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Women's hockey hosts NCAA game

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The UW-River Falls women's hockey team will host a NCAA quarterfinal game for their sixth straight tournament appearance on Saturday, March 12, against Lake Forest College.

"To have three straight classes that have made the NCAA tournament in all four years of their career says a lot about my staff with me and the kind of student athletes we have. We recruit character kids who are hard workers," Head Coach Joe Cranston said.

Senior goaltender Ashley Kuechle said it has been great to be on a team that has made the NCAA all four years of her career but the way it has ended the previous three has been rough. Gustavus Adolphus College has ended the Falcons' season four years in a row going into this season.

"It is a motivator every year. To lose the same way to the same team every year hurts, its bad. Every year you use it as your motivator throughout the year. We have pushed for this all year to get past this point," Kuechle said.

The women's hockey team, like all UWRF athletic teams this season, is full of youth and that was shown in its first five games of the year when the team lost three out five games to start off the season.

Cranston said it was stressful starting off the year losing three out of five games knowing that the winner of the WIAC tournament would not receive an automatic bid into the national tournament this season.

"The freshmen on our team really had to learn what it was like to play at the college level. They could not just skate around and score goals like in high school," Cranston said.

While youth has been a big story all over UWRF athletic



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UW-River Falls women's hockey team celebrates the team's WIAC tournament and conference win on March 8.

ics this year, the one area that the women's hockey team separates itself is in veteran leadership. The team has three senior forwards, Katie Batters, Kait Mason and Brook Story, who will potentially end up the all-time top three leading scorers in UWRF women's hockey his-

tory, and a senior goaltender in Kuechle that broke the all-time single season shutout record this season with seven.

Mason and Batters are already the top two scorers in Falcon history with 130 and 111 points and Story sits in fourth with 96 points which is just three points behind the

third all-time leading scorer, Jessica Thompson.

"It is crazy they are all a part of the same class," Cranston said. "Being a male coach coaching a female team, I am not in the locker room as much as if I coached a male team so you have to rely on that leadership that

they provide."

After the rough start in the first five games, the Falcons have only lost one game since and are now 21-4-2 overall on the season.

"It has all come together. The defense in front of me has been great. I can't say enough about my defense and

the way the forwards play," Kuechle said.

UWRF took care of business in the first round of the WIAC tournament beating UW-Eau Claire 8-0 and 6-1 and then went on to beat UW-Stevens Point 5-1 despite not having Batters who injured her knee against Eau Claire.

The Falcons were the first team to ever win the NCHA postseason tournament and are now the first team to ever win the WIAC tournament for women's hockey.

Cranston said there is a 50 percent chance Batters, the team's leading scorer this year with 29 points, will be ready to go against Lake Forest. Lake Forest is making their first ever NCAA tournament appearance with a 17-5-3 overall record. They won the automatic bid out of the Falcons former hockey conference, the NCHA. UWRF holds a 32-4-5 overall record against Lake Forest.

If UWRF wins they will move on to the NCAA semifinals where all games will be played at the highest remaining seed left in the tournament.

"All senior classes say this, but for us it feels like this is the year," Kuechle said.

Cranston echoed his player's thoughts. "If there is a year to move on this is the year."

The Student Voice will be live tweeting the NCAA women's hockey tournament as well as posting updates on uwrfvoice.com.

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Students protest oil pipeline project

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A group of UW-River Falls students recently traveled to Washington but the trip was not merely a vacation.

They were protesting the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline project, which would extend from Alberta, Canada, to Nebraska, and it would span across the Ogallala Aquifer, one of the largest aquifers in the world. The pipeline would meet up with an already existing pipeline, which originates in Texas.

The nine UWRF students who traveled to the protest on Feb. 28, 2014, are involved with a student organization called ECOS, or Environmental Corps of Sustainability. According to the OrgSync page of ECOS, the group advocates for campus divestment in fossil fuels and seeks to inform the campus and surrounding community about climate change.

The ECOS members met up with students from other

UW schools, including UW-Stevens Point, UW-Madison and UW-Lacrosse, in Madison to drive to Washington, but once in Madison, they experienced a travel setback.

"We had a huge bus that we were supposed to rent, but the driver got a full-time job the day before we were sup-

There were over 1,200 students from 200 different colleges and 42 states at the protest, and 398 people participating in the protest were arrested.

posed to leave," said Greg Mathews, secretary of ECOS.

The international organization 350.org, which organized the Washington protest, was able to assist the UW students with finding alternative transportation.

"They helped us out," Mathews said.

Once in Washington, the UWRF students slept in a

church and started the protest the next day at Georgetown University. They walked for a couple miles to the White House and established a base in Lafayette Square. Mathews said there were speakers, such as Native Canadians, talking about getting their land taken away and

Michigan residents talking about the problems associated with fracking, which is a method used to extract oil.

The protesters then zip tied their hands to the White House fence. They also staged a "human oil spill" with a black tarp to demonstrate the negative effects of an oil spill. The human oil spill was also staged in front of Secretary of State John Kerry's house.

"He's a big influence on the approval or denial of the pipeline because he's secretary of state and it crosses an international border,"

