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CARNIVAL CORONATION



The candidates for the 2006 Winter Carnival king and queen stand on the ice at Hunt Arena during coronation last Saturday. The king and queen were crowned at the last regular season home game for the Falcon hockey team.

Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

2006 WINTER Carnival

WINTER WINNERS

Organizations

1. Alpha Gamma Rho
2. Sigma Sigma Sigma
3. Delta Theta Sigma

Royalty

1. Alpha Gamma Rho & Alpha Sigma Alpha
2. Johnson Hall
3. Prucha Hall

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Saturday night's royalty coronation closed the book on another chapter of Winter Carnival at UW-River Falls.

Student organizations and royalty candidates competed in events throughout the week ranging from creating banners to human dog sledging.

According to results gathered by the Leadership Center, Alpha Gamma Rho ran away with the show, finishing first in organizations and first in royalty with running partner Alpha

Sigma Alpha.

However, other performers helped keep the week challenging for all participants.

Delta Theta Sigma came in first in the lip sync with Sigma Sigma Sigma taking a close second place.

Prucha, McMillan and Johnson halls took the top three places in the Ms. Tootsie contest, which required participants to cross-dress.

The week ended with Lindsay Woychek (ASA) and Jody Endvick (AGR) being crowned king and queen of Winter Carnival.

The coronation was held at Hunt Arena.



Photo courtesy of Leadership Center
Lindsay Woychek and Jody Endvick are the 2006 Winter Carnival king and queen.

RF physics society receives award

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The UW-River Falls Society of Physics Students is once again the outstanding chapter of the year.

Fewer than 10 percent of the chapters nationwide receive such an award, according to the letter that accompanied the award.

The student organization is the third largest in the nation with 39 people paying for membership, advisor Earl Blodgett said. The largest is Purdue with 42 paid members.

The UW-RF chapter has won the award six of the last seven years, Blodgett said.

The award is given to the best SPS chapter in each of the 18 zones. UW-RF goes up against 48 other chapters from schools in Wisconsin, northern Illinois, the upper half of Indiana and the upper peninsula of Michigan, Blodgett said.

"Last year we got edged out," he said.

Blodgett said the chapter does so well because it has a long his-

Student health fees lowest in system, offering more options

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Since there is no on-campus clinic, like many other campuses in the UW-System, UW-River Falls has established working relationships with the River Falls Medical Clinic (RFMC) and Pierce County Reproductive Health Services (PCRHS), offering students a wide range of clinical services.

The clinic provides students with throat cultures, certain sexually transmitted disease testing, pregnancy testing, some vaccines and allergy injections.

PCRHS offers physical exams, HIV testing, pregnancy testing and emergency contraception. Birth control pills, Depo-Provera shots and over-the-counter supplies are also provided to students at reduced charges.

Students can access RFMC and PCRHS at no charge as long as they show their student identification card and are using the correct number to contact the services. A free taxi ride is also available for students without transportation.

"We work very closely with the clinic, providing them with resources and help," said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, Student Health Services director. "We



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Natalie Hansen, a student health intern, coordinates the Health Fair on her computer at Student Services Center.

are very involved with the process to make it run and work smoothly for students."

Student Health Services manages and facilitates all the agreements with RFMC and PCRHS, Reilly-Myklebust said.

If students need to use the clinic, they are most likely able to see a provider the same day they call for an appointment, she said. The services are also available to students attending summer school.

"The clinics are used to working with the students," Reilly-Myklebust said. "It is better and offers more options of services."

The cost for health services is

\$72.25 per semester, which is included in students' segregated fees, Reilly-Myklebust said. Compared to other universities in the UW System, UW-RF has the lowest rate.

UW-Madison has a cost of \$270.68, while UW-Parkside has the second lowest fee at \$76.68. The size of each university plays a large role in the amount it will cost a student for health services.

Segregated fees are a built-in cost of attending school that a student pays each semester to support services and programs. The amount of money from segregated fees used for health

Grad leaves RF nearly \$1 million

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UW-River Falls will receive the largest single donation in its history this year, nearly \$1 million, as a result of the death of a 1938 graduate.

Lucile Spriggs, a River Falls native who later lived in the Twin Cities., died May 26, 2005 and left her entire estate to the University.

"She philanthropically supported the University over the last decade and a half," said Dan McGinty, director of Development and Alumni Relations. Still, he said, the University was unaware of the gift Spriggs would leave upon her death.

"We are a foundation with net assets at \$12 million," McGinty said. "This will be our largest single gift received in the history of the University."

The nearly \$1 million will be used as an endowment to fund yearly scholarships.

"She requested it be given to provide scholarships according to how we decide," said Chancellor Don Betz.

It will be set up so 70 percent of the interest will be used to fund the scholarships each year, while the other 30 percent will roll over into the principal, McGinty said.

"The money cannot be touched," Betz said. "It will give us interest power for a long time."

The minimum donation amount required for an endowment is \$10,000, McGinty said.



Lucile Spriggs

Although Spriggs' donation is large, McGinty said it doesn't mean a building or other piece of campus will be named in her honor. He said that in order to have a person associated with a building, they have to have funded 35 to 40 percent of its total cost.

Yet, more importantly, Spriggs has given the University and its students a never-ending scholarship fund.

"I do expect that the annual allocation for this scholarship will be approximately \$30,000," McGinty said. "The amount will continue to grow each year since 30 percent of the interest earned will be rolled back into the principal."

No decisions have been made yet regarding the amount or criteria for these scholarships, he said.

The scholarship fund will be called the R.E. Spriggs Family Memorial Scholarship. It was created in memory of Spriggs' deceased parents, Roy E. and Maude Spriggs.

Spriggs was an English and history student who graduated in 1938. She spent her life as a

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CBE accreditation nears final decision

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The past five years of work to acquire accreditation may finally pay off as the College of Business and Economics enters its final stages of the process.

In July 2001, the School of Business and Economics became a college and has since been striving to become accredited.

"Any accreditation is a stamp of approval," Dean of CBE Barbara Nemecek said.

On Jan. 29, a peer review team from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International visited the campus to determine whether CBE is worthy of accreditation.

"It's an elite honor," Nemecek said. "Less than one-third of [business] colleges nationwide have been approved, and only 15 percent worldwide."

During the visit, the team of higher education professionals toured the campus and met with alumni, students, faculty and administrators of CBE, Provost Ginny Coombs and Chancellor Don Betz.

"Dean Barb Nemecek directed our involvement in this process since it is focused specifically on the College of Business and Economics," Betz said. "I and the provost meet with all accreditation teams when they arrive and at the exit interviews."

The team met with the student-composed CBE student advisory board as well.

"We had a breakfast along with other members representing the College of Business and Economics clubs and societies," advisory board member Ben Simonsen said. "The basic questions they asked about the college related to the faculty, international business on campus, adequacy of technology and the general feel of the college."

The review team also had the chance to sit in and observe a couple of classes offered in the college.

"They sat in on the strategy senior capstone and a graduate finance class," Nemecek said.

The review team will report back to AACSB and will determine whether or not the college is worthy of international accreditation. The college will know the results in April.

"We will receive a report from the committee in about a week, and then it goes to headquarters," Nemecek said.

If the college is accredited, the same process will have to be con-

CBE offers students overseas opportunities in Taiwan. Learn more about the CBE exchange program on page 2.

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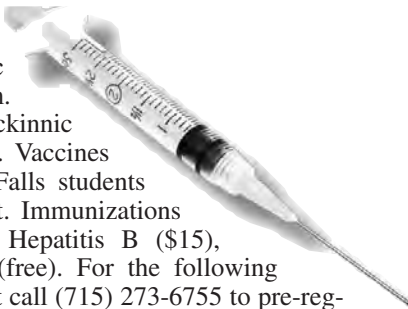
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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Clinic offers vaccines to UW-RF students

Student Health Services is offering vaccinations during a walk-in vaccination clinic on Feb. 22 between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room at the Student Center. Vaccines are available to UW-River Falls students for free or at a reduced cost. Immunizations that will be available are: Hepatitis B (\$15), Tetanus (free) and MMR (free). For the following immunizations, students must call (715) 273-6755 to pre-register before the clinic date: Meningitis (\$90), Hepatitis A (\$25), Chickenpox (free) and IPV (\$26).



Gospel choir will perform at University

The Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir will perform on Feb. 22 in the Abbott Concert Hall at 8 p.m. The choir consists of singers with different musical experience, ethnic backgrounds and ages, and celebrates music and spirituality through African American religious music. It sings songs ranging from inspirational spirituals to rocking contemporary gospel tunes.

The concert is free for UW-River Falls' students with ID, \$3 for 18 and under, and \$5 for general public.

REGIONAL

College roommates narrowly escape fire

Two students who graduated from River Falls High School in 2001 escaped their burning five-bedroom rental house near the east side of UW-Madison last week. According to the River Falls Journal, David Steinhaus, Dan Cobian and three other roommates narrowly escaped their burning house. A candle started the fire in a first-floor bedroom around 3:30 a.m. All five roommates were sleeping when it started.

Steinhaus awakened to his roommate pounding on his bedroom door, yelling at him to get up and get out. He and two other roommates made it out and into their back yard. After trying to call Cobian, who was asleep on third floor, Steinhaus ran back in to wake up the other two roommates.

The men tried to go down the front stairwell, but were hit by a wall of intense heat and thick smoke, and by the time they reached the second floor, smoke had filled the house. Once they got down to the first floor, they could see nothing. The men felt their way out; Madison firefighters arrived within minutes.

Cobian said the house's structure is still there, but there are huge holes in the walls and roof. Most of the windows are gone. The house had smoke detectors, but nobody knows for sure if they sounded an alarm or if there were enough of them to protect an five-story house.

NATIONAL

House approves bill to increase loan rates

In a party-line vote of 216 to 214, the U.S. House of Representatives gave final approval last week to a bill that would slash about \$12 billion from the government-backed student-loan programs, to help slow the growth of federal spending over the next five years.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the cuts are the largest in the loan programs' history, accounting for one-third of the bill; a \$39-billion deficit-reduction package. To achieve those savings, the bill would reduce government subsidies to private lenders, raise interest rates for students and parents, and require most borrowers to pay a 1-percent fee to agencies that guarantee loans.

The measure (S 1932) was approved by the Senate in December, and will now go to President Bush, who has said he will sign it into law.

While much of the savings would be used to reduce the federal budget deficit and cut taxes, a portion \$3.75-billion over the next five years would finance a new program providing more aid to high-achieving Pell Grant recipients, and to those who major in mathematics, the sciences, or certain foreign languages. The savings would also raise borrowing limits for freshmen and sophomores, and reduce over five years the origination fees that students pay lenders to take out loans.



Number of working college students grows

Today, more college students than ever are holding part and full-time jobs. According to the University Wire, since 1984 the student work force has risen from 49 to 57 percent. The number of students who work full-time instead of part-time has also increased. Compared to 300,000 students working full-time in 1985, on average, currently nearly 800,000 students across the nation work full time.

