are born to sing and dance. So maybe, I could witness the splendid view of these rivers personally rather than from pictures, and I felt it would be a feast for my senses to enjoy the folk songs and dances.

However, I felt feelings of nervousness and fear which drove away all the delight when it came to the extreme environmental condition. Because of a high elevation, Yushu has a harsh climate with long, cold, winters and short, rainy, cool to warm summers. According to the timetable, I would start the trip in November which is in winter, the coldest time of the year.

The characteristics of the weather are chilliness and oxygen shortage with the lowest temperature of -52°F. Every year, at least 100 visitors die of severe altitude sickness. How could I bear it? Every friend of mine knew that I feared cold and couldn’t stand the lesser amount of oxygen.

After further reading, I was more informed about the earthquake. I found out that Yushu was awoken by a magnitude 6.9 earthquake and nearly all the buildings made of wood and dirt collapsed, and hundreds of thousands of large

structures were damaged or destroyed. At that time, I could never imagine how such a peaceful region was swept away in a remarkable short span of time.

Filled with curiosity and dread, I started the trip with 16 friends. Just before we got on the train, we saw a pattern of clouds in the sky which looked like a golden phoenix standing above. This is a symbol of good fortune in China. Was it magical. A sign of good luck? Or God blessing us for doing something charitable?

The trip to Yushu was so long and tiring. We spent nearly 30 hours by train. At the beginning, I was more than excited to get accustomed to the totally new environment. It was my first time to make such a long journey by train, my first time in a sleeping car and my first time to appreciate different scenery in my homeland. The only activity for me to do was enjoy the view.

I stared at the dark sky with stars twinkling, witnessed the beauty of sunrise as well as sunset, and wondered what the orphans looked like and what would happen after I arrived. It seemed that 30 hours passed in the blink of an eye.

Nevertheless, we had to spend another 19 hours on the bus, and it was much more tiring and made me exhausted. We could only sleep sitting upright, which was very painful. With the elevation increasing, the temperature dropped constantly and I showed some symptoms of altitude sickness with a mild headache and stomachache. In addition, the night was the hardest time with my whole body frozen and neck aching. However, the purely white world around indeed touched my heart.

When we were about to reach our destination, all the cells in my body cheered up, and I couldn’t wait to see the new world. Upon our arrival, children in the orphanage were lined up into two columns and gave us a royal welcome. They brought their hands together as if praying and bowed to us. All of us received a white hada (a piece of silk used as a greeting gift) from these lovely children. The white color symbolized the pure and innocent hearts of the children. And then we donated two pencils, one bag and one textbook to each of the children. They lined up again quietly to get the gifts; no competition, no loud noise, but with much affection.

I saw some boys jumping with joy and big grins on their faces. In return, they blessed us with splendid dancing and singing, which fulfilled my dream. One of the little boys sang a Tibetan folk song with a native and innocent voice. Words

fail to express how wonderful it was.

These pleasant performances bridged the gap between us and made us even closer just like brothers and sisters. My litter sister took me to visit her dorm. It was a dark room with worn-out beds, closets, and bedclothes, although everything was in order, tidy and clean. There were some colorful balloons floating on the ceiling, like their colorful dreams drifting in the boundless sky.

I took out my camera and invited the little girl to take a photo. She readily agreed and closely put her face on my face. What stood out to me the most was the brilliant and pure smile on her face, very beautiful, like spring sunshine. After taking this photo, all the other children crowded together, yelling to take pictures as well. All of us embraced together, and the camera recorded the memorable moment forever.

Time does pass by quickly when having fun. The approach of night prevented us from staying together, but at that moment our hearts were together turning into a permanent thread. It was more than sad to say goodbye, and we didn’t know when we could reunite and play games again. All the lovely children crowded together blocking the door to the bus. I can’t even remember how I got on. When the driver started the bus, I will never forget the scene: children were running after the bus, waving their hands, yelling “goodbye” and asking “when can you come back.” I suddenly choked with sobs, and tears gushed from my eyes.

