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## University cuts its wires

### Wireless Internet set to be up, running by fall 2006

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By the end of spring, the Davee Library will be equipped with wireless access for laptop and desktop computers. The project was delayed because of the e-mail server outages and eSIS upgrade, said Gary Smith, director of IT Services. It was originally planned to be installed over spring break, but was pushed back a month. "However, it is the top priority," Smith said. "We don't have the staff to do everything at once."

The computer labs, study lounges and ITS Help Desk area in the basement of the library will be operational by mid-May, he said. The rest of the building is scheduled to be

ready by the end of spring. Once the Library is up and running, Smith said, South Hall is the next building IT Services will be adding to the wireless connection. The Library wireless upgrade will cost around \$40,000, and was funded completely by the Student Technology Fee fund, a special fund that supports information technology initiatives for students, Smith said. It's derived from a 2 percent tuition allocation. The fund, which started a decade ago, has supported about \$3 million in technology investments at UW-River Falls. "When the student body voted to approve the Student Technology Fee that many years ago, it was in anticipation of the diminishing state support for higher education, and in recognition of the crucial role that information technology plays in providing a quality education for our students," Smith said. "This was extremely forward-thinking of those students, and the fund has truly been a

blessing for campus and its students." The wireless technology is being implemented at this time because the resources, both staff and budget, have been fully occupied by the implementation and subsequent upgrade of eSIS, Smith said. The budget to implement wireless has graciously been augmented by the students through the Student Technology Fee, which is allowing the project to now move forward as staff resources allow. The rest of campus, including the new Student Union, will get wireless next year, according to the latest student technology budget. Students will have the opportunity to sit in lounge areas in the library with their laptops that are wireless compatible and connect to the Internet, Smith said. About 90 percent of universities are deploying wireless, he said.

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## Students vote 'no' to UC

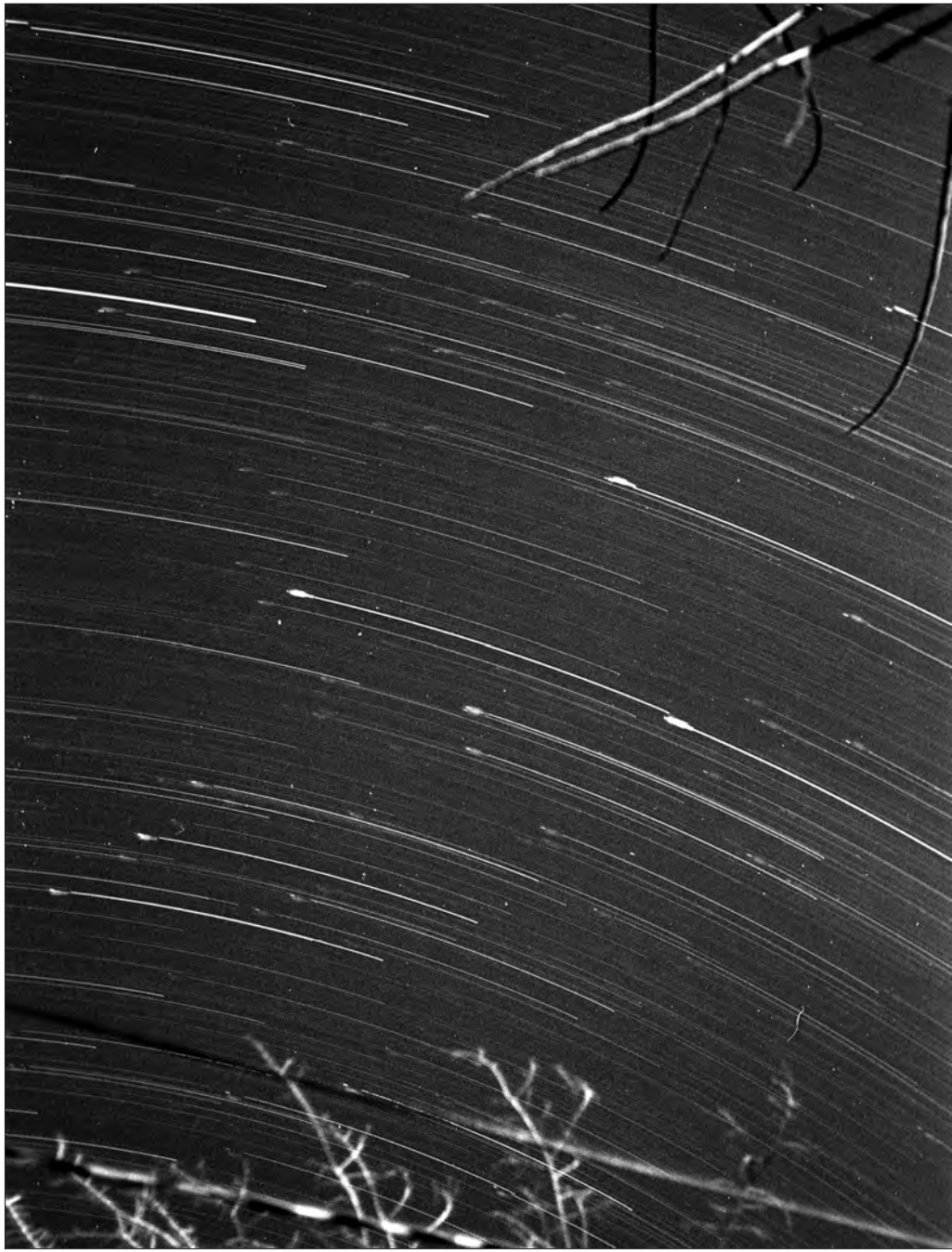
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Students at UW-River Falls voted Tuesday and Wednesday to discontinue membership with United Council. With a nearly 10 percent voter turnout, 662 students voted to withdraw from UC with 294 voting to stay members of the UW-System lobbying organization. UC works on behalf of the System to lobby the Wisconsin legislature to voice student and faculty issues at a state level. UW-RF's membership in UC was funded by a \$2 per student fee added to tuition each semester. Although most UW campuses are members of UC, several other Wisconsin universities have recently withdrawn from the organization. Student Senate President Nick Cluppert said he believes UW-RF's withdrawal from the organization will help the Senate maintain better communication with other non-UC universities. "It will be a little bit more work for the Senate," Cluppert said. Senators will need to make more trips to Madison to lobby issues important to the University, Cluppert said. UC President Beau Stafford said he thinks the student leadership at UW-RF has put the student body in a vulnerable position in the long run. "It's not going to do us any good to be divided," Stafford said. "Short-term gain, long-term loss." Stafford was on campus Wednesday to help lobby students in favor of UC. He said he was surprised by the campaign and literature posted around campus against UC. While Senate did not take an official stance on the issue, Cluppert said he felt UC didn't fulfill its obligation to the University. Rumors from a staff member that UC might increase its membership fee to \$5 per student also concerned Cluppert. A tuition increase of around 50 percent over the past four years also weighed on Cluppert's decision. "I don't really think that's effective lobbying," Cluppert said about the tuition increase. Despite this year's vote to withdraw from UC, future students could rejoin the organization. "It's really up to the students if they want to be involved or not," Stafford said.

## Out of this world

### UW-RF observatory offers sights for stargazers

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Streaks from the path of stars show the Earth's slow rotation. The observatory offers opportunities for students, faculty and staff to view the night sky.

Jen Dolen/Student Voice

After the sun had set and the day's classes had concluded at UW-River Falls, students, staff and members of the community focused their gaze on the night sky during the physics department's observatory viewing session on the third floor of Centennial Science Hall (CSH). "You can see the rings and everything," an elderly viewer said, coaxing her companion to go look through the telescope on the observatory deck to get a glimpse of Saturn during the March 28 viewing session. Mars and Saturn were both visible in the night sky, and through the use of telescopes, Saturn's rings and the shadows they created were very distinct. "That's pretty badass," said crop and soil major Derek Waldera, after looking through the telescope at the ringed planet. Several other viewers enjoyed the chance to see Saturn through one of the two 12-inch Meade LX200 telescopes set up on the observatory deck. Both of these telescopes have 25-inch optical tubes and are controlled by remotes, which adjust the telescopes to view hundreds of thousands of celestial objects stored in memory. "My favorite part of the experience was seeing Saturn up close and being able to see its rings. I just thought that was the coolest part overall," said Sara Ehlenz, a student in Basic Astronomy (Physics 117). "I also liked the overview of the stars and constellations in the beginning by one of the professors." Many students who are enrolled in the Basic Astronomy course offered by the physics department were able to understand the information from class and get a more hands-on feel for what they are learning. "The coolest thing about going to the observatory is using the information you learned in class, seeing how it really works instead of just listening to it in a lecture," teacher education major Katie Kawalek said. During the sessions, stargazers are encouraged to participate in the experience by requesting certain stellar objects to view. Physics professors and students are on hand to adjust the telescopes and answer questions. Astronomy professor Matt Vonk operated the 16-inch Meade LX200GPS Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. The computer-controlled telescope with a 33-inch tube is housed under the dome of the observatory. During the night, Vonk focused the telescope on several objects, including open clusters, groups of a few thousand stars, and globular clusters, collections of hundreds of thousands of stars that orbit a galaxy.

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## Presidential candidates should focus on issues Senate, candidates prepare for April elections

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Elections for the new president of the 2006-2007 UW-River Falls Student Senate will be held April 11 and 12. Petitions for candidacy are currently being accepted. As a graduating senior, current Senate President Nick Cluppert will not be running for re-election. To become an eligible candidate for Senate, a person must obtain 100 signatures from currently enrolled students, according to the election rules prepared by the Student Senate Finance Committee. The purpose of the candidates completing a petition is to ensure the potential candidate is sincere and dedicated in their decision to run for office, said Vicki Hajewski, Senate advisor. It is also "a way for them to get out and meet other students," Hajewski said. Hajewski said in the four years she has been advising the Senate, there have been as many as four candidates running for the position

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Chris Rodgers graphic

## Reserve account offers options for student orgs

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Final budgets for student organizations were approved by Student Senate April 4, and some organizations will see funding cuts for the 2006-2007 academic year. Compared to last year, the Leadership Development and Programming Board had virtually the same amount of money to work with, but had a greater number of organizations requesting funding. The segregated fees portion of student expenses is divided into 12 areas, one of which is Organized Activities. The money in this category is used to fund student organizations through the LDPB budget process. Any remaining Organized Activities funds that were not allocated to student organizations are transferred to the University Reserve account to be used as needed. The University Reserve will total between \$130,000 and \$140,000 this year, said Adam Koski, Student Senate finance director. "There is no plan to spend the monies, though about \$17,000 will be used to pay the amount from last semester, since the approxi-

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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

CAS to host awards reception

The College of Arts and Sciences has organized an awards reception on April 25 at 7 p.m. for students receiving academic merit awards, scholarships, and other college and departmental awards. A dessert reception will begin at 6 p.m. in the Kleinpell Fine Arts lobby and gallery, which will be followed by the awards presentation held in the Abbott Concert Hall.

Tickets for the reception will be available April 10 through April 20 at the Student Center Information Desk. There is no charge for the tickets, but they are required for all those who attend.

Contact Kathy Svoboda at 425-3366 or kathleen.r.svoboda@uwrf.edu for more information.

Health Services offers annual health fair

Student Health Services is hosting the annual UW-River Falls Health Fair in Karges Center April 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event offers services at either free or reduced costs, including: cholesterol testing, massages, blood pressure checks, body composition analysis, body fat measurements, hair up-dos, hearing screening, and spinal exams and consultations.