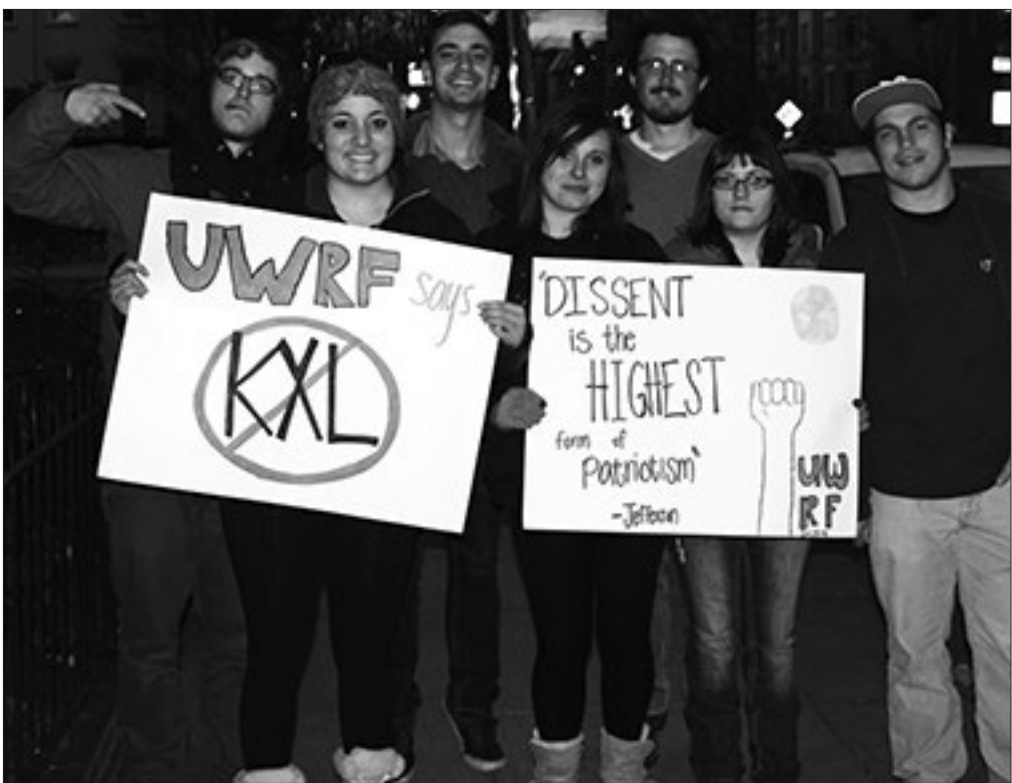


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UWRF ECOS members travel to Washington to protest the Keystone XL pipeline.

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ticipating in the protest were arrested, including Mathews. Three other UWRF students were arrested as well, and all four were charged with an in-

fraction.

"The way it was described

Dean Glenn Potts to retire this spring

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After 38 years of employment at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Dean Glenn Potts in the College of Business and Economics is retiring his positions as professor and dean this spring.

In his earlier years, Potts had decided he wanted to be a professor; he respected his professors so much in college and learned so much that he knew teaching would be an enjoyable career. After graduating with a Ph.D. from Iowa State University, he took a position at UWRF in August, 1976. Being a professor for 33 years, he has only held his position as dean for the last five years.

“The opportunity to share what you know to be important, and to help students understand important things that will be useful to them is a very rewarding job,” Potts said.

Potts said there is not much difference going from professor to dean, except the interaction with students and faculty in the classroom and hallways has declined. As a dean he said he has very few opportunities to interact with students. Spending half of his time working outside the University with alumni and the business community, he spends the other half of his time working within the University with faculty and administrative activities in the college.

“I feel like we as a college have accomplished a lot,” Potts said.

While reminiscing on his own college experiences, Potts said that he thought the best time in a person’s life was between 18 and 23

years of age, while enrolled in college. There are so many opportunities available; students are growing, learning to think and discover and while at a university they are learning to question and find a way to get answers and do new things. Potts continued to share that the change which occurs to students mentally during this time period is really incredible; once you are no longer in high school, when you are no longer naïve and unworldly, by the time you are 22 you are ready to go out and function fully as a contributing adult in society. That is an amazing transformation.

“To be a faculty member you get to be part of the experiences and see the change every day,” Potts said. “Seeing the tremendous change and growth in the students is a joy and a treasure to have that opportunity.”

Even though Potts said he would miss the exciting atmosphere of energy and excitement the most, he still plans to be involved with the campus and the University. In particular he wants to work with the alumni and help find new ways to help provide funding for the University. Potts said the he thought college was great; he did not feel any pressure in college, and learned a lot while also benefiting a great deal from the education he received.

The University is currently searching with a committee primarily of staff and faculty from the Business and Economics College for a new dean. Potts said many applications have been received, and while he does not get to help with the hiring process, the college is hoping to announce someone by the end of April. The individual hired will take their position on July 1.



Jesi Danforth/Student Voice

Dean Glenn Potts plans to retire at the end of spring semester.

News briefs:

UWRF IHSA team takes championship at finals

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Equestrian Team won the 2013-14 Regional Championship (Zone 7, Region 3) March 2 at the UWRF Campus Farm. They competed against eight other campuses to take the top honor.

The UWRF team competed in nine different shows during the regular season. They won four high point awards, tied for high point awards twice, and won one reserve high point award during the regular season to secure the High Point Team Championship. This earned the team a spot at the national semi-finals at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, March 29-30. The top two individuals in each division also move on to the national semi-finals. From there, the team and riders could qualify for the IHSA National Championship Show.

Over the weekend, rider Alie Leonhart, of Hugo, Minn., won the title of AQHA High Point Open Rider for the second year in a row. Carissa Beeksmas, of Ashland, and Kayla Mack, of Chisago City, Minn., won individual championships in their respective levels to earn a spot at the semi-finals as well.

Riders who will be representing their level in the team competition at the semi-finals are: Leonhart competing on level 16; Kayla Gosz, of Manitowoc, competing on level 15; Markie Maletzke, of Cedarburg, competing on level 14; Mack competing on level 13; Hannah Symbal, of Stanley, competing on level 12; and Elizabeth Kieffer, of Kenosha, competing

on level 11.

The last time UWRF qualified for semi-finals as a team was in 2004. The 2013-14 UWRF IHSA Western Show Team includes the following riders: Beeksmas, Gosz, Kieffer, Leonhart, Mack, Maletzke, Symbal, Michelle Anderson, Taylor Asplin, Jade Baerg, Miranda Christenson, Cara Ericksen, Angie Esselman, Bailey Fernau, Caitlin Finger, Emily Lehman, Hannah Miller, Katie Nelson, Hannah Space, Mary Winkel and Claire Wojnowiak. The team is coached by Janie Huot.

For more information, contact Huot at 715-425-3342.

‘Best for Vets: Business School’ ranks College of Business and Economics

The College of Business and Economics at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has been named a “Best for Vets: Business School” in the Military Times 2014 rankings. This follows the recent designation as a “Best for Vets” university in November 2013.

“‘Best for Vets: Business Schools’ is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that make an institution a good fit for military veterans,” said Amanda Miller, editor of Military Times Edge magazine. The rankings factor in academic quality, outcomes and policies, school culture, student support, and cost.

