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Doyle proposes energy conservation plan

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During his campus visit Wednesday, Gov. Jim Doyle announced UW-River Falls would be one of the four UW-System campuses in a pilot program, dubbed UW Off the Grid Initiative, to make the state more energy efficient.

"The real heart of this program that depends on the state moving forward has the university at the center of it," Doyle said.

The goal of the initiative is aiming to have all four UW campuses, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Green Bay and UW-RF, completely energy independent within the next five years.

"With ongoing increases in the cost of energy, now is the time for Wisconsin to take control of our energy future," he said. "By committing four of our campuses to energy independence by 2012, we are tapping into the ingenuity of the UW System and laying the groundwork for a cleaner, more energy independent future in Wisconsin."

UW-RF was selected because



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Gov. Jim Doyle entertains questions and comments from students Melissa Murphy, Livia Johnson and Jenny Phillips Wednesday afternoon outside KFA.

of its environmental and energy conservations already in place and practice, like the Residence Hall Energy Conservation Contest that saved seven percent

at the end of spring semester, and the new Student Center, opening in January.

"I'm pleased to be standing in front of the new Student Center,

and I have worked a lot with the process through the Building Commission and budgets," Doyle said. "I'm sure that when it opens it will be very energy

efficient to the students on campus."

Students were also kept in mind when Doyle issued the plan.

"I want this to be driven by the students as well, and not just the administration," he said. "This is an opportunity for the students. This is really their chance to get involved."

He said he hopes students will take the time in classes, discussions and in their organization to talk, plan and organize other ways to make UW-RF completely sustainable on renewable energy resources.

The campus is already on its way, Doyle said.

A crowd of students, faculty, staff and community members listened to the hour-long announcement with speeches from Gov. Doyle, Provost Charles Hurt and UW-System President Kevin P. Reilly.

Livia Johnson, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, said even though she is a Minnesota resident, she still finds the issue of energy conser-

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Students elect new senators

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Student Senate elections took place on Monday and Tuesday, with positions being filled for college representative for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), at-large senator and first-year representative. Michael Freedman, Rebecca Piene and Derek Brandt will fill three vacant seats on the Senate.

Student Senate President Joe Eggers said Freedman and Piene both won positions as first-year representatives. Freedman receiving 23 votes edged out Piene, who only accumulated 10 votes.

Dustin Koski was also on the ballot for first-year representative, but with only six votes, he failed to receive enough votes to qualify for the position.

Freedman was also a candidate

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Amendment controversy splits state

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In the weeks before Nov. 7, Wisconsin voters will hear left- and right-wing groups pleading for support on many issues.

One of those issues has been a focal point of nationwide controversy — the marriage amendment.

There are currently 40 states that have Defense of Marriage Acts (DOMA), according to DOMA Watch, a legal source for defense of marriage acts information. These laws allow states the right not to recognize a same-sex marriage or union.

Gov. Jim Doyle vetoed a DOMA bill in 2003 that would have added Wisconsin to that list of states.

According to the Family Research Institute of Wisconsin (FRI-WI), the current bill, known as Senate Joint Resolution 53, was re-introduced to the state legislature in 2004 by Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, and Rep. Mark Gundrum, R-New Berlin. It passed through the state's Assembly and Senate in 2004 and 2005 before voters could decide whether to make this amendment part of Wisconsin law.

The amendment will ask voters:

"Shall section 13 of article XIII of the constitution be created to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state?"

The interpretation of the amendment's wording has organizations such as A Fair Wisconsin on edge.

"This amendment is affecting a lot more than just homosexual couples," said UW-River Falls senior Lacey Felmlee, co-chair of the Gay-Straight Alliance and campus director for Students for a Fair Wisconsin.

Felmlee said the wording in the second part of the amendment should be the focal point for voters. She said that if the amendment does pass it will take away benefits from all unmarried couples.

"I really think that they should really take a hard look at the facts," Felmlee said. "The general public should realize that this is only hurting the heterosexual population."

Felmlee said that marriage for same-sex couples is already illegal in Wisconsin.

"It's not really going to affect homosexual couples because they don't have any of these rights in the first place," Felmlee said.

The FRI-WI disagrees with that belief. According to its Web site, Wisconsin State Statute Ch. 765.01 states that marriage is

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Female domination concerns academics

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There is growing concern in the academic world that men are being left behind. This issue has raised concerns among the administration and faculty here at UW-River Falls.

Geoffrey Scheurman, professor of teacher education, led a faculty discussion Aug. 29 regarding the low number of male students on university campuses.

"I have been observing, anecdotally, a disappearing act of boys from public schools," Scheurman said. "Nationwide, the pattern is girls — good, boys — bad."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of women in college surpassed the number of men in 1979. The Bureau also reports that the ratio of males reached 44 percent nationwide as of 2000.

The UW-RF campus is 40 percent male, according to the UW System Office of Policy Analysis and Research. This ratio has remained steady for the past 10 years, but 15 years ago the percentage of males was at 46.

"We took for granted that males would continue to come to college at the same level," said Brad Caskey, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Scheurman believes that this trend is a backlash of the 1960s and 70s civil rights movement to increase the number of female students on university campuses.

"Nobody wants to talk about how correcting one error has created the seeds of the next one," Scheurman said.

Caskey, who is a developmental psychology professor, said many male high school graduates take jobs in the skilled labor field where they can earn a decent living, rather than opting to continue their education.

Travis Tubre, an associate psychology professor specializing in industrial organizational psychology, said for many young men the opportunity to start earning a livable wage after high school is difficult to pass up.

"A lot of men who opt not to go to college base it on a perception that they don't really understand," Tubre said. "They assume stability when there really isn't any."

Tubre said as technology advances and the demand for housing and construction work dries up, many of the skilled labor positions will become obsolete.

Despite growing concerns, little has been done at UW-RF to address the issue.

Faculty members said there may be a double standard when trying to raise awareness regarding this problem.

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Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Groups of students walk past Davee Library on their way to and from class. Noticeably more women than men grace the sidewalks at UW-RF.



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Derek Dock stands back and watches as paramedics attend to two UW-River Falls students who were in the vehicle he rear-ended Wednesday afternoon.

Local accidents shake up students, kill RF woman

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Two UW-River Falls students were transported by ambulance following a two-vehicle accident shortly before 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Traffic on Cascade Avenue was stalled after a Pontiac Bonneville rear-ended a Ford Contour between the intersections of Third and Fourth Streets.

According to student Greg Lund, a wit-

ness to the accident, the driver of the Contour, 20-year-old student Laura Mallet, stopped behind a line of vehicles as pedestrians moved through the crosswalk. Lund said the Bonneville didn't appear to slow down before hitting the vehicle.

Derek Dock, the 20-year-old driver of the Bonneville, said he was trying to put his wallet in his pocket when he realized the car in front of him had come to a halt. He said bad tires played a role in making him

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LOCAL

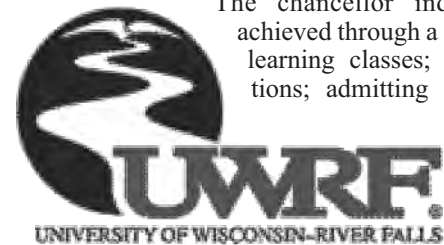
Fall graduation deadline approaching

The deadline to apply for Fall Commencement is Oct. 2. Applications are available at the Registrar’s Office, 105 North Hall. The graduation date is set for Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. It will be held in the Robert P. Knowles building. For more information, contact the Registrar’s Office at 425-3342.



UW-River Falls sets enrollment record

For the third semester in a row, UW-River Falls has posted the largest enrollment in its history, accompanied by a record incoming freshman class. The official headcount for the fall semester stood at 6,105 students, with 1,296 freshmen as of Sept. 20. This surpasses the previous record, respectively, by 104 and 87 students. During eight of the last 10 years, UW-RF has posted record enrollments. This year’s 2 percent increase represents a trend that should continue into the foreseeable future, according to Chancellor Don Betz. UW-RF is launching a strategic planning process that will consider the appropriate size of the campus to meet the increasing growth and educational demands of the region. The chancellor indicated this could be achieved through a combination of distance-learning classes; teaching at other locations; admitting more transfer students; additional undergraduate enrollments; and new graduate and certificate programs for adult learners.



REGIONAL

River Falls man suspected of murder

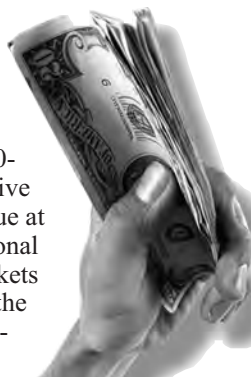
The man suspected for the murder of a mother of four and a neighbor is believed to be Steven Allen Van Keuren, 46, from River Falls. Van Keuren had a two-year relationship with Teri Lynn Lee, 38, before the couple broke up earlier this year and a restraining order was placed on the man. Van Keuren violated his release Sept. 20 when he confronted one of Lee’s daughters at a volleyball game between Oak-Land Junior High School and St. Paul Park. Van Keuren broke into the house and killed Lee and neighbor. Lee’s 12-year-old daughter fled the home with her 6-year-old sister and ran to a neighbor’s house. She reported to the neighbor that someone had broken into the house and gunshots had been fired. Shortly after 6 a.m., about six officers entered the home through a garage door. Oak Park Heights, Minn., Police Officer Brian Derosier, a 10-year veteran, shot Van Kueren.