It will also provide health-related educational materials and interactive activities.

The event is open to students, faculty, staff and community members.



Coffee with The Times holds discussion



The “Coffee with The Times” series is holding a discussion about political oppression in Africa April 13 at 11:15 a.m. in the Davee Library atrium.

The discussion, “Life after Torture: Political Oppression in Africa,” will be led by Blake Fry, dean of student development and campus diversity, and member of the Center for Victims of Torture. It is free and open to the public.

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REGIONAL

Action delayed on UW-RF listserv use

The Wisconsin Elections Board postponed action until May on two related complaints regarding the use of UW-River Falls computer services by local political workers.

According to the *Hudson Star-Observer*, Attorney George Dunst said consideration of the complaints would be postponed until the Election Board’s May 17 meeting as a result of the agenda’s length for March 22.

One of the complaints was filed by the state Republican Party Jan. 9, and the other was filed by the Pierce County Democratic Party Jan. 27.

Rick Wiley, the Wisconsin Republican Party executive director, said the Pierce County Democratic Party benefited from access to the university’s computer system through its affiliation with the UW-RF College Democrats.

Wanda Brown, the Pierce County Democratic Party Chairwoman, said the congressional campaign of Paul R. Nelson benefited from access to the University’s computer system through its affiliation with UW-RF College Republicans.



Doyle makes plans pushing for ethanol

Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle unveiled a plan March 27 to get more gas station owners to sell E85 fuel, which is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, by providing them with grants to install the pumps.

According to the *Pierce County Herald*, the governor wants to provide \$175,000 in grants, which he hopes will double the current level of ethanol stations in the state to 35.

The increased availability of this fuel is intended to increase the purchase of E85 capable vehicles, also known as “flex-fuel” vehicles, which can operate with either regular unleaded gasoline or E85.

Doyle also said he wants to spend \$100,000 to provide incentives to local governments to use more flex-fuel vehicles, and another \$40,000 to promote ethanol and a public education program about ethanol. Doyle’s push for ethanol is part of his Promoting Our Energy Resources (POWER) initiative.

NATIONAL

Professor’s speech causes debate

AUSTIN, Texas - A University of Texas biology professor is the subject of debate in talk radio and blogs in response to a published report that suggested he advocates death for most of the human population as a means of saving the Earth.

According to CNN, the debate began when the *Gazette-Enterprise* of Seguin, Texas, reported Sunday on two speeches professor Eric Pianka made last month to groups of scientists and students regarding vanishing animal habitats and the exploding human population.

The *Gazette-Enterprise* quoted Pianka as saying, disease “will control the scourge of humanity. We’re looking forward to a huge collapse.”

That report was circulated widely and posted on “The Drudge Report,” then quickly became the topic of talk shows.

In response to harsh e-mails and a death threat, Pianka said his remarks about his beliefs were taken out of context, and that he was only raising a warning that deadly disease epidemics are a threat if population growth isn’t contained.

He said he believes the Earth would be better off if there were fewer people using up natural resources and destroying habitats.

Forrest Mims, an amateur scientist, and author and chairman of the Texas Academy of Science’s environmental science section, heard Pianka’s speech and told the Associated Press there was no mistaking Pianka’s despise for humans and desire for their elimination.

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SENATE

Senate approves final LDPB funds

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Student Senate passed a motion to approve the Leadership Development and Programming Board’s final committee budget for the 2005-2006 academic year.

The approval came after much deliberation by both Senate and LDPB following the Feb. 26 Annual Budget Funding Requests meeting with student organization leaders.

At its March 7 meeting, Senate passed a motion for \$18,000 from the University Reserve account to be allocated to LDPB to fund student organizations.

After including the \$18,000 transfer in the budget, LDPB has completed the budget process.

“We feel like this is the best way to allocate the money this year,” said LDPB Chair Carolyn Schenk.

She said the approved budget is the best representation of the programming student organizations do on campus.

The final budget amounts are: \$55,000 for Campus Media Committee, \$30,000 for Diversity Awareness Committee, \$37,000 for Entertainment Committee, \$15,600 for Leadership and Service, \$27,000 for Recreational Activities Committee, \$70,450 for Performing Arts Committee, \$49,585 for Student Organization Committee and \$13,500 for Homecoming Committee.

Some changes made by LDPB were also announced by Schenk, including a name change for the Special Events Committee, which will now be called Homecoming Committee.

The Entertainment and Performing Arts Committees will be combined next year, with eight subcommittees. The official name will be changed to Student Entertainment and Arts Committee.

Other Senate news

- The United Council referendum was concluded at 4 p.m. Wednesday.
- Student Affairs and Academic Services

Director Lindsey Burdick said she is still waiting to hear back from Mark Kimball, director of Public Safety, about changing the skateboarding rule on campus.

Current University policy restricts people from using skateboards on campus sidewalks. Burdick said students who want the rule to be changed should contact Kimball to quicken the process.

- A TABOR hearing was scheduled to be held in Madison at 5:30 p.m. April 5.

Rep. Kitty Rhoades (R-Hudson) and Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) will also be on campus April 10 to speak about TABOR.

The event is open to the public, and will be held in the Presidents Room of the Student Center at 2 p.m.

- A motion was introduced for Senate to approve one-time funding amounts for student organizations. According to the motion, the total funds allocated will be \$23,425.

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

CRASHING FOR SAFETY



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Students gather around as EMTs and fire fighters pull students out of smashed vehicles. The mock car crash was put on by CASCADE, the River Falls Fire Department, River Falls Ambulance, the River Falls Police Department, Public Safety and Jerry’s Towing to warn people about the effects of drinking and driving.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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**March 28**

- UW-River Falls Public Safety received a report around 9:10 a.m. that someone had spray painted areas of the sidewalk near the front doors of the Knowles Center, 1100 Athletic Drive.

The spray-painted images were located on the ground in front of the western most door of the building. Another image was later found on the wall of the main entryway on the west side of Hunt Arena.

Both spray-painted images contain a low-erase “(t)” with a carrot over the letter. There is also a depiction of a smiling face that appears to be holding up the word “SMILE.”

- Aaron J. Greisen reported the theft of his Motorola cell phone from the Library bar, 106 N. Main St., to RFPD around 3:10 p.m.

Greisen told police the phone had been stolen from his jacket in the Library bar while he was at a different bar.

The cost of the phone is estimated around \$250.

- Kerissa G. Morrin reported the theft of her purse and its contents to RFPD around 10 a.m.

Morrin told police she had lost the purse on a bench at 202 W. Cascade Ave., during a prior police incident. She left the purse when she and her boyfriend went to the emergency room.

Loss is estimated around \$140, including the purse, a debit card, cash and other belongings.

**March 29**

- Kelsey L. Corcoran, 18, Katherine A. Brozak, 18, Griffen J. Ninnemann, 18, Jenna M. Weber, 18, Dustin D. Erickson, 18, and Stacy M. Theisen, 19, were each fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.
- Sarah J. Mathewson, 21, was fined \$280.50 for disorderly conduct in the South Fork Suites.

**March 30**

Jakob R. Smith, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall.

**March 31**

- Ryan A. Full, 21, was fined \$235 for damage to property with restitution of \$30 by RFPD around 1:50 a.m. for an incident that occurred at 125 E. Elm St.

Full had allegedly been kicked out of Shooter’s Pub, 107 E. Elm St., several times that evening. Police were called after several people saw Full damage a vehicle parked outside of the bar.

According to witness statements, Full allegedly jumped on the hood of the car, kicked in the front passenger-side door, and kicked and broke the passenger-side rearview mirror.

Officers were unable to locate Full but had dealt with him earlier in the evening when he was being kicked out of the bar.

Damage to the vehicle is estimated around \$1,185.

- A 16-year-old male was fined \$160.50 for juvenile underage consumption in Parker Hall.
- Matthew J. Rauchwarter, 19, Danielle E. Wolden, 18, Sean D. McDonough, 18, and

Erik J. Swoverland, 19, were each fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

**April 1**

Jennifer C. Pengra, 20, was fined \$172 for underage consumption by RFPD around 1:40 a.m. at the Library bar, 106 N. Main St.

Officers were informed of two underage females that had been drinking in the bar.

Officers found Pengra in the bathroom tending to a small injury. Pengra told police she had lost her I.D. somewhere in the bar, but had a card on her that identified her as a 20 year old.

**April 2**

Marshall J. Fassino, 18, was fined \$312 for possession of drug paraphernalia around 11:20 p.m. in Johnson Hall.

Public Safety received a call from a resident assistant that someone was possibly smoking marijuana in Johnson Hall around 11:10 p.m. RFPD was called to assist with the incident.

When officers arrived, they were taken to room 344 by the RA.

Officers report smelling the odor coming from inside the room. After knocking, officers spoke with Fassino and Joseph P. Moore, 19.

According to the police report, the two initially denied smoking marijuana, but later admitted someone brought over a pipe and they had smoked it. Fassino showed the officers the pipe but didn’t release the name of the person who had given it to him.

Officers told Fassino he would be issued the fine for possession of drug paraphernalia until he could identify the owner.



Sky: Discussions held for viewers on topics of interest

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“The greatest part was the globular cluster,” basic astronomy student William Larson said. “It was neat to know that we could see things in such detail even though they are so far away.”

The physics department has been holding observing sessions at least three times a semester for many years.

“We’ve been holding these sessions for a long time - the past five years that I’ve been here as observatory director, but also since long before then,” Observatory Director Glenn Spiczak said.

The department has, however, changed the format of observatory sessions to guarantee stargazers one night of good weather for viewing. Since the department can’t promise clear skies, a four-day schedule is set up for every viewing period. The first clear night of the four consecutive days is the night when the viewing session is held.

Viewing sessions are not only offered during spring and fall semesters, since some students, staff and faculty spend their winter breaks and summers on campus.

“Sometimes we’ll do one during J-term, and we often do at least one during the summer when teachers are here taking classes within the department,” Spiczak said.

Prior to every session, physics professor Eileen

“I choose the topics based on what’s happening in the news.”

Eileen Korenic,  
physics professor

Korenic holds discussions for viewers on a topic of interest involving astronomy.

The discussion for the most recent session was entitled “Murmurs of Earth - Announcing Our Existence.” This discussion focused on the people of Earth sending signals into outer space via radio waves, and the possibility of beings in outer space picking up these signals.

“I choose the topics based on what’s happening in the news. Like, for example, when Mars had its closest ever approach to Earth, Mars was the topic for one of the talks,” Korenic said. “If there isn’t something in the astronomy news, then I choose something that I find interesting.”

Following the discussion, students and community members of all ages have the opportunity to get a glimpse of such astronomical objects as planets, star clusters, nebulae and constellations.

The next viewing session will be held on the first clear night between Monday, April 24 and Thursday, April 27.

Elections: Campaigns will focus on issues, old methods

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of president, and there has never been an uncontested election.

In a case when more than two candidates run, a primary must be held to narrow the candidates down to two.

This process is used for multiple reasons.

“It allows students that are not in the top running for a position to save their money first of all, instead of continuing to run a strong campaign,” said Senator Cali Smithback.

There are both new and old issues that Hajewski said would influence voters during the election.

“[There are] a lot of things that will create a lot of controversy and debate,” Hajewski said.

The possibility of banning smoking on campus will be a very prominent new issue along with skateboarding on campus, disability services and the new grading system, Hajewski said.

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Vicki Hajewski,  
Student Senate advisor

Students fees will most likely be an old issue that will still be highlighted.