The U.S. House of Representatives Web site reports that colleges are annually raising tuition by 10 percent. Students also have to pay for equipment not necessarily mandatory, but preferred, such as supplies and textbooks.

The Washington Post reports that textbook prices have nearly tripled in cost from 1986 to 2004. The average student spends nearly \$900 a year on books, sometimes accounting for more than a quarter of the cost for tuition and fees.

However, in some instances, working can help students academically achieve better test scores. According to The Associated Press, students who work 10 hours or less in college tend to have slightly higher GPA's than non-working students, but students who work 30 hours or more, can expect their GPA to fall by 0.05 points.



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SENATE

Senators miss scheduled meeting

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The Feb. 14 scheduled meeting of Student Senate was cancelled as a result of senator absences.

To hold an official meeting, the Senate requires at least two-thirds of its members to be present, advisor Vicki Hajewski said.

Senate President Nick Cluppert said only four of the absent senators had contacted him prior to the meeting.

Because they could not conduct official business, Senate chose to discuss committee reports off the table.

No official minutes were recorded.

Other Senate News

• Four senators will be attending the United Council general assembly meeting

this weekend.

• Shared Governance Director Jeremy Bonikowske said he plans to try to bring in more students to Senate since there are still spots open. He said he plans to advertise for the positions.

• The student survey results are in and will be given to administration and deans of the colleges on campus, said Lindsey Burdick, Student Affairs and Academic Services director.

Student savings cards are also on campus in the residence halls. Burdick said she hopes to get the cards out to students who live off campus as well this year.

• Diversity Issues Director Chee Moua said negotiations have been settled with China Moon Buffet, the location of the diversity banquet. The banquet will be held Monday, April 10.

The Building Unity diversity conference will be held March 10-12. Friday, Feb. 17 is

the last day of registration.

• College of Arts and Sciences dean candidates were on campus Feb. 13, and student luncheons will be held for feedback on the candidates.

Cluppert said it is important to get student input on the applicants, especially from students in CAS.

• The Leadership Development and Programming Board will meet with campus organizations to discuss budget requests Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.

Allocations will be made to committees, who will in turn allocate money to specific organizations, Hajewski said.

LDPB plans to have final information back to the 43 organizations before spring break.

Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Regents Room.

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The College of Business and Economics is sending six students and one faculty member on a trip to Taipei, Taiwan, over spring break as a way to encourage a study-exchange program.

While in Taipei, students will not be taking part in any academic courses, but the expedition will be filled with scenic and educational visits in and around the city. These visits will include places such as the presidential office, the National Palace Museum, temples and an aboriginal village.

Students planning to go on the trip are required to take a course offered by the business department and complete specific research about Taiwan here at UW-River Falls.

By encouraging students to go on this short trip, business and administration professor Darryl Miller is hoping to entice future undergraduates to study for semester or year-long periods of time at universities in Taipei.

"It's a valuable experience for any student," Miller said. "I think it opens your horizons, it opens your mind and gives you a better perspective on the world."

Students from two universities in Taipei have been taking part in a program for the past six years in which they take three years of undergraduate courses in Taiwan and finish their degrees at UW-RF.

"We've been successful in getting a lot of kids from over there to come here ... in the

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Submitted Photo

Shih Chien University is one of two institutions of higher education in Taipei, Taiwan that has a student exchange program in collaboration with UW-RF.

Off-campus housing options grow

Spring Creek Estates complex to house 1,300 residents

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UW-River Falls students who want live off campus will soon have more choices of where to call home.

Spring Creek Estates, located just south of the city limits on Route 35, is under construction.

Buddy Lucero, planning director for the city of River Falls, said the addition continues to expand on the once tight housing market in River Falls.

When completed, Spring Creek Estates will join the growing list of housing developments in River Falls including Boulder Ridge, Rolling Hills and Sterling Ponds.

The development will include 500 dwellings with an anticipated population of around 1,300 people, Lucero said.

"Students shouldn't be impacted at all," Lucero said, "It will benefit them with more choices and more availability of where to live."

Chris Blasius, administrative and communications coordinator for River Falls Municipal Utilities, said the development will not cause electricity, water and sewer rates to go up.

The Public Service Corporation reviews utility rates annually, Blasius said.

River Falls residents have been paying current electricity rates since October 2001 and water rates since March 1997, Blasius said. Sewer rates did rise in October 2005.

Although electricity and water rates have stayed constant, there is "not a guarantee of rates," Blasius said.

Even though rates can rise annually, students need not worry.

"We are not anticipating rates would be increased," Blasius said.

Alicia Cosgrove, from the agricultural department of UW-RF, worked on a study of the cost of community services that found residential areas often cost more in tax dollars than farmland.

According to Cosgrove, to combat this financial issue local government put in place different fees and systems to offset the cost.

"We did see communities learning and

implementing tools so that developments aren't making much of an impact," Cosgrove said.

How is the city of River Falls balancing the budget without rising fees for current residents?

To cover the costs of an increasing population, local governments implement impact fees, Lucero said.

Impact fees require developers to pay for increased community services such as law enforcement, schools, hospitals and sewer systems, Lucero said.

With impact fees covering the cost of housing developments, will the city of River Falls see a sudden population boom of residential and commercial areas?

Marge Fagerlund said she hopes that does not happen.

Fagerlund, 56, is looking to continue work in the field of education at UW-RF possibly beginning this summer.

The mother of four and Red Wing, Minn., native is drawn to the quaint aspect of the college and community.

"I like the smallness of the community," Fagerlund said. "If River Falls were suddenly the size of a suburb, I couldn't go."

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Feb. 8

Derek L. Bunnell, 35, was issued a fine of \$186.50 for selling, peddling and soliciting in the UW-River Falls Parking lots.

Public Safety issued the citation after Bunnell, owner of the Myth Night Club in Maplewood, Minn., was warned not to place flyers on vehicles parked in University lots.

Public Safety warned Bunnell in December after flyers for the club had been found on students' cars in permitted lots. Bunnell was told by Public Safety that the next incident would result in a fine because peddling and soliciting is not permitted on state property.

Flyers were also found on cars in January.

Feb. 9

Ryan E. Schmidt, 18, was issued a fine of \$78.80 for operating a motor vehicle after revocation, as well as \$78.80 for speeding

around 12:45 a.m.

River Falls Police officers reported Schmidt speeding westbound along Division Street near Wasson Lane.

After Schmidt was pulled over, police were informed that the vehicle registration was suspended due to unpaid parking tickets.

Feb. 10

- Eric J. Bloms, 20, was issued a fine of \$167 for ID violation and a fine of \$419 for a third offense underage consumption around 1 a.m.

River Falls Police officers were called to Bo's and Mine bar after a bartender reported a fake ID.

Bloms allegedly tried to use the fake ID but the bartender noticed his real ID in his wallet.

Bloms told police he had made the ID himself.

When questioned, Bloms said he had been drinking at his home in River Falls before coming to the bar.

- Jesse E. Rise, 19, was issued a fine of \$375 for a second offense underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Feb. 11

- The theft of a women's wallet and its contents was reported to Public Safety around 10:45 p.m.

Lindsay Broden contacted Public Safety after she found her wallet to be missing from her purse.

Broden told officers that she had been at the Falcon hockey game and had placed her coat and purse on the bleachers.

After leaving the game Broden stated she forgot her purse but found it under the bleachers in the arena. Broden later noticed her wallet missing from the purse.

The wallet is valued at \$10.

- Stephanie J. Nelson, 19, was issued a fine of \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

- SaraLyn M. Mundt, 19, was issued a fine of \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Award: Physics society derives success from demonstrations, social aspects of the group

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tory of promoting SPS and tries to get out to the local schools as much as possible.

To be eligible for the award, a chapter must compose a report citing all of its positives.

The best chapter is judged on several measures such as social activity, research activity and physics outreach to elementary or high schools, Blodgett said.

The group likes to do presentations for the schools and has many experiments that awe the audience.

"Some of our demos are more flamboyant," Blodgett said.

One of the larger, more amazing demonstrations is a trebuchet, a catapult, that launches watermelons or sandbags. Blodgett said he prefers to

launch sandbags because they are less of a mess to clean up.

"We do it mostly for fun," he said.

A gray box that resembles a grade-schooler's lunch box in Blodgett's office is actually a device that shoots nails into wood.

It is called the "magnetic demo project," and it uses the magnetic field of two strong magnets to propel a nail out of the box and into a soft piece of wood.

Blodgett said demonstrations like this and the social aspect of the group are what help to make the chapter so successful.

"SPS can be a way to bond, make friends, like a support group or to let off steam," Blodgett said. "We believe it helps them survive the stresses of being a physics student."



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

The members of the UW-RF Society of Physics Students show off their award for outstanding chapter. The award is the group's sixth win in the last seven years. The UW-RF chapter is the third largest in the nation with 39 students paying membership fees. The members focus on demonstrations at local schools.

Clinic: Campus clinic would limit services

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services is regulated by the Student Health Advisory Board. The board oversees how the money will be used and divided among different programs offered to students on campus.

The student health fees have not changed in three years at UW-RF, Reilly-Myklebust said. The cost for the clinical services may go up or down depending on the providers and service demands.

"I believe most students think they like it the way it is," Reilly-Myklebust said. "If there are issues or complaints, we want to know about it to help the situation."

If there were to be an on-campus clinic, the services would be limited because of the number of providers, resources like x-rays and lab equipment, and fewer hours of operation, Reilly-Myklebust said.

Tiffany Martin, a senior and resident assistant in Parker Hall, said she loves the services at RFMC, but has had horrible experiences with the allergy clinic. She has to get allergy shots four times a week and was going to RFMC to get them until nurses mistakenly gave her the wrong amount of her dosage.

"I quit getting my shots because I had to constantly tell them what to give me," Martin said.

Not all of Martin's experiences at RFMC have been bad. She said she takes her residents to the clinic all the time to see doctors.

"I have had really good experiences with the doctors," Martin said. "The doctors are all very friendly and extremely helpful."

Students who have used the services will have different experiences and thoughts, but overall will always have the opportunity to have access to health care.

"I think it's a real benefit," said Laurie Otto, a registered nurse who is employed by UW-RF to work with students at the clinic. "A lot of students may think it's a hindrance because of it not being on campus."

The amount of time and transportation students have available to get to the clinic from campus can pose other challenges.

"If a student was trying to do something in between classes, it would be nice to have it on campus," Otto said.

"A lot of students may think it's a hindrance because of it not being on campus."

Laurie Otto, a registered nurse employed by UW-RF

An on-campus clinic would most likely only provide one nurse available to students. A nurse cannot diagnose or prescribe, Otto said.

A student has the choice of 16 providers, some of which are doctors, nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the clinic.

"I think students are using it [the clinic] very appropriately," Otto said.

She said her job is to take care of any concerns a students may have before seeing a doctor. She helps prepare the student, acting as an advocate to tell the doctor what needs to be done.

"It's nice to have someone in your corner because health care can be so overwhelming," Otto said. "I only work with students. That is what I concentrate on."

If a student needs medical services beyond what RFMC and PCRH can offer, Otto said she finds cheaper, adequate services.