At that pivotal moment, with all the mellifluous laughter, and memorable scenes fluttering in my mind, I realized that the true meaning of being a volunteer was using your heart to love and care for others, and using your soul to go into their internal world to know what they really need. I found that what these orphans needed was not material support but love and companionship. I could never find any sorrow in their faces but shining and brilliant smiles.

Although they were leading a life without parents, and though they were still so young and never got the love from their mothers, they were still satisfied with everything they owned and never competed with others. With a sincere heart of gratitude, they always thanked us and showed the most beautiful smiles to us. In addition, they let me know the precious value of being a volunteer and let me reflect on the true meaning of life: giving is better than receiving.

Shanting Chen is an international student at UW-River Falls.

Inequality hinders success for low-income Americans

Brittany
Flatten

Columnist

The American Dream is something that was very important to the generations before us and many people today are still striving to achieve it.

People tend to have this idea that all Americans are created equal and everyone has an equal opportunity to rise to the top, succeed in life and ultimately experience that American Dream. However, every single day in the United States the American Dream is crushed by our lack of both meritocracy and upward mobility. The idea that America is a meritocracy, where people’s abilities, hard work and good attitude will lead to success, is a myth. The large gap between the elite and the poor continues to widen and hinder mobility. Access to education is not universal and there are many other factors that facilitate and immobilize success, and that is why America is not actually a meritocracy.

An article, titled “Mobility Impaired” by Scott Winship, explains that 40 percent of children born to parents in the bottom fifth in income distribution will stay in that bottom fifth as adults. This is not just a chance happening. There are definitely specific reasons why this is the way it is. A child who is born to a wealthy family is already farther up the success ladder than one born to a poor family. The child cannot

choose which family he/she is born into and must then live with the implications that will have on his/her life. Children whose parents are financially stable are able to provide for them the essentials needed to climb farther up the ladder. These children may get to the top because of hard work and their abilities, but often the only reason they have the chance in the first place is because of how and where they grew up.

Many people who grow up in poverty tend to make the same bad choices as their parents before them. As I look around in the community I grew up in, a small community in one of the poorest counties in Wisconsin, kids who I grew up with are ending up in jail, dropping out of college, having kids very young without being married, etc. These consequences for bad choices are very similar to those of their parents. It seems to be a vicious trend where these children live similar lives to their parents almost as if it was all they knew. They do not do anything to change their lifestyle and that is often because they had no ability to.

People may say that the reason someone is in poverty or working a minimum wage job is because they did not work hard enough, or have the skills and abilities needed. That is the problem with our society. People do not realize that if America was a perfect meritocracy that would be how it worked, but these people may have all the merit needed to move up the ladder and may have worked very hard, but are hindered by their situations. So, why exactly are these chil-

dren who are born into poverty and low-income households not moving up the ladder? One explanation is lack of access to education.

If people cannot afford to barely buy food for one month, how can they send their kids to college? The problem is not that children do not want to go to college. The problem is that financially they have no opportunity to go. The rising cost of college tuition and the increased number of people in poverty ensure that more and more students will miss out on an opportunity to go to school and get a degree that will help them to get a job. If they do not obtain a good job then they will not have very much money and will therefore likely be in poverty just barely scraping by.

The inequalities in our society are the leading cause to lack of mobility and meritocracy. People who are born into a family of a higher income bracket have more and better opportunities than those born into a lower income bracket. How can people rise out of poverty if the cost of college continues to rise or health care continues to be inaccessible? In order to fix this problem of people not being able to, or given the chance to, climb up the success ladder, I believe that our government must implement better policies and programs that will help turn our country into more of a meritocracy and less of an aristocracy.

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STUDENT
Voices

Compiled by Meg Rodriguez

What is your favorite Falcon sports team?

“Hockey.”

Hilary Buelow
Senior



“AOII/ASA groundball team.”

Hailey Smallwood
Sophomore



“Rodeo team.”

Haley Dettmering
Sophomore



“Women’s hockey.”

Ryan Anderson
Sophomore



Softball attempting to make history

Benjamin Lamers
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This season the UW-River Falls women’s softball team is aiming to do something both unprecedented in school history, and WIAC history: win a third consecutive conference title.