“It is hard to say what will be the big issues. It kind of develops as the campaigns go on,” Cluppert said. “I think one issue we may see debated is seg. fees, since there was a lot of debate in the Student Senate recently, and also the upcoming state budget.”

In the past, voter turnout for Senate elections has been a problem.

A major problem is the lack of student knowledge of issues.

“I think that as far as voting on this campus, many times stu-

dents don’t even really know what Student Senate on a college campus is, nor do they know the issues that are discussed in a Senate meeting,” Smithback said. “I think that Senate does a poor job when it comes to educating the students of the issues on campus, and many of these issues do not matter to a majority of the students.”

Candidates will continue to use old methods of campaigning such as sidewalk chalk, posters and ads in the *Student Voice*, Hajewski said.

Facebook also is a method being used this year.

“Facebook has been a big thing to help increase knowledge of issues on this campus,” Smithback said. “Many students are exposed to only one side of issues because people are just looking for support, however, I do believe that Facebook will help to remind people as to when voting is, and a quicker link to the voting site.”

Wireless: IT Services extends internet connections for students, faculty, staff

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All 10 of the residence halls, including South Fork Suites, are scheduled to become wireless in the spring of the 2006-2007 academic year, said Jason Winget, IT manager for Student Services and Programs. Lobbies, student lounges and commons areas will be the first areas of the buildings that will have the wireless connections.

“The major problems with the construction of the buildings are the cinder blocks and metal,” Winget said.

Any project planning and timeline to implement in the residence halls has not been made, Winget said.

The wireless connection will help students with laptops get an Internet connection instead of having to wait and compete for the computer labs, Smith said.

“It primarily benefits the students,” he said.

Faculty and staff in the physics and business departments and the College of Education and

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Al Murray,  
supervisor of telecommunications

Professional Studies plan to use it extensively by teaching students how to teach with wireless, Smith said.

The infrastructure of the wireless will consist of access servers that control authentication, he said. This allows students, faculty and staff to log in with a Falcon account when their computer connects to a wireless access point. The wireless access points that are wired to the campus servers are hidden in the ceiling.

The Electronic Repair department wired all the access points with standard computer cable in the basement of the library, said Al Murray, supervisor of

telecommunications.

“We hope it will work well because it is an important thing to the University,” Murray said. “We want to know that when it is turned on, with possibly only a few minor bugs, it’s going to work.”

Larger classrooms will have multiple access points, Smith said.

If a large number of computers are connected to the same point, the speed of the connection will be bogged down, Smith said.

“Wireless is one of those things that, the farther away, the slower and weaker it is going to be,” he said. “The more people on one access point, the slower the con-

nections.”

The ITS Help Desk will provide assistance by telling students, faculty and staff how to connect their computers to wireless, Smith said.


Many newer computers built in the last three years most likely will have a wireless card to connect to the campus server, Smith said. If a computer does not have the card, students, faculty and staff can purchase the card at electronics and department stores.

According to bestbuy.com, a PCMCIA compatible card, which is required to work correctly with the campus access points, ranges in amounts from \$39.99 to \$80.99 with many brands to choose from.

The computers in all the buildings on campus will remain wired, Smith said.

“There are no intentions of pulling the wired connections because they are much faster,” he said. “It’s a nice convenience, but it’s not a replacement for the wired connections.”


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Funds: Account reserves money for emergencies, flexibility

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mately \$130,000 has not yet been deposited into the University Reserve account after being collected from student allocable segregated University fees,” Koski said. “Besides the \$18,000 transferred to the LDPB from the University Reserve account to go to student organizations, Senate has decided to have about \$50,000 be allocated to student organizations requesting one-time purchases that will benefit the University.”

Senate chose to spend some of the reserve money on one-time funding because many student organizations saw dramatic declines in funding after the February LDPB budget process.

A motion was introduced at the April 4 Senate meeting for final one-time funding requests, and will be put to a vote at the April 11 meeting.

“The remaining \$45,000 is to be held for an unforeseen emergency, and in the event one does not occur, carried over to the next academic year, with any interest earned in the account remaining there and with the students,” Koski said.

Senate has control over the reserve, and general-

ly holds between \$45,000 and \$50,000 as a safety net, said Mary Halada, vice chancellor of administration and finance.

“The intent of this reserve is for student organizational purposes,” Halada said.

While student organizations typically aren’t allowed to carry over any funding to prepare for emergency situations the next academic year, Senate can keep money in the reserve indefinitely.

“It’s really a philosophical decision,” Halada said, adding that, even when held over, the reserve is still money for student organizations. “They’re looking at it from the aggregate. One could assume that they [Senate] will be there to back you up.”

Since there is so much money left in the reserve account, it’s natural to wonder why student segregated fees aren’t decreased, or why the money isn’t allocated elsewhere - like the athletic department, which is experiencing financial problems.

“It’s for emergencies and flexibility,” Halada said. “It’s good to carry a balance - we want to be able to keep student fees about the same.”

# INAUGURATION 2006

*Students, faculty and staff are invited to join in the*

## INAUGURATION CELEBRATION

*of Chancellor Don Betz  
as the 16th Chancellor of UW-River Falls*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
**St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra.** 3 p.m. Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Students \$2. Guest performers Rich Gaynor, trombone, and Randy Sabien, violin.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**  
**Unity in the Community.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hagestad Student Center and Campus Mall. Free. Celebration features Universal Dance Destiny; UW-RF Dance Theatre; El Arco Iris; UW-RF Hmong student performance; and Heart of the World Native American dancers.

**Creating a World of Tolerance: Esera Tuaolo.** 8 p.m. North Hall Auditorium. \$5. This gay former NFL defensive lineman now inspires others to speak to their individual truths without fear.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**  
**College of Business & Economics Executive in Residence.** 2:30 p.m. Rodli Commons. Sang Ik Hahn, a 1975 UW-RF graduate and president of the Silicon Valley real estate development company SIH Investments, Inc., explains his investment strategies.



**Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Day.** Noon-2 p.m. Falcon’s Nest, Hagestad Student Center. Free. Displays feature current research activities.

**All Campus Picnic.** 5 p.m. Hagestad Student Center Mall. Tickets available at the Hagestad Student Center or River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau. Music by Juggling Ronald.

**The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.** 8 p.m. Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson. Free. Professor Tim Baughman recreates the exploits of the Heroic Era Shackleton expedition and the lessons it teaches in leadership.


**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**  
**Inauguration Concert.** 1 p.m. Robert P. Knowles Physical Education and Recreation Center. Free. Performances by UW-RF music ensembles.

**Installation of Chancellor Don Betz.** 2 p.m. Followed by a reception at the Knowles Center. Free. The investiture of Chancellor Don Betz with his inaugural address on UW-RF’s future: “Roots and Wings for the Global Century.”



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EDITORIAL

# Protesters lack respect, future action needed

It was nearly impossible to miss the clusters of anti-abortion activists on campus April 5, strategically crowded around entrances to the Student Center and Davee Library where most student traffic occurs.

It was not uncommon for passersby to see arguments break out between students and group members, and it was difficult to stomach the horrific larger-than-life images of aborted fetuses.

The brochure that was handed out on campus by Missionaries to the Preborn, entitled “The American Holocaust Photo Display,” states, “We display these photographs because the media has censored the pre-born child from the ‘abortion debate.’”

The editorial staff of the Student Voice does not condone media censorship, and will not take a stance on abortion, but believes the tactics used by the anti-abortion group were disrespectful to the campus community.

As students who are paying thousands of dollars each semester to get an education at UW-River Falls, we should be provided a learning environment that allows us to get to classes without harm or heckling.

Being told that we’re murderers who are destined for hell while traveling the campus sidewalks is emotionally damaging, and can disrupt the concentration of students who are at school to focus on classes.

It also appeared the group targeted women in its efforts.

The distributed packet directs readers to related Web sites, including mercyseat.net. This site is host to the Mercy Seat Christian Church in West Allis, Wis., and the church catechism refers to a woman as her husband’s “helper-wife,” and says husbands have authority over their wives, according to the Bible.

To allow an organization on campus that boasts such ignorance is a shame for all those affiliated with the University.

Missionaries to the Preborn visit UW-RF annually, and we believe the administrators and student leaders on campus should take a stance to prohibit further disruption to student life.

We value freedom of expression and commend the activists for standing up for their beliefs, but feel that their tactics are not in the best interest of students.

As paying students, we deserve more protection on our own campus.

Protesting peacefully is one thing, but verbally attacking passersby should not be acceptable at UW-RF or anywhere.

We urge Student Senate and the administration to take a stance on this issue to prevent future students from verbal assaults at UW-RF.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UC vanishing act

By the time this is printed, we'll already know whether UW-RF is still a United Council member, but I have something to say about the referendum. I personally have had experience with United Council through Student Senate, and as former vice president, I have worked thoroughly with their staff members on many different issues, including the very successful turnout UW-RF had for this past year's Women's Leadership Conference.

More importantly, I would like to say that this referendum is different from the last one and goes beyond political ideologies-it's not about whether UC is "too liberal" or not, and it's not about conservatives wanting out and liberals wanting to stay in. It's about having the student body making an informed decision about what UC is supposed to do and what it has actually done. Students are coming out of what appears to be nowhere to encourage students to vote "yes."

Until last week, UC only communicated with Student Senate, and only visit when we were up for referendum. Now that UW-RF is threatening to tighten up UC's budget by thousands of dollars, we see them actually reaching out to our campus and recruiting students to help in their campaign. I would like to know where half of these students that are helping campaign for UC were since the last referendum, and how close they were working with UC prior to this week.

I would like to end by saying that no one knows the needs of the UW-RF student body better than its own students. UC concentrates a large amount of time in lobbying issues that do not pertain to our campus. The fact is that UC is far more connected with schools on the other side of the state, especially UW-Madison, and pushes issues that only directly affect that campus and area. We don't need that, and for that fact we don't need UC.

**Liz de la Torre  
Student**

### Use new garbage cans and smoke stations

Spring typically brings many changes and a fresh start to many things. This year is no exception. I was refreshed to see the arrival of new garbage cans and matching smoker's stations to our campus. In my opinion, it's about time. The old green garbage cans and rusty smoker's stations were an eyesore and an insult to our campus. However, some of these old cans still remain. Let's continue to progress. It would be nice to see new cans and stations all over campus and not just by the academic buildings.

However, the aesthetics of our campus go beyond garbage cans. It requires the respect and pride from our students and faculty. It's time we take back our campus from those who litter. These new smoker's stations look nice, but they will do no good if they remain unused. I have no problem with smokers, and I don't really care if they stand 25 feet away. However, I think I'm going to freak out if I see one more person throw their butt on the ground rather than walking five feet to the station.

Don't be so damn lazy. If you don't think this is a problem, just take a look at the ground between Stratton and Prucha Hall.

It makes me want to vomit. Litter is a problem with our campus. It goes beyond cigarette butts.

Water bottles and pop cans seem to be popular additions to the UW-RF landscape. We shouldn't blame this on the UW-RF grounds crew. We should only blame ourselves. We the students are the ones who litter, and only we can give back the pride and beauty that our campus deserves.

I was recently informed that CCFHH is hosting a Volunteer Day on April 22. One of the options is to help clean up the UWRF campus. I will be cleaning up our campus, and I urge all other students to join in the effort.

**Erik Holmes  
Student**

### Assault aided by alcohol

Everybody knows that drinking alcohol impairs you. Our state recognizes this fact by including alcohol in the definition of "intoxicants" in state laws dealing with snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicles, boating and transportation. However, there is a glaring exception when it comes to alcohol and sexual assault laws. Alcohol is specifically exempted in sexual assault statutes by one 7-word sentence: "Intoxicant" does not include any alcoholic beverage."