The UWRF CBE ranks 44 on the list of 64 business schools and is the only business school in the Wisconsin and Minneapolis/St. Paul area to earn this honor.

The full-time and part-time MBA programs and Adult Degree Completion program in CBE, in particular, have worked closely with Sharon Seidl, veteran services coordinator at

UWRF, to meet the various needs of veterans in their respective programs.

“The Veterans’ Services Office encourages our students to plan for graduate degree education as their benefits allow. Our full-time MBA program can be completed in about two years with a portion possibly covered by a veteran’s remaining entitlements,” Seidl said. “Both the Adult Degree Completion and the MBA program at UW-River Falls have prioritized accommodating working, professional adults, which many of our veterans are, especially through flexible online, in-person, evening, and afternoon class options.”

The UWRF CBE is an AACSB-accredited institution, a distinction less than five percent of business schools worldwide have achieved and offers bachelor’s degrees in accounting, business administration, computer science & information systems, economics, finance, management and marketing.

The full “Best for Vets: Business Schools” 2014 rankings can be found online at <http://projects.militarytimes.com/best-for-veterans/business-schools/2014/>.

For more information, call Blake Fry at 715-425-3711 or email blake.fry@uwrf.edu.

Cashier’s Office to be renamed Student Billing

The Accounts Receivable/Cashier’s Office has been renamed Student Billing. Effective March 31, 2014 the Student Billing & Financial Aid Service Counter will separate back into the two respective offices, Student Billing Office and Financial Aid Office. Please delete any references to Accounts Receivable/Cashier’s Office and/or to an integrated Student Billing & Financial Aid Service Counter on websites or written materials. Instead,

please just use Student Billing Office or Financial Aid Office as appropriate. Beginning March 31st, the Student Billing Office phone number will be 715/425-3145 for students and 715/425-3805 for faculty/staff. The Financial Aid phone number will be 715/425-3141. Questions billing@uwrf.edu or financialaid@uwrf.edu.

Undergraduates exhibit research in Capitol

About 150 of the University of Wisconsin System’s best and brightest undergraduate students will fill the Capitol Rotunda this week to share their original research findings with legislators, state leaders, UW alumni, and supporters.

The eleventh annual “Posters in the Rotunda” event takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12. State leaders will join undergraduate students and faculty advisers from UW campuses across the state for a day of events highlighting the positive impacts of university research in Wisconsin.

“This research helps connect students to real-world problems,” said UW System President Ray Cross.

“The creativity and curiosity that propel the students’ academic research also help prepare these undergraduates for the workforce, or for pursuing graduate-level work. Ultimately, these experiences will lead to exciting, innovative careers that benefit the larger community,” Cross said.

Visit the Posters in the Rotunda website a list of all participating students and their research projects, available at <http://www.wisconsin.edu/posters/>.

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

- Stefan Gary Heyn was fined \$389.50 for possession of marijuana and \$263.50 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.
- Michael Allen Malan was fined \$262.50 for possession of marijuana and \$326.50 for possession of drug paraphernalia at Grimm Hall.
- Delino D Carrasco Jr. was fine \$263.50 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

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

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Fatal virus threatens livestock across US

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A fatal virus spreading across the United States poses a threat to pigs and livestock events at Mann Valley Farm, including the Annual Show Pig Sale on April 5.

Those working with the swine are taking precautions to prevent the spread of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) virus, which causes severe diarrhea in pigs and is deadly to piglets. The virus is spread by pig manure, which can be carried on the clothes and shoes of workers and visitors of the farm.

While the PED virus is not a new virus globally, it is new to the U.S. The virus only affects pigs and cannot be transferred to other animals or humans. PED also does not affect pork safety, according to the National Pork Board, a government-owned corporation based in Iowa that provides information and news about pork industry.

The virus has infected 4,000 hogs in 26 states, including Wisconsin and surrounding states, according to the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, which is a nationwide collaboration to provide animal disease surveillance.

The show pig sale is still scheduled to take place, as long as the pigs do not contract the virus. Several attempts to maintain biosecurity before, during and after the show pig sale have been implemented on the farm.

While older swine recover completely from the virus, most piglets are sure to die if they contract it. If PED spreads to UW-River Falls, it will be deadly to the majority of pigs for sale and the show pig sale will be cancelled, said Professor Gary Onan, who oversees op-

erations at Mann Valley Farm.

The virus is resistant to freezing and “spreads like wildfire in the winter,” Onan said.

“Cases shot up like a rocket in the last two months,” Onan said.

Events that would have been hosted at Mann Valley Farm have been moved to other areas, in order to reduce exposure of the virus. Trucks, trailers and people are being kept away from swine with barriers and signs. Workers at the farm are being required to change clothes before working the pigs, said Onan.

“Our hope is that, with the measures we’ve taken, we can avoid contracting disease until a vaccine,” Onan said.

Over 500 cases of PED have been report-

ed in Minnesota, compared to nine cases in Wisconsin, according to the National Animal Health Laboratory Network. A recent outbreak was also reported in Red Wing, Minn. Since UWRF is close to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border, traffic from these areas is of concern, Onan said.

Extra precautions have been taken since the beginning of February, said Katye Williams and Emily Warren, student managers at the farm. Specific footwear will be provided for those working the swine within the next week, Onan said.

“We’re just trying to hold it off as long as we can,” Warren said.


Onan said that while pigs at UWRF have not contracted a virus like this in the past 15 years, “it is not uncommon to have a virus in the swine industry.”

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Bowls for Hope benefits St. Croix Valley charity



Left: UW-River Falls students Rachel Warwick and Frank Cramer enjoy soup offered at the Bowls for Hope event. Right: The event featured bowls made by artists for purchase at the event. The proceeds from the event go to the non-profit community garden Grow to Share, Inc. that believes in public access to fresh, locally grown foods.



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Protest: ECOS group advocates against oil pipeline, fossil fuel usage

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to us is that it's kind of on par with walking your dog without a leash," Mathews said. "They didn't fingerprint me, I sat in a holding cell for five minutes and then I paid a \$50 citation and they let me go."

UWRF student Jack Haren also traveled to Washington to participate in the protest, but he chose to take photographs instead of zip tying his hands, so he was not arrested.