"I think we do a really good job," Otto said. "I wish I had something like this when I was college."

CBE: Accreditation will affect graduates' placement, advancement in future

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tinuously carried out in order for the college to retain accreditation.

It's an ongoing process. The team will visit again in five years, but reporting will be done throughout that time period, Nemecek said.

Everyone associated with the college has been encouraged to participate in some way in the accreditation process.

"Students and even student alumni have been involved in a variety of ways," Nemecek said.

The CBE advisory board has played a significant role in the accreditation process as well.

"Last year we went page by page through the College of Business and Economics Self

Evaluation Report, giving the dean advice on things to modify or elaborate on," Simonsen said. "That was probably the biggest thing we did. It took us pretty much all of spring semester to review it."

Overall, the accreditation process has been a new experience for most of those involved.

"It's been an exercise in self-evaluation and improvement of the college," Nemecek said.

From his experience on the advisory board, Simonsen said he has learned a great deal about what professors are subjected to on a regular basis.

"I have learned how to narrate a forum and I have learned the feeling that many professors feel when they ask questions and nobody responds to them,"

"It's been an exercise in self-evaluation and improvement of the college."

Barbara Nemecek,
CBE dean

Simonsen said. "It sucks. The awkward silence sucks, so when I hear it now, I try to say something, even though it might be wrong, just to end the awkward silence."

The CBE advisory board members have worked together with the college to ensure that future students and faculty will continue to strive for excellence.

"We are very proud of the college and its professors wanting to grow and become an accredi-

ed school," said advisory board member Amy Delamater, a junior majoring in business administration and economics.

The accreditation of CBE will directly affect graduates of the college in placement and advancement in their future careers.

"It seems that it will help with getting better job opportunities because it's a higher-level degree," said junior Michelle Maccoux, a broad area business major.

Although she said she does not think the outcome will have a positive or negative effect on her career choice, Maccoux said it may make a difference for those seeking a high-profile career in the business field.

Donation: Graduate's gift may inspire alumni

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teacher, McGinty said.

As a UW-RF student, Spriggs was a member of the Honor Society, YWCA, tennis team, played first violin in the College Orchestra and was a news writer for the Student Voice.

She was also involved in GOP, the College Masquers, "Land's End," Homecoming Committee and Prom Committee.

Spriggs was never married, and had no children or siblings that the University is aware of, McGinty said.

"Because it's an estate gift, we know we will be the beneficiary but haven't received it yet," McGinty said.

"We're basically forever grateful. Her gift is literally going to change the lives of students on campus forever."

Dan McGinty, director of Development and Alumni Relations

The University expects to receive the settlement of the estate in July or August.

"We're basically forever grateful," McGinty said. "Her gift is literally going to change the lives of students on this campus forever."

Both McGinty and Betz said they hope Spriggs' giving spirit will inspire other UW-RF alumni to remember their alma mater in their own financial decisions.

"It encourages others to give," Betz said. "It's a legacy issue. People want to know, did I make a difference?"

Legacy or not, donations to the University are unquestionably valuable to the campus.

"Hopefully [donations like Spriggs'] get more people to give more," Betz said. "Because we don't get enough money from the state to do what we need to do for students."

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EDITORIAL

Proposed fine needs review

Nonsmokers, resident assistants and Student Senate members at UW-River Falls have come out against smokers in an effort to further enforce the smoking rule that prohibits people from smoking within 25 feet of campus buildings.

According to Student Health Services Director Alice Reilly-Myklebust, UW-RF Health Services is currently considering implementation of a \$10 fine for violators of the rule.

We believe that it is important for students living in residence halls to have comfortable, smoke-free living spaces if they so choose. Residents should not have to be subjected to polluted air simply because they want their window open. Therefore, a \$10 fine for smoking within 25 feet of residence halls is completely justified.

However, when it comes to smoking near other buildings on campus, there is no logical reason behind ticketing smokers.

Wisconsin law does not actually prohibit smoking within 25 feet of all campus buildings.

According to Wisconsin statute 101.123 (bv), “no person may smoke in a residence hall or dormitory that is owned or operated by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System or in any location that is 25 feet or less from such a residence hall or dormitory.”

The document does not address the issue of smoking within 25 feet of other educational facilities.

While the statute also requires the institution to “specify uniform dimensions and other characteristics of signs used to designate smoking areas,” it says “these rules may not require the use of signs that are more expensive than is necessary to accomplish their purpose.”

If ticketing and fine implementation are even in talks to resolve this campus issue, the University should invest a small amount of money to update the signs that presently fail to “accomplish their purpose.”

Rather than wasting state or student dollars to employ ticketing officers, the University can spend far fewer funds to construct larger signs.

Last week’s issue of the *Student Voice* quoted Public Safety Director Mark Kimball saying, “We can’t do that [fines] with the staffing we have right now. My suggestion, before we get into fines, is more education and advertising to ask people to comply.”

A staff of 11, as listed on the UW-RF Public Safety Web site, is hardly resourceful enough to monitor every building when students are on campus 24 hours a day.

Furthermore, members of the campus community should ask themselves how effective the rule is at solving the problem it is directed toward. Are the risks of secondhand smoke different when breathed within 25-feet of a building or on the sidewalks around campus?

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Corrections

- In the Feb. 10 issue of the *Student Voice*, in the editorial headlined “Faculty voices lacking volume,” it was incorrectly stated that Faculty Senate has only passed four motions. Faculty Senate has passed 10 motions in the 2005-2006 academic year.

The Student Voice will try to correct any errors that are found in the paper. Please send corrections letters and comments to student.voice@uwrf.edu

UW-RF History Lesson 1965

- UW-RF hits enrollment of 3,122
- Tuition cost \$25.62 a week
- Dairy Queen sold 11 dilly bars for \$.89
- Homecoming included a bonfire, freshman vs. sophomore tug-of-war and freshmen being forced to kiss the falcon symbol in the Student Center

Student press mistreated

It seems that we go through this every semester, but apparently no one really grasps the concept of why the *Student Voice* is here and what we do.

It seems every week we get people that berate reporters, editors or advisors for reasons that are out of their control.

Most of this stems from a lack of knowledge about the paper or media in general. Too many administrators and some students see the *Voice* as a public relations tool where the primary goal is to report the positives of our campus. The University has a public relations department for that.

Our job is to cover the good and bad about the campus because it is our job to inform. If there is theft or assault in a dorm, for example, it is our job to tell the other residents so they know that something is going on. We are not reporting it because we want to sensationalize the news or because we don’t like this campus.

At the same time, however, we are just students – not full time reporters. We cannot be everywhere all the time. People come to me and say that we never cover their student org.’s activities. But if they don’t tell us, how are we to know that? The *Voice* only has six reporters, many with other jobs and, obviously, classes.

Some professors, aware that we do not have degrees yet, see the situation as an opportunity to play the, “I’m better than you” card. And they play it quite often.

At that point, the reporter can just sit back and look at the degree on the wall for French history before the revolution and just want to reach across the desk and ask them what the hell they are talking about.

Nobody wants to be berated by your peers for doing your job, but sometimes it’s a necessary evil.

Don’t get me wrong – not all professors are like this. Most are not, in fact. Most are very understanding and will make the time to talk, and reporters truly appreciate it. But the ones who choose to not understand do it in a big way.

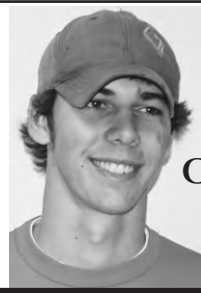
The *Student Voice* also has no connection to the University or any professor. That means we are left to our own discretion on what to print and not to print. If we screw something up or write about something you didn’t want in the paper, then tell us.

Not the Journalism Department. Not our advisor. Not the dean.

If you have a gripe, talk to us or send a letter.

Yelling into the ear of the closest journalism prof will get you nowhere. Maybe the people that do that don’t know any better (even though one could easily remedy that by reading the text at the bottom left of this page). Or maybe they don’t respect us enough to treat us like adults. Which is sad.

Sad, because as students of journalism we are taught to deal with this because it doesn’t get any easier when we get out of here.



AJ Oscarson

Cheney mishap causes ruckus

Quite the uproar has resulted from Vice President Dick Cheney’s infamous hunting incident, but the most important part of the story is being left by the wayside.

With the news media and late-night TV shows focusing on Cheney’s choice not to personally make the incident public and general disregard for firearms safety, the injured hunter’s condition isn’t receiving nearly as much attention as it deserves.

Last Saturday Cheney accidentally shot one of his hunting partners, lawyer Harry Whittington, after mistaking him for a quail.

In lieu of reporting the incident to the media, Cheney told Katherine Armstrong – a member of Cheney’s hunting crew and owner of land on which they were hunting – that she could report it if she wanted.

Not a wise choice.

The news media had a field day with the story. Not often does the vice president of the United States accidentally shoot a fellow hunter in the face.

Furthermore, Cheney’s failure to report the incident himself was shocking to the news media, but the way they responded is a bit bothersome.

Instead of covering this story as the serious and potentially fatal event that it is, the news media simply saw it as a few major screw-ups on Cheney’s part.

This scenario is all too common in our country.

As Americans obsessed with fame and popularity, we are more interested in how bad the celebrity erred rather than the incident’s true victim.

Whittington’s condition is more worthy of a front-page story than Cheney’s stupidity and neglect.

Late-night comedians took their fair share of cheap shots at Cheney, and they had an easy time doing so.

Given the bizarre nature of the incident, correspondent Ed Helms of The Daily Show simply had to repeat a summary of the story several times to earn him laugh after teary-eyed laugh.

Even President George W. Bush’s spokesman, Scott McClellan, added to the humor this week by wearing an orange tie to a news briefing – the same orange color that hunters wear to avoid being mistaken for game.

Normally this type of humor is all just good-hearted fun.

Think of how many times Conan O’Brien rips on Ruben Studdard’s tank ass, Paris Hilton’s promiscuity, or the president’s mispronunciations. They’re all relatively meaningless observations because they poke fun at the one celebrity involved.

This hunting incident is different because Cheney’s lack of common sense didn’t simply affect him.

Before assumptions are made about this headlining story, realize there is more to it than what is being said in the newspapers and on the television. Take a step back and gain a perspective on everyone involved in the situation.

It is the responsibility of the news media as our country’s main source of information to cover each story with accuracy and honesty, and they should keep in mind that there is a man with a shotgun wound lying in a hospital bed in Texas right now.

Yes, Cheney’s follies should be brought to light but the news media shouldn’t attempt to capitalize on Whittington’s misfortune by pecking at the story like a bunch of ravenous vultures, leaving his health as the rotting entrails.

This doesn’t leave Cheney in the clear, though.

He is one of the top political figures in our country, and each and every minuscule decision he makes is going to be carefully analyzed and placed under scrutiny. The next time he goes around killing things, he better understand the circumstances of his situation before he pulls the trigger.

If he does make a mistake, he should deal with the ramifications like a responsible adult. In fact, he should pass this advice on to his boss, too.