Students here at UW-RF and other UW campuses across the state are working with United Council to amend this law. Wisconsin is the only state that has this ridiculous exemption, and it is time our legislators close this loophole for sexual perpetrators that use alcohol to facilitate rapes and sexual assaults.

Nationally, alcohol is the most widely used "date rape" drug. Harvard University's School of Public Health recently reported that about one in every 20 female college students is raped each year, and 72 percent of these women are raped while they are too intoxicated to give consent. It is time our sexual assault laws match common sense knowledge that alcohol is an intoxicant.

**Audrey Liquard  
Student**

### Art in eye of beholder

I enjoy keeping up with my former paper, the *Student Voice*, and read it most every week. In last week's issue, I found myself drawn to a letter critiquing Nick Welsh's interpretation of the fictitious government portrayed in "V for Vendetta."

I commend Welsh and his counterpart, Jenna Lee, for their insights. I might not always agree with them, but that's not the point. The point is they have the courage - as do all the writers on these opinion pages - to express their own thoughts on something that apparently interests them.

Reading that letter (Reviewer slips up, March 31), I was disappointed someone could miss the point of film criticism so wildly. There's nothing in the film that precisely and quantitatively supports Welsh's interpretation - or the

letter writer's, for that matter.

There's plenty of subtext in the film to support practically any extrapolation of a former, current or imagined fascist state.

What Welsh did was draw a metaphor as he saw it. Is it correct? Who knows; who cares? It's not like he compared that phony government to a can of Leinenkugel's beer or something completely outrageous. But to categorically call his interpretation wrong is just that: wrong.

I hope the letter writer considers using greater tolerance in future rebuttals to interpretations of art.

**Mike Longaecker  
Alumnus**

### Columnist shames paper, country with comparison

I am writing in response to the "viewpoint" by Keighla Schmidt, entitled "Nazi, U.S. similarities drawn," and I, for one, am ashamed for allowing this article to be posted.

I found it particularly offensive, for I had a grandfather in World War II that used to tell me stories of the outrageous and horrible gut wrenching atrocities of the Nazis. And then, today, I flip open the *Student Voice* to find Ms. Schmidt expressing an outrageously offensive opinion comparing the United States to the Nazi party?!

This is absolutely intolerable! My grandfather and all those that had fought in World War II, whether they are living or dead, would be ashamed.

America is nothing like the Nazi party. And to think that it is has shamed and wasted all that the soldiers have fought for in WWII. This is not a question of whether I am a Republican or Democrat, but more like I am proud to be an American, and on this day of minuscule American shame, I am appalled at that article. Whatever happened to having pride in our country?

Forty years ago there was nothing but the utmost respect for the president. Even the American people allowed Richard Nixon to bow out gracefully when he was involved with the Watergate scandal! However, it is one thing to voice your opinion with the war, every person is entitled to that right, but this is totally perverse.

To compare the U.S. government to a fascist party that believed in genocide and the sole advancement of the white race is out of line and shameful. To be opinionated and to have such a disagreeable opinion is a person's freedom, but to make an accusation and a horrible comparison such as the United States to the Nazis is plain ridiculous.

It is my opinion that this writer is completely disrespectful and unintelligent to jump to such a harsh conclusion. The "writer" should learn some discipline, and I would think twice about allowing a person to "run their mouth" and start thinking about the words they are actually going to say before any more people suffer anymore embarrassment and offense.

**Nathan Kitzrow  
Student**

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Assisted suicide should be legal

The right to live or die. It seems like a pretty basic concept, but there are plenty of people who will fight this ideology tooth and nail.

They claim that no such right exists, that people should not be able to make this decision. If this most basic decision is not a right of the individual, then what is it? Why do people insist on creating legislation that will charge such an act as a felony? I am of course referring to euthanasia, or assisted suicide.

It appears that it is the very same people that scorn government policies controlling their lives that will support such laws. The only explanation for this is that they are upset about the creation of laws that they don't agree with, but as long as they regard topics that will not affect their own lives it is acceptable for the government to pry. This is clearly hypocritical and should be recognized as such.

This is not an issue about society condoning or encourag-

ing the death of any person within it, but instead about the rights of individuals.

Nobody is suggesting that people should be given access to free and hassle-free deaths. Although this is a decision to be made by the individual, it is not one to be made on a whim. There are many countries that have recently passed legislation allowing forms of assisted suicide as long as strict conditions are met.

In fact, evidence suggests that giving people the option to seek medial assistance for their desire to kill themselves will reduce the number of people that actually go through with such an act.

People argue that a slippery slope will form, and any depressed adolescent will be able to go into a clinic and come back the next day to end



Travis Grieman

his life. This is just not the case. No one is going to pass laws allowing minors an easy way to commit suicide; it is simply not a substantiated argument.

The real issues of euthanasia are regarding individuals who have true reason to want to die. Terminally ill patients and those suffering from extreme pain or degeneration may express the desire to end their lives. Why is it considered criminal to allow this to happen?

If a patient makes a clear and conscious decision to take such an extreme action, then there is no one that should have the power to veto it. Making the assistance of such actions felonies only makes the suffering individuals seek alternatives

that will very likely increase their risk of injury.

Another consideration is that of life prolonging equipment, most often used for people in vegetative states. There are people that want to make the discontinuation of such equipment illegal.

Why do they feel they should be able to make these sorts of decisions for others? People need to realize that we have the right to make decisions that will affect us based on our own values.

In most cases, the fighting to ban euthanasia has come from politicians in accordance with religious affiliations that they want to mobilize as a base. To do so they say they are standing up for religious values that can be instilled on the general public. These are not the kinds of issues that should be controlled by legislation. They are individual rights of choice we all have, and not an opportunity for groups to try and impose their own values on others.

Smoking ban misses issues

First of all, I smoke. I love to smoke and it makes me happy. I do not mind going outside to smoke, and I would do it even if it wasn't a rule. But a ban to stop students and faculty from smoking outside is just lunacy.

To me it sounds like someone is on a power trip and wants to make a mark before he or she leaves school. I know that smoking is bad for me and someday I will probably quit, but to have a ban on smoking all together is not an option just because the 25-foot rule is not working.

Smoking is very harmful to the people that smoke and people that come into contact with second-hand smoke. But there is no

There are many issues that Student Senate should be tackling.

Take alcohol for one. As most of you know, I like to drink, but most of the time I have some fun and go home.

There are many students, some not old enough to drink, that abuse alcohol a couple times a week. What is Student Senate doing about this? When people abuse alcohol many bad things can happen, like rape, other crimes or developing an addiction.

Another issue that Student Senate is not addressing is the drug scene on campus. Hell, even Health Services does not jump on this issue. And believe



Jason Conway

me, there are a lot of people that do drugs on campus and many that abuse them.

Why are we talking about smoking when there is an issue like drugs that is not even being touched? I do not do drugs, but I know some students that do and it doesn't bother me, but what about those select few who are on a downward spiral because of drugs?

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What will Student Senate do next, give us all the same uniforms and bring back communism? I am sure this will not happen but to force people to become these perfect little non-smoking, non-drinking, 4.0 students is just not going to work.

So students, the next time Student Senate is having elections - or whatever they do - lets think about who is really going in there and sharing our voice with the University.

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Immigration creates divide

If there is one issue that can truly divide politicians, it is immigration.

Immigration has been a major topic in recent weeks, however we are not seeing the usual Republican versus Democrat debates. Instead, we have seen both the Republican and Democratic parties divided over this issue.

While I will not pretend to be an expert on all aspects of such a complex issue, I will lay out some ideas of how we can improve on the current situation.

According to CNN, there are upwards of 11.1 million illegal immigrants living in the United States as of 2005. With such a high number of illegal immigrants, this is obviously an issue that needs to be addressed by lawmakers.

The first, and perhaps most important, concern that needs to be addressed is border security. While I do not like the idea of building a giant wall on our borders (too reminiscent of the Berlin Wall for me), I do support an increased presence of security forces on our borders.

I fully support immigrants who legally enter our country and become U.S. citizens in order to gain access to the great job

opportunities available. However, there are numbers who have chosen to enter illegally, which is not only dangerous, but also unfair to those who have done so legally.

While I feel as though I cannot even begin to scratch the surface on all aspects of this issue, I will provide three ideas intended to help better this situation.

First, we should increase the number of people who can legally immigrate into our country, thereby reducing the numbers who enter illegally.

Second, implement harsh penalties onto companies who are caught hiring and employing illegal immigrants.

Currently, companies caught employing illegal immigrants are let off with little more than a slap on the wrist. If a company knows that it will be severely fined if caught, there would be a great incentive



Nate Cook

for them to choose not to hire illegal immigrants.

Lastly, President Bush has been quoted recently stating that illegal immigrants are the "backbone of our economy," and they "do jobs most Americans won't do." I think that this statement is absolutely false.

Americans have proven throughout history that they will be as hard working as any other people throughout the world. Americans will do these jobs that Bush does not believe they will do, however, they cannot afford to do them.

I propose that an increase in the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to a larger number somewhere in the range of \$7 to \$9 would be enough of an incentive for a great number of American workers to take on these harder jobs.

While these are not full solutions to the problem, they are steps that I believe can be taken in order to help protect our citizens, encourage more legal immigration, provide better job opportunities for American workers and help to expand the economy.

Columnist doles out fashion advice, hates popped collar

Fashion trends are always interesting phenomena. There's no real reason one fashion is more "trendy" than another.

I'm convinced there's an old, wrinkly guy in Italy that sits in a small cellar and fabricates the next big trend. Picture him there, cooped up on a tiny work desk finally proclaiming, "The pants will widen towards the bottom, and we will call them bell bottoms. Magnifico!"

I can't imagine that guy was responsible for the collar-popping trend, though.

As a matter of fact, the popped collar is far from a new trend; it's more like fashion resurgence. In the late 19th century, both men and women wore shirts that had, in a sense, a popped collar.

A more accurate way to describe those collars would be "upturned," since it was practiced by a wider popu-

lation and was considered proper dress, not trendy.

Some fashion trends serve a practical purpose. For example, the original collared shirt had a collar to cover where a tie loops around the neck, which was a nice way to hide the ugly part of the tie. It was then discovered that a collared shirt looks presentable without a tie, and thus, the modern collared shirt was born.

I hold no real qualms with collar popping. Wear your clothes however you choose. I didn't even think this trend was going to make it, much less become an uncontrollable disaster, until Usher dropped his "Pop Ya Collar" single in 2001, and all hell broke loose.

Now there are too many people doing



Ben Jipson

it, and quite frankly, it looks awful on most.

There has to be some ground rules in place to regulate this collar-popping outbreak. Too many guys are walking around with popped collars, and they look like second graders who forgot the proper way to dress themselves.

Fortunately, my proposal is a bit more modest, and it doesn't involve flattening malnourished babies and feeding them to the English aristocracy.

The first part of my proposal was going to suggest that girls can't pop their collars, but I'd be overstepping my bounds as a fashion expert. I don't know what girls are doing with their clothes, hair or make-up, so girls: thou shall pop your collar if you wish.

There shall be no collar popping of the polo.

A polo collar doesn't truly pop. It just flops around like a flaccid penis and looks just as unattractive. In addition, there isn't anything cool about a polo. Anyone can go down to Target and buy a polo for \$10, so trying to transform a polo into a fashion statement looks as stupid as putting spinners on a Ford Aspire.

There shall be no collar popping if you can't dance like Puffy (or P. Diddy or Puff Daddy - whatever he's calling himself now).