"It was a new type of road trip, being in Washington where all of the politics in our country happen," Haren said. "It felt really cool to be part of a huge mob protesting."

The Keystone XL pipeline requires a Presidential Permit to move forward, so President Barack Obama will be making his decision regarding the pipeline in the next few months.

As for ECOS, the group will continue to spread awareness about the pipeline. On March 10, they had a table set up in the University Center to reach out to students and educate them about the environmental impact of the pipeline.

"We felt we needed to stand up and say it's not in our nation's best interest," Mathews said. "If the aquifer does get contaminated, I'll be one of the first people down there to help with relief."




Photo courtesy of Jack Haren

Protesting students stage a human oil spill in front of the White House. UWRF students in ECOS participated in the protest of the Keystone XL pipeline.

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EDITORIAL

Use spring break to catch up, stay safe on vacation

Spring break begins on March 14, relieving students from the stress of classes for a week. It is time that allows students to catch up on their z’s, re-energize themselves for the last half of the semester and of course, just enjoying the comforts of home sweet home.

We would like to remind students that while it is important to have fun and enjoy themselves over break, it is equally as important to keep safety and productivity on their minds as well. Of course we do not want to sound like an overbearing parent, but we do want to let students know that coming back from break in the best mindset is what we hope for.

Having a week off of school can allow time to build resumes. Looking for internships and volunteer opportunities that will benefit your future is a plus. Although volunteer opportunities are unpaid, having the satisfaction of being able to impact a community in a positive way while being able to add it to your resume is priceless. Working at a humane society, Habitat for Humanity, or another worthy cause can give you something exciting to say when friends and professors ask the “What did you do over spring break?” question. Internships are also an excellent way to build up your resume as well as gain valuable experience that will help you in your field of interest. Utilizing the week of free time to better your current and future self will certainly put you ahead in this game called life.

While it may not be fun to spend your break getting ahead on homework, if you get that 10-page paper out of the way now you may find yourself less stressed later on when more assignments start piling up. However, if you plan on doing homework, remember to still set some time aside for yourself to hang out with friends, take a short road trip or even just to have a movie and ice cream night on the couch with your dog.

For traveling students, whether you are going to Hawaii, Las Vegas, Florida or Latvia, it is important to be aware of the safety precautions and risks you may face. With the recent Malaysia plane mystery and the discovery of travelers being in possession of stolen passports, students should be aware of ways to keep themselves protected. Keep your possessions close and stay in areas that are known to be safer than others. Always use caution when traveling in new and unfamiliar areas. If possible, always bring a buddy or inform someone where your travels may take you.

With that, break out the sweatpants and get comfy. Enjoy the week of freedom that we are ever so grateful for and have a productive, safe and happy spring break!

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Letter to the editor UWRF alumnus seeks re-election

On April 1, two candidates will be running for the non-partisan office of River Falls mayor. Only one is a UW-River Falls graduate who was mayor from 2004-2012. I am that guy. Not many issues come before the City Council directly affecting students. Parking? Yes, but not often. Cooperation with UWRF on issues like re-designing Cascade Avenue? Of course. Improved accommodations for bikers? Definitely. But here are two reasons you might consider voting for me: I, with the help of the City Council, was primarily responsible for getting the inclusive community sign put on three entrances to the city. Chancellor Don Betz thought it a good idea to put the UWRF and city signs on the same post,

I agreed. Do you think those signs are important? Good for UWRF and the city? I definitely do. Respond via Twitter if you wish. I was also given the UWRF Outstanding Service Award in 2009 for various collaborative efforts between the city and University. Have I convinced you? If not, consider this: think of how good you will feel by committing a random act of voting kindness! I will try to convince you one more time in the March 21 issue.

Don Richards

Ash Wednesday leads to self reflection

Natalie Howell
Columnist

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, which means that Christians from all over flocked to church to ring in the beginning of Lent and get ashes put on their forehead in the shape of a cross. Me being one of those Christians, I did exactly that. I went to church and I got the ashes put on my forehead. I then went to dinner and returned back to my dorm, ashes still present on my forehead. Eventually, however, I decided that it was time to wash them off. I guess I did not want to walk around all day with them on, thinking that it would be pretty obnoxious of me. But when I erased the cross from my forehead, I suddenly felt ashamed of what I was doing. Did I not want others to know that I was a Christian? Was I not proud of what I believed in? Then another troubling thought crossed my mind, if who we are was marked on our foreheads, would we try to erase it? We go through our lives with a certain number of identities: female or male, Republican or Democrat, Broadway musical lover or gangster rap enthusiast and each one of our identities tells something different about us and molds us into who we are. We inherit them, we shed them and we pick them up along the way. The identities we choose to own end up defining us in a very necessary way. But if all those identities were written on our foreheads, “Christian,” “student,”

“animal lover,” would we be ashamed? Every day we see and hear one message: be proud of who you are. Do not let the voices and images around you influence how you feel about yourself. Be yourself. But is that how we really feel about ourselves, from our little quirks to our defining factors? Would we be able to have who we really are displayed to the world and still be able to walk around proudly? We all like to say that we are proud of who we are and what we believe in, but when it comes time to broadcast that kind of thing out to the world, the question has to be asked if you would actually do it or not. Would we be able to yell out loud that we play right field for an adult league softball team and love every minute of it, or that we avidly believe in ghosts? Do we let ourselves be proud enough of who we are to not be ashamed of the things that separate us from the crowd? And not to say that we are ashamed of the things that makes us different or the things we involve ourselves in, but asking yourself the question on whether or not you are okay with yourself enough to broadcast it is a good way of keeping your priorities straight. And I guess that is all we can do: ask ourselves every now and then if what we are doing is the way we would like to be seen. If yes, then by all means, do your thing. Join that Star Wars fan club or practice whatever religion you want to. Just when you do, throw yourself into it and finally be proud of your identifiers.