Most importantly, to Mr. Whittington: God speed on a full recovery.



Ben Jipson

GOP propaganda not truth

I usually stay away from attacking particular people or administrations directly, and instead try to focus on the policies and decisions being made. However, the ridiculous nature of the executive branch has just become too much.

Republicans continue to stand behind their president despite the lies and abuse of power. I don't think I can stand the hypocrisy much longer.

Let's start with the lies about the war.

We start with a president that wasn't elected and instead was placed into the highest executive seat in the country. Later, we had one of the worst tragedies to strike American soil on Sept. 11, which the president said was stunning and unexpected.

But according to the 9/11 Commission Report, there was ample evidence to suggest exactly this sort of attack and the president had been warned in his daily briefs. The final outcome of the report showed the prevention and reaction to this attack was flawed at almost every level.

So we went to war against terror.

It all sounds great - fighting injustice in the name of all that is good, and so on and so on. The major problem arose soon after, when we suddenly shifted our attention to Iraq. We began killing even more innocent

people as if their lives were worth less than ours. I'm not saying that moving forces to Iraq would have never been necessary; it is just very unlikely.

I am saying that the administration convinced the country to go to war by blatantly lying to us.

I continue to talk to people that are convinced that we invaded Iraq to fight the people that instigated the attack on our country. If you listen to speeches given by the president prior to the approval of U.S. Congress to go to war, it is clear that he links attacking al-Qaeda to invading Iraq when there is no basis behind such a connection.

The administration continued the string of lies by incessantly talking about "WMDs" and telling everyone they were performing a humanitarian mission. If this is our checklist for when we need to invade a country then why did we choose Iraq? There are far worse atrocities that have taken place in other locations of the world

and countries that not only have WMDs but are more able and much more likely to use them to harm us.

Now evidence shows that the Bush administration had clearly planned the invasion with Britain before the United Nations had been presented with the idea, and even before Congress had approved it.

What really upsets me is that this administration thinks it can perform the tasks it wants by simply lying to the country or covering up the truth. They have tortured men to death and spied on Americans outside the boundaries of the law.

Bush speaks on and on about how it is his mission to keep Americans safe.

Yet, he disregards the actions needed here because all he seems to be concerned about is the fight he started overseas. To cover up the failures and the bad publicity, the lies start flowing.

Why do people continue to promote his actions when he shows complete disregard for the sanctity of his office? As a country we have to discover the facts, and not take in the propaganda as truth.



Travis Greiman

Danish cartoons offensive, wrong

The recent outbreaks of violence in Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and other countries have many people asking, "why such a big fuss over a few cartoons?"

These cartoons, however, are not just innocent satire but instead they are a direct and disgusting attack on an entire religion and its core beliefs.

Muslim tradition prohibits the visual depiction of the prophet Mohammed.

A recent cartoon printed in the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten depicts Mohammed wearing a turban shaped as a bomb with a lit and burning fuse. There has been an obvious backlash against these extremely offensive cartoons throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia, which has turned violent.

I will not condone the violent actions that have taken place,

however, I understand why many have taken such an offense to the graphic cartoons.

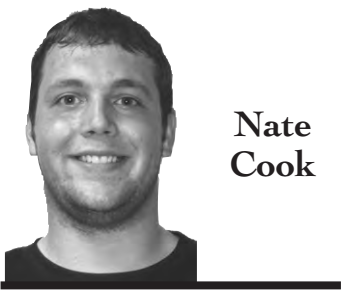
Throughout the recent backlash against the violence, I have heard plenty of people (often Christian) in the United States making ignorant comments about Muslims as a whole. I have heard people say, "Muslims are terrorists," or "It's ok to say because of free speech," and "Muslims need to just calm down and realize it's just a cartoon."

While there exists a small percentage of Muslims who are radical and promote violence against others, the majority of Muslims are peaceful people

who wish only to better themselves as people through their studies of Islam.

Both the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis claim Christianity as their faith and participate in violent and hateful activity against others. Some people might take the argument to another level stating that Christians don't instigate "holy wars" as Muslims do. Those who make this argument have overlooked history, as it was Christians who waged the Crusades violently against Muslims beginning in the 11th century.

As is evident, it is inaccurate and dangerous to generalize and label a whole group of people based on the actions of a



Nate Cook

select few.

A number of United States citizens are pointing to free speech as justification for the printing of these cartoons, including one man who has decided that it would be a good idea to print these religiously offensive cartoons onto T-shirts and sell them in mass production.

I will always defend the First Amendment right to free speech and free press, but the printing, purchasing or wearing of these T-shirts or cartoons is hate speech and racist.

It is extremely important to condemn these cartoons for they further divide our world into two separate civilizations ready for a dangerous confrontation. For the sake of future generations we must promote religious and cultural tolerance and acceptance throughout the world.

Students need spring vacation

How does this sound? You could spend spring break sitting around in River Falls dreaming that you were in a tropical area like all your friends, or you could just grab a hold and actually go and experience it all for yourself.

I don't know about you, but I would choose the latter.

March 11 marks the start of spring break so you'd better start planning. You might say that it is too late, but it is never too late to try and have some fun.

Besides, if you don't go then you have to sit around and do nothing in River Falls - and by nothing, I mean nothing. There is nothing to do around here but work and meet up with the few friends that are still around for a couple cocktails, and then after everyone comes back you have to be tortured while all your friends talk about how much fun they had.

We booked our trip this month and it is very affordable.

For four nights and five days we are paying less than \$400 for hotel and airfare. Even if you do not gamble this is a great place with lots of people and even more alcohol to drink.

You could also go on a road trip, but if you plan them out too much they tend to suck a lot. Try just hopping in the car with a destination in mind and go. Then just sit back and watch the adventures go by.

This could really give you a great break with spending minimal cash.

The point is to convince you that a vacation is worth it.



Jason Conway

One place that you could go to is Mexico. There are many places in Mexico that you could go to, but this could get very expensive. Sure you will have great beaches and a lot of other spring breakers to party with, but the cost is quite extreme.

You can get all-inclusive trips that cover everything from airfare to meals and drinks. But you are looking at about \$600-\$1,400 a person. It might be worth it to some; it might be a backbreaker for others. Look around for a while before you book your trip because some deals may seem great but may turn out real bad once you get there.

The other place that a lot of people go for spring break is Las Vegas. This is one of my top five best places to party and that is where I am going for spring break.

Now I have to convince you that the money is worth it too.

I have a lot of friends - none I will mention - that they all say the money for a trip like this is too much. Well I have one thing to say about that.

You are in school, right? You have loans, right? Well if you are willing to go into debt as much as \$20,000 for school then what is an extra thousand to have one really awesome spring break? Plan it out and when that semester comes just ask for a little more.

I know this is not the intention of the financial aid but a lot of people get their refunds and just blow it on some little crap.

So in as little words as possible, go on at least one spring break trip.

It is not going to break you, and think about the future.

Soon you will be in a new job, you will get maybe a couple days off and you will be paying off those student loans.

So you might as well have a little fun on them. And just remember, spring break is fun when you are somewhere else.

Olympic contests brings unity to the world

Every two years, countries from around the world get together to compete against each other in a fair environment that promotes international respect and cooperation.

Yes, that's right; I'm talking about the Olympics. For the record, I love every minute of it.

The Olympics are great for many reasons, even if you aren't really interested in the individual events. For one, they offer casual sports fans the opportunity to get a lot of sports in a very short period of time without a lot of explanation. Instead of drudging through an entire season of professional sports, the average person can follow the entire competition in a few short weeks.

The events at the Olympics are also important to note.

In a time when professional athletes are being paid millions of dollars, sometimes just to cause trouble, it is good to take a moment to watch equally (if not more) talented individuals who are being paid far less. The Olympic competitions are also probably the best place to be exposed to some of the more obscure sports, such as the biathlon, which are really entertaining but for the most part neglected in our culture.

Another thing that I really like about the Olympics is that it gives me a chance to take a look at different coun-

tries and cultures. It's really interesting to see how different nations compare in training regimens, as well as the differences in attire and fan attitudes.

A lot of the exposure we as Americans receive about other countries is through the movies and news, which often doesn't give us a real clear picture of the people or their interests.

The Olympics allow us to see the frenzied sports fans from other nations, which helps put the screaming, chest-painting fanatics of our own country in perspective. It also highlights the families and friends of the athletes competing, which really don't differ too much from our own when it comes down to it.



Hans Hage

The Olympics are a great place to show that we can still get along as a whole. With 203 competing countries between the summer and winter, the Olympics officially recognizes more countries than the United Nations does.

This sort of unity is especially important in the tumultuous world that we live in today. Every day on the news we see rioting, people killing and dying in the streets, denouncements of the United States, flags being burned, and threats of horrific acts of war. It is a relief to see people from around the world put all of their issues aside and compete peacefully against one another in an environment of mutual respect.

On that same note, the Olympics are a way for us to come together as a country and take pride in ourselves as Americans.

We live in a divided nation, where half of our citizens feel the country is heading in the wrong direction while the other half believes this is the only course we can take to ensure our safety in the world. But when watching the Olympics, it doesn't matter what your political persuasion is. Democrats, Republicans, Conservatives, Liberals, - we're all cheering for the same team.

Even if you're not normally a big sports fan, or haven't really watched much of the Olympics in the past, I suggest you set aside some time this year and give it a chance. You won't get the opportunity to see these sports again for another four years, so you might as well watch some of it while it's here. Who knows, you might even enjoy yourself.



Tony Shaff, sophomore

"The lip sync was my favorite. It was better watching students dress up in the drag."

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Ryan Leonard, senior

"I didn't know that there was anything going on."



What was your favorite part of Winter Carnival?



Kate Garlock, sophomore

"Ms. Tootsie- It was something different and seeing everyone supportive of their organizations."

Alisa Garr, freshman

"The All Night Party was a lot of fun. Human bowling was a lot of fun too."



Stephanie Nelson, freshman

"Winning the chubby bunny contest at the All Night Party."

Katie Vlosak, freshman

"Ice skating was a lot of fun. And having Jill Morley on the ice with us. The games on the ice were a lot of fun and watching people fall was of the greatest things."



Falcon athletes begin playoffs



Sarah Packingham

The winter sports season is already starting to wrap up here at UW-River Falls, and I can't believe how fast these seasons have gone.

As trite as this expression may be, I really feel like it was just yesterday I was doing my first interview as sports editor for the *Student Voice* with the football coach. Now it's already hockey playoff time.

And with that I must say, as the playoffs approach, how important it is that we support our Falcon athletics.

Over the weekend, I took the quick trip to Menomonie to watch the men's hockey team take on UW-Stout on Friday night.

And after hearing athletes talk all year about the great fan support they have, and saying there is no place like being at home in front of your hometown crowd, I can completely understand what they mean.

Many of the hockey players and coaches have told me that our school has the best fans in the league and that's something we should be proud of. Every student ought to be Falcon fans and support our school in huge numbers.

A group of my friends and I were standing next to the Stout student section, and they were no where close to being as loud as the "Hunting Grounds" that we have at our hockey games.