Curling championship is announced

The 2006 Midwest Regional College Curling Championship at the Wausau Curling Club in Marathon Park is Saturday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 3 at noon. The championship is a regional competition as part of the national college curling network. For more information, visit www.collegecurling.org.

Fundraiser to be held for medical clinic

A fundraiser will be held on Oct. 14 at the Bjerstedt Farm in the town of Troy to help raise money for a new medical clinic that will serve people who are unable to afford health-care coverage. A free-will donation dinner will go from 5:30-7 p.m. and will be followed by a barn dance with live music by the popular pop group in the area, “Stampede,” from 7:30-11 p.m. Tickets for the barn dance and live music are on sale at the Butterfly Boutique at the River Falls Area Hospital, First National Bank and the Lighthouse coffee shop. Tickets are \$25 per person. To find out more on the new clinic visit www.freeclinicpiercest-croix.org.



NATIONAL

Government eases ban on liquids

Beginning this week, U.S. travelers are allowed to carry small amounts of liquids and gel with them on flights. The government is partially lifting the ban against carrying liquid materials as long as they are purchased from secure airport stores. Small, travel-size toiletries brought from home are also permitted, officials said Monday. A total ban on such products, instituted after a plot to bomb jets flying into the United States was foiled, is no longer needed, said Transportation Security Administration Chief Kip Hawley. New procedures also were announced for toiletries and products like lip gloss and hand lotion that passengers bring to the airport. Previously, those liquids were confiscated at security checkpoints. These products are now limited to 3-ounce sizes and must fit in a clear, 1-quart plastic bag with a zip top. The bags will be screened and returned if they are cleared. Tougher airport screening procedures were put in place in August after British police broke up a terrorist plot to assemble and detonate bombs using liquid explosives on airliners crossing the Atlantic Ocean from Britain to the U.S.

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SENATE

Senate voices concerns, student issues

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The UW-River Falls Student Senate plays a major role on campus - one that is often overlooked by students who aren’t clear of its weight in University decisions. “Very basically, Student Senate is the voice of the students on campus,” Senate President Joe Eggers said. “Unlike student councils in high school, Senate has an active voice in the policy decision making that goes on on campus.” Wisconsin is one of the few states that allows students statutory rights to have a voice in decision making, Eggers said. Senate is also responsible for allocating student fees through the Leadership Development and Programming Board, and Facilities and Fees Board. “We are the organization that determines how student fees are going to be allocated,” Senate Vice President Bethany Barnett said. “We determine if there will be an increase in those fees.” Students are the consumers on campus, Barnett said, so they should offer input on how things are done. A slow start this semester can be attributed to the very new senators, Eggers said, including himself. The Senate only has four returning senators from one year ago. “The last few meetings have been learning experiences for the new Senate,” he said. “The overwhelming majority of senators are

new this year and don’t have a firm grasp of everything they are doing.” A training session will be held this weekend, and Eggers said he believes it will help the group move forward in the coming weeks. Senators will also be assigned to certain committees around campus, and once the ball starts rolling, each will feel a lot more comfortable with making motions and speaking during meetings. “It’s virtually impossible to have Senate off and going any year,” Eggers said. “It is especially difficult with a new Senate. As long as I have been on Senate, the first month or so is especially slow.” No goals are set for the semester, but a few projects being looked at are the elections in November, lights on the back path on campus and the upcoming biennial budget. As for Eggers, he said there are a lot of intangible goals for Senate. “I would like to see the development of new leaders on campus and on Senate,” he said. “I would like to leave Senate with stable leadership.” He also wants to keep the association strong by keeping remaining senators throughout the entire year. “I think we have a stronger voice when we have familiar people,” Eggers said. He said he sends an invitation to administration to come to Senate with any ideas they have for the campus because senators respect and desire the input from both staff and stu-

dents in their decision-making. Diversity Representative Ashley Olson said she works with the diversity student organizations on campus, making all students more aware of the diverse backgrounds everyone comes from and learning more from every experience. “I feel that overall everyone’s college experience can be enhanced by learning about and experiencing other cultures,” Olson said. Senator Dan Scott said Senate is a great way for students to get involved on campus. “Senate is a place to get your voice heard versus other organizations,” he said. As Student Affairs and Academic Services Director representative, Scott said he uses his RA position on a first-year floor to hear the concerns of the students and relay everything to Senate. “My position is to get students satisfied with what is going on for them,” Scott said. “I want it to be the best it can be for the students.” Students at UW-RF have a say in everything that happens on campus, he said. “If they don’t like something, then there is probably a committee behind it, and they could go and talk to that committee,” Scott said. “They can even become a part of it if they choose.”

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

Growth Agenda is well under way

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The UW System’s Growth Agenda for Wisconsin was approved by the Board of Regents Aug. 17, allowing the UW System to expand in many different areas. Despite the benefits of the plan, students at UW schools may not be impressed with the accompanying raise in college tuition. The Growth Agenda for Wisconsin plans to meet state needs by educating more teachers, nurses, engineers and health care professionals; expanding student enrollment; recruiting faculty and staff to work with a larger number of students; improving academic performance; and building the UW’s research capacity. The agenda is still in the process of being finalized. Although it has been approved, System staff are still working on the details of what is expected to be accomplished with the agenda. This semester, UW-River Falls is launching an extensive strategic planning process. Until that process is completed, no changes can begin. At the Aug. 17 agenda meeting, the Board of Regents also requested funding to help increase aspirations and access in two student populations. These include the Wisconsin Covenant and the Adult

Student. The Wisconsin Covenant focuses on students who take rigorous high school coursework in order to prepare themselves for college. The Covenant provides financial aid to help cover college tuition. The Adult Student centers on just that, the adult student. This initiative attempts to better serve adult, nontraditional students in the state of Wisconsin who want a college degree. UW System President Kevin P. Reilly had only positive things to say about these two support initiatives. “The Wisconsin Covenant and the Adult Student Initiative are the twin pillars of this budget request,” Reilly said. “The state needs to use its public university to help build its 21st century knowledge economy.” A Strategic Planning and Growth Agenda meeting, hosted by UW-RF Chancellor Don Betz, was held Sept. 21 to address what the agenda will cover. So what does this mean for UW tuition costs? Some students are already concerned about the raise in price. Although the agenda now states that the “average tuition increase would be less than 2.5 percent over the biennium,” the cost rises significantly in the next two school years. In the 2007-2008 school year, tuition would rise 3 percent, and in 2008-2009, tuition would rise 1.96 percent.

Public Safety enforces smoking rule without fines

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After several months of debate last semester, the proposed provision to the UW-River Falls campus smoking policy has come to a halt. The current policy states that smoking is banned from any UW-RF campus building or State vehicle, and within 25 feet of any campus building. Last April, the Student Senate passed a motion to implement a \$10 smoking fine for those who violate the campus’ 25-foot rule. After the proposal passed, no smoking fines were issued. Senate President Joe Eggers said the proposal will probably not be brought up again. “Regardless of whether or not fines are implemented on campus, attention was given to the issue, and hopefully our smoking policy on campus will be more widely followed,” Eggers said. “[The smoking fines] would be a nice source of revenue, but it would be really hard because Public Safety doesn’t want to enforce it and neither do RAs.” Time seems to be the biggest obstacle for fine implementation. “We’ve got a lot of other things happening on campus which makes it virtually impossible to fine,” said Public Safety Director Mark Kimball, adding that the University’s smoking policy says it is expected that everyone will comply with the policy. “That is the policy on campus and we are going to go with that policy.”



Jen Dolen/ Student Voice
UW-RF sophomore Justin Ward smokes his cigarette outside of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building between classes Wednesday.

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Sept. 22

• At 12:40 p.m., a resident of 122 S. Fourth St. notified River Falls Police that a vehicle mirror had been destroyed outside the home. The mirror was apparently detached from the vehicle and then shattered, resulting in an estimated \$100 of damage. The resident reported hearing a lot of noise and activity in the street the evening of the incident, and believed numerous people were intoxicated in the area. The vandalism occurred sometime between 10 p.m. Sept. 21 and 12:40 p.m. Sept. 22.