Senate Corner:

Senate expands OrgSync services, benifits campus

Anthony Sumnicht
Vice President

Over this year Student Senate and Student Life have fully invested in the future of OrgSync. Senate has invested student money on increasing the services offered through OrgSync, and Student Life has been working on initiatives to integrate OrgSync throughout campus. Students should expect to see more of OrgSync in years to come. One feature added for the start of this year was the OrgSync authentication. This gave students the capability to log into OrgSync using their university ID and password. In the past, students had to remember a separate ID and password for OrgSync, and this discouraged use. With the addition of this feature, the use of OrgSync has dramatically increase. Also added this year was the Budget Management System to manage the annual budgets and single event funding of organizations. Senate’s Allocable Fee and Appropriations Board used this online feature for the first this year, and it proved to be an invaluable tool during the annual budget process. This year Senate unanimously decided to expand the services provided through OrgSync by adding new features including the Service Management System, card swipe tech-

nology and 100 additional portals, or organization profiles. The Service Management System will promote service opportunities for students through OrgSync. This service will connect service partners to student organizations, centralize service opportunities and help manage communication with community service partners. The card swipe technology will integrate into with other OrgSync features to track student involvement on campus. Knowing what events students are attending can help provide valuable data points to add to retention platforms to gain an even greater understanding of student performance. Generate a verified record of your involvement to document experiences gained outside the classroom. This information will also allow the University to develop a co-curricular transcript that students can use for job interviews, grad schools applications and to showcase leadership. Also this year Senate unanimously approved legislation to add 100 additional portals. Currently the university had the capabilities to have 200 portals on OrgSync. However, this year through increased use of OrgSync we have exceeded the 200 portal capacity of OrgSync. This addition will allow for a campus-wide integration of OrgSync and will allow Student Senate, Student Life and other university departments better serve students.

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Destination trips provide new experiences, volunteer opportunities for UWRF students

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The Destination Program at UW-River Falls began in 2006, and has given students the opportunity to serve others through education, direct service and reflection.

It all began when UWRF tudents wanted to help rebuild the Fulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina’s devastation. Student Life organized a J Term and spring break trip to give students the chance to help others regionally, domestically and internationally.

This year there will be 60 students participating in the Destination trips. There are numerous destinations that students will be visiting this spring break, such as New Orleans, Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia. Molly Breitmün is a Destination trip leader and has been helping to plan the trips since last September.

“This year I’m going to Atlanta, Georgia. My group of 10 will be working with Medici Project, a non-profit that develops programs for students to get involved in service,” Bre-

itmün said. “We will volunteer at a homeless center, visit the Martin Luther King Center and learn about the Civil Rights movement, tutor at an ‘at-risk’ public middle school, help at a nonprofit that provides therapy through art, serve brunch at a church that serves the homeless and sort donated unused medical supplies to be sent to Africa.”

The Destination trips vary when it comes to the amount of time that students spend in each place. The Destination Regional is a weekend experience, the Destination International is a week-long experience over J Term, and the Spring Break Destination trip is next week.

Many of the Destination trip leaders believe that these trips are beneficial to not only students, but also the people who they travel so

far to help. Stacey Kunde, a Destination trip leader, believes it is important to help others and learn about how people around the world live.

“For some it is a lifestyle to serve others. I am part of this group of people that live out their lives helping others where ever they go.

We like to make even the smallest of positive change where ever we go and what better way than to give your week of academic freedom to do some service,” Kunde said. “People do Destination trips to try something new, to learn more about the social issues in our world or to simple travel and gain experiences that they otherwise would never have.”

Other trip leaders agree that the Destination trips are something that students should expe-

rience if they have the opportunity to. Darren Ward is the trip leader to New Orleans this year, and will be focusing on disaster relief and rebuilding homes for those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

“Destination is a life-changing experience whether it is just across the board in Minnesota or thousands of miles away,” Ward said. “These experiences often change people’s entire outlooks on life, change their majors or career paths, and make each participant a lifetime servant leader.”

One aspect of the Destination trips that stands apart from other students activities this upcoming spring break is that they travel by a “live simply” agreement. This means that students limit their use of technology, resources and expenses in a way that reflects the poverty level.


“I have led a privileged life,” Breitmün said. “I want to make sure I take time out of my busy life at UWRF to pay it forward.”

“Destination is a life-changing experience whether it is just across the board in Minnesota or thousands of miles away,” said New Orleans trip leader Darren Ward.

STUDENT VOICES


What do you think the U.S. should do to address the issue between Russia and the Ukraine?

Compiled by Maggie Sanders




Levi Wehrman
Freshman

“I respect the financial assistance that the U.S. is giving to Ukraine but I don’t think the U.S. should get involved by sending in our military.”




Patti Alvarado
Junior

“If we do get involved, then it might show North Korea that we’re vulnerable and an easy target because we’re concentrating on Ukraine.”




Priscila Cruz
Senior

“Maybe if the U.S. gets involved with the Ukraine, Russia might do something against the U.S.”



Tyler Arnold
Senior

“Find a non-violent solution.”



Rachel Heins
Sophomore

“I think we should leave them alone.”

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Athletes continue competition to win Falcon Cup

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As the winter sports season is wrapping up, all varsity sports teams on campus continue to compete to take home the Falcon Cup at the end of the year.

The competition pits all 15 varsity sports against one another in a year-long battle to take home the Falcon Cup.

There are six categories where teams can earn points: academic achievement, athletic excellence, campus involvement, community service, Falcon pride and attendance at the Falcon success series events. A complete list of how the points are distributed in each category can be found on the UW-River Falls athletic website.

While all teams only participate in their sport at a select part of the year, all of the teams are always competing for the Falcon Cup.

“Teams can earn points at any time during the academic year, regardless if they are in season or out of season,” said Assistant Athletic Director Crystal Lanning.

The competition was the creation of former Assistant Director of Athletic Performance Andy King, who combined parts of similar competitions he had seen at other universities such as UW-Whitewater and Hamline. However, King left the University in late February to take a position coaching a minor league baseball team.

“I have taken over coordination of the Falcon Cup since Andy’s departure,” Lanning said. She added that the Falcon Cup should remain a staple in the UWRF athletics program for years to come.

At the beginning of the year, the excitement was high for the Falcon Cup. Both the men’s and women’s track and field team attended a tennis match, marking the first time in years that the tennis team had a cheering section. Additionally, over 100 athletes attended a home volleyball game in October, according to King. Since then, though, the momentum has slowed down.

“I think we lost some momentum over J Term when many of the fall and spring athletes were not on campus, but I am hoping the excitement will pick up as we get closer to the end

of the year,” Lanning said.