Our section was close to half the size of theirs, but even with that being said they were extremely quiet and had the opportunity to cheer many times and didn't do anything.

They barely took part in any cheers. In fact, I could only remember them doing two different types of cheers. After they scored on our goaltender all the fans would sieve in unison, and the other was when one of our players took a penalty and the DJ would play, "Hit the Road Jack" and all the students would wave goodbye.

Despite being outnumbered and in a foreign arena, the Falcon fans were not afraid to show their support. The students were cheering and doing everything they could to make their presence known.

With that being said, I just want to stress the importance of fan support at Falcon athletics.

With men's hockey playoffs being home this weekend I'm sure Hunt Arena will be rocking, but we can't forget about our other sports. The men's and women's basketball teams start their quest for the championship next week and the women's hockey team has a few weeks before starting post-season play while searching for a championship.

I also hope some Falcon fans headed out to the swimming events last weekend at the University of Minnesota. All Falcon athletics deserve the same fan support, and hopefully with the excitement and tension mounting in going towards NCHA championships, our sports will get it.

Sports provide entertainment for us as a student body, and our support gains the appreciation of our athletes and their coaches.

So I urge each and every one of you reading this to go cheer on your Falcons in the various sporting events coming up.

Oh, and Falcon fans don't forget the spring season begins soon.

Softball games are in just a few short weeks and the track team has already participated in a few indoor meets including hosting the Coca-Cola Classic. So check out a Falcon event today.

Highly-ranked Falcons prepare for Stout

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This weekend, the UW-River Falls Falcons will hit the Hunt Arena ice with an overall record of 17-5-3. The Falcons will start their playoff run against UW-Stout in the first round.

Going into this weekend the the Falcons are ranked second in the West Division of Div. III hockey. They are a close second to conference foe St. Norbert. They are also ranked number seven overall in the country in Div. III.

But despite their regular season records, all playoff opponents start with a clean slate.

"Every team is equal now; it's do or die this weekend," sophomore goaltender AJ Bucchino said.

River Falls knows these games against UW-Stout will prove to be a difficult first round task.

The Falcons finished the regular season with two games against the Blue Devils, the first on the road, and the last game in front of the home crowd at Hunt Arena.

On Feb. 10, the Falcons traveled to take on UW-Stout and hoped to beat the Blue Devils in front of their hometown crowd.

It didn't take the Falcons long to get on the scoreboard, as they scored on the power-play, just 33 seconds into the game.

Derek Hansberry scored for the Falcons as Chris Nathe and TJ Dahl assisted. The Blue Devils then took a 2-1 lead with two goals scored 5:21 apart. Still in the first period, Hansberry scored his second goal of the game with less than two minutes remaining on the clock.



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

A member of the men's hockey team races to the puck against his UW-Stout opponent on Feb. 11. The Falcons lost the game 3-1. This weekend the two teams meet again at Hunt Arena in the first round of NCHA playoffs. Both games begin at 7:05.

The score remained tied into the third period until Falcon Tyler Kostiuik scored with 40 seconds remaining in the game to take the lead. To complete the scoring for the Falcons, Wade Harstad scored an empty net goal, to clinch the victory.

The next night, both teams took to the ice at Hunt Arena and the Falcon fans filled the arena in hopes of cheering for a victory at the end of the regular season. However, the result was not as good as the night before. The Falcons lost 3-1, despite Bucchino having more than 30

"This season has blown by and the community support is just fabulous."

Steve Freeman,
head hockey coach

saves for the second night in a row.

The only goal for the Falcons was scored by Hansberry in the second period when he netted his 18th goal of the season. Dahl assisted him once again.

"The weekend was kind of a disappointment," Bucchino said. "I think we took Stout too lightly."

But Bucchino said that playing Stout a week before the playoffs may be at the Falcons' advantage.

"I think we underestimated them; I think the team just thought we just had to show up to win," head coach Steve Freeman said. "We lacked the physical play and we turned the puck over too much. That pretty much killed us."

Even though the Falcons lost, it

can be taken in a positive direction for the team.

"I think it was a good thing for us; we got an education. The first step after getting educated is to improve," Freeman said.

Leading up to the weekend against the Blue Devils, the Falcons had one of their best weekends of the season, playing against St. Scholastica and UW-Superior.

The Falcons played a tough game against the Saints of Scholastica and won 5-3. Even

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Senior supporter leads 'Hunting Grounds'

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The lone voice booming over the crowd at Falcon men's hockey games belongs to the shirtless Stephan Grandpre, a senior, aspiring elementary school teacher and "Animal," if you ask his friends on the rugby team.

"That's how I act," he said in response to the nickname.

And few hockey fans would disagree. Grandpre covers his entire upper body with red and black paint and dons an erratic, curly hairdo.

But he doesn't work alone - friend Gary Schwingle "paints up" with him to get the crowds fired up, and Grandpre said there are "tons of fans this year" who are "just as important."

Grandpre said he created his superfan persona during his sophomore year.

"I went to the games freshman year, but I realized that it wasn't as fun as high school because it wasn't crazy," he said. "It's always more fun to go nuts."

After a few committed years, Grandpre has helped men's hockey attract a crowd.

"We keep having to show up [to the games] earlier," he said. "There were less people last

year, but attendance is up."

Grandpre can be found in the G section of Hunt Arena, which, along with the H section, was named "The Hunting Grounds" by Schwingle.

"I don't know why he named it that," Grandpre said. "I guess because it's the Hunt Arena, and falcons hunt."

The only times Grandpre won't be seen in the stands are when the team is away. But it's not because he's not supportive, he said, but traveling requires a lot of gas money and time.

Although Grandpre said he isn't a superstitious person, he does paint up the same way each week. He said it takes about 40 minutes just to get ready for a game.

"I guess it's a ritual of sorts," he said. "We listen to the same music every time too; not Mariah Carey or anything."

Grandpre isn't shy when discussing his impact on the Falcon hockey fans.

"Because we're kind of going nuts, hootin' and hollerin', it gives an example for people to get out of their comfort zone," he said. "It's fun to get wild."

He said the best way to get a weak crowd fired up is to use the "slow clap - it's good to get 'em into it."

When it comes to the cheers he and Schwingle use, Grandpre said spontaneity is key. Making jokes out of the names of opposing teams' players almost always bring in laughs, and can cause the team to lose focus, he said.

Aside from those, the classics still play a role in Grandpre's cheering.

"The Funky Chicken's always fun," he said. "Everybody likes it, so we do it after the second period of every game."

The opposing team can also be a determining factor for which cheers will be heard at a game.

"It's always fun to play against Eau Claire," Grandpre said. "Their goalie's named Steffan, so we say, 'Steffan sucks,' 'Steffan's number one' or 'Who would name their kid Steffan?'"

With all the attention Grandpre takes away from its organized efforts, even the men's hockey cheerleading squad doesn't seem to mind.

"I don't think that he is necessary at the games, but I think that he does have a large impact on the overall experience and atmosphere," said Jennifer Hagelberg, a freshman hockey cheerleader. "If he wasn't there

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Women have success against Lake Forest

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This weekend, the UW-River Falls women's hockey team heads up north to take on the UW-Superior Yellowjackets Saturday and Sunday after finishing their final regular season home series, taking three of four points from Lake Forest.

"We tied our first game and then won our second," senior captain Lindsay O'Keefe said. "We played really hard, and their team was a lot more aggressive than we're used to. I was happy with the weekend."

On Friday evening, the Falcons hoped to earn the first

victory of the weekend, but unfortunately, it wasn't in the cards that night.

The Falcons tied the Foresters 2-2 with goals by senior Leah Baron and sophomore Jenna Scanlon.

"We played well defensively, there were some breakdowns that made us give up goals," head coach Joe Cranston said. "Overall, we worked very hard. Lake Forest was a much improved team. I was happy we got three points."

The Falcons took on Lake Forest on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, to conclude their regular season games at Hunt Arena.

On Saturday afternoon, the Falcons honored their parents and seniors and went on to win 4-3. Scanlon scored a hat-trick for the Falcons to lead them to a 4-3 victory over the Foresters. Scanlon ended the weekend with four goals.

Cranston thought very highly of his team after their weekend against Lake Forest. He also thought very highly of his seniors who played their last regular season home game over the weekend.

"All three of them lead by example. They're all very hard workers and are very dedicat-

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Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Senior Stephan Grandpre leads the "Hunting Grounds" in the "Funky Chicken" cheer at a recent men's hockey game.

Men's hoops lose in double overtime

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The regular season is over for the UW-River Falls men's basketball team and playoffs are just about to start. The Falcons will have the seventh or eighth seed in the WIAC tournament. Their opponent is still to be determined.

"It doesn't matter what team we play," sophomore Ryan Zylstra said. "Every team has a chance to win it."

The Falcons had their final game of the regular season last Wednesday against UW-LaCrosse. The game was a very

physical one, with a bunch of pushing and shoving from both teams. The Falcons got the upper hand early and had the lead going into halftime with the score being 33-26. The Eagles of LaCrosse came back in the second half going on countless scoring streaks to bounce back from a horrible first half. The game went into double overtime before it was over with the Eagles beating the Falcons 80-75.

Zylstra led the way for the Falcons with 26 points and nine rebounds. Junior Hans Hoeg was

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SPORTS WRAP

Track and Field hosts first home meet

The UW-River Falls track team had its first out of two home meets this season Saturday, Feb. 11. No team scores were kept, but the best individual performers were senior Kevin McDonough, who took first place in the 800-meter run; junior Rick Stewart, who took second place in the triple jump; and senior Eric Olson, who took second place in the shot put. On the women’s side, sophomore Shannon Zwiefel took first place in the 400-meter run; freshman Jessica Reed took first place in the 55-meter hurdles; sophomore Krista Hasselquist took first place in the shot put; and junior Jill Cranston took first place in the Pentathlon.

The next meet for the Falcons is on Friday, Feb. 17, at UW-Stout for the Blue Devil Open. The meet starts at 4 p.m.

Women February 11 results Coca-Cola Classic No Team scores kept	Men February 11 results Coca-Cola Classic No Team scores kept
UW-RF top finishers (event/performance) 5. Piersak, 200-meter - 28.16; 1. Zwiefel, 400-meter - 81.03; 1. Reed, 55-meter hurdles - 8.73 ; 2. Smith, Long Jump - 4.97m ; 1. Hasselquist, Shot Put - 12.99m.	UW-RF top finishers (event/performance) 8.Meissner, 200 meter - 23.44; 3. Stewart, 400-meter - 53.08 ; 1. McDonough, 800-meter - 2:00.22; 2. Stewart, Triple Jump - 12.41m; 2.Olson, Shot Put - 13.47m.

Falcons have bright spots at WIAC meet

The UW-River Falls swim team went to the University of Minnesota Feb. 9-11, for the WIAC conference championship.

“The meet went extremely well,” head coach William Henderson said. “I am very pleased with the team’s performance and couldn’t be happier, even if they would have won.”