Sept. 23

• Several reports of spray paint damage around town were reported to the RFPD Saturday morning. All incidents occurred sometime between 7 p.m. Sept. 22 and 7:45 a.m. Sept. 23. The first call came at 7:16 a.m. from Burger King, 1287 N. Main St., where metallic silver spray paint was found on

multiple menu boards. Damage is estimated at \$100. At 7:31 a.m., police were notified of at least 14 vehicles parked in the Country Inn and Suites parking lot, 1525 Commerce Court, that had been spray painted. Vehicles were painted with “FUCK,” “go to hell,” “you” and “bich.” Others had gray spray paint covering license plates, trunks and emblems. The motel clerk who had been working the night shift said she didn’t see any vehicles or people who looked out of place overnight, and there are no surveillance cameras in the lot. At 7:35 a.m., two menu boards, a banner and sign at McDonald’s, 1505 Paulson Rd., were found covered in metallic silver paint. Damage is estimated at \$100, with an additional \$30 in labor costs. Police were called to Bud’s Lanes at 7:45 a.m., where the rear window of a vehicle had been spray painted with the word “Dush.” There are currently no suspects for the vandalisms. • Jonathan R. Burns, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

Sept. 24

• Two vehicles were damaged at 227 S. Fourth St. between the hours of 9 p.m. Sept. 23 and 9:48 a.m. Sept. 24. The passenger’s side mirror was broken off one vehicle and set on its hood. The other car had damage to the passenger’s side mirror, and the driver’s side mirror was broken off and thrown in the yard. One resident reported hearing people outside around 3:30 a.m. • Celestine E. Pueringer, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. • Donovan R. Goulette, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. • Robert Connors, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. • Amy M. Killeen, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. • Rachel A. Lindahl, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. • Eric B. Harmann, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall. • Lacy K. Lukaszewicz, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

Doyle: New initiative to conserve fossil fuels, bring in more jobs for graduates

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vation important because she attends school at UW-RF and anticipates the money she can save with the program.

“I am interested in the energy initiative,” Johnson said. “I think it is a good plan, and I’m excited to be a part of it.”

Melissa Murphy, a sophomore majoring in English education, said she also is a Minnesota resident, but she is encouraged that the campus can contribute to all the little things, like making a conscious effort to shut off the lights and limiting unnecessary water use.

With the conservative estimates, the four campuses combined using renewable fuels will save about 260,000 tons of coal over a decade, which is equivalent to a train, 30 miles in length, loaded with coal, he said. Greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced by 676,000 tons, improving the efficiency of energy on campuses.

By saving numerous amounts of fossil fuels, it will ultimately put money back into the taxpayer’s pockets.

“It’s going to take some real coordination of all the campuses.”
Jim Doyle,
governor of Wisconsin

Another broad goal for the state is capturing about 10 percent of the return income from the production of renewable energy sources. By achieving this goal, \$13.5 billion would extend into Wisconsin’s economy annually by 2030.

Tens of thousands of jobs will be offered to graduating students at UW-RF, Doyle said, keeping them permanent residents of Wisconsin and bringing Minnesota residents into Wisconsin for job opportunities.

Doyle did not talk about any costs the University will have to pay for any changes or additions the campus will have to make, but did say the federal funding should be available for those additional needs if any arise. For some of the initial, up front costs, some bonds will also be available for the costs.

“The challenge will be finding a way to make this the least amount of capital up front,” he said.

Gov. Doyle said the individual campuses must start their own planning as soon as possible to make the desired goal of becoming completely dependent of renewable energy sources by 2012.

Each campus will have many highlights that the state can use to focus the transformation from fossil fuels to renewable sources. The



Shalena Janis/Student Voice
Gov. Doyle stands in front of the new Student Center while discussing his future goals for UW-RF.

highlights UW-RF offers to the System as a whole adds to the process of getting each one to work together to make the process achievable.

“It’s going to take some real coordination of all the campuses,” Doyle said. “But when we get it done, we can brag to the world that it is a showpiece of a broader cooperation of renewable resources.”

Amendment: Wisconsin to make long-awaited decision on same-sex marriage

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between a husband and a wife, but nowhere in the state statutes are those labels confined to particular genders.

According to the FRI-WI, similar amendments have reached the ballot box in 20 other states, and all have passed with at least a 58 percent majority.

UW-RF College Republicans see the issue the same way FRI-WI does.

Sophomore Nick Carow, acting as a spokesman for the College Republicans, said public opinion polling shows that over 60 percent of Midwesterners are opposed to the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Carow said if the amendment doesn’t pass it could lead to the legalization of polygamy and other non-traditional unions.

“Our position is that heterosexual marriage is sacred,” Carow said.

Carow said the tie between marriage and family should be at the heart of the issue.

Felmlee said Fair Wisconsin is confident that voters will shoot down the marriage amendment because they have one element that the other states didn’t — time.

“A Fair Wisconsin has been working on this for two years,” Felmlee said. “Wisconsin has had the longest time to think about this. Other states only had a few months.”

Student Senate took a stance against the marriage amendment two years ago.

Senate President Joe Eggers said Senate has no plans to change that stance unless a vote is cast to make the issue a priority.

In 1996, Congress adopted a federal DOMA bill that allowed states not to recognize same-sex marriages and unions preformed in another state.

In 2006, both the Senate and the House voted down the opportunity to send a federal marriage protection amendment to the U.S. voting populous.

This issue has been building in Wisconsin, with two sides preparing for the day when this issue will finally be settled.

“It’s not really going to affect homosexual couples because they don’t have any of these rights in the first place.”
Lacey Felmlee,
Gay-Straight Alliance
co-chair

Women: Teacher education major may be reason for lack of male presence at RF

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“If the numbers were reversed we would be going through the roof,” Scheurman said.

Caskey believes the issue needs to be addressed quickly.

“The national trends aren’t slowing down,” he said. “We should have learned this lesson. You can’t have just one sex dominate college life.”

Dean for Student Development and Campus Diversity Blake Fry said that trying to increase the percentage of men at UW-RF will be a topic in upcoming

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Geoffrey Scheurman,
teacher education
professor

freshmen recruiting discussions, although there are no definite plans yet.

Fry said that one solution may be to look at the problem discipline by discipline.

“There are certain majors that are focused on females and others are male-oriented,” he said.

This is a fact not lost on Caskey and Tubre, who said that 75 percent of majors in their depart-

ment, psychology, are female.

One UW-RF student reiterated that belief.

“Teaching is a big thing on this campus,” junior Josh Woodward said. “A lot of women seem to be geared towards that.”

Another aspect of this issue is the potential problems it raises for women.

“We’re becoming OK as a society for women entering the workforce, but we’re not comfortable with men taking on domestic roles,” Tubre said. “As a society we need to provide better support mechanisms for professional women who want to have a life outside of work.”

This issue also concerns Scheurman.

“My prediction is that we will neglect issues related to the stressed out, burned out, do everything, be everything female,” Scheurman said.

Students have also noticed the gap in the male-female ratio, but they don’t seem to see it as a problem.

“We’re here to learn, not socialize,” said senior Megan Ireland.

Ireland and other female students thought the female-male student ratio at UW-RF was closer to 70-30.

While the numbers seem to have reached a plateau here at UW-RF, the problem is viewed by Scheurman as a major one.

“These issues are like viruses,” he said. “There will be some difficult times as it tries to correct itself.”

Election: Balloting error has no effect on the outcome for first-year senators

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for the CAS representative position. With 22 votes, Freedman beat out Derek Brandt, who only received five votes. Lisa Stratton and Alex Jones both received one vote as write-in candidates.

Eggers said Freedman will relinquish the position as first-year representative and instead take the role of CAS representative, leaving Peine as first-year senator.

Brandt was also on the ballot as the solo candidate for at-large senator, receiving 79 votes.

Some changes in the ballots this year caused confusion for voters.

“Last year, any student could vote on the first-year representative, which was not exactly fair to first year students,” Senate Vice President Bethany Barnett said. “This year it was set up that only first year students could vote on first-year representatives.”

When upperclassmen signed onto the election site to cast their votes, names appeared that were not supposed to be on this year’s ballot.

“We forgot to remove the question about first-year representative from the all-student ballot,” Barnett said.

Although it was an error, the votes were not miscounted, and those that were cast by upperclassmen for that particular category were not counted.

“It doesn’t matter that they were last year’s names because all students are not allowed to vote for first year representative anymore,” Barnett said. “All first-year students and only first-year students had access to the correct ballot for first-year representative.”

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Bethany Barnett,
Student Senate
vice-president

CAS was the only college for which candidates ran, leaving the College of Education and Professional Studies; the College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Sciences; and the College of Business and Economics without representation in the Senate.

There are two openings for first-year senator remaining, as well as an opening for at-large senator.

If anyone is interested in applying for these positions, contact Eggers or Barnett at joseph.eggers@uwrf.edu or bethany.barnett@uwrf.edu to submit a cover letter and resume.

Accidents: Crashes stall traffic on two River Falls streets, one fatality

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unable to stop quickly enough to avoid the accident.

Mallet exited her vehicle on her own immediately after impact, Lund said. She was later placed on a stretcher and into an ambulance, followed by her passenger, student Tara Mulliner, who was removed from the car and onto a stretcher by medical staff. The two women were taken to the hospital for examination and released later Wednesday.

Dock required no medical attention and was cited for inattentive driving and operating with a suspended license.

Traffic was held up as city crews cleared the scene of wreckage, with Public Safety waving cars safely past the scene.

River Falls Police, Public Safety and River Falls Area Ambulance Service were at the site for medical care and clean up of the area, though RFPD officers were called to a fatal accident on the north end of town just after 2 p.m.