However, the loss of momentum for the program could also be attributed to the departure of its creator.

“I believe the program feels unstable as the creator became absent,” said Matt Shutey, a senior on the men’s track and field team.

Regardless, some teams on campus are continuing to pile up the points in the competition.

“Women’s basketball has been in the lead for most of the year, but we have some teams that are starting to catch them,” Lanning said. “Should be exciting to see how things shake out in May.”

The women’s basketball team has 457 points, as of March 10, 67 points higher than the next closest team, which is women’s hockey with 390 points. The football team is third with 387.

If the women’s basketball team can hold its lead for the next few months, they will claim the Falcon Cup, as well as bragging rights, at the Falcon Awards ceremony which is held at the end of the academic year.



Kathy M Helgeson/University Communications
Sam Greeley helps a young Falcon fan skate at Skate with the Falcons, hosted by Women’s Hockey team on Feb. 15 at Hunt Arena. Athletes gain points for their teams by attending other UWRF sporting events and participating in volunteer work, among other things.

University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcon athletics updates

Men and Women’s Track and Field

The Falcons ended their indoor season at the WIAC Indoor Meet in Whitewater Saturday, March 1. The next time the Falcons will be competing is Saturday, April 12, at home, for the UWRF Falcon Invitational.

Women’s Hockey

The Falcons defeated UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stevens Point to win the WIAC tournament. They will play Lake Forest College in the NCAA Quarterfinal at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at home in Hunt Arena.

Softball

The Falcons will be traveling to Florida to play in the National Training Center Games. They will play 10 games in 5 days against teams from across the country.



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Falcon Center slowly becomes reality

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Take a sigh of relief, UW-River Falls faculty members and students, the Falcon Center for Health, Education and Wellness’ groundbreaking ceremony will finally take place on May 2 after 24 long years of planning, proposals and fundraising.

“The groundbreaking will be a nice, significant, ceremonial day,” said Michael Stifter, executive director of Facilities Planning and Management. “It’s a celebration of what’s to come.”

That initial relief may not last long, however, as construction is set to begin on July 14, and will likely last until the grand opening, currently slated for January 2017.

Stifter said that January 2017 is still a realistic date of completion, but if construction is delayed by inclement weather the grand opening could realistically be pushed to spring of 2018.

The Falcon Center, previously named the Health, Human Performance and Recreation Center, was the topic of discussion at Stifter’s very first departmental staff meeting when he joined UWRF.

That meeting took place in the summer of 1999.

“They said ‘we are this close,’” Stifter said. “Fast forward 15 years and we’re still talking about the project. But now it’s not a matter of if it will happen, it’s a matter of when.”

While many current students will not be around to enjoy the Falcon Center when it is eventually completed down to the last brick and paint stroke, it may be comforting to know that a weight will be lifted off the shoulders of an incalculable number of UWRF faculty members who have had a

hand in the process over the past 24 years.

Essentially, the Falcon Center will replace the Karges Center, which houses the Health and Human Performance (HHP) department, a gym, classrooms and support facilities. Also being replaced is the Emogene A. Nelson Center, which houses the strength and conditioning center, a classroom and a fitness studio.

“The new Falcon Center is going to have an incredible impact on students majoring in Health and Human Performance,” said Faye Perkins, UWRF softball head coach and HHP professor. “Our current facilities are outdated, particularly the Human Performance Lab, which is currently located in Rodli Commons because there wasn’t space for it anywhere else.”

The Falcon Center will include a large gym named after former UWRF basketball, tennis, baseball and football coach Don Page. Page also served as athletic director for 12 years, and was inducted into the 1992 UWRF Athletics Hall of Fame. Page, who is widely considered the most influential figure in UWRF athletics history, died in 2010 at the age of 83.

“(Page) was around daily,” Stifter said. “He was a good humanitarian, and a family man who worked hard; athletics were a passion.”

W.H. Hunt Arena also will be getting a face-lift with new bleacher seating, updated concessions and remodeled offices. Next door, the Knowles Center will have its locker and office area remodeled. An approximate 320 parking spots will be added for extra motor vehicle access.

“The Falcon Center will also provide exceptional recreational facilities for all faculty, staff, students and community members,” Perkins said. “The fitness studios, climbing wall, recreational space and wellness center

will provide opportunities for everyone to be physically active.”

The targeted date of completion is October 2016, three months prior to the projected grand opening. The Falcon Center’s architect and engineer team is led by Ayres Associates, based in Eau Claire, Wis., in association with Hastings & Chivetta, a design firm from St. Louis, Mo.

“Ayres gives the project a Wisconsin presence,” Stifter said. “Both are excellent teams, and great to work with. They’re industry experts and have a good connection with the campus.”

The existing Hunt/Knowles complex is to tie into and support the new addition, which will also include a new auxiliary gym, fitness center, multi-purpose activity studios, an exercise physiology lab and spectator seating in the Knowles Center.

“Having one complex—one facility—is really key,” Stifter said. “It saves a lot of time. Bottom line: it’s going to be a beautiful facility.”

While not set in stone, the plan is to relocate the softball and soccer fields closer to Ramer Field. All the while, new stadium seating is planned for Ramer Field, as indicated by the giant sign hanging on the current bleachers at the football field.

“On the athletic side, the new facilities will provide a true college experience for student-athletes and spectators,” Perkins said.

The Karges Center, constructed in 1959, and the Nelson Center, constructed in 1963, are functionally obsolete and in poor overall condition, according to the Falcon Center’s website. The two buildings will be demolished in the summer of 2017.

What students may not realize is that one of the perks at the Falcon Center will be the

student dining.

“The food service element will be a pleasant surprise,” Stifter said. “It will be a nice advantage for those who rely on the facility.”

There is potential that some features and finishes may get cut, but Stifter is confident they can stay close to the budget. The \$1.7 million campus-wide budget cut will not affect the Falcon Center.

The Wisconsin Board of Regents and the State Building Commission estimate the project to cost approximately \$62.5 million. The construction of the facilities will cost more than \$50 million. The extra \$12.5 million will be for “soft costs,” such as design, supervision, unforeseen changes and equipment.