Both the men’s and women’s teams finished in sixth place. Some of the top performers were sophomore Erick Dornseif, who knocked 14 seconds off his 200 meter backstroke time to lead him into the consolation finals, and freshman Mike Brudzinski, who knocked close to 30 seconds off his 400 meter time, which also qualified him for the consolation finals.

While the season ended on a high note for the Falcon swimmers, both Henderson and his athletes are looking to make even more of a splash next season.

Women February 11 results WIAC Meet UW-Stevens Point 985; UW-LaCrosse 938.5; UW-Eau Claire 545; UW-Whitewater 321.5; UW-Oshkosh 261; UW-River Falls 201	Men February 11 results WIAC Meet UW-Stevens Point 1017.5; UW-LaCrosse 781.5; UW-Eau Claire 526; UW-Whitewater 368; UW-Oshkosh 284; UW-River Falls 185
UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score) 7. Mandich, 100 yd freestyle - 54.45; 11. Cannady, 200 yd breaststroke - 2:33.69; 12. Crunstedt, 200 yd butterfly - 2:29.21	UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score) 10. Banz, 200 yd butterfly - 2:10.97; 14. Keyser, 200 yd backstroke - 2:12.46; 12. Brudzinski, 200 yd breaststroke - 2:23.71.

Women’s basketball loses final game

The UW-River Falls women’s basketball team finished its regular season schedule this past week with a win last Saturday against UW-Whitewater and a loss against UW-LaCrosse Wednesday.

In the Whitewater game, senior Miranda Biteler led the team with 20 points, and following right behind was junior Melanie Preiner, who had 14 points.

In the LaCrosse game, Preiner led the team with 16 points. Junior Krista Cordes came right behind her with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The WIAC tournament starts for the Falcons on Feb. 20.

February 15 results UW-River Falls 13 36 - 49 UW-LaCrosse 25 31 - 56	Hunstock 0-2-0;
UW-River Falls (ptv-rebus-assist) Preiner 16-3-1; Cordes 11-10-1; Nakaïke 7-2-2; Lindman 6-3-1; Biteler 5-3-5; Sticha 3-4-0; Kauth 1-2-0; Sorenson 0-1-1; C.	UW-LaCrosse (ptv-rebus-assist) Hunter 20-4-4; Wagner 11-3-3; Johnson 8-2-1; Palmer 7-6-1; Searing 5-5-1; Schmitz 4-5-0; Stachula 1-2-2; Fall 0-3-0; Halat 0-1-0

STANDINGS

Men’s Basketball	UW-Superior(4-19)	0	15
WIAC Standings			
UW-Whitewater(18-5)	12	3	
UW-Stout(18-5)	11	4	
UW-Lacrosse(19-5)	10	5	
UW-Stevens Point(15-9)	10	5	
UW-Oshkosh(16-8)	9	6	
UW-Platteville(12-11)	7	8	
UW-River Falls(6-18)	5	11	
UW-Eau Claire(12-12)	4	11	
UW-Superior(5-19)	0	15	

Women’s Basketball	UW-Superior(4-19)	0	15
WIAC Standings			
UW-Oshkosh(17-7)	11	4	
UW-Stout(16-7)	11	4	
UW-Stevens Point(17-7)	10	5	
UW-Lacrosse(18-6)	9	6	
UW-River Falls(12-13)	8	8	
UW-Eau Claire(12-12)	7	8	
UW-Whitewater(12-12)	6	9	
UW-Platteville(10-13)	6	9	

For complete stats check out UW-RF Sports Information Web site at www.uwrf.edu/sports

Sports Wrap compiled by Matt Zinter



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice
UW-River Falls senior Alex Maas goes up for a shot against UW-La Crosse on Feb. 15. The Falcons lost 80-75.

Men’s hockey: Skates with Stout

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though River Falls won the game, the Saints bombarded Bucchino with shots on goal. He stopped a career high 46 shots to aid in the Falcons’ victory.

After a tough game against St. Scholastica, the Falcons traveled to Superior to take on UW-Superior. It was an intense back-and-forth game and the Falcons came out on top 1-0. Mike Salmela scored the only goal of the night with 3:47, leading the Falcons to victory.

Bucchino said the weekend up north was a fun experience for he and the team. The first night was extremely emotional.

“The second night the game was even harder, but it was a one goal game and it was a better game,” Bucchino said. “We’re over the hump now, and we’re in a great spot.”

Going into the weekend, the Falcons hold a strong 17-5-3 record, while Stout has a record that’s barely above .500.

The Falcons leading scorer is also putting up numbers that are higher than Stout’s leading scorer. Hansberry leads the Falcons in scoring with 32 points, while Stout’s leading scorer only has 20 points.

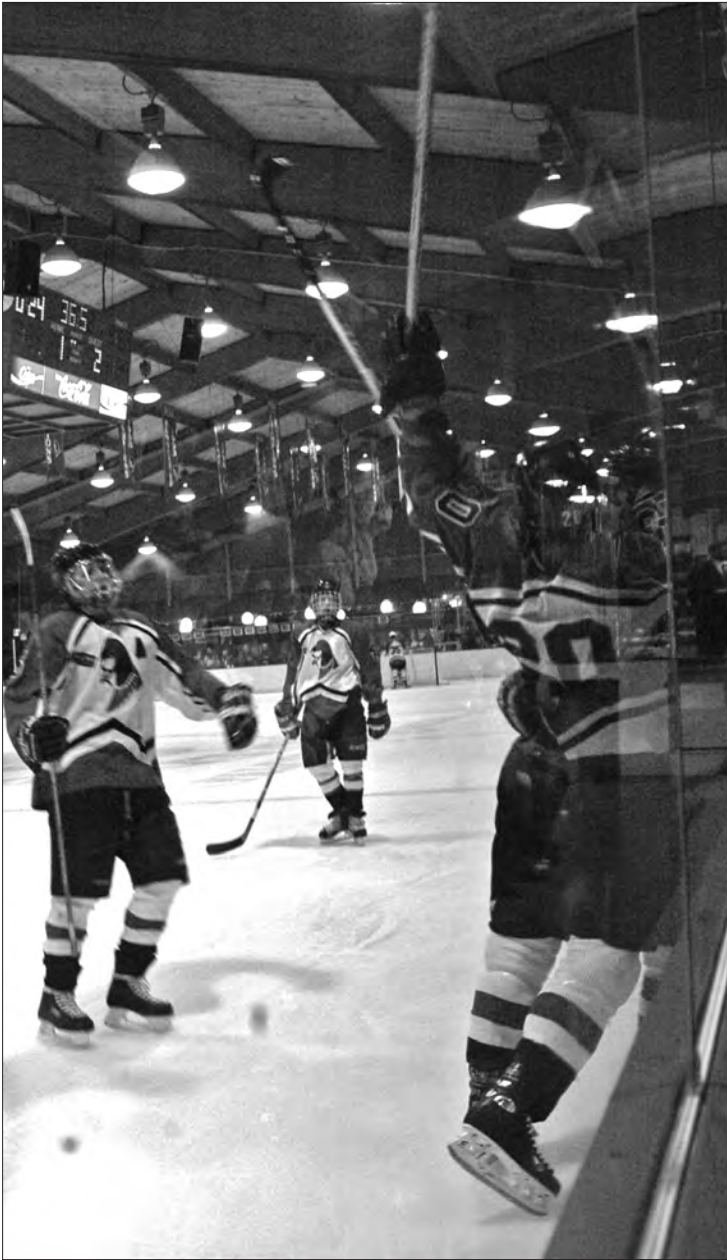
This weekend, the Falcons will be playing to the best of their abilities, hoping to make it to the next round. But like Bucchino said, the Falcons aren’t trying to

February 11 results UW-River Falls 0 1 0 - 1 UW-Stout 1 1 1 - 3
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First period
15:05 STOU - Stearns (Huth, Mlynarczyk)
Second period
01:32 STOU - Mozak (Wiesner)
19:23 RF - Hansberry (Dahl)
Third period
6:00 STOU - Crable (Elm)

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)
RF - Bucchino (58:18-36-33)
STOU - Stone (60:00-33-32)

February 10 results UW-River Falls 2 0 2 - 4



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice
Freshman Derek Hansberry celebrates against the wall with his teammates after a goal on Saturday night against UW-Stout. This goal brought the Falcons within one goal of their Blue Devil opponent. Stout won the game 3-1.

“Every team is equal now; it’s do or die this weekend.”

AJ Bucchino,
men’s hockey player

look ahead.

“When it comes down to the games we have to win, we do and we do our best,” Bucchino said.

The Falcons are looking forward to hosting the first round of the playoffs. Fan support at Hunt Arena can drive momentum.

“When you look around this league the other fans aren’t like ours,” Bucchino said. “It’s like an adrenaline rush every time you step out on the ice.”

Freeman agrees about the fans. “This season has blown by and the community support is just fabulous,” Freeman said. “It’s just like an extra man on the ice.”

This weekend the Falcons hope to come out with all they have and win to advance to the second round of the playoffs, where they would play at home.

“We need to put more pucks on net; I think we’re being too cute,” Freeman said. “We need to score more; we’re making too many passes.”

Both games this weekend take place at 7:05 p.m.

UW-Stout 2 0 0 - 2

First period
00:33 RF - Hansberry (Nathe, Dahl)
03:25 STOU - Kautz (Stearns, Mlynarczyk)
08:46 STOU - Stearns (Wolgemuth, Mlynarczyk)
18:46 RF - Hansberry (Dahl)
Second period
No Scoring
Third period
19:20 RF - Kostiuk (Unassisted)
19:37 RF - Harstad (unassisted)

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)
RF - Bucchino (60:00-34-32)
STOU - Koenig (59:43-19-15)



Jen Dolen/Student Voice
The women’s hockey team plays against UW-Superior on Jan. 28 at home, they travel to Superior this weekend.

Women’s hockey: Travels to Superior

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ed,” Cranston said.

Before taking on Lake Forest the Falcons took on UW-Eau Claire at home on Feb. 4. The Falcons came on strong in the first period with a 3-1 lead at the end and didn’t let up for the rest of the game. Leah Baron, Jenna Wallace and Kelly Jensen all scored for the Falcons in the first period alone. Wallace scored again in the second period and Kristen Juven wrapped up the scoring in the third period.

Goaltender Amber Linder was between the pipes and blocked 20 shots for the Falcons.

This weekend, as the Falcons travel to take on UW-Superior they know they will have a lot of work to do. River Falls lost 2-1 to Superior earlier in the season at Hunt Arena.

“I know if we play well and work hard we could walk away with four points this weekend,” Cranston said.

O’Keefe agrees.

“We have to get behind their

February 11 results Lake Forest 1 1 1 - 3 UW-River Falls 1 1 2 - 4

First period
11:34 LFC - Caligiuri (Wilson, Rushing)
16:59 RF - Scanlon (Landgraf)
Second period
01:41 LFC - Hill (Wilson, McGrath)
13:22 RF - Scanlon (Dyslin)
Third period
13:52 RF - Scanlon (unassisted)
16:28 RF - Wallace (Halseth, Snedeker)
18:54 LFC - Snowden (McGrath, Richmond)

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)
LFC - Bevis (59:00-35-31)

Grandpre: From superfan to educator

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I think that a lot of cheering would still happen, but I am not sure if it would be so strong or organized.”