Ann E. Spivey, 44, 1234 W. Maple St., was killed on the North Main Street overpass at Hwy. 35, near ShopKo. Her car was traveling northbound when it struck a dump truck headed southbound.

Spivey, a mother of two, was pronounced dead after emergency responders pulled her from the vehicle. The truck driver had no reported injuries.




Beth Dickman/Student Voice
Emergency responders place Laura Mallet into an ambulance after the vehicle she was driving was struck from behind Wednesday afternoon.

A CAPELLA GROUP BRINGS HARMONY TO NORTH HALL



Beth Dickman/Student Voice
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EDITORIAL

Students feel growing pains

UW-River Falls welcomed its largest freshman class this year, recording the highest enrollment in the institution’s history. While increased numbers are healthy for the University’s finances and reputation, students aren’t seeing the benefits of growth.

There are now 6,105 people taking classes on campus, with roughly 40 percent living here. Considering the on-campus living requirement, Residence Life has felt the burden of growing pains.

Not only were Resident Assistants partnered with roommates, individuals with residence contracts were assigned to all of the University’s 160 temporary beds. Some of these displaced students will spend the entire semester awaiting permanent dwellings, seriously reducing the amount of available space for dorm residents outside of their own rooms.

Many of these makeshift housing units were created at the expense of study lounges and computer labs.

Labs in May and Stratton Halls were turned into permanent housing areas this summer, justified by University staff who now depend on future students to bring their own computers to campus. This theory seems plausible with today’s technology, but what about the delicate financial situations of students?

Wisconsin tuition is on the rise, leading students who may have otherwise had a few extra dollars in their pockets further indebted. In a time when national and state economies are suffering, is it really safe for the University to assume that individuals will continue to come to campus with bank-breaking possessions?

Students pay to live and obtain an education here, and valuable learning facilities have been stripped from their college experience. When the Davee Library closes at 11 p.m. Monday - Thursday and in the early evenings on weekends, where are campus dwellers expected to do their academic work? The overcrowding has essentially confined residential students to their 11-by-15 or 12-by-14 rooms.

While the spaces are small in dimension, they are further limited by the furniture and personal belongings of two inhabitants. Size issues aside, residents have to contend with lifestyle differences among roommates.

Still, the only new residence hall on the radar is the South Fork Suites addition, which will add a meager 240 beds by 2010. That’s barely enough space to take on this year’s temporary residents, without considering the continued enrollment growth that is both expected and desired by administration.

It is true that expansion can be extremely positive for institutions of higher education, but the welfare of current students should be taken into consideration before campus and System decision-makers get too far ahead of themselves.

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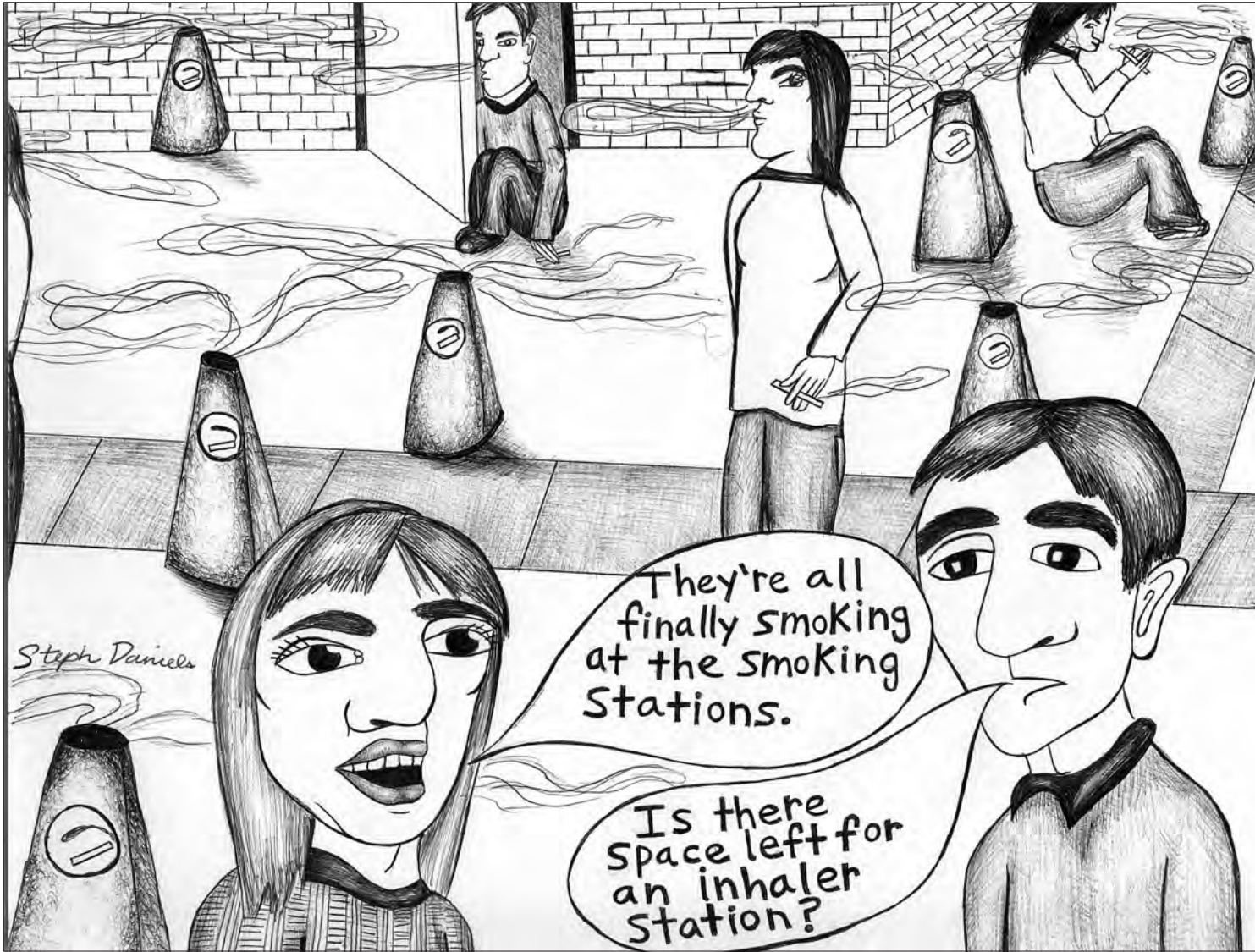
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pope’s words were not his own

Pope Benedict XVI used the words of a 14th century emperor who claimed that Muhammad sought to spread faith by the sword. The pope was speaking to a German university about faith and reason and didn’t endorse the concept, but rather attempted to create a dialogue. Judging by your intellectually devoid article, you didn’t read the pope’s full remarks but instead choose to read a snippet from Yahoo! news.

So some members of the religion of peace go bomb Christian churches and in one instance may have killed an Italian nun in Somalia. The West has seen reactions like this before from Islamists and I wonder if it is possible to question their religion and not be called an infidel.

The pope speaks for his flock, his church, and he does not have to tailor his argument to satisfy the political and cultural correctness of others.

Until Islam eliminates the reign of terror that extremists cause and until Islam speaks out against the men who use the religion to serve their own purposes, it will not be the religion of peace.

It is revisionist history to act as if all of Arab Street didn’t rejoice with the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11. From Beirut to Baghdad it was women and children and men who celebrated the death of Americans.

You may have your own opinion, but you cannot have your own facts.

I also take issue with,” So why does he have to go pissing everyone off?”

Ms. De Neui writes for the *Student Voice* not *The Nation*, and her argument could make better use of the English language. To expect your argument to be treated like an adult you

perhaps should use grown up words and grown up logic.

Nicholas Carow
Student

Socialist speaker issues addressed

I am a member of the new campus organization Socialist Alternative. I would like to take this opportunity to address some concerns raised in the “Socialist talk leaves students wondering” letter to the editor in last week’s *Voice*.

The author of the letter had many valid questions concerning our speaker and socialism in general.

1. The statistics that Chris used in his speech were from public sources. Some specific citations were skipped in the interest of time. After Chris spoke, the room engaged in an open discussion with more than 14 participants. The meeting concluded with Chris giving a brief summary, in which he addressed questions left unanswered in the discussion.

2. Chris does not get paid to speak at these meetings. Chris is a student just like you and I. He actually took time off from school to go on a speaking tour of the United States, which was sponsored entirely by Socialist Alternative’s national members. Chris did not profit from this speaking tour in any way whatsoever.

3. Another question that was posed in this letter concerned a Socialist’s point of view on war. As we see it, in the contemporary world war largely benefits the owners and shareholders of corporations such as those producing arms or involved in rebuilding after a conflict. War does not, however, benefit the people who actually work for a living. These people are instead sent to die to help increase the profits of companies like

Halliburton. We believe that the money spent on arms and occupation could be better directed into funding for education and jobs for people who need them.

While Chris mentioned the United States and Iraq many times in his speech, we would like to make it clear that he doesn’t hate the United States. Chris, like many people who live in this country, simply disagrees with the policies of the U.S. government.