The Falcon Center is an idea that dates back to 1990, when it was first verbally discussed. A thorough analysis in 1994 determined that the main indoor athletic facilities were deficient, according to the Falcon Center’s website. In 1999 a concentrated planning effort for a replacement facility occurred and metaphorically ignited the flame.

Approximately \$10.2 million of the funding has or will come from student fees, which averages to be an approximate annual fee of \$72 per student. More than \$2 million is expected to come from the UWRF Foundation, headed by Chris Mueller, the Foundation’s president. The Foundation is very close to hitting their targeted goal. The rest of the funding has come from the state of Wisconsin, which is roughly \$50.4 million.

Stifter indicated that the Falcon Center is an ongoing process. An important scheduling meeting was set for Thursday, March 13, to iron out the details going forth, so Stifter advised everyone to “stay tuned.”

Dance team finds success in fourth annual fundraising event

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What started as an idea four years ago to raise money for the UW-River Falls dance with paper ballot voting and a low key crowd has evolved into a crowd favorite.

The fourth annual Dancing with the Stars competition was a success, selling out the Abbot Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts. The competition pairs up one or two members of the dance team with a male athlete or a male professional staff member on campus. For the first time since the competition started all male sports teams were represented with the first ever time track and field had a competitor and the first time swimming and diving ever had a competitor. There were also four professional staff mem-

bers.

“One of my professors came up to me and mentioned how it has become part of the culture at River Falls,” said senior Captain Carlee Diggins.

Diggins helped organize the first ever competition with her captain back then and has been part of all four competitions. She said it has been great to see how it has developed over the past four years. Last year and now this year as well the event has paid for the team to be able to go to nationals which are held in Daytona, Fla. The team will even have money left over to carry into next year as the event made a total of \$2,200.

This year’s event was more interactive for the crowd than years past with the ability to text a number to vote for the best performance.

Videos were shown in between routines showing the athletes and dance members practicing with funny interviews and for the first time people at the event could tweet throughout the competition to the dance team. The tweets were read in between routines by MCs Camille Howerton, men’s basketball manager, and Tyler Wirth, football player.

“It was funny to be able to read the social media interactions throughout and team up with Tyler,” Howerton said.

The dance team starts planning the event out in September to find athletes and professional staff and get everything organized. Diggins said one of her favorite parts of the event is how it brings people from all over the campus together.

“It promotes a cross cultural ex-

perience,” Diggins said.

Diggins also said it is hilarious to see how serious the athletes take the event. Medals are given out for teams placing first, second and third. This year’s winner Emmanuel Udeh, junior running back on the football team, went as far as to say it was the most nervous he has been in his life.

“I have been a little nervous before UWRF football games, but there is nothing that can compare to that. I have all the respect in the world for our dance team,” Udeh said. “I couldn’t believe I won. It was a rush getting the gold. I felt like I won the Olympics. My partner Hannah Grafenstein, next year’s captain, is the reason we won.”

While the Dancing with the Stars competition has grown and improved every year so has the

actual dance team. Diggins said she is proud of the work the team has done, and how far it has come since she first got here. This year, the team won the WOW Factor Timberwolves Cup for the second straight year and will be rewarded a half time performance at a Minnesota Timberwolves game, got fourth place at the St. Thomas Tommie Invitational and are hoping to qualify for finals at nationals.

Diggins said that last year the team did not make it into finals right away at nationals but won a challenge cup to get in. The challenge cup is a last chance qualifier for all the teams that did not make it into finals. This year she said they want to get straight into finals without going through the challenge cup. Nationals will be held April 9-13.



Photo courtesy of Wendy Stocker
Hannah Grafenstein dances a gold medal routine with partner Emmanuel Udeh. The UWRF Dance Team held its fourth annual Dancing with the Stars event on Thursday, March 6. The money raised at the event is used to fund the team’s trip to National Dance Alliance Nationals held in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Follow the Student Voice on Twitter for live tweets and online updates about the NCAA women’s hockey tournament!

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‘The Wind Rises’ closes legend’s career



Ryan Funes

Reviewer

The legendary Japanese animation director Hayao Miyazaki has left the house of cinema, but he left us one last gem through his imagination in the animated historical period piece, “The Wind Rises.”

Jiro Horikoshi has dreamed all his life of taking to the sky in planes of fine craft but, due to his poor eyesight, he must keep his head to the ground. Despite this, his dreams still lie in the design and creation of beautiful aircrafts to be flown with majesty and grace, though in the face of World War II.

Through the course of his career, he discovers oppor-

tunity awaiting him, passion in a lost love and the fact that his dreams may only be in service to feed the fires of war.

Jiro’s airplane might never soar for pleasure, but the wind is rising so he must live on.

I never thought that I would see the day when the great Miyazaki, who gave us “Spirited Away,” “Howl’s Moving Castle,” “Princess Mononoke” and many others, would make his last film. This made it a priority to see in theaters and an obligation to do a review on it.

After driving 40 minutes to a theater that actually screened it, I experienced a great send out for the man who gave so much to us.

The one thing you could always count on with Miyazaki was to send you on a magical journey that only he could pull off. Even when his movies dealt with reality, there was always that underlying feeling of the en-

chanting and fantastic. “The Wind Rises” delivers this feeling in full force, making

thing you would expect from Miyazaki, with great fantasy moments crossed with the





you fall for the starry-eyed ideals and worlds the characters crave, before you realize you have believed these things all along.

The direction is every-

real world to make for a whirlwind of emotion and awe. The characters and environments move as smoothly as ever, the planes whirl and breathe like people, with ev-

ery frame of the film deliver- ing as much meaning and care that Miyazaki can pack in. Call it nostalgia on my part, but it feels like visiting an old friend seeing this kind of lovely animation.

The music, like so many of Miyazaki’s other works, was done by composer Joe Hisaishi, and like every other time, he pulls the audience further into the film. From soft, subdued piano tones to lifting string sections, Hisai- shi does “The Wind Rises” musical justice. For many past works, Hisaishi has been the net that Miyazaki uses to capture all of us.

The acting for the film is fine as well. Granted, there is only so much that American voice actors can give to a dub of this film. They each do their part, though Joseph Gordon-Levitt may not have been the best choice for our main character.