Five teams have won two consecutive titles, including the 2011 and 2012 UWRF team, as well as the 1993 and 1994 teams.

This year’s squad returns six of their nine starters from a year ago, which will be a strong point on the team.

“Hayley Buchanan is back and was First-team All-American, and so is Ashley Goettl who was All-WIAC,” said Head Coach Faye Perkins. Perkins is in her 19th year as head coach of the Falcons, and is second in WIAC history in wins with 418 at UWRF.

The only question marks on the team will be at the pitcher and catcher positions.

Rose Tusa, who pitched over 200 innings of softball last season, according to Perkins,

graduated after last season.

Sarah Bohlen was recruited as a pitcher but made the switch to third base last season.

Abbie Morris will look to be the top pitcher this season, with a combined 49 innings pitched of experience. Joining her will be Andrea Krause, a transfer from Ridgewater College, who has collegiate game experience along with Brooke Lauritzen a transfer from NCAA Div. II Tusculum College in Tennessee.

“The challenge will be finding out where they all fit the best,” Perkins said.

At catcher, Perkins said Amber O’Connell and Shawna Middleton could both see action. Perkins said that it will really come down to whoever is hitting the ball better.

Last season the Falcons finished the season ranked No. 15 in the country and came a game away from reaching the Elite Eight in the NCAA tournament, but lost to



Trevor Semann/Student Voice
Freshman Sarah Sorensen practices batting. Sorensen is going to be an infielder for the softball team as they look to win their third straight conference title.



Trevor Semann/Student Voice
Senior Shawna Middleton practices at catcher. Middleton and sophomore Amber O’Connell could both see action at catcher.

Luther College in the regional final by a score of 3-2.

However, the Falcons will get another shot at Luther during the regular season this year.

“We do play them this year when we go down to Florida,” Perkins said.

During their annual trip to Florida, the team will play 10 games over a span of five days.

They will play Luther College, currently ranked No. 3 in the country, and St. Thomas, currently ranked No. 18.

Despite beginning the season unranked themselves, the team has already begun the season with a bang. In the Finlandia Tournament, held on Feb. 23 and 24, the team notched a 3-1 record over the two days. Even more impressive was the combined 28 runs the team scored in those games. That in comparison to the eight runs given up over the weekend.

During the first four games the team had a

batting average of .348 while holding opponents to a .207 batting average.

Even after a strong start, Perkins knows that no game will be handed to the team.

“It’s the old saying that anyone can win on any given day, especially in this conference. Most of the time the conference champion has around four or five losses,” Perkins said.

The Falcons will be in action at 12 p.m. on both Friday, March 1, and Thursday, March 7, against St. Scholastica and Augsburg College, respectively. Both games will be played at the Vadnais Heights Dome in Minnesota.

Schrotenboer has strong debut

Zach Schrotenboer: Freshman on the men’s hockey team

Zach Schrotenboer is a freshman forward on the men’s hockey team. He was a big part in helping the men’s hockey team beat UW-Stevens Point in the playoffs and making it to the semi-finals before getting knocked out by UW-Eau Claire this season. He finished fourth on the team in scoring and was named to the NCHA all-rookie team finishing with eight goals and eight assists.

Hometown: Geneva, Ill.

Last hockey team: Chicago, NAHL

Favorite athlete: Tiger Woods

Least favorite food: Coleslaw

Favorite TV show: Entourage

Favorite sport other then hockey: Golf

Favorite quote: “Success comes up on you without a warning, but it looks the same for everybody. It has eyes, ears, and a jealous streak. Mistake it for anything else, and you’ll be sorry.” Malcolm Forbes

Funniest thing about a teammate: Billy Simon sleeps more hours during the day than he is awake.

Favorite UWRF hockey memory: Scoring two goals my first game, or beating UW-Stevens Point in the playoffs.