When I see Puffy in his latest music videos grinding on a new bunch of barely-legals, I see classiness. And I'll be damned if he wasn't one of the prominent forces behind rediscovering the collar-popping trend. Do Puffy, and every other classy guy out there popping his collar, a favor. Before you pop

it like a playa, drop it like a saltshaker.

There shall be no collar popping of pink shirts.

Apparently those who sport pink are already making a fashion statement by wearing pink, so popping a pink collar would be a fashion redundancy - like aviator glasses with a tilted-to-the-side trucker's hat. Fashion redundancies lead to fashion overload.

These are the collar-popping rules that shall govern our land. Believe in them; follow them. Otherwise, thou shall put the collar down and stop looking like a dumbass.

For those that are still completely adverse to collar popping and think the modest proposal isn't sufficient, join the "Anti-collar Poppers" group on Facebook, keep your collar down in its proper place and take comfort in knowing that most collar-poppers look incredibly ridiculous.



John Jensen, junior

"No, I don't think so, because I have read that people say they have the right not to breathe smoke, but people that smoke have the right to smoke and should be able to smoke. Especially if they are outside."



Michelle Rud, freshman

"No, because the law says we can smoke. So why can't we smoke outside? And if they ban smoking then we have to ban other toxic chemicals we use every day."



Jake Cavanaugh, freshman

"Yeah, I am totally for this. I don't care what smokers say. It will only help them if this is banned wherever they go."

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Should all UW campuses be smoke free?

Kevin Kubiak, freshman



"Yeah, not only is it hazardous to everyone's health, but if you look outside Johnson Hall there are butts everywhere. It's disgusting. I feel it would be better for the campus if smoking were banned. It would better the campus and everyone's health."

Erin Steinmetz, freshman



"No, because it's a fundamental right to do what you choose. There will always be things that are not good for you wherever you go. And if non-smokers care that much about not walking through smoke, then they can walk in a different route."

Zac Rozmiarek, sophomore



"No. Although smoking is a bad habit, smokers are people too and they have rights."



# Brennan leads Falcons to success in new season

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**Martha Brennan** Brennan lived on a dairy farm in Byron, Minn., all her life. She always had to get

The UW-River Falls track coach, Martha Brennan, has been gifted in the sport of track and field for many years. Brennan

up early and do chores. “I milked cows and bailed hay,” Brennan said. “I even showed horses because we had some horses on our farm.” Brennan went to Byron High School, where she played three varsity sports: track and field, volleyball and gymnastics. She competed in gymnastics for 15 years, but decided not to pursue it after high school. “I was more built for track,” Brennan said. “There are more places to go and better options for track than there is for gymnastics.”

Track was what Brennan was really good at. She was on the high school varsity team when she was in seventh grade. She made the state tournament every year, all the way up to her senior year. She took first place in the hurdles her junior and senior year. After high school, Brennan went to Louisiana State University where she ran the heptepthalon. She won a national championship with her team and graduated with a mathematics degree. She also has a masters and Ph.D.

in educational administration. Track isn’t all Brennan thinks about. She is also the mother of three children and a wife. “I love to cook and clean,” Brennan said. “Pretty much the mom thing is what I do.” She also likes to ride horses, dance and do everything there is to do outdoors. Before coaching at River Falls, Brennan was the assistant coach at Texas A&M for seven years. She went from a division one school to a division three school because “everything is more stressful in a division one

school.” Brennan coaches both the men’s and women’s track teams, which is a very rare occasion for any school. She is the only coach in the conference that coaches both men and women. “When it comes to coaching, I coach events,” Brennan said. “I don’t coach genders.” A lot of people respect what Brennan has done for this organization. They only have good things to say. “Coach Brennan is very dedi-

cated to our team,” sophomore Krista Hasselquist said. “She is also educated in the sport and knows exactly what she is doing.” The track teams next meet is the Falcon Invitational April 7 and 8. The Invitational begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday. Brennan and the Falcons look forward to hosting their first home meet of the season. After this weekend the Falcons travel to UW-Eau Claire for a meet on April 15.

## Favre should make way for Rodgers

GUEST COLUMNIST



**Chris Schad**

Brett Favre is one of the greatest quarterbacks in National Football League history. No matter which side of the Minnesota-Wisconsin border you grew up on, there is no denying that in his prime he was what Peyton Manning is to the NFL today (without the choke jobs). Favre is poised to break many records this season, and is possibly one of the best two-minute-drill quarterbacks ever. There is a problem in Green Bay, however. Once an athlete has accomplished so much in a career, it can only lead to one thing-retirement. Favre has been weighing this question for the past three off seasons as to whether or not he would retire. Several experts had predicted that Favre would retire after the Packers blew a fourth and 24 play against the Philadelphia Eagles in a playoff game three years ago, but Favre came back. Then came the glorious performance against the Minnesota Vikings in which Favre had one of the worst games of his career as he served up four interceptions. Favre had to retire after being embarrassed that bad by the team’s rival. But again, Favre came back. Then came last season. Favre lost most of his top playmakers on the offensive side of the ball, the Packers crashed to a 4-12 record and Favre was benched

**Yet Favre still basks in the heat lamp known as the media and refuses to make a decision.**

twice to his apparent heir, Aaron Rodgers. So that is where we are in “As the Brett Turns.” Will he or won’t he? Please come back. Please retire. What’s it going to be? The media follows his every decision like a kid through a sprinkler, up, around and everywhere in between. Favre has hinted at this several times since the Packers’ season ended. In an interview with ESPN’s Chris Mortenson, Favre said he didn’t know yet if he was going to come back, but he was leaning toward it. With that, the John Deere Cult known as Packer Nation went into a frenzy. Could it be that they were not going to have Brett Favre as their quarterback? The starting quarterback of the Packers was not going to wear number four? Preposterous. That just can’t happen, can it? So there was silence for a couple of months. Until last week when the Packers finally put their foot down. The message? Decide by this week or else. The Packers would give Favre a \$3 million roster bonus should he return. However, since Favre hasn’t made a decision, the Packers can’t give him the bonus only to have him retire. So Packers General Manager Ted Thompson gave Favre the ultimatum, which Favre ulti-

mately scoffed at. “If I don’t tell them by [April 1] what are they going to do? Cut me?” Favre said to reporters at a charity event. “There are 162 days until the beginning of the regular season, so I don’t think I’ll have an answer before [April 1].” Favre didn’t make a decision and the Packers backed off, extending the deadline until mid-April and publicly saying they may do it again if Favre hasn’t reached a decision. If I were in Ted Thompson’s

**Once an athlete has accomplished so much in a career, it can only mean one thing - retirement.**

shoes I would have handled things differently. I figured a solution that would just end the controversy, and the Favre love fest once and for all. Now before every Packer fan starts doing angry back flips, and pointing out every reason why the Packers can’t cut Favre, I will back up my point. The Packers have a team to run, and they can’t wait until Sept. 1 for Favre to make a decision. The Packers have free agents they’ve wanted to pick up but couldn’t because if Favre comes back his salary would count \$9 million against the salary cap. That could have provided huge leverage in snagging Dallas Cowboys kicker Mike Vanderjagt, or former Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington if they had known that Favre was not going to come back. Yet Favre still basks in the heat lamp known as the media and refuses to make a decision. This is as much Thompson’s fault as it is Favre’s.

The Packers have tried to put their foot down on their issue but they refuse to stand and enforce their decision. They’re acting like they are the France Packers more than the Green Bay Packers. They want to give Favre as much time as possible so they don’t look like the guy who ran Favre out of Green Bay. They’re way too concerned about their image. It also affects Aaron Rogers. As an NFL quarterback, they need to go through intense training to endure the season, as anything can happen. However, with Favre not saying anything about his decision, Rogers is left in the dark not knowing if he should get more familiar with the Packer Playbook or train like he will be the starter next season and not a clipboard-carrying backup. The starting quarterback also has to develop a relationship with his teammates (see any receiver/quarterback duo in the NFL). Favre is hindering Rogers’ growth by delaying his decision constantly. I will admit I am a Vikings fan and Favre leaving would be great for the Vikes, but I’m looking at this in the best interest of the Green Bay Packers. Favre wouldn’t be the best choice for your team in my eyes. He is a great quarterback, he is very deadly within two minutes, but his time is up in. It’s time for a changing of the guard and it’s time to get used to, “Starting for the Green Bay Packers at quarterback, #12 Aaron Rogers.”

## FUN IN THE SUN



Sarah Packingham/Student Voice

**Two UW-River Falls students take warm up swings before their intramural softball game on April 4. The intramural softball season started on April 3, and will continue over the next few weeks. Teams enter the intramural games in hopes of reaching the playoffs and being named intramural champions. Softball teams can be men’s, women’s and co-ed. All games are slowpitch. Softball and dodgeball are the two intramural sports going on at this point in time.**

# Falcon softball dominates North Central 27-0, 40-0

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The wait is finally over for the UW-River Falls softball team to take to their home field. The Falcons played their first home games on April 4, and won in a dramatic fashion beating a visiting North Central 27-0 and 40-0. These high scoring games were strange for the players. “I don’t really know what to say, it was a weird game,” freshman Kelly Quinn said. Junior Margo Taylor agreed. She said that it was a rough game to play in. “In the first inning we scored 17 runs, in both games I think,” Taylor said. “We batted through the order three times in one inning. I feel bad for the other team.” The leader in hits for the first game was Amanda Peters, who went 4-5 and she had three RBIs. Ashley James was close behind Peters, going 3-4. James also had seven RBIs. In the second game, Amanda Wojnowia went 5-5 and also scored five runs. She finished the day with four RBIs as well. Quinn was on the mound for the Falcons and she pitched a complete game where she only allowed two hits.

Head coach Faye Perkins made a few changes to the Falcons lineup after her team had worked their way into such a big lead. She told the women to stop stealing bases and she also switched the positions of some of her players. UW-RF only played five innings in both games. Taylor said that in college, a game has to be at least five innings long to be considered a legal game. Perkins put different players in positions than they were usually in to get them experience before the conference games started. A large number of River Falls fans were in attendance to see the huge victories put on by the Falcons. The members of the team were very pleased with the fan support at the game. “It was great,” Taylor said. “Today we got a lot of grief from fans coming up to us and asking us if all our competition was going to be that easy.” The Falcons next game is against conference foe UW-Oshkosh on April 8. Game time is at 3 p.m. in Oshkosh. On April 9, they continue on the road at UW-Whitewater. River Falls returns home on April 11, to play Hamline University at 4 p.m. This game was originally scheduled for earlier in the season, but was canceled due to weather and playing

conditions. They also play their first conference game at home on April 14 against UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m. “We are going to have to adjust to faster pitching,” Quinn said. “But these games were definitely a confidence booster.”