The actors make such a minor difference in enjoying this movie that it is hardly necessary to talk about. The meat of Miyazaki’s films have always been the anima- tion, imagination, and no less important, the themes he inserts. “The Wind Rises” contains themes that have

been prevalent in his past films; war’s effect on art, the true intentions of technology and love’s enduring nature are the foundation of the work that Miyazaki chose as his last, and I am glad that he still managed to deliver something new for this last round.

“The Wind Rises” is an endearing and timeless work that serves as a final goodbye from Miyazaki. As he once quoted the real person our main character inspired, “All I wanted to do was to make something beautiful,” and he gave us beauty in a million frames.

At the end of it, I found myself crying at a movie for the first time in quite a while. Not only because it was a beautiful film, but because it was the last time this great auteur of animation would give us a glimpse of his won- drous and sincere mind.

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Staying active for week of spring break

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

how we are going to spend it.

Some people look forward to a cruise, others to watching their favorite baseball team in a spring training game or some even skiing in the mountains. However, a lot of us are not quite lucky enough to pack our bags and fly somewhere warm or adventurous. We are left sitting at home, diligently searching for something, anything, to keep ourselves occupied. Luckily, this is a good time to get creative and think of several fun activities throughout the week. You will forget that you had to miss out on going somewhere warm.

One activity that is fun to do over spring break is trying out new recipes. Whether you

are making dinner for the family or cookies for close friends, it is a good learning experi- ence. Recipes can be found in every nook and cranny of the Internet.

Pinterest is an especially great place to find new recipes, even unique ones you did not know about. Due to the majority of our spring break still being in winter, a casserole, or hot dish if you are a trustee Minnesotan, such as a chicken or tater tot casserole, is definitely a good route to take for a relax- ing family dinner. A warm dessert, such as brownies or hot chocolate, is sure to warm the hearts of those around you, as cheesy as it sounds.

Another activity to try next week is volun- teering. Often people make the excuse that there are not enough opportunities to take advantage of, but there are a lot more than you think. You just have to search for them.

Group homes, especially ones catering to autistic adults, are always looking for volun-

teers to do fun activities with their residents. The typical places like Feed My Starving Children, the Humane Society and the Salva- tion Army have numerous locations and appreciate anyone’s time. Other places that frequently need volunteers include churches, hospitals and schools. While volunteer work does not offer a paycheck, it offers that feel- ing that you made a difference in someone’s life, even if only for a week. So search for an opportunity, because they are all around us.

A third activity is to organize a time to get together with friends. Even if high school friends have a different spring break, it could be fun to organize a trip to go visit them. It is a great opportunity to catch up and check out their college town. You could even meet up with college friends who also did not go anywhere by doing something fun such as seeing a movie, going on a bike ride, having a sleepover or walking around a mall.

At school, work piles up and it is not

always so easy to make time for your friends and a social life. During spring break, it is easier to find that extra time to do something that you all find fun.

These are only a few of the many oppor- tunities you have over spring break. Even if you have no plans, it is better to keep an open mind about what you can do rather can sit at home bored all day. If you are not taking a trip, you are not the only one. Many people are in the same situation and are in need of making good use of their time.

If none of these suggestions fit your inter- ests or personality, there are always sugges- tions online or a family member willing to suggest something, because the “I’m bored” complaint drives parents crazy. Travel plans or not, enjoy your spring break, everyone!

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Find involvement options on campus

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Columnist

The United States: the land of freedom and civic responsibilities.

We get a lot of privileges in the U.S., many of which we do not really appreciate until we consider not having them.

Let’s take voting for exam- ple. Many U.S. citizens do not vote. That is their choice. But think for a moment if we did not get to vote. The peo- ple in the government would just decide who would rule the country.

Or perhaps the ruler of our fair nation would be the one with the biggest army or amount of nuclear weap- ons. Would we miss voting for positions in government? You had better believe it. Although it may not feel like we contribute a whole lot by casting our vote, not having that right would be devastat- ing.

Voting is both our right and our responsibility. Perhaps you have heard the saying, “if you don’t vote, don’t complain.” This can be true of many of our respon-

sibilities. We have the ability to do something, but many of us do not act on it. We have the right to bear arms (that is guns, people, not the furry arms of a bear). But because we are not in Texas, most of us do not own any sort of firearms.

As citizens of a country, we have rights and respon- sibilities. This makes us different from the people of other countries. We are not subjects whose lives are influenced by the whims of a hierarchy ruler.

Since you are reading this, you are probably a college student or someone involved in the college environment.

We have the honor, or the responsi- bility, to be involved in our college life. This could take various forms.

One form is reading the Student Voice and thus staying up to date on college events. Another form is joining one of the numerous clubs here on campus. This option is a great way to make new friends, have some fun and maybe even learn a little. The final way is by going to the administrative meetings.

I am going be completely honest here. Administrative

meetings are not the most interesting events in the world, unless you are into parliamentarian-style meet- ings or politics. Then they are a blast!

However, to the average person, discussions over minute details and making movements for every action are less than entertaining. Frankly, unless it pertains di- rectly to us, and even some- times then, we are likely to fall asleep. Believe me, I get it. I have been to enough administra- tive-type meetings to know how they work.

Now, here is the important part. While these meetings may be the least entertaining of the three options I listed, and yes, there are definitely more out there, it is also the most informative. If you want to learn about what is going on at UW-River Falls, these meetings are the place to be. They deal with things that will affect you directly and they do want you there to know what is going on.

There are two kinds of dis- tinct meetings that you could be attending. One is the Hall Council meetings. These are aimed at the students who live in the residence halls, but they serve as an impor- tant tool for hearing things from all sides of campus.

There are members who communicate with Dining Services, Residence Life and they work to provide fun events within the halls.

Another more formal op- tion is Student Senate. These meetings are open to all and offer an insight to the inner workings of the University. So if you want to get detailed information about the cam- pus life, then that is the place to be.

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But here is my point: information is important. You know the saying, “knowledge is power.” With the information that can be obtained by going to a campus administrative meeting, or even a govern- ment meeting, you can learn about things that will affect you. This can help you make changes for the better. So get involved with the adminis- trative process; there is a lot you could be missing out on. Getting involved means get- ting ahead.

Senate meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the University Center.

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