While Grandpre’s impact on the crowd is noticeable, his affect on the team can only be seen on the inside.

“He is a great character which exemplifies the fun and entertainment of a Falcon hockey game, making it the place to be for all fans, especially students,” said men’s hockey Head Coach Steve Freeman. “Stephan certainly adds another dimension to the exciting dramatic atmosphere of Hunt Arena.”

What he has managed to do for Falcon fans is also reputable.

“The support of our students at our rink make it one of the very best places in the nation to play college hockey,” Freeman said. “The students truly make it an event, which the team and staff appreciate.”

Grandpre is a Minneapolis Minn. native who said he “wasn’t nearly the craziest fan in high

defense; they’re slower. We can use our speed to our advantage,” O’Keefe said.

This whole season has been very emotional for the Falcons. “It’s been a roller coaster ride,” Cranston said. “We’ve taken Middlebury, who was the number one team in the country into overtime.”

They also beat top-ten teams in the country that are also local teams, including UW-Stout.

“January is always the toughest month to play in our season, but February has been fun,” Cranston said.

With the season being close to ending, the Falcon seniors are reflecting on their time spent at River Falls.

“It’s been an awesome four years both academically and athletically,” O’Keefe said. “This is an experience I’m never going to forget. I’m going to miss everyone.”

Luckily for O’Keefe, the Falcons still have another few weeks in the season to attempt to bring home a championship.

RF - Lindner (60:00-33-30)

February 10 results Lake Forest 0 0 2 - 2 UW-River Falls 1 0 1 - 2

First period
14:43 RF - Baron (O’keefe, Jenson)
Second period
No Scoring
Third period
07:25 RF - Scanlon (unassisted)
09:32 LFC - Snowden (McGrath)
11:26 LFC - Wilson (Friend)

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)
LFC - Bevis (65:00-41-39)
RF - Lindner (65:00-41-39)

school.”

The elementary education major will graduate in the spring of 2007 and said he hopes to find a teaching position in Minneapolis.

“I like all ages of kids,” he said. “If I’m open about teaching any age, I have a better chance of getting a job.”

Grandpre said he plans to approach his career in the classroom similar to how he handles a hockey crowd.

“Hopefully, I can get kids pumped about learning,” he said. “But they’re supposed to be the crazy ones; I’ll try to tame it down.”

After graduation, Grandpre said he has no plans to continue his role as Falcon hockey superfan, although he does intend on making an appearance every now and then.

“It’ll be fun to stop by,” he said. “But it’s important to find new superfans to take the torch from us. We’re scouting prospects for future superfans - whoever gets crazy.”

Men’s basketball: Falcons end regular season in a thriller, prepare for playoffs

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right behind him with 18 points and nine rebounds.

The Falcons ended the season with a record of 6-18, finishing the conference with a record of 5-11. The season had its ups and downs, starting off with a 0-4 record.

“We started off the season struggling,” senior Mark James said. “We came up short in a couple of games we should have won.”

There were many memories throughout the season that won’t be forgotten. Whether it was the last second, game winning shot by James against UW-Oshkosh, or the game against UW-Stout where the Falcons did the

unthinkable and beat the Blue Devils.

“The buzzer beater against Oshkosh was a great moment,” Zylstra said. “Playing in Hawaii and playing the Wisconsin Badgers was a once in a lifetime thing too.”

Many, if not every player on the team, improved dramatically. Zylstra and sophomore Ryan Thompson were two that improved their game the most throughout the season. Thompson lead the WIAC in assists per game with 4.48. Zylstra became one of the more dominating centers in the conference with his play. Junior Hans Hoeg is third in the conference in points per game with 17.2. He was by far the Falcons’

star player this year.

“Zylstra is one of our go-to guys now,” James said. “He started out playing five minutes a game to now playing 35 minutes a game.”

Zylstra thinks otherwise.

“I believe that Thompson is the most improved player,” Zylstra said. “He settled down from the beginning of the year and he now is able to manage the shot clock very well.”

The Falcons only lose James and senior Alex Maas next year. Both of them played extremely well for their final year of basketball. Their teammates and coach Rick Bowen couldn’t be more proud.

“James and Maas were a great presence on and off the court,”

Zylstra said. “They both were leaders and will be missed.”

The WIAC tournament starts Feb. 21.

For the beginning of the WIAC tournament the Falcons will be on the road hoping to keep their season alive. A new season for the Falcons starts with the WIAC tournament.

February 15 results UW-LaCrosse 26 35 7 12 - 80 UW-River Falls 33 28 7 7 - 75
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UW-LaCrosse (ptv-rebus-assist)
Werner 27-12-2; Ask 18-8-2; Fehrenbach 13-3-1; Conigliaro 7-1-4; Homan 6-3-2; Bemis 6-1-0; Brown 3-2-3; Owen 0-3-1; Pelkofer 0-0-1

UW-River Falls (ptv-rebus-assist)
Zylstra 26-9-2; Hoeg 18-9-2; James 12-5-2; Thompson 5-3-4; Kossoris 4-3-1; Kelly 4-1-1; Maas 3-4-0; Olson 3-0-0; Rondeau 0-1-0; Pearson 0-0-1

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Groups of students from Shih Chien University have visited UW-RF for the past six years. This year, CBE students plan to visit the Taiwanese university over spring break.

Taiwan: Spring break trip to encourage program involvement

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last six years we have had around 20 students from Taiwan," Miller said.

However, in return there have only been around five students from UW-RF to study in Taiwan. There are currently two students studying at UW-RF from Taiwan, one at the graduate level and the other in the undergraduate program.

Taiwan was chosen as a focal point for study abroad among the business and economics students

because of the former chair of the economics department, Carl Zhonggang Gao.

He was originally from Taiwan and brought the University many connections to schools and businesses in that country. He encouraged CBE to inform students of the importance of studying in other cultures, Taiwan in particular.

"As far as a business student is concerned, we have an ever-increasing globalization of markets of our national economies," Miller said. "Taiwan's particu-

larly important because they are a major trading partner of the United States. A lot of American companies have subsidiaries in Taiwan. Business students need to have that global perspective."

The trip will cost each student \$2,000, but CBE is offering each participant a \$500 grant to go towards the program.

If students are still interested in joining the program, Darryl Miller can be contacted at (715) 425-3335, or visit 212 South Hall for more information.

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Katie Kreibich
International Student and Study
Abroad Advisor

Katie Kreibich has been working at UW-RF for the past five years, but she has been here much longer. She graduated five years ago from UW-RF with a degree in Spanish and secondary education. Kreibich said the best part about her job is the opportunity she has to work with students and other people on campus. “Being in this environment is really good for students,” Kreibich said. When she is not working, Kreibich loves to travel. She just returned from Africa in September. Kreibich loves cultural events, plays, movies, spending time with her family and being exposed to new things. “I would encourage students to come talk to us and look at the options that we have,” Kreibich said about the study abroad program. “This is the time really to do it.”

Campus Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 18

11 a.m. "Fruit Research at UW-River Falls: The 'Lydecker' Plum"
A presentation by UW-RF Professor Brian Smith. Following the talk, Smith will be presented the first WiSys Technology Foundation's Innovation Scholar award by Dr. Maliyakal John of WiSys. The Foundation protects the discoveries made at campuses and promotes their commercialization. Contact Laura Walsh at ext. 3535.
NOTE Location: River Falls Public Library

7 p.m. Swing Dance with UW-RF Jazz Ensembles I & II.
David Milne, director. Tickets available at the door. Begins at 7 p.m. with swing-dance instruction and ends at 10:30 p.m.
Fee: \$5 with student ID, \$8 general admission
Location: Brandy's, Student Center

Monday, Feb. 20

3-4:30 p.m. - Reception Honoring Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement
A reception will be held to celebrate the research, scholarship and creative achievement of the faculty and staff of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Papers, journal articles, books, visual art works and materials pertinent to grant requests produced by the UW-RF faculty and staff during the 2005 calendar year will be displayed. Sponsored by the Chalmer Davee Library, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of Grants and Research.
Fee: Free
Location: Chalmer Davee Library Atrium

Tuesday, Feb. 21

8 p.m. - RF Underground
This is an open mic event. Student bands and individual performers are invited to share their talents. Poets are encouraged to participate too.
Fee: Free
Location: Brandy's, Student Center

FALCON REVIEWS

Bayside stays victorious

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According to Victory Records, “a musician’s life is a landscape filled with cheap, flashy distractions - is it possible to suffer through self-examination and actually find the benefits of it.” Bayside, a four member band from Long Island, NY, formed during the winter of 2000 and crashed the alternative/emo/punk scene with their debut release *Sirens* and *Condolences*. Bayside is composed of two bassists, a percussionist and a guitarist. The band brings unique towering vocals, harmonizing guitars and heavy emotional lyrics from many influences. Some of which include, The Smiths, the Smoking Popes and Nirvana. The band began touring immediately before their debut release, establishing a semi-large fan base. After recording *Sirens* and *Condolences* with Victory Records, the album received recognition and praise from such magazines as, *Alternative Press* and *Guitar World*. Magazines classified Bayside as “angular, but melodic emo.” Bayside is a firm believer in a large fan base, so they wanted to find new ways to directly connect with their growing fan base. They turned to such methods as Friendster, establishing what they like to call a Bayside cult. They were also one of the first bands in their genre of alternative/emo/punk to use a MySpace Music Account.

When asked what the one thing they liked most about their new self-titled album, lead bass player Nick Ghanbarian replied, “my favorite song is ‘Blame It On Bad Luck,’ because it’s different than anything we have ever done, yet still has our own signature on it.” Aside from “Blame It On Bad Luck,” there are many songs you should check out when giving these Long Island, New Yorkers a chance. A few of my personal favorites include, “Devotion and Desire,” “Masterpiece,” “They Look Like Strong Hands” and “Montauk.” These few tracks are only a small sample of Bayside’s unrecognized talent. According to Victory Records, in 2004, “Bayside hit the studio with an arsenal of songs that ran the gamut from relationship drama in ‘Existing In A Crisis’ and ‘Devotion and Desire’ to the sharp dressing down of sideline hecklers in ‘Half A Life.’ ‘Montauk’ was inspired by the movie ‘Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,’ using imagery that evokes winter on Long Island and the weight of emotional baggage. “They Looked Like Strong Hands” is a naked examination of a faulty soul.” Nothing sums it up better. With a release of two albums in approximately two years, which you can pick up at Best Buy for only \$11.99, Bayside has its fans growing



at an astonishing rate with more than 400 friend requests on MySpace daily totaling 92,835. On Feb. 28, Bayside’s self-titled acoustic CD will hit the shelves of stores everywhere. This album includes a new twist on old favorites. Be sure to check out the new album, along with their previous releases. You won’t be disappointed!