I would like to encourage anyone with other questions, concerns, or a general interest about socialism to contact myself.

Alex Halverson
Student

Green would hurt UW System

As we know, facts are important when deciding who to vote for in the elections this fall.

Recently, Mark Green has been campaigning about how he will be good for students and tuition.

The facts indicate otherwise. Mark Green’s education plan cuts \$100 million from the UW System. He voted for three consecutive tuition increases while in the Wisconsin state legislature, cast the deciding vote to cut \$12 billion in federal student financial aid, and just this month voted for a house GOP budget that cuts \$2.2 billion more from the U.S. Department of Education.

These and many other factors are why Mark Green scores a paltry 8 percent from the NEA on public education issues.

When Mark Green tries to deceive students about his performance on education issues, remind him of the words of Jesus from John 8:32, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”

Benjamin Plunkett
Student

Preachers misjudge music

I was not at the Student Center that day when the two street preachers were on campus, but I am appalled by the messages the street preachers were attempting to spread.

I understand, respect and promote the need for free speech in this country, but these two went too far.

To say, “If you listen to rock and roll, you will lose your soul” is completely ridiculous.

While there is some rock and roll that promotes evil, the devil and sins in general, most music, at least mainstream, has nothing to do with evil ways.

Had the preachers paid any attention to modern day music or culture they would see that not only rock and roll, but almost every genre of music that exists has a positive influence on the world.

In recent years the contributions brought to charities around the globe has been outstanding.

With musicians like Bono and charity events like telethons that raised millions of dollars after Sept. 11, the Southeast Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, these preachers should be praising rock and roll efforts.

I will not address the other issues the street preachers brought up, but I do think that their views were wrong.

I do say though that God and the Bible teach us not to hate, but rather to spread love and understanding throughout the world.

What these people were preaching was hate, and isn’t that a sin?

Brandon Kesler
Student

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Greek life differs from Hollywood’s take

During my first campus tour around this time last year, I was asked, “Have you ever thought about going Greek?” Initially I said, “No.”

I always thought about all of the horrible things that I had seen in the movies and on television. But after I gave my tour guide my response, he went on to tell me that many of the movies portray Greek life in certain ways, misleading the general public in what a fraternity or sorority really is.

For whatever reason, many people feel that in order to be initiated they would need to go through the hazing process involving some type of public embarrassment. However, numerous schools throughout the United States, including UW-River Falls, do not allow hazing of any sort.

During the initiation process, a waiver must be signed by each potential member, stating that hazing is not tolerated at UW-RF. If hazing is suspected, the person and chapter involved will suffer severe consequences. Why would a group of people find it necessary to torture others if they wanted them to join their group?

Greeks in the southern United States

often charge over \$1,000 in fees in order to join their chapter. Obviously fees will differ between chapters, but at UW-RF the fee will rarely exceed \$500 in any given year. These fees are normally due at different points throughout the year and cover nearly all of the expenses during that year.

Aside from all the misconceptions about fraternities and sororities, the most important and most overlooked qualities of the Greek system — everlasting bonds and philanthropy — are missed.

No matter how much people would like to think that fraternities and sororities are just big parties and social events, they are more about giving back to the community.

Before initiation, each new member must learn about their fraternity or sorority and complete some sort of educational period, as well as attend their meetings and events. These requirements must be completed before they are allowed to be an active

member. Each Greek is required to attend a certain number of events, including local and national charity events, campus activities, socials with other chapters, and inner-fraternity or sorority events in order to stay in good standing with their chapter.

Greek life, especially at UW-RF, differs completely from the stereotypical movie depiction. The organizations offer so much more than parties, alcohol, sex and anything illegal. Friendships that last lifetimes are developed instantaneously. National chapters offer help finding internships and jobs for college graduates.

Despite all the negative vibes of Greek life most often portrayed by the media, the most important aspects of the Greek society are left in the dust. The everlasting bonds between brothers and sisters, and charity and philanthropy work seems to go by unnoticed.



Sara Hauer

Cursing bad, could be worse

I remember very vividly the first time I heard the “F” word. I was seven and riding home on the bus after a strenuous day of first grade. I was talking with a friend across the aisle when all of a sudden a second grader turned to us and said “fuck you,” and in case we were hearing impaired, thoughtfully signed the phrase for us as well with his middle finger, or, as I knew him then, Tall Man.

I, thinking it was some sort of salutation, repeated the gesture back to the boy. This may come as a shock to people who know me, but I was a very naïve child.

That same night, as my family was gathered around the dinner table, it occurred to me that my very wise parents would know something about this new word. So during a lull in the conversation, I piped up, “Mom, what does ‘fuck’ mean?”

The blood drained from my mom’s face and she excused herself from the table. My

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dad, on the other hand, was doing a respectable job of holding in his laughter. I looked at my dad in confusion, and he simply said, “You better not say that word anymore.”

To my 7-year-old mind, I had done something so horrible that I had terribly upset my mom and received the admonishment, “Don’t do that again” from my dad. I wasn’t sure what I did, but it must have been something awful. Right there at the dinner table, on my Strawberry Shortcake cup, I made a solemn vow to never utter that word again.

Looking back on those days of innocence, I am surprised at my mom’s reaction. I guess it wasn’t so much that I had unwittingly used profanity, but more because that was a major step toward losing my innocence of the harsh world around me. But at seven, I felt I was way behind the rest of my peers as far as cultural awareness. Somehow, I had been



Cassie Rodgers

kept out of the loop.

While our society has become much more accepting of displays of violence and sexuality, the noose around profanity’s fat figurative neck has only tightened. Maybe it’s just me, but I’d rather my kids walk around cursing than collecting STDs, babies and gunshot wounds. Those words are a part of our language, and in moderation, are great ways of expressing ourselves with a weight no other words can carry, like say during any game Carlos Silva pitched in this year.

Speaking of the Twins, broadcaster Bert Blyleven’s penalty for letting some obscenities fly when he thought he was off camera a couple weeks ago was way too extreme. My grandma, who thinks “darn” is a curse word, thought the penalties were extreme.

I guess we can shelter our kids for as long as we can, but all that care and concern doesn’t mean diddly when a child boards that big yellow school bus and takes the ride straight into Adult World.

Brief history of student papers

Experts tend to generalize the history of communication into these categories: oral, written, print and electronic. Depending on how you look at it, newspapers either started around 59 B.C. with the Roman Acta Diurna, according to the World Association of Newspapers, or with the birth of the printed newspaper 401 years ago.

The oldest newspaper still in circulation is a Swedish paper, Post och Inrikes Tidningar, in print since 1645. In doing a search for college newspapers on the Internet, there were a few that claimed to be “the oldest continuously running weekly college newspaper in the United States.” All started in the 1870s.

Here in 1895, a newspaper called the *Normal Badger* was started by the Athletic Society to raise funds for their activities. The *Normal Badger* was published monthly at a cost of 5 cents per copy or 50 cents per year in advance, but according to the book “Centennial History: the University of Wisconsin - River Falls” by James T. King and Walker D. Wyman, got most of its revenue from selling ad space. In 1899 it became the newspaper, doubling as yearbook.

In an 1895 *Badger*, there was an interesting article, a reprint from the North American Review, titled “Harnessing the Sun”.

“When we sit in front of a coal fire...do we realize that the heat and light of the burning coal are really sunshine that has been stored up...Our system of power production depends upon this presence of energy. But coal is a wasteful source of energy...Can we not find some more economical way of using



Julia Martin

the sun’s energy?”

Expand coal to include all fossil fuels, and it sounds familiar. According to King and Wyman, the *Badger*’s financial situation was a bit tenuous. Then, in 1899 an article was printed that the town found insulting because it referred to their places of business as “loafing places”. In response, “several long-running advertisements were missing from the next issue of the paper,” wrote King and Wyman. Publication of the *Badger* lapsed from spring 1900 to fall 1906, and King and Wyman say that the reasons aren’t clear. In 1912, the *Badger* became the *Meletean*, based on the Latin word for badger, an annual that was in existence until 1969.

The *Student Voice* was started in 1916. King and Wyman say that there is disagreement as to how it came about.

In 1959, Dr. Wayne Wolfe, the *Meletean*’s advisor, came up with the idea of adding sound to the annual by attaching a 33-1/3 record to it — an early example of multimedia.

It was common during most of the 20th century for different college groups to start their own newspapers. Now, with the electronic forums for communicating, students don’t seem to feel the need to print alternative newspapers.

This makes me wonder how historians and curious people like myself are going to be able to go back and read primary source material in the future.

Being technologically-challenged, I’m not adapting to the electronic world quickly. I think it might have been easier for me to adjust from the horse-and-buggy era to automobiles, especially because I’m allergic to horses.

Sudanese forgotten, not lost

A small African child cowers in the corner of his family’s modest hut, his body shaking uncontrollably. He watches as his father is dragged out into the street by a group of armed militiamen. A rifle is placed to the back of the man’s head, and with a single shot the life is taken out of him. His lifeless body falls to the ground and a torrent of blood stains the gravel road red.