Rasmussen outruns record book

Alyssa Rasmussen: Senior on the women’s track and field team

Alyssa Rasmussen is a senior runner on the women’s track and field team. She has collected many awards the past three years for both indoor and outdoor track including three All-American awards. At the WIAC Championships in Stevens Point this season she set three new school records. She came within one second of breaking the WIAC conference record in the 400-meter race.

Hometown: Delano, Minn.

Major: Accounting and business administration- Management emphasis

Why you choose UWRF: I liked the small college community feel and was recruited for track.

Favorite movie: Right now it’s “Pitch Perfect”

Favorite music: Country

Favorite hobby to do in free time: Sleep or hangout with friends.

Interesting fact about yourself: I could eat pasta every day of the week and not get sick of it.

Funniest thing about a teammate: We are all equally quirky in our own ways, practice is never boring.

Favorite UWRF memory: Van rides to track meets with my teammates and Coach Stocker.



Women’s hockey team hosting playoffs

The women’s hockey team beat UW-Eau Claire in the first round of the NCHA playoffs to advance to the semi-finals. They will host both the semi-final games on Friday, March 1, as well as the O’Brien Cup championship game on Saturday, March 2.

St. Norbert College will play the College of St. Scholastica for the first game of the weekend with the puck set to drop at 3:05 p.m. March 1.

UW-River Falls will play UW-Stevens Point in the second game with the puck set to drop at 7:05 p.m. March 1.

The winners of each game will play Saturday afternoon with the O’Brien cup and an automatic birth into the national tournament at stake. The puck is set to drop for the championship game at 4:05 p.m. March 2.

UWRF performers to watch this weekend will be the line of Kait Mason and Alice Cranston. This combination for the Falcons scored three goals in the Eau Claire win. The goalie position will also be key to watch as the Falcons have split time between Ashley Kuechle and Gillian McDonald all season. Both of them finished in the top five in the conference for least goals allowed per game.

Five basketball players named All-WIAC

Three men’s basketball players and two women’s players were named to the All-WIAC teams.

On the men’s side, Zach Peterson was named to the first team, Arik Smith was named to the honorable mention team, and UT Udo was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Peterson finished third in the WIAC in rebounding with 6.7 rebounds per game and eighth in scoring with 12.8 points per game. Smith finished fifth in the WIAC in scoring with 14.3 points per game. Udo finished with 8.3 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game. The sportsmanship award goes to one player on every team in the conference who displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season.

On the women’s side Brittany Gregorich was named to the first team as well as the all defensive team. Hailey Siegle was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Gregorich finished on top of the WIAC in rebounding with 10.3 per game. She also had 12.9 points per game. She also led the WIAC with 11 double-doubles. Siegle finished the season with 5.3 points per game and 2.4 rebounds per game. She provided strong play off the bench for the Falcons this season.

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High heels create headache on trip



Amanda White
Columnist

I consider myself reasonably up-to-date on trends and fashion. I highlight my hair, buy new mascara every few months and peruse (OK more like devour) fashion magazines every month. However, there is one thing I have never

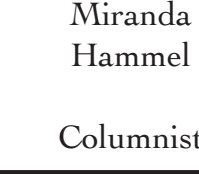
been able to accomplish. I cannot wear heels.
What a petty thing to be bad at, no? The thing is, I’m 5’9.” It’s a miracle to not be the tallest one in my group anymore (thanks Dan and Sam). Being the tallest person, and woman, in a group of friends is intimidating to other people and intimidating for me because I always feel like I am the one on display.
My mom is 5’11” and my sister is 6’0,” so they are a no go on the heels-wearing front as well. I could count the number of times I’ve seen either of them wear heels on one hand.
I love heels, though. I think they truly change the shape of a woman’s body and they are often the perfect accent to an outfit. So I have been slowly buying heels at fairly safe heights and wearing them whenever I can, which in New York is whenever I’m not walking more than 15 blocks at a time.
However, last Friday I had the opportunity to meet my favorite living fashion designer, Prabal Gurung. The event was a trunk show of his fall/winter 2013 collection at Bergdorf Goodman, so I knew I needed to not necessarily dress fancy, but classy. I wouldn’t be decked out in Michael Kors or Céline like the other women probably would be, but