Ratings for music reviews are based on a scale from one to five. An album that scores a five is worth a listen, while an album that scores a one is better left on store shelves.

4.5

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Fill glass with ice. Add the Vodka, then the cider and finally add the Mountain Dew to taste.

Crowbar
Ingredients:
1/2 oz Crown Royal
1/2 oz 151 proof rum
1/2 oz Tequila
Mixing instructions:
Shake ingredients and strain over ice.

Flaming Cornholio
Ingredients:
1/2 glass Jack Daniel's
1/2 glass Orange juice
1 oz. Firewater (100 proof cinnamon schnapps)
Mixing instructions:
Mix the orange juice and Jack Daniel’s in a beer mug and drop the shot glass of Firewater in it.

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‘George’ stimulates curiosities



Nick Welsh

Curious George, the inquisitive little monkey that we’ve all read about for the past 30 years, is finally in theaters. The story starts out somewhere in the African Congo, where a monkey is found swinging from tree branches. Wondering how things work, this primate spends his time causing mischief like splashing hippos or spraying grazing animals with fruit juice. Although he is admired and well liked among the other juvenile animals, he is looked down upon by their parents. Nonetheless, George spends his joyful days swinging from trees and plucking fruit, generally living a comfortable lifestyle. Unfortunately halfway around the world, an archaeologist named Ted is told by his boss, Mr. Bloomsberry (Dick Van Dyke), that the museum they have run together for the past several years will soon be closing, due to low turnout rates from the public.

Desperate, Ted (Will Ferrell) sets out in search of the ancient idol, which happens to be in the form of an ape, located in central Africa. With Mr. Bloomsberry’s research, all Ted has to do is follow the clues. While hiking through the jungle, Ted’s yellow hat catches George’s attention. From his point of view, it’s a giant banana. The two meet and George enjoys spending time with Ted so much that he jumps on Ted’s ship, heading back west so he can play with him some more. Personally, I thought those who made this film really did a wonderful job capturing the innocence of a child’s mind. George’s personality, which is of a loving and joyful nature, is hit right on target. Although he consistently gets himself into mischief, we continually see him view his present situation in a calm, yet eager, manner. We learn a bit about the Man in the Yellow Hat, who in the past had always been a bit of a mystery to us. For example, he does wear the same sort of clothes as everyone

else. We learn that the only reason why he wears that ridiculous yellow suit is because he was tricked into buying it when he went to get supplies for the trip to Africa. We also realize that, at times, he can be naïve and have a dorky persona, but nevertheless, is still good-natured. Perhaps what I liked best about this film was its simplicity of being an old-fashioned, two-dimensional animation piece, as it was done for decades. In recent years animation flicks have become technologically advanced with witty dialogue, like “Monsters, Inc.” or “Finding Nemo.” This film goes against that trend, instead reverting to an affectionate, cozy tale that tells a thoughtful story intriguing both adults and children. Its illuminated animation only adds to its sense of warmth. This film shows that you don’t need to be on the cutting edge of visual effects to gather audiences. All you need is a good story, skilled artists and heart.

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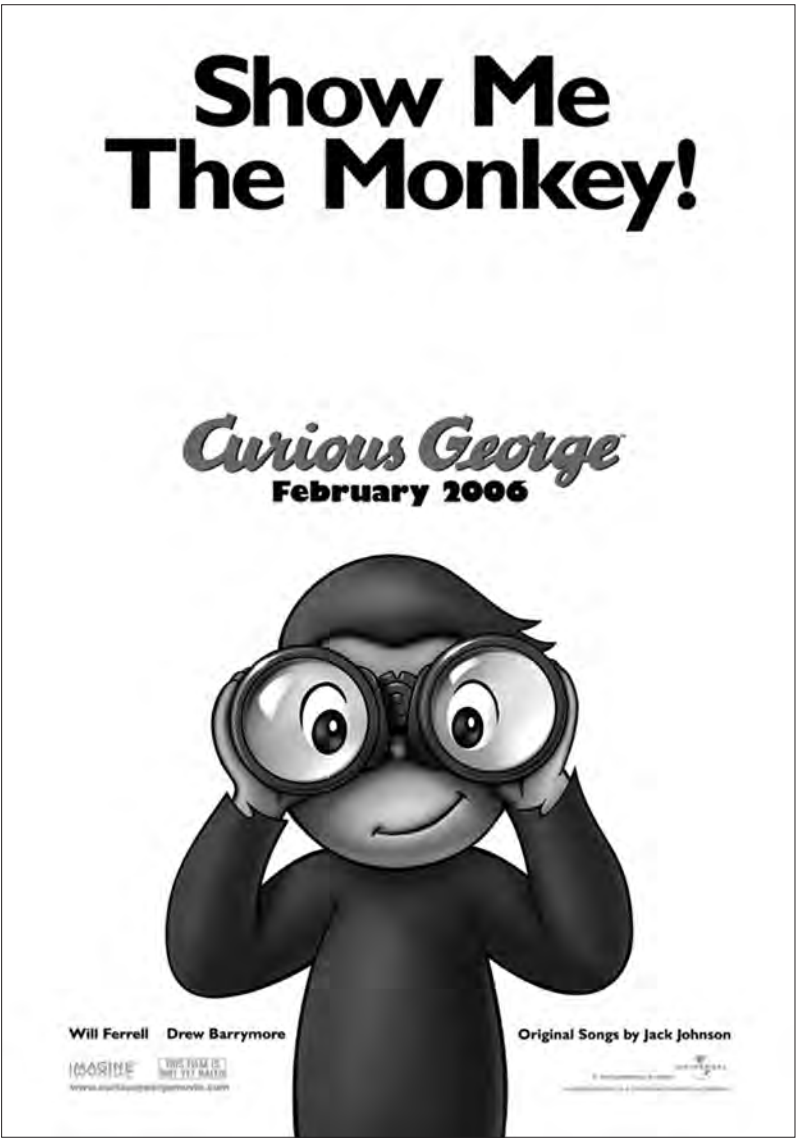


Jenna Lee

Curious George has been a staple of children’s libraries in America for 50 years. Considering that it is one of the only children’s book series that has never been out of circulation or production, I was surprised that there weren’t bigger features ever made of the movie. However, I’m even more astonished that Drew Barrymore and David Cross didn’t do something that sucked. I’m glad they waited to do such a good job, because we owe a lot of our childhood memories to George. He and that goofy, semi-creepy man in a yellow suit. In this film, The Man in the Yellow Hat is actually given a name - Ted. I don’t think this was ever his name in the books, (and why they would pick Ted, I have no clue), but it fit the portrayal and Will Ferrell’s voice. Although Will Ferrell does a

decent job of disguising his very distinct character voice, it didn’t help give any dignity or respect that the Man deserved. Ted was mostly stumbling around, making mistakes and having George ‘teach’ him about the world. Although sharing and growing have always been principles within the book, the Man was always much more cool. You wanted to hang out with him. I wouldn’t have hung out with Ted, and it wouldn’t be because of the yellow suit. George was a much better character, even though he never spoke a word. I would liken his character and demeanor to that of Stitch, from the Disney film that came out a few years back, “Lilo and Stitch.” You really got the sense of George caring for the Man (I refuse to call him Ted). The writers and directors did a great job setting him up in those classic situations that we remember from the books, like being carried away by a bunch of helium balloons. And those were the moments an audience our age - or even a bit older - really want to see coming from such a timeless story. The plot of this film - something about a hidden idol - seems completely irrelevant to the film actually helping us remember exactly how we felt the first time we flipped a page and saw George wearing that hat. Now, although I never condone the taking of any hallucinogens or herbal supplements in my columns, I must stress the importance of refraining from any such activity during “Curious George.” First, the animation is amazing. It’s that new type of computerized animation that can just suck you up in the depth of color. More importantly, every song throughout the film (there are plenty) is sung and played by Jack Johnson. Without heeding my warning, some of you might just wander into that theater and be mesmerized by the color, ponder why a monkey doesn’t have a tail, and get lost in acoustic guitar. We might never see some of you again.

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Ratings for movie reviews are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores a five is a stellar movie worth seeing at least once, while a film that scores a one is a horribly acted or directed film with no substance.

4.0

3.8

Hockey preserves family togetherness

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Sue Halling arrives at the rink an hour and a half before hockey practice begins. She fumbles with her son's hockey bag and stick as she tries to weave her way through the set of double doors. Her son is still in school when she arrives.

Halling considers herself a "hockey mom" with four boys, ages 13, 10, 8 and 6, all playing hockey.

"You have to invest in your children," Halling said.

Many families, as well as the small community of River Falls, have plenty invested in the hockey rink and association, making a positive impact on the city and the sport.

The rink is run entirely off of volunteer power, except for the rink manager.

Kris Weiby, rink manager, said the families of the players put the boards in, paint the lines on the ice and run the concession stand.

"They were out there flooding the rink, freezing," Weiby said.

Parents have to volunteer 50 hours a year for their first player in hockey and 10 hours for every player after that.

"But they'll do more," Weiby said.

Halling is currently signed up for 80 hours of volunteer work.

"Socially, it's great. It becomes a family," Halling said.

The River Falls hockey family has approximately 400 players, Weiby said. And the cost of membership in the family is \$480 per athlete.

That money goes straight into the building, he said. It is spent on things like ice time and bills.

The mortgage on the \$2 million building is paid largely by donations and fundraising, Weiby said.

As part of its fundraising, the association put a "can trailer" in the back of the parking lot. It is essentially a trailer with mesh wire that stands approximately 8 feet tall. When the trailer is filled with cans the rink gets between \$900 and \$1,000 through recycling, according to the Web site www.riverfallshockey.org.

It all seems worth it to those who have invested time in the rink.

Weiby said when the rink was established four years ago, he wanted to make "hockey a bigger sport in River Falls."

And he said he thinks it is coming along, but "it's a slow process."

"Girls' hockey in Wisconsin is expanding pretty quickly," Weiby said.

Last year, there were eight teams playing at the high school level and this year there are 14 teams.

This is the first year River Falls High School has had a girls' team, but they also added stu-



Bob Burrows/Submitted Photo

Prior to taking the ice against their opponents, hockey players line up for introductions and pay tribute to the American flag as "The Star-Spangled Banner" echoes throughout the arena.

girls team doing well.

"U-14 doesn't lose too often," he said. The U-14 team is comprised of girls between the ages of 12 and 14. Girls between the ages of 10 and 12 have a team in the Under-12 division.

How do the teams win so consistently?

"We have really good coaches," Weiby said, made up mostly of parent volunteers, of course.


"We're going in the right direction," Weiby said of River Falls

hockey. "This is a community effort with the college and with the city."

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Sarah Packingham/Student Voice

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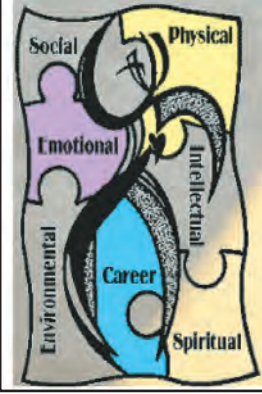
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