This sounds like a scene from the Rwandan conflict of the mid 1990s, but the truth is that scenes like this are occurring now in present day Sudan. Shocking as it may seem, this conflict has received little attention from the news media, and the world in general.



Derrick Knutson

Africa seems to be an area of the world that many people choose to ignore because of the conflicts with Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and North Korea. Africa is perhaps the portion of the world that needs the most help, yet is receiving the least. Along with the conflict that is occurring in Sudan, Africa also has the highest infection rate of AIDS and HIV anywhere on earth. According to the international charity Avert, nearly 25 million people are infected with AIDS and HIV in Africa.

On a humanitarian level, this is a catastrophe. Many of these people do not have access to AIDS medication that could prolong their lives. This means they will be infected and die in a very short period of time, leaving behind children that inevitably become orphans. In

other cases, children are born with AIDS and most of them don’t even make it into their adolescent years. The cases of children with AIDS and HIV in Africa are astounding. One of the main reasons for this is the “virgin cure” myth.

“South Africa is strife-torn with major socioeconomic problems as well as the myth that sex with virgins can rid men of HIV/Aids and other sexually-transmitted diseases,” Mike Earl Taylor, a university researcher, said in a Science in Africa magazine article.

This is a sad fact of life for many people in South Africa, and in many other nations on the African continent. The lack of education in certain parts of Africa allows myths like this to protrude into tribal culture, and the victims of this lack of education end up being young women and children who end up getting raped and infected by HIV-positive men.

So with all these catastrophes

going on in Africa, the question arises: What can be done to make a difference?

The first step is just being aware that things like this are going on in the world. Too many of us are indifferent when it comes to learning about the world outside of our prospective bubbles. Abhorrent things do happen in the world today, but we as a society have the power to stop them if we do not stand for it. Secondly, you can donate to organizations like the Red Cross. There are accredited charities out there that make sure your money gets to the right people. World Vision is a charity that allows you to donate directly to those who are suffering from the War in Sudan.

Being informed and making donations may seem like miniscule things, but if enough caring people are informed they become a force to be reckoned with.

Support equal marriage rights for all people

Already the e-mails and flyers are starting to circulate. Professors are talking, and it’s going to be the hot-button issue for the next month. Students are being told we have a chance to make a difference about the upcoming vote on the proposed gay marriage and civil union ban, but it seems like we’ve heard the “students can make a difference” line before.

Two years after the national student population was supposed to rally together and oust our idiotic president, he’s still in office making an even bigger mess with Iraq, Katrina, the national debt, and so on (and on, and on).

But this vote coming up in November is different. The issue of legalizing a gay marriage and civil union ban is new to the nation, and it



Ben Jipson

is the first time the state of Wisconsin has brought the issue to the polls. In 2004, Wisconsin was one of the nation’s leaders in student voting participation, and if that same voting base will cast ballots again, it’ll make a huge impact.

“Why vote down a ban that you don’t know much about or might agree with?” you may ask.

If the idea of homosexual relationships is so unappealing - or not important enough to vote about - take a moment to break it down to its essentials.

The fear of something new is frightening. Following a routine behavioral pattern is comforting to most because they know what to expect and how to react. For years and years we students were raised in a mainstream culture that promoted only heterosexual rela-

tionships, and presumptively, that was the normal, routine thing to do. Anything that deviated from that was weird.

All that is changing now.

Homosexuality is becoming understood and accepted by our generation because of TV, the Internet and other media types. Most importantly, homosexuals - some of whom have been living in fear of ridicule and abandonment - are finding the courage to come out and represent themselves on a personal and social level, and many are establishing themselves as responsible, law-abiding citizens.

Discussing new issues and political ideas is difficult without proper information and knowledge. Furthermore, sexuality and personal relationships are touchy subjects in our society. It wouldn’t be socially permissible to walk around inquiring about people’s sexual makeup or orientation. Some feel embarrassed, some feel offended

and others feel uncomfortable. For these reasons, this issue is especially difficult for some to discuss or form an opinion.

To this day, I have yet to hear an argument that is meaningful and persuasive enough to take any supporters of this ban seriously. Some feel it would open the door to other types of marriage or otherwise destroy the sanctity of marriage, but that is absurd. There is no room for “slippery slope” fallacies in law, and there are no legal terms that identify how the sanctity of marriage depends on having women and men marry. The Bible may describe a certain arrangement for marriages, but our legal system cannot start using religious beliefs to dictate who is given civil rights.

Equal civil rights are guaranteed to every law-abiding citizen in our country. Homosexuals should be able to have the same marital benefits, responsibilities and opportunities as

everyone else under the law, and that is a Constitutional right. If there is any justice in this country, 50 years from now gay marriage and civil union bans will be seen as an embarrassing blemish of our nation’s history.

The students’ vote in November’s election is especially important because our generation is more likely to have openly-gay friends than any other age group, and we’ll be more likely to express our support to the homosexual community because of that.

Use whatever reason you wish to vote on Nov. 7 - it’s your moral obligation, it’s your democratic duty, it’s the right thing to do. In any case, we students actually do have an opportunity to show the rest of the country and the world that we are on the forefront of Wisconsin’s wealth of knowledge, inclusiveness and social progression, and that would be incredibly gratifying.



Andrea Kern, junior

“None. I only come to campus two days a week. I’m a commuter from Minneapolis with a full-time student’s schedule.”

STUDENT voices

Cole Hermky, sophomore



“I don’t. I started school last year and I’ve only missed three classes. I’m paying for this, so I might as well show up.”



Jon Strande, junior

“Probably once, so I can catch up on some sleep.”

How often do you skip class each week and why?

Mike Kramschuster, senior



“Well, I haven’t skipped any yet this year. But in the past usually one or two a week, like a Friday early morning class.”



Nikki Shonoiki, freshman

“Never, because you’ll only pass the class if you go.”

Natalie Hanken, junior



“I don’t skip class each week, but when I do it’s because I am needed elsewhere and it’s more important.”

Hoffman makes a name for himself



Ben Brewster

On Sept. 24 San Diego Padres closer Trevor Hoffman staked his place in history in a 2-1 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates. He pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning to record the save -- it was the 479th of his career, passing Lee Smith and going into first place on the all-time list.

The game ball and Hoffman's uniform are on their way to Cooperstown, N.Y., to go on display in the Baseball Hall of Fame. But the record raises the question of whether Hoffman himself will be entering the Hall of Fame when his career is over. Smith is not in the Hall and has

even less of a chance now that his record is broken.

There are other closers in the Hall, like Rollie Fingers, Dennis Eckersley and last year's inductee Bruce Sutter. Those guys were dominating in their prime, but didn't last long enough to rack up save totals like Hoffman has. In the case of Fingers, Eckersley, and current closers such as Mariano Rivera and Eric Gagne, they were con-

The game ball and Hoffman's uniform are on the way to Cooperstown, N.Y., to go on display...

verted into closers after being ineffective or injury prone as starters.

Rivera will almost certainly be a Hall of Famer, while Gagne has proved he doesn't have the

kind of longevity it will take to make it, missing part of last season and almost all of this season with injuries.

Closers typically have one unhittable dominating pitch, which they use one time through a lineup. Hitters then figure it out the second time through, which is why closers are ineffective at starting games. Rivera has his cut fastball, Hoffman has his change up, and Bruce Sutter had a split finger that pioneered the use of that pitch.

In Hall of Fame voting, the voters have generally been kinder to the closers who really dominated games, even if they didn't have the longevity.

Lee Smith was durable and while he was very good, he wasn't quite as lights-out as the others.

ESPN's Buster Olney may have the best way to measure a closer's greatness. He calls it the "Oh-Shit Meter," named for what teams say when a particu-

larly good closer comes into the game.

If there are rankings for the Oh-Shit Meter, Hoffman is definitely near the top, having been dominating and durable since

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getting the closer job for the Padres in 1994.

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Ready for the return of fall



Sarah Packingham

After playing on the road for the first three games of the season, the UW-River Falls football team is at home on Saturday.

I would imagine after three weeks of being the visiting team that the Falcons are looking forward to returning to Ramer Field.

I know after following the Falcons early this season I am looking forward to actually seeing them in action.

It's ironic the first home game is a week after fall officially began. I believe that football and fall just always have to go hand in hand. I went to a couple football games over the summer and they just didn't have the same feel.

Football truly is made for fall and winter. Sitting outside while it's 90 degrees and watching touchdowns and tackles isn't the same as snowy Friday or Saturdays where you make the trek back from Ramer and need hot chocolate and time to thaw out.

But I'm looking forward to seeing Falcon football this Saturday for another few reasons.

First of all, this game is a night game set for 7 p.m. with confer-

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Tennis star shows why she's No. 1, loves the game

Falcon senior becomes hometown role model

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UW-River Falls senior and tennis player Becky Briebe is a legend where she comes from.

In a town with a population of about 3,000 where hockey, not tennis, was big, Briebe made herself a household name and tennis a game all the young girls wanted to play.

"It's crazy getting so much support," Briebe said of her hometown fans. "It's overwhelming."