I could at least wear heels.
So I set off for Manhattan on Friday morning with Isabel and Kaylie wearing low, chunky, booties. And I promptly fell.
Of course I did. I stepped off the sidewalk for a moment while on the way to our bus stop and there was a nice little hole waiting for my shoe to twist around and force me to the ground.
I hopped up as soon as possible and told my laughing friends to never tell our guy friends, who would certainly never let me hear the end of it.
So we get to Manhattan and meet Gurung, who is lovely, adorable and makes fantastic clothes. After drooling over Prada bags and the Dior boutique, we trekked to the giant Forever 21 in Times Square, which is much more realistically priced.
Now, on Saturday all five of us had plans to go to a nightclub. Dan is a huge electronic dance music junkie and one of his favorites, Madeon, was spinning at Pacha NYC. Clubbing was never my scene, but I wanted to go to support Dan, as he once followed me around Saks Fifth Ave. for hours.
Isabel is a clubbing aficionado and she told me, in no uncertain terms, that I must wear real heels, with a platform and stiletto. Cue panic.
Once at Forever 21 I immediately set off for a pair of heels I could realistically walk around in for hours. Possibly dance, too.
News flash: it’s probably not a good idea to judge shoes’ comfort by the 10 second walk taken down the aisle when trying them on.
Well, I bought the shoes. We set off in search of bagels

because, of course, New York bagels are delicious and could be eaten for every meal.
Then I fell again.
In front of Dan and Sam, no less, who had joined us in Times Square. I still had my bagel in hand.
With no dignity (but I still had my bagel), I brushed off the dirt and huffed down the sidewalk, only to have Sam suggest I put on my new heels, which were three inches taller. I stared at him incredulously. Did he want me to die?
Everyone agreed with him, since I would be wearing the heels all Saturday night and practice would be good. I begrudgingly pulled them on and trooped around Manhattan for the rest of the night clutching the arm of whoever was closest to me.
The pain I felt while wearing these heels is indescribable. All I can say is that it felt like very dull butter knives were digging into the balls of my feet. Wearing them at the club the next night wasn’t any better.
This time, I had to dance in them, for four hours. Pure misery. By the end of the night I’m pretty sure I was only standing with the help of the crowd pushing me from all sides, trying to get closer to the DJ booth.
As soon as I grabbed my coat and subway shoes (mercifully flat) from coat check, the heels were off. My future career requires heels to be worn at the office and I want to live in New York forever, so my inability to wear heels must be rectified soon.
Let’s hope practice makes perfect.

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College events call for dressing part, stepping up



Miranda Hammel
Columnist

The stress is building. The weather has been on menopause the last month and girls and guys everywhere having been getting more lazy with what they wear.
Now I understand this is college and you are free to make your choices of what to wear; you’re a big kid I get it, but seriously let’s face it there are some people on campus who really need to pull themselves together. Oddly enough, you might be one of them.
Now I can attest to having my lazy days where all I want to do is throw on a comfy pair of sweats and a T-shirt and run out the door in UGGs. That might be OK on the weekend, if you’re staying indoors, but for class purposes I’m going to throw out some fahsionista ideas of how to dress for certain campus throw downs.

Library Hours:
It’s inevitable, everyone goes to the library to study, to work on projects and catch up on the reading that was due last week. When dashing to the library to focus, it’s all about layers. Being comfortable isn’t hard to do, so leave those pajama pants back home.
Girls- Wear some cute leggings, patterned or not with a large soft shirt and a sweater. Of course you have your jacket