**April 4 results**  
North Cen. 0 00 00 — 0 1 6  
River Falls (17)46 00 — 27 16 0

**Batting**  
North Central  
Matson, ss/p 2 0 1 0 0 1  
Ogren, 2b 2 0 0 0 0 1  
Murphy, 3b/p 1 0 0 0 0 1  
McCrimmon, p 0 0 0 0 1 0  
Campbell, c 2 0 0 0 0 2  
Carr, cf/ss 2 0 0 0 0 1  
Christiansen, lf 2 0 0 0 0 0  
Howard, 1b 2 0 0 0 0 2  
Bough, rf 2 0 0 0 0 2  
Middlebrook, p/cf 1 0 0 0 0 0  
Total 16 0 1 0 1 11

**UW-River Falls**  
Rudiger, ss/p 2 5 1 2 3 0  
Sylverson, 2b 0 1 0 0 1 0  
Peterson, 2b 3 1 2 4 1 0  
Howlett, 3b 2 2 1 2 1 0  
Feller, 1b/3b 2 0 0 0 0 1  
Taylor, c 5 3 2 2 2 0  
Feller, 1b/3b 4 3 1 1 0 0  
Rathbun, dh 4 2 2 0 1 0  
Quance, lf 4 4 3 7 1 0  
James, c/3b 5 3 4 3 0 0  
Kelley, cf 3 3 0 1 2 0  
Total 34 27 16 22 10 1

**Pitching**  
North Central  
Middlebrook 0.0 0 3 3 3 0 3  
Murphy 1.0 6 14 8 7 0 19  
McCrimmon 3.0 10 10 5 0 1 23  
Total 4.0 16 27 16 10 1 45

<b>River Falls</b>	<b>ip</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>er</b>	<b>bb</b>	<b>so</b>	<b>bf</b>
Bertrand	2.2	0	0	0	0	6	8
Quinn	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rudiger	2.0	1	0	0	1	4	8
Total	5.0	1	0	0	1	11	17

<b>April 4 results</b>							
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<b>Batting</b>							
North Central	<b>ab</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>bi</b>	<b>bb</b>	<b>so</b>	
Matson, ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Montgomery, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Carr, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Campbell, lf	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Murphy, 3b/p	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Lenhart, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	1	
Christiansen, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Haas, 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Vandenhuevel, c	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Ogren, p/3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Total	16	0	2	0	2	3	

<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>ab</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>bi</b>	<b>bb</b>	<b>so</b>	
Rudiger, ss	4	3	3	2	0	0	
Peterson, 2b	2	2	1	1	1	0	
Sylverson, 2b/ss	4	6	2	0	2	0	
Taylor, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Howlett, 3b	5	5	4	4	0	0	
Wojnowiak, 3b	5	5	5	4	1	0	
Feller, c	6	4	4	2	0	0	
Kelley, rf	5	4	3	4	1	0	
Peters, 1b	5	3	3	5	0	0	
Rathbun, lf	3	5	2	2	3	0	
Mathias, dh	5	3	3	5	1	0	
Total	45	40	30	29	9	0	

<b>Pitching</b>							
North Central	<b>ip</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>er</b>	<b>bb</b>	<b>so</b>	<b>bf</b>
McCrimmon	1.1	11	14	14	4	0	19
Ogren	1.2	12	16	2	3	0	23
Murphy	1.0	7	10	7	2	0	14
Total	4.0	30	40	23	9	0	56

<b>River Falls</b>	<b>ip</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>er</b>	<b>bb</b>	<b>so</b>	<b>bf</b>
Quinn	5.0	2	0	0	2	3	18
Total	5.0	2	0	0	2	3	18



SPORTS WRAP

Falkons to host home meet this weekend

The UW-River Falls men’s and women’s track and field team are hosting the Falcon Invitational this weekend. Events begin at 3 p.m. on Friday and continue on into the evening. They will pick up again at 10 a.m. on Saturday. There will be a handful of teams here to participate in the week-ends events. There will be complete results of the meet in the next issue of the *Student Voice*.

Varsity Sports Week

Friday, April 7

Track and Field hosts Falcon Invitational, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Track and Field hosts Falcon Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Softball at Oshkosh, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Softball at Whitewater, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Softball vs. Hamline, 4 p.m.

Showcase Home Game

Softball



vs



UW-RF

Hamline

Tuesday, April 11, 4 p.m.  
Ramer Field

The UW-River Falls softball team is hosting the Pipers from Hamline University on April 11 at 4 p.m. The Falcons will be fresh off their first weekend of conference play. The game was originally scheduled to take place last week, but had to be rescheduled due to weather and field conditions.

Top Performers



Amanda Peters  
softball

Peters, a sophomore, batted .800 throughout the course of the doubleheader against North Central. Peters drove in six of the Falcon runs, including three RBIs.



Kelly Quinn  
softball

Quinn, a freshman, pitched a complete game and struck out three batters, only allowing two hits in the second game against North Central.

Sports Wrap compiled by  
Sarah Packingham

Standings

Fastpitch		
W	L	
WAC Standings		
UW-Oshkosh(10-10)	2	0
UW-Platteville(7-9)	2	0
UW-Eau Claire(15-3)	0	0
UW-River Falls(11-7)	0	0
UW-Superior(11-7)	0	0
UW-LaCrosse(10-8)	0	0
UW-Stout(5-11)	0	0
UW-Whitewater(10-4)	0	2
UW-Stevens Point(10-5-1)	0	2
For complete stats check out UW-RF Sports Information Web site at www.uwrf.edu/sports		

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River Falls rugby takes to the pitch

Men’s rugby strong on the playing field

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On March 25, the UW-River Falls men’s rugby team took to the pitch for the first time of the spring season against St. John’s University. There was still snow on the playing surface, but the men did not let it keep them down, and they came out ready to go. By the end of the game, UW-RF finished with a 20-0 victory. “A score is called a tri and you receive five points for it,” senior Travis Moe said. “Then, afterwards you usually kick a field goal worth two.” However, on that day the Falcons were unable to kick the field goals because they couldn’t find the holes in the ground due to the amount of snow. “It was a good game. We had good rucking,” senior Tom Johnson said. “That is something we don’t always have. There’s still room for improvement.”

The men on the rugby team work very hard, practicing three days a week. They practice every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. Saturdays are usually filled with bone-crunching hits on the field. Moe said practices are filled with a lot of learning and practicing game scenarios. The team here is a club team and doesn’t play under the Falcon name. The team’s name is The Fighting Cocks. Johnson is the club president, and he works to deal with the school issues and has meetings with the team’s advisor. “I also make sure our practices run smooth,” Johnson said. This weekend The Fighting Cocks travel across the border to challenge Carleton College. The



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The UW-River Falls men’s rugby team gets in a ruck against St. John’s on March 25. UW-RF won the game by a commanding score of 20-0 at home.

team is not entirely sure what to expect, but they hope to play well and come back to River Falls with another victory. The team camaraderie is apparent when watching them play together. They are all there for each other on the field, taking hits and making plays. “We all play for each other,” Moe says. “Everyone gets along, it’s like having another family here at school.” The rugby season is not like other sports. While most sports have one season, this sport takes place in two. Like the women’s team, the men participate in games in both the fall and spring. For both teams the fall is the more competitive of the two seasons, when the teams look for a playoff birth.

“Everyone gets along, it’s like having another family here at school.”  
Travis Moe,  
senior rugby player

Even though they compete on Saturday, one of the Falcons’ most important weekends of the season is on April 29 and 30. On that weekend the team will travel to St. Cloud, Minn., and participate in the All Saints Tournament, which is one of the biggest tournaments in Minnesota and Wisconsin. “It’s a lot of fun, and you play two games on the first day and if you win you go on,” Johnson said. Even if the team doesn’t win

it’s a good learning experience, especially for the younger players. Moe said that during the tournament they get a lot of playing time and they get to watch a lot of games as well, which is a great way to understand more about the game of rugby. Luckily for both the men’s and women’s rugby teams here at River Falls, rugby is becoming more and more popular in high school, and more people are coming into the sport at the collegiate level with experience. However, there is still a majority of the players that don’t know much about the game coming into it. But with the continued interest in the rugby program, UW-RF should only continue to improve in the future.

Spring season finally hits River Falls



Sarah Packingham

I love spring. I love everything about it. I love the warm weather, the sun and the sports. With Florida winning the NCAA Tournament in college men’s basketball, most winter sports are finally wrapped up. However, the teams here at River Falls have been done for quite some time. This weekend, the Falcon men’s and women’s track and field teams host their first outdoor meet of the season. It’s bound to be a big meet for the Falcons, with a handful of good teams coming to River Falls. The Falcon softball team was also finally able to play a home game on Tuesday. And from what I hear it was quite a show.

The Falcons hosted North Central in a doubleheader that may have felt as if it was lasting forever for the visiting team. UW-RF won the first game of the double header 27-0 and the second game 40-0. What I want to know is how that is even possible. My roommate left the second game during the second inning and the Falcons were ahead 19-0. The Falcons only needed five innings to put away their final opponents before getting into conference play this weekend. Needless to say, after hearing about results like that, I’m pretty excited to catch the Falcons in action for the remainder of the spring. Especially since I never managed to get to any games last year, I’m planning on attending a lot more this year. I’m also excited to see what the men’s and women’s rugby teams do this spring. I watched a lot of games in the fall, and I am excited to see how they improved since then. I’m planning on going to the highly anticipated All Saints Tournament to catch a

Even if you don’t think you would be very good, it’s still fun to get outside and get active.

I love hard-hitting rugby action. I would also like to go to the first lacrosse game of my life, maybe this weekend. But besides events that everyone hears about, I love intramurals. Last spring, I was supposed to be a member of team Banana Phone for softball, but we were unable to play a game all season. So this season, I joined the Hathorn Hallers and laced up my shoes and already got to play in one game. It was a blast. It was the first time I had played a competitive softball game since I was quite a bit younger. It was also the first time I picked up a bat in nearly a year. I wasn’t as rusty as I had imag-

ined. I’m not saying I played a perfect game, but I played well enough to feel like I had accomplished something. I think intramurals are a great way to get involved in the campus community, and I advise everyone to get involved in them. Even if you don’t think you would be very good, it’s still fun to get outside and get active. My team lost on Tuesday, but it was still great. Our entire team was cheering when someone would hit the ball, and having someone cheer my name while I was batting was great support in getting me a hit and reaching first base. Most students are bogged down with exams and end-of-semester projects, but I hope you all have time to get out and enjoy some Falcon athletics whether it is softball, track, rugby or lacrosse. And it’s not too late to sign up on an intramural softball team. So do whatever you have to do to be active and enjoy your spring and the end of the school year.

Falcon lacrosse hosts home tourney

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The UW-River Falls men’s lacrosse team takes on UW-La Crosse in a recent game. This weekend the River Falls lacrosse teams host a popular home tournament.

This weekend the UW-River Falls men’s and women’s lacrosse teams are hosting a tournament at the intramural fields. The River Falls women play at 9 a.m., 12 p.m., and 3 p.m., while the men play at 10 a.m., and 1 p.m. Club President Blake Ashley said games will be going on all day in a round robin style. “We’re playing at the intramural fields, and there will be three fields set up,” Ashley said. “Two of them are for the girls and one is for the guys.” The lacrosse team will be hosting a BBQ and selling beverages to all those in attendance. “We’re hopefully going to have lots of friends and family there,” Ashley said. He also encourages students to bring a lawn chair along and enjoy all the competition.



# Parishes set to celebrate Easter

## Churches get ready for important holiday

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The Easter bunny is not the only one busily preparing for April 16.

For Christians throughout the world Easter Sunday is the grand finale of Lent, a 40-day period beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday.

With 18 churches in the city of River Falls, UW-River Falls students wishing to participate or learn about Christianity have a variety of options.

Participation can raise questions for both non-Christians and Christians when trying to understand what Holy Week means, as well as the variations between denominations.

Three River Falls churches, Ezekial Lutheran Church, Saint Bridget Catholic Church and United Methodist Church provide a look into their spiritual practices of Holy Week, which consists of five key days.

### Holy Week

Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, is when Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem on a donkey and was received by the people as a king, as they did not realize his true purpose was higher than this earth, said Dawn Spies, discipleship pastor for Ezekial Lutheran Church.

The importance of Palm Sunday for Christians is “celebrating Jesus coming to do what he came to,” Spies said.