Growing up in Roseau, Minn., Briebe played tennis and chose to come to UW-RF mainly for that reason. Her high school coach, Jack Swanson, had a son who attended school here and played tennis for the Falcons. The two of them recommended UW-RF and encouraged her to play tennis.

"I thought, hey, why not go to the cities and go to college and play tennis?" Briebe said.

However, when Briebe was in her junior year of high school, she thought her tennis career was over.

During that time, she said her team had no coach, and there were hardly enough players to have varsity and junior varsity teams.

Now, after Briebe's success, there are 30-40 girls out for the team each season. The girls who look up to Briebe are also getting to play with her once in a while.

"I just go out and hit with them from time to time when I'm at home," she said.

A few weeks back, the Roseau newspaper took an entire page and dedicated it to Briebe and



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Senior tennis player Becky Briebe fights for a point during a recent match at Ramer Courts. Briebe is the captain of the team and plays in the No. 1 singles spot. The Falcons are at Mankato today for a 4 p.m. match against the Mavericks.

what she has accomplished in her tennis career. She said after the article was printed she was getting calls from many people back home.

"She's an inspiration to young and those playing tennis," tennis

Head Coach Lee Lueck said.

Briebe is busy outside of tennis too, working on an agricultural engineering major with an agricultural business minor. Before declaring her major and minor, she was undecided for two

years. She also had two internships at Polaris in Roseau.

This season, Briebe is the captain of a young Falcon tennis squad and is the only senior.

"We have a real young team," Briebe said. "I was nervous

coming into the season and then I met all of them and they're real full of life. They love the game."

"I have high hopes [for the team]," she said. "It takes experience and see us growing every match."

Briebe is looked to as a role model for all of her teammates.

"She is very optimistic," sophomore Katie Anderson said. "Becky always has a positive attitude, and she expects a lot."

Anderson said she also maintains that attitude in her daily life.

"I thought, hey why not go to the cities and go to college and play tennis?"

Becky Briebe, senior tennis player

Even though she will not be competing with the Falcons after this season, Briebe still believes the team will continue to do well.

"By the time they're seniors they're going to dominate as long as they keep the drive," she said.

Lueck has worked with Briebe for the past four years.

"She has steadily worked her way up," Lueck said. "To watch her jell has been an absolute privilege. She is a role model. To have her as a captain has been a dream."

The bond between coach and player is mutual.

"He's the greatest guy," Briebe said. "He feels like a second dad to me here. He took me under his wing when he had no reason to."

Although Lueck is around 60 years old, he has the energy of a 20-year-old, and he loves the game.

Briebe said she believes Lueck and his assistant coaches have really helped her to improve as a player since she began here.

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Falcons hit the road for tournament

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Beth Dickman/Student Voice

The volleyball team huddles during a match with Eau Claire.

This weekend the UW-River Falls women's volleyball team travels to Iowa to participate in the Simpson Invitational in an attempt to bounce back from losses in the St. Benedict Invitational.

"We didn't play to our potential in that tournament," assistant coach Jane Gibbs said. "I think if we put it together we can have a great weekend."

In the tournament, the Falcons will take on Simpson College and Buena Vista University for the second time this season.

The Falcons lost to Simpson 30-27, 30-23, 30-23, but beat Buena Vista 30-20, 30-17, 30-20.

Gibbs, who is in her first year as an assistant coach at River Falls said that this team has a lot of potential and that they're a great bunch of girls.

This season there is a core group of returning players and a strong freshman class.

"The season has been going pretty well," senior Andrea Geehan said. "We lost a few close matches. If it would have gone our way we would probably be in the top 20 ranking."

The Falcons record currently sits at 8-8 and 1-2 in conference play.

"I think we're a better team than our record shows," Gibbs said. "The rest of our season can be completely different. What we have [coaching style] definitely works, but there are some small things we can change."

Head coach Patti Ford is very optimistic of her teams ability, but knows her competition is tough.

"With six seniors on the team and many of them very experienced players," Ford said. "We play an extremely competitive schedule. And the WIAC is one of the toughest volleyball conferences in the nation. Four of

"It meant a lot to me when I was presented with the game ball from Coach Ford..."

Andrea Geehan, senior volleyball player

our team are currently ranked nationally."

On Wednesday night the Falcons hosted the Eau Claire Blugolds in Karges. The Falcons took the first game of the match,

with a score of 30-25.

Following that the visitors were too much to handle taking the final three games by scores 30-28, 30-26 and 30-18.

The Falcons traveled to UW-Stevens Point on Saturday and lost in four games: 30-22, 30-26, 24-30, and 30-23. The loss was the Falcons first suffered in conference play. River Falls had to play the tough conference play without top players Geehan and Lindsey Mace.

"Everyone had contributed greatly so far, and a few of them have stepped up to win starting roles," Geehan said.

The Falcons picked up their first conference win on Sept. 20 against UW-Superior in Karges. The Falcons single-handedly defeated the Yellowjackets 30-19, 30-22, 30-11. Krista Russell had ten kills for the Falcons; while Kat Krnick had 36 assists, and Molly Thompson had ten digs and four aces.

On Sept. 5, against Bethel Geehan, a senior, recorded her 1,000th career kill in a Falcon uniform.

"Getting my 1,000th kill was very exciting, it meant a lot that I did it on our home court," Geehan said. "The moment was amazing. It meant a lot to me

when I was presented with the game ball from Coach Ford in front of my family and fans."

Fellow senior, Kate Thompson is close to reaching the 1,000th kill mark as well. Geehan estimates that she is only about 50 away.

"We have had our ups and downs but we have shown quite a bit of potential for how well

"What we have definitely works, but there are some small things we can change."

Jane Gibbs, assistant volleyball coach

we are able to play," junior Courtney Schroeder said. "We just have had problems with our consistency but I see it improving every game."

The Falcons schedule is very difficult even when they are not playing games.

"The week starts off with weight training on Monday's and Wednesday's if we do not have a game," Geehan said. "Otherwise we practice from

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SPORTS WRAP

Football falls hard to St. Francis

St. Francis walked all over the Falcons in the Sept. 23 game at John M. Darcy Stadium, with the Cougars winning 63-8. The Falcons’ drive after an interception stalled at the 15-yard line and Spasimir Bodurski missed a 32-yard field goal attempt. In the second quarter, USF started out quickly scoring on the first play with an Eric Hooks to Ryan Kauchak pass for 12 yards. On their next possession the Cougers went 54 yards in six plays to make the score 14-0. In the third quarter it got ugly with St. Francis scoring four times to make it 42-0. In the fourth quarter, Falcon quarterback Jeremy Wolff was sacked for the second time leading to another touchdown for St. Francis. The Falcons finally got on the board on their next drive going 75 yards in 16 plays, which was capped off by a Beau DeBruin 10-yard run. RF (1-2) next hosts UW-Oshkosh at Ramer Field on Saturday at 7 p.m. to open up WIAC play. It will be the first home game of the season for the Falcons.

UW-River Falls vs #2 U. of St. Francis IN (Sep 23, 2006 at Fort Wayne, IN)		
2nd 14:58	USF - Kauchak, Ryan 12 yd pass from Hooks, Eric (Grzych, Cale kick), 9-72 3:12, RF 0 - USF 7	
09:46	USF - Schultz, Brian 10 yd pass from Hooks, Eric (Grzych, Cale kick), 6-54 1:35, RF 0 - USF 14	
00:32	USF - Rainey, Zach 11 yd pass from Hooks, Eric (Grzych, Cale kick), 4-77 0:36, RF 0 - USF 21	
3rd 06:52	USF - Wasylik, Doug 49 yd run (Grzych, Cale kick), 5-88 2:23, RF 0 - USF 28	
04:40	USF - Thompson, Bo 50 yd pass from Wedding, Jeff (Grzych, Cale kick), 2-60 0:27, RF 0 - USF 35	
02:30	USF - Hooks, Eric 9 yd run (Grzych, Cale kick), 1-9 0:21, RF 0 - USF 42	
01:04	USF - Piwoszkin, Joe 22 yd fumble recovery (Grzych, Cale kick), , RF 0 - USF 49	
4th 11:47	USF - Rush, Marcus 6 yd run (Grzych, Cale kick), 5-42 2:20, RF 0 - USF 56	
03:10	RF - Beau DeBruin 10 yd run (Jeremy Wolff rush), 16-75 8:33, RF 8 - USF 55	
00:35	USF - Vieck, Taylor 44 yd run (Grzych, Cale kick), 5-69 2:14, RF 8 - USF 63	
	RF	USF
FIRST DOWNS.....	17	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	58-240	36-328
PASSING YDS (NET).....	29	224
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	12-40	22-14-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	70-269	58-552
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	1-22
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	8-68
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	3-45	2-48
Interception Returns-Yards....	3-14	0-

RECEIVING: UW-River Falls-David Ubbelohde 2:20; Jake Jenson 1-5; Josh Grover 1-4. U. of St. Francis IN-Thompson, Bo 3-92; Rainey, Zach 3-41; Schultz, Brian 2-38; Carter, Daniel 2-18; Rhodes, Eric 2-14; Kauchak, Ryan 1-12; Vieck, Taylor 1-9.		
INTERCEPTIONS: UW-River Falls-Shane Hanson 2-14; Andy Kolstad 1-0. U. of St. Francis IN-None.		
FUMBLES: UW-River Falls-Jeremy Wolff 2-2. U. of St. Francis IN-Carter, Daniel 1-0; Hooks, Eric 1-1.		