and winter essentials with you if needed, but you’ll stay warm when the library is pumping the AC and when it’s not warm enough in the winter.
Guys- Simple jeans and those all-time favorite Vans or Converse shoes, topping it off with pairing it with your favorite shirt is a sure way to go.
Formal Event:
Now I know this is a broad area, but if there is a dance, fashion show or a museum showing of art on campus there are ways to dress besides your best looking jeans and a button down shirt.
Girls- A cute fun dress approach with a sheer maxi skirt and a contrasting colored shirt. It’s fun, elegant and interesting to look at. Also instead of just opting for that little black dress, go with a brighter option. It’s always more fun and a trendy sophisticated way to show off your own style without being predictable.
Guys- Instead of the black dress pants try the dark colored kakis with a nice button down shirt in light colors with a unique pair of dress shoes, or casual classy shoes. You can always find cute deals at Target, trust me.
Internship:
Every internship is different depending on dress code, but if it’s business casual you should take advantage of being able to have the pop of color make the whole outfit come

together. What you wear can set the tone for your attitude the rest of the day.
Girls- Neutral colored knee length skirts with a bright shirt and cardigan are always a great choice when the weather kicks off. Let your personality shine through, but keep it classy and professional.
Guys- Wearing dark colored jeans, kakis, even the dress pants if you feel comfortable in those are all acceptable. Pairing those with leather boots, cotton shirts and a cardigan or leather jacket, if you can pull it off, will show you have the proper attire and pull off a flawless look.
The way you dress yourself for class and test days can affect how you do in that class. It sets off an attitude you don’t even realize is happening. It’s partly why private schools enforce a dress code. I’m just saying that presenting yourself in front of all of campus and staying comfy during the day is possible.
It takes small effort, just like catching up on that reading you forgot to do. No matter how much you want to run out the door in mis-matching clothes, shoes and a roll out of bed hair style, please reconsider what you are about to do. People will see, and comment, and it just doesn’t help you in the long run for jobs or internships because people won’t take you seriously. I know you can dress yourself, just step up your game a bit folks.

‘The Bachelor’ season 17 brings out drama for female audience



Cristin Dempsey
Columnist

Another season of the ABC reality show “The Bachelor” is already coming to an end.
This season had similar drama and the same words of affection for every girl that have been repeated for 17 seasons: “I’m crazy for you,” or “You are smart and funny, but you are just not my future wife.”
However, every season has a new group of women who bring something a little different every year. This year was no exception to that, as the viewers were in for many surprises over the last eight weeks. I was once again one of many “Bachelor” addicts this season, catching every moment of drama, cheesy lines and hot abs.
This year, the chosen bachelor was Sean Lowe, a 29-year-old upscale furniture store owner from Dallas. He first appeared on season eight of “The Bachelorette” last summer with Emily Maynard. He was one of the final three and was sent home the week before the finale. Sean’s departure from “The Bachelorette” was one of the more heartbreaking good-byes of the show, for America had fallen in love with his sweet personality and, of course, his wonderful abs.
A surprise in the new season that perhaps no one saw coming was the return of Kacie B. from season 16, Ben’s season. She had met Sean before and became friends with him, and now she had hoped to find love with him. She was one of, if

not my favorite, women on Ben’s season. She seemed different this time around, however. She seemed almost overly emotional and uptight all the time. She really ruined the competition for herself by telling Sean about drama in the house, which caused her to be sent home early on.
The season premiere was definitely one for a good laugh. Ashley P., one of the 26 women, was obsessed over the raunchy “50 Shades of Grey.” She kept alluding to sex throughout the night and constantly mentioned to Sean about how much her mother loves him. She was, for lack of a better term, a nutjob. However, I can safely conclude that there was not a moment that she was actually sober.
Just like every season, there was a whole lot of drama, and most of the time, it was caused by a single woman. Ben’s season brought America the wrath of Courtney, the “model” who was more fake than a spray tan. This season brought us the wrath of Tierra. She was someone special to Sean on the very first night, receiving a rose before even entering the house. I thought that maybe she would be someone I would like. I was terribly wrong. Right from the beginning, she caused drama, giving the cold shoulder to the other girls, appearing on dates she is not a part of, and making rude comments.
Any chance Tierra got, she would fight for attention. In the first half of the season, she decided it would be a great idea to throw herself down the stairs and act as if she had gotten severely injured. The paramedics had to come and even put her in a neck brace, although when they informed her that she should go to the hospital to get checked out, she refused