What Jesus Christ came to do was give his own life by death on the cross and save the human race, said Doris Murphy, religious educator for St. Bridget’s Catholic Church.

Holy Thursday (or Maundy Thursday) is the next part of Holy Week.

In the Catholic Church, Holy Thursday has two parts. The washing of the feet is a ceremony reliving when Jesus Christ washed the feet of his disciples, Murphy said.

In addition, Holy Thursday is also the “celebration of the Eucharist,” a Latin word meaning thanksgiving, she said.

During the Mass, the story of the Last Supper where Jesus Christ gave his disciples holy communion is read. At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the holy Eucharist or communion host is placed in a tabernacle overnight, Murphy said.

Afterward, “people come to pray quietly as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane,” she said.

In most Lutheran churches, Maundy Thursday ceremonies depend on the church but mainly focus on communion because it was instituted at the Lord’s Supper, Spies said. A Latin word, Maundy means a washing of the feet, she said.

At Ezekial Lutheran Church, Maundy Thursday is the first communion for fifth-graders.

United Methodist Church also celebrates Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion. The word “Maundy” takes on a different meaning than Ezekial Lutheran as it means commandment, said Jenny Arneson, Reverend at United Methodist Church.

The Last Supper is also about remembering to love one another, she said.

### Communion Differences

Holy Communion is a large part of Holy Thursday and Maundy Thursday. All three denominations give communion, although each has a different

belief system with the practice.

In the Catholic Church the bread and wine are the body and blood of Jesus Christ, a belief known as transubstantiation, Spies said.

The Lutheran Church practices the belief that the body and blood are present with the bread and wine, she said.

For United Methodist Church, Holy Communion is a representation of the body and blood, Arneson said.

“It is more remembrance of the Last Supper,” she said. Grape juice is also served instead of wine.

### Lenten Traditions

Holy Communion is also given on Good Friday, the day Jesus Christ was crucified.

In the Catholic Church, Good Friday is the only day of the year with no Mass, Murphy said. Enough of the host is set aside on Holy Thursday to give communion on Good Friday. The Mass includes a reading of the Passion as well as the veneration of the cross.

It is also tradition to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Murphy said. The tradition accompanies other Catholic traditions of Lent, which are giving alms to the poor, prayer and not eating meat on Fridays.

These traditions help Catholics prepare themselves for Easter, Murphy said.

Many Catholics omit a particular food from their diet during Lent as denying oneself is a remembrance of the sacrifices of Jesus Christ, she said.

For both Spies and Arneson, Good Friday focuses on the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Good Friday is a difficult day for Christians, Spies said. It is a recognition of “sin and what it cost.”

In Lutheran theology the law, the part of doctrine that defines right from wrong, drives sinners to the cross, she said. “When we recognize our sin, we recognize our need for God.”

This process is known as “vicarious atonement” or simply stated that because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross by giving his life we are healed, Spies said.

### Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

Good Friday is followed by Holy Saturday.

Although all three denominations have Holy Saturday on their church calendars, Spies and Arneson said it is not as pronounced in their churches as in the Catholic Church.

At Saint Bridget, Holy Saturday is a big celebration, as all people who have decided to convert to Catholicism are baptized, Murphy said.

Known as the Easter Vigil, a ceremony with the lighting of candles signifies that “Christ is the light of the world.”

The Easter Vigil focuses on going from “dark to light” as the congregation sings the exultant, a song rejoicing that Christ has come again, she said.

After the sun sets on Holy Saturday, it rises on Easter Sunday.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a high point in the Christian church, and is celebrated in all three denominations with multiple services.

As Spies said, Easter Sunday is the reason why Christians believe.

“This is what sets Jesus apart from other prophets, none of them got back up.”

Murphy shares in this sentiment of Easter Sunday.

“It is Christ leading us to renewal of faith,” she said.



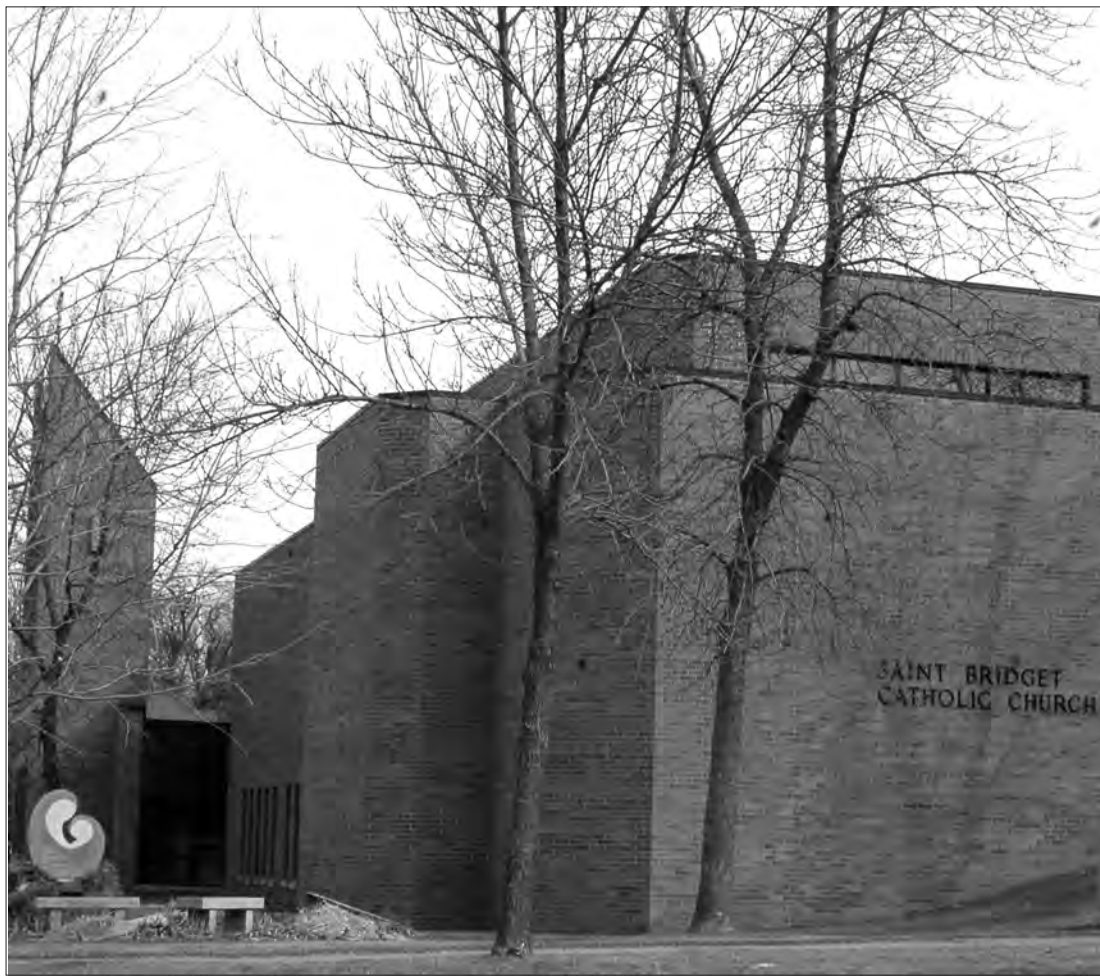
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**The Ezekiel Lutheran Church is located at 202 S. 2nd St. Ezekiel offers four services on Sundays. The traditional services are held at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., contemporary at 9:45 a.m., and student-led at 7 p.m.**



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**United Methodist Church is located at 127 S. 2nd St. United Methodist offers two services on Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The church will be offering evening services next Thursday and Friday to celebrate Holy Week.**



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**Saint Bridget Catholic Church is located at 211 E. Division St. Saint Bridget offers weekly masses on Saturdays and Sundays. Saturday mass begins at 5 p.m., with Sunday services at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and a 5 p.m. Life Teen Mass.**

# Assistant essential to math dept.

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Sherry Reis has been working in the UW-River Falls math department longer than most students have been alive. The grandmother of seven and horse driver of nine has been in the office for 27 years.

She started here nearly three decades ago, and is now the go-to person in the math department.

“Anything that an instructor [or] student needs, Sherry has the answer or will find it,” said

A l l a n Hoogheem, math professor. “She keeps the office running smoothly and at the same time promotes

the math department as an integral part of the University.”

She has been doing it well for so long because she said she loves her job and wouldn’t change anything about it.

“My work with the department is very rewarding,” Reis said. “Seeing the students come in as freshmen and watching them grow into young adults as they graduate, knowing I was a part of their college journey.”

She started working here back in 1976 as a stenographer in the purchasing department before moving to the math department as the program assistant.

She has become quite an asset after seeing years of changes and rules come and go.

“I think her two main contributions have been to maintain an efficiently run office and department, while at the same time ensuring that the atmosphere is friendly and inviting,” said math department Chair Keith Chavey.

“It is indispensable to have the ‘institutional memory’ of someone like Sherry around as questions arise about policies and practices,” Chavey said.

Chavey has been at the University for 15 years and still remembers the day he came to interview for his job here.

“She was responsible for an immediate positive impression of the department as the kind of place one would want to work,” he said. “The department and Sherry have delivered on this impression.”

Everyone in the office seems to take note of her charm.

Hoogheem describes Reis as, “An effervescent personality which puts people at ease.”

That is a good thing to have, especially if you are on a hayride around Christmas time, because Reis also doubles as Mrs. Santa Claus for the rides. Not bad for a woman who has seven grandkids and drives Belgian draft horses at state and county fairs.

But it’s the students who keep her busy and on the ball in the office.

“I love working with the students. They are the reason we are here,” Reis said. “They keep you young at heart.”



Sherry Reis

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Jim Tangen-Foster  
Coordinator of Outdoor Adventure Education

This is Tangen-Foster’s fifth year at UW-River Falls. Tangen-Foster has a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Idaho.

Tangen-Foster teaches mostly outdoor education classes. Some of these include orientation, rock climbing and backpacking. These classes are open to any student who wishes to take them. Not only a teacher, Tangen-Foster advises many different organizations on campus including Bushwhackers, Snow Crunchers, HHP major clubs and Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

One of Tangen-Foster’s favorite classes to teach is the outdoor leadership class, which is a one semester class, unlike the other classes he teaches that are usually half a semester.

“Be prepared to have fun,” Tangen-Foster said about his classes. “Some of the trips are physically challenging and having you think outside the box. It’s not a normal class, even when in the classroom.”

“I like taking students out in new experiences,” Tangen-Foster said. “There are wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities in this area. There is a lot of rock climbing and canoeing.”

“Getting out and sitting by a campfire and getting to know students in a way you can’t in a classroom,” are reasons why he enjoys his job so much.

Outside of the school setting, Tangen-Foster walks a slack line, which he has been doing for the past 25 years. “I’m kind of one of the inventors of it.”

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, April 12

10 a.m.-2 p.m. - UW-RF Health Fair.

The annual UW-RF Health Fair is an interactive event that everyone (students, faculty and staff, and community members) is invited to participate in. Many free or reduced cost services such as cholesterol testing, massages, blood pressure checks, body composition analysis and body fat measurements, hair styling, hearing screening and spinal exams and consultations will be available. There will also be health-related educational materials and interactive activities.

For more information contact Natalie Hansen at Student Health Services at (715) 425-3293. Location: Karges Gym

Wednesday, April 12

3-4 p.m. - Lion’s Paw Book Club: The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

Community member Marilyn Schuchman will lead this discussion. For more information call the library at (715) 425-3321.

Location: Davee Library Breezeway

Thursday, April 13

11:15 a.m. - Coffee with The Times

“Life After Torture: Political Oppression in Africa”

Blake Fry, dean of students, and a member of the Twin Cities Center for Victims of Torture will lead the discussion.

The “Coffee with The Times” series is sponsored by the American Democracy Project and The New York Times Readership Program.

Location: Davee Library Atrium

FALCON REVIEWS

Death-Grip holds strong

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According to Victory Records, “In a musical environment that values style at least as much as substance, many bands embrace one over the other, or attempt to walk a tightrope between excessive showiness and serious, honest song craft. Atreyu have firmly established themselves on the side of solid songwriting, tight arrangements and musicianship with their previous albums, *Suicide Notes and Butterfly Kisses*, *The Curse* and *A Death-Grip on Yesterday* takes their dedication to new heights with great metallic rock songs, mind-boggling guitar runs and the dynamic brutality they are known for.”

With album sales shockingly higher than previous records, Atreyu has truly stepped it up in the music world. Lyrically, the band has taken things to another level with a newly-found second screamer aside from Alex Varkatzas (lead vocals, screaming).

The ideas of hypocrisy, betrayal and corruption are rampant throughout *A Death-Grip On Yesterday*. The talent of Atreyu has increased tenfold. In late 2005, the group produced *A Death-Grip on Yesterday* in only two months. To put

out an album of this caliber in that short amount of time is phenomenal. According to Victory Records, Brandon Saller (drums/vocals ) commented on the truth behind the new album, “This record was very natural for us. We just kind of poured ourselves out for this one; it came more naturally than anything we’ve done in the past.”

The album opens with an attention-grabbing intro. Everything contained in “Creature” is what truly makes Atreyu stand out in comparison to other metal bands. The lyrical interaction featured coincides with the melodic percussion, which intertwines melodically with the fierce screams of Varkatzas.

Another track that sheds light on Atreyu’s improvement is “The Theft.” This track builds momentum through graceful lyrics and melodic guitar work. Some may say that it’s a little slow for these guys, but it reveals their true talent.

The hit single “Ex’s and Oh’s” is a heart-racing track filled with modern rock elements and a unique sound that only Atreyu is capable of producing. The amazing guitar solo steps this band up totally from previous releases.

Before listening to *A*



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

out of five points

*Death-Grip on Yesterday*, I really didn’t have a feel for Atreyu. After listening, it has pushed me to check out older albums. I believe whole-heartedly that *A Death-Grip On Yesterday* is by far the best album to date. With the success of the recent album, the band has added to the 2006 OzzFest line-up. Atreyu was also a part of Taste of

Chaos 2006. These are two of the largest American music tours, aside from Warped Tour. Atreyu has come far since the day the members came together. If you can, check them out in Somerset, Wisc. on July 14 for OzzFest to truly understand the talent they possess. You can also pick up this wonderful album at a Best Buy near you. It’s definitely worth it.

Du jour

Malibu Bay Breeze

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 oz. Malibu rum
- 2 oz. Cranberry juice
- 2 oz. Pineapple juice

Mixing instructions:

Mix ingredients and serve over ice.

Gladiator

Ingredients:

- 1/2 oz. Amaretto
- 1/2 oz. Southern Comfort
- 2 oz. Orange juice
- 2 oz. 7-Up

Mixing instructions:

Mix Amaretto with Southern Comfort. Drop into glass of orange juice mixed with 7-up.

Liquid Bubble Gum

Ingredients:

- 3 oz. Vodka
- 3 oz. Peach schnapps
- 6 oz. Cola

Mixing instructions:

Stir all ingredients in glass and enjoy.

The Student Voice does not condone underage drinking. If you are of age and choose to drink, please do so responsibly.

‘Meltdown’ tops typical sequels

It is impossible to review a sequel without taking into account its original counterpart. Sometimes they out-show the first film, like “The Empire Strikes Back” and “Godfather II.” But other times, they are a shame to the original concept, like “I Still Know What You Did Last Summer” and “Grease 2.”

“Ice Age: The Meltdown” was not as bad as Freddie Prinze Jr.’s acting, but it was definitely not “Luke, I am your father.”

It wasn’t really that good, but it wasn’t too bad either.

In the first installment Manny the Mammoth, Diego the Sabertooth Tiger and Sid the Sloth (just reading that makes you want to say it out loud with a lisp) come together because they have lost their families. There is a lot of emotion, especially because they interact with humans.

In the sequel we have Manny, voiced by Ray Romano, looking for more mammoths. Everyone keeps telling him he’s the last and going extinct - it’s sad, but it doesn’t grab our sympathy. We all know he is going to be extinct anyway; just wait a few years.

Denis Leary, as the tiger, isn’t scary enough. In the first film he was tough and double-crossing. Of course we don’t expect him to be that way with his friends, but he got super soft just from hanging out with Sid. Queen Latifah voices the female mammoth Ellie (which sounds way too close to elephant if you ask me), who won’t let go of the fact that she was raised by possums, thus thinking she is an opossum.

She even brings along her two possum brothers, Crash and Eddie, to avoid the impending flood. Crash and Eddie offer little comedic relief, and act more like Jackass beach bums.

The only humor you will find in this film is with Scrat the squirrel. I know he probably started out as someone’s desktop pet, but now he has become the star of the whole “Ice Age” franchise. It doesn’t matter if he ever gets that stupid acorn - I could watch his eyes bug and claws gouge at the ice for hours. Poor, cute little guy.

I’ve never been a huge fan of the

computer animation age that has fallen upon us. I grew up on classic Disney animation like “Lady and the Tramp,” but I have to admit I love the way the animals actually look furry. The mammoths’ hair waves when it moves. Yet, it’s so subtle that you wouldn’t notice unless you were to stare at it.

When the dam collapses, the sound effects and glistening ice make you wonder, “Could it really happen that way?” “Ice Age: The Meltdown” has brought us to that great place where we want to learn about the beginnings of the Earth, and it’s not just a geology chapter. How surprising that a cartoon can leave you with wide-eyed wonderment.

However, as a movie, it has no support for its characters or plots, and the humor is often lowbrow.

I’d wait to see this one until the next ice age, or at least until it comes out on video.

Jenna is a sophomore studying journalism and music history. She enjoys watching dark comedies.



Jenna Lee

It’s rare for a sequel to be able to match the original. Needless to say, “Ice Age: The Meltdown” does just that.

In this story we find the odd trio Manny (Ray Romano), Sid (John Leguizamo) and Diego (Denis Leary) still traveling together along with several other species in a valley.

Everything seems nice and at ease, but Manny begins to overhear speculation that he could be the last mammoth. Though he doesn’t think much of it at first, as time wears on he begins to worry.

At the same time, influential Fast Eddie the Turtle is preaching to everyone that they ought to be worried, not happy, about the ice melting because the ice walls could break, inducing a massive flood.

Manny dismisses the notion at first until he glimpses over the canyon wall and discovers the endless ocean on the other side.

From here on, this massive herd treks toward safety on higher ground.



Nick Welsh

They unexpectedly run into Ellie who, much to Manny’s delight, is another mammoth.

The bad news is, for some insane reason she thinks she’s an opossum. Accompanying Ellie are her two ‘brothers,’ Crash and Eddie.

These three new characters do prove themselves worthy to share the screen with the original bunch. Crash and Eddie’s hyper personalities really do add energy to the film.

And of course, the lovable, scene-stealing, acorn-obsessed Scrat is back as well.

Like before, his miniscule actions change the outcome of the story.

Scrat proves time and again to be the source of the film’s magic. Though we only hear him yelping, his physical humor is classic and unforgettable.

In this sequel, we gain a more in-depth look at the personalities of the original trio. Unfortunately, their uniqueness just doesn’t seem as prominent this time around.

Manny, for example, doesn’t seem quite as smooth and cool as the lone ranger. To see Manny grapple with his feelings and loneliness somehow gives him the impression of appearing physically weaker.

Diego’s signature bad boy attitude seems less roguish, instead tamer, and is coupled with his discovery of aquaphobia.

Even Sid somehow seems less dimwitted, and therefore doesn’t get into quite as many dangerous and idiotic situations as before.

Though I admit it isn’t nearly as rib-tickling as the original, I’ve seen other sequels fare far worse when trying to reuse the same kind of humor.

Nonetheless, “Ice Age: The Meltdown” proved to be one of those films where you couldn’t help but join in with the laughter. I recommend seeing it in a roomful of children, and you’ll be able to catch every funny moment.

Once again the animation proved impressive, accompanied with charming characters. Overall, it turned out to be a very good movie.

Nick is a junior studying history. He enjoys watching comic book superhero movies.



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2.7

out of five points

3.5

out of five points



# Students meet Nobel winner in Ireland

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A UW-River Falls professor and students took a trip to Northern Ireland over J-term, and had the opportunity to meet a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

English professor Ken Olson led the trip, and arranged for students to meet Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Corrigan Maguire. It was both Olson's and the students' first time meeting her. Olson said he had not originally planned for he and the students to meet Maguire, but his friend Gerry Miller was able to make arrangements.

"I told him I was really interested in meeting Maguire. He was instrumental in setting this whole thing up," Olson said.

Olson said he had wanted to meet Maguire for several years but wasn't able to because of her busy schedule. His studies in Northern Ireland informed him about the troubles the region faced, and the significance of Maguire, along with others, in efforts for peace.

The group didn't find out about the chance to meet Maguire until the day of the meeting. Sheila

Hubbard, a student who was on the trip, said the group cancelled everything they had planned that day.

"We had no idea we were going to meet her. The day was supposed to be a day of sightseeing, but it turned into an emotional day of listening to what Maguire did and went through," she said.

Hubbard said she didn't really know much about Maguire, but was excited to meet someone of her status. Olson said he was surprised by how enthused students were to meet her.

"I have not seen an event like that with how impressed and how excited students were to meet her," he said. "I was overwhelmed. It was a fantastic experience to meet her."

Maguire told students about her emotional story, describing why and how she got involved in peace efforts, Olson said. Students were allowed to stay and ask her questions after she told her story.

Hubbard said listening to Maguire's story changed her by making her "realize that things can be handled in a more peaceful way as opposed to violence."

Maguire, Betty Williams and

Ciaran McKeown founded the Community of the Peace People in 1976. Shortly before, Maguire's sister was severely injured and her three nieces and nephews died after they were hit by a car whose driver was shot. Years later, haunted by the images and emotions of losing her children, her sister committed suicide.

Peace People has worked hard to promote peace through an active democratic citizenship program, particularly among young people.

The same year the Peace People was founded, Maguire and Williams won the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to focus peace and reconciliation in response to the significant violence that arose in Northern Ireland in 1968 between the Republicans and the Unionists.

Olson said, "What impressed me about these women were they were two regular women who won the Nobel Peace Prize."

He said he admired their dedication to promote peace and end violence.

Maguire is still actively involved in peace efforts both locally and nationally.



Submitted Photo  
UW-RF student Sheila Hubbard, right, stands with Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Corrigan Maguire while in Ireland during J-term.

## ANTI-ABORTIONISTS VISIT UW-RF



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Sophomore John McConville pauses to discuss the abortion issue with an anti-abortionist. Opponents of abortion were on campus Wednesday holding signs and distributing flyers.

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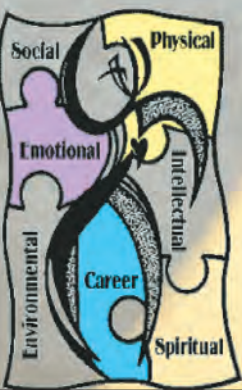
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