to go. Sean, the oblivious sweetheart that he is, checked on her and spent more time with her, postponing a one-on-one date with AshLee.
Another instance was at the Polar Bear Plunge when she acted like she got hypothermia after dancing around, acting like she was in pain. We all knew she was faking when she got in high heels and headed to the group date later that evening. Sean finally realized the terror she was when it came down to the final six. She was having a screaming match with AshLee where she announced that she cannot control her eyebrow or what her face does. Her sobbing acted Sean to realize she does not belong here and would not be his future wife, so she was sent home. She made herself feel better on the way to the airport by stating that no one can ruin her sparkle.
The final four were Desiree, AshLee, Lindsay and Catherine. Desiree was sent home after her hometown date, mostly because of her jerk of a brother who was very rude to Sean. It was too bad; I liked Desiree. AshLee was sent home after Thailand this week, and she was one girl I was very indifferent about. She was adopted and would always talk about how her birth parents never loved her, which got very annoying. The final two are Lindsay, the daughter of a two-star army general, and Catherine. These are finally two down-to-earth contestants that I do really like and are a good fit for Sean.

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RADD jazz festival ignites saxophone play

Jonathan
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Reviewer

Walking into the Falcon’s Nest, I felt as if I had stepped into a suave, downtown jazz club. The dimly lit room was packed. No seats were available at the round tables that filled the main area of the room. I was taken aback by the

beauty of the stage.

Three statin, white sheets were stretched artistically on poles behind the band. Green, blue, red and purple lights saturated the sheets and melodically changed colors every 10 minutes or so. What had they done with the hollow, empty space that used to be the Falcon’s Nest. As I walked upstairs to find a seat, I noticed some gentlemen drinking beer out of amber bottles. There was a bar set up in the far corner of the room. The night started out classy, and it just kept getting better.

As I sat down to enjoy the show, the band was just finishing up the first song. The band was five members: electronic keyboard, bass guitar, drums, saxophone and of course Mike Stern on the electric guitar. The crowd gave a rousing ovation as the song ended and I kicked myself for arriving fashionably late. The applause from the crowd died down and the lights on the white sheets turned a deep red color.

The next song started out with a few solo bars by Stern on guitar. The conversation started slow and smooth and the saxophone picked up right where Stern left off. As the conversation went back over to Stern, I could tell the guitar and sax were playing a call and response. I sensed each musician imitating one another in both tone and rhythm.

Then Stern waltzed his way into a longer solo. As the solo went on, Stern’s improvisation became more complex. I recognized familiar notes of the melody, but Stern began to add in trills and syncopated notes for variety. As the tempo increased, Stern began to put his body into the experience, moving with the mood. It was as if he could feel the ambiance and mood of the room. I noticed the saxophone player moving in a similar fashion as he watched Stern play, waiting to join back in on the discussion.

The solo continued and Stern kept the tempo fast as he moved to higher and higher notes in his instrument’s range. Finally as he started to descend back down the scale, he effortlessly tossed the melody back into his improvisation. As a final thought, Stern graciously danced back and forth between the lower notes of the first section of his solo, and notes from the lower range that marked the end of his solo. The period on the last sentence of his solo was a raucous crescendo backed by some seriously kickin’ drum accompaniment.

The song then moved on to a keyboard solo. This solo was much shorter than the first two, but mirrored the style introduced by the guitar and sax. The keyboard played scales up and down keeping in time with the fast paced tempo. I noticed the drums mirroring the staccato piano notes with some rim taps. The balance between drums and keys was soothing and methodical as the scale work lulled me into a state of relaxation. This state of calm did not last long.

As the saxophone took the wheel, the stricter staccato and rhythmic tone that the keys had set up disappeared. The saxophone player took the song in a different direction with many more trills and syncopated beats that were very late on the beat. He seemed to avoid the higher notes, but still stayed within the familiar chords and melody that the song set up. As the sax passed the reigns back over to the bass, the song began to slow down tempo again.

After a bar or so, the sax and keys cut out completely, leaving just the bass and Stern on guitar. Stern and the bass took a few bars to play a duet, and I noticed Stern’s signature groovy strums and melancholy chords. Once Stern began to add



Miranda Hammel/Student Voice
The UWRF RADD Jazz department sponsored Mike Stern and his band who played at the Falcon’s Nest.

some vibrato using the whammy bar, I knew we were really in the groove.

The song concluded with a duet between the saxophone and the guitar, and I remembered the body movements of both the saxophone player and Stern earlier in the song. Looking back, they seemed to be a foreshadowing of the duet that closed the piece.

First Stern would lead a call and response. Then the sax would take the melody in a different direction and lead. As the two instruments blended, the drums began to use some creative cymbal hits: first the sounds were on the beat, then off the beat.

As the tempo increased to the end of the song, so did the volume. The keys and bass joined in with the crescendo and the whole group was working together as a team for the first time in the song. It was delightful to watch the smiles on the performers’ faces as they really hit their stride; it was only the second song. The crowd started the applause before the musicians even finished the final chord.

The fourth song of the night had a much more vibrant feel than the previous songs. The song started out with a strong,

defined melody that included all members of the band. After about three repetitions of this melody, the sax and the guitar took over. They were really jamming together. I noticed right off the bat that this song had more of a rock and roll style to it. The drums were keeping a much more structured, rhythmic feel with strong bass drum notes on the beat and normal snare hits on the beat as well.

As the song progressed, a spotlight lit up the keyboard player and it was his turn to shine. Up until this time, the focus had been on the other four members of the group. The keyboard used a synthesizer or organ sounding effect. The keyboard’s higher notes mirrored the lower notes at times, but at other times, it seemed as if the right hand was playing its own melody while the left hand did a completely different melody. It reminded me of the demonstration of split melodies on the piano that Professor Craig Hara demonstrated in class a few weeks ago. It was very impressive stuff.

As the keyboard solo went on, Stern began to follow along with some guitar riffs on the off beats. The two musicians seemed to jab back and forth reminding me of a fencing match, but a friendly one.

Stern’s face was so joyful; I understood in that moment why he did what he does. I remembered too how he had lost his original guitar in a robbery and how much it meant to him. I wondered how much more joy he had been capable of expressing with that instrument. Nevertheless, he was swingin’ now and all this during a free show.

The crowd began clapping along with the band and the saxophone took over the improvisation. After a few creative bars, the saxophone solo ended on a long high note. Stern took over the control of the song by matching this high long note and taking over from there. I was impressed that he could not only pick this note by ear, but also match the tone and feel of the note as well. This was definitely the coolest transition between two soloists that I witness the entire night. They seemed to be communicating without words. They were on the same page. It was beautiful.

The song concluded with a keyboard and bass guitar call and response which got a real draw from the crowd. I was not so interested in this call and response, and would like to have seen more involvement from the drums (I was a percussionist in high school so of all the instruments, drums keep my interest the most). Either way, the song was a smash hit and the crowd loved it.

Overall I very much appreciated the performance. I was thoroughly impressed with production services and the way they transformed the Falcon’s Nest into a swinging jazz club. The musicians worked together like a well-oiled machine and they stayed humble while still expressing confidence. That is a difficult line to walk, and all five walked it professionally. I would surely recommend the RADD Jazz series to anyone.



Miranda Hammel/Student Voice
Musician Mike Stern played electric guitar at the RADD Jazz concert.

Dance team hosts 3rd annual Dancing with the Stars

The UWRF dance team hosted their 3rd annual Dancing with the Stars event on Wednesday, Feb. 27 in Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. All the earnings will help the dance team with registration costs for Nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla. which is held April 10-14. The “stars” for UW-River Falls included professors, athletes and administration who were paired with a member of the dance team.

Right: Ben Barrett and Jessica Holm dance to a jazz/funk piece called ‘Do Not Pass Me By.’



Photos from Arianna Schultz
Above: Nicole Wilson, winner for the second year, with hockey player Willie Hess. Left: Director of Student Life Paul Shepherd stands back-to-back with Megan Walsh for salsa dancing.