Soccer easily beats St. Catherine

On Sept. 23 the soccer team easily beat the College of St. Catherine, winning 7-0. River Falls jumped out to an early lead following Ashley Peterson’s first score of the game six minutes in. Scoring was limited until the Falcons’ Julie Sperstad netted a goal at 29:28. Sperstad was assisted by Amy Jensen, who played a key role the rest of the game. Peterson went on to score a total of three goals while Jensen scored two. Kim Saufl also scored for the Falcons. Two days later, Peterson and Jensen again led the Falcons to victory with a goal each, to beat Carleton 2-1. Kelly Piersak, Peterson and Saufl all had assists in the game. Falcon goalie Emily Stieler made three saves in the game to improve her record to 5-1-2. The Falcons, now 5-1-2 overall and 2-0-0 in the WIAC, return to WIAC play on Saturday at Oshkosh. The match starts at 1 p.m.

September 25			Peterson;Kim Saufl) - across box to lwr lft crnr		
Goals by period	1	2 Tot	3. 67:00 CARW Dylan Welch (1) (Clare O'Connor) - high cross, shot from left to right post		
UW-River Falls.....	2	0 - 2			
Carleton College....	0	1 - 1			
SCORING SUMMARY:			Goalkeeping (min-gasaves)		
1. 10:45 RF Ashley Peterson (9) (Kelly Piersak)			RF - Stieler 90:00-1-3.		
2. 31:42 RF Amy Jensen (4) (Ashley			CC - He 90:00-2-2.		

Tennis wins three in a row before loss to LaCrosse

The Falcons took home two WIAC wins on Sept. 23 in a double-header sweep at Stevens Point against Oshkosh and Stevens Point. They dominated the singles matches led by Becky Briese, who went 6-0, 6-2 against Oshkosh, and 6-0, 6-1 against Stevens Point. They did great in doubles as well, going a combined 5-1. The No. 1 team of Briese and Katie Ostrowski won both of their matches. The Falcons fought some tough doubles matches against Oshkosh, but prevailed in all three. The No. 1 team won 8-6, No. 2 team won 8-5 and the No. 3 team won 8-6. On Monday the Falcons beat Bethel 9-0 to even their season record to 5-5. Briese and Cassie Wood both stayed hot each winning their fourth consecutive victories. In doubles, the No. 3 tandem of Wood and Allie Nickel has proven to be a winning combination as of late as they won their second in a row, 8-1. On Wednesday, the Falcons fell to UW-LaCrosse 9-0.

UW-River Falls 9, Bethel University 0 Sep 25, 2006 at River Falls, Wis.		Dohlen (BU) 6-4, 6-1 6. Tracy Boyle (RF) def. Heather Roberts (BU) 6-4, 6-1
Singles competition		
1. Becky Briese (RF) def. Kari Blair (BU) 6-1, 6-4	Doubles competition 1. Becky Briese/Kathryne Ostrowski (RF) def. Kari Blair/Andrea Beegle (BU) 8-5 2. Katie Anderson/Mindy Rudiger (RF) def. LeRoyce Chapman/Ashley Watts (BU) 8-4 3. Cassie Wood/Allison Nickel (RF) def. Ashley Dohlen/Heather Roberts (BU) 8-1.	
2. Kathryne Ostrowski (RF) def. Andrea Beegle (BU) 6-1, 6-4		
3. Cassie Wood (RF) def. Ashley Watts (BU) 6-0, 6-2		
4. Katie Anderson (RF) def. Heather Blair (BU) 6-3, 6-1		
5. Mindy Rudiger (RF) def. Ashley		

Sports Wrap compiled by Ben Brewster

STANDINGS

Football			Soccer		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L T
UW-Lacrosse (3-0)	1	0	UW-Eau Claire (9-0-0)	3	0 0
UW-Whitewater (3-0)	1	0	UW-River Falls (5-1-2)	2	0 0
UW-Platteville (2-1)	0	0	UW-Oshkosh(4-3-2)	2	1 0
UW-Stout (2-1)	0	0	UW-Platteville (6-1-2)	1	0 2
UW-Eau Claire (1-2)	0	0	UW-Stevens Point (5-1-2)	1	0 1
UW-River Falls (1-2)	0	0	UW-LaCrosse (3-2-2)	1	1 1
UW-Oshkosh (2-2)	0	1	UW-Whitewater (2-6-0)	0	2 0
UW-Stevens Point (1-2)	0	1	UW-Superior (4-4-0)	0	3 0
			UW-Stout (1-6-0)	0	3
Volleyball			Tennis		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Stevens Point (12-6)	2	0	UW-Eau Claire (6-0)	2	0
UW-Eau Claire (12-1)	1	0	UW-Lacrosse (3-0)	1	0
UW-LaCrosse(11-3)	1	0	UW-Whitewater (6-3)	3	1
UW-Oshkosh (14-3)	2	1	UW-Stout (8-3)	2	2
UW-River Falls (8-7)	1	1	UW-River Falls (5-4)	2	2
UW-Platteville (11-3)	0	1	UW-Stevens Point (2-5)	1	3
UW-Stout (12-4)	0	1	UW-Oshkosh (1-4)	0	3
UW-Whitewater (14-5)	0	1			
UW-Superior (6-10)	0	2			

Golf nears conference play

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Before school even began, the UW-River Falls women’s golf team was very busy. On Sept. 2, the Falcons played for the first time of the season at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational. Katie Kantrud led the Falcons. The UW-RF team has suffered

“The team is young, with six players up from four.” Reid Perry, women’s golf coach

by a lack of members. “The team is young, with six players up from four. Some have very little to no competitive experience. No, it is not difficult because of the time that can be devoted to the development of their swing and golf skills,” Perry said. “When we had only four players, all scores had to count. So if a player had an off day we had to use the score. Typically, five players play with the four best scores counting.” The head coach is also new to the program. Perry took over for Jeff Berkhoff. The following weekend the Falcons traveled to Oshkosh,



The UW-River Falls women’s team started off the season with only four members. They recently added two more golfers. The Falcons are at the Stevens Point Invite this weekend.

playing in the Oshkosh Invitational. The Falcon women placed sixth after the first day and improved the second day to finish in fourth overall. Jenna Gutzwiller finished 18th overall. Gutzwiller tied for 60th during the Division III Midwest Classic. The classic originally planned to be a two-day event,

but bad weather caused the first day to be canceled. This weekend the Falcons compete in a two-day event at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational. Tee time, both Saturday and Sunday, is set for 8 a.m. Next weekend, the women begin the WIAC Meet in Watertown, Wis.

The Falcons compete at the WIAC Conferece Meet at Windwood Golf Course in Madison on Oct. 7 and 8. Tee times are at 9 and 10 a.m., respectively.

Packingham: Ready for football from page 6

ence foe UW-Oshkosh. This game is believed to be the first night game at Ramer Field since the 1970s. While I was in high school, night games were always my favorite to attend, watching your favorite team play under the lights was always an awesome experience. I believe that while the atmosphere is going to be there anyway, having the first home game be under the lights at Ramer, the atmosphere is going to increase. From my experience, people get more interested in night games and hopefully this year that will help the Falcon squad. In my three years at River Falls, I’ve been to a number of football games. I’ve gone to many as a fan and a member of the Pep Band and also have been to a number working for the Student Voice. I’ve had a ton of fun either way, but unfortunately I can’t say the same about a num-

After three non-conference games it will be exciting to see how River Falls can do...

ber of people I know. Truthfully, I think I’ve been to more football than ten of my friends combined. I hope that the new season and the new idea of a night game will get more fans out to support our team. Crowd support is crucial in any sport, in fact some say it’s like having an extra player out on the field. I’m also looking forward to seeing the Falcons play this weekend in their first conference game of the year. After three non-conference games it will be exciting to see how River Falls can do against conference tams. This fall, there are not many opportunities to come out and see the Falcons in action. In the regular season the Falcons are scheduled to play only four home games. After this weekend they won’t play at home again until October 14 against UW-Stevens Point. I’m looking forward to seeing what the Falcons can do this year and continue to report on it. It would be great to see River Falls football finish with the best record in recent years. I’ll keep you all posted.

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Cross country aims for best finish

Sarah Packingham sarah.packingham@uwrf.edu Following the time trials event in early September, the UW-River Falls’ cross country teams have made an attempt to make the 2006 season their best season. The time trials determined the men’s roster, while the women’s roster was already established. Although the team has only had three meets this season, Head Coach Don Glover and his athletes believe they have been living doing well in races and practices. “Both teams are running well, and both teams have lived up to my expectations,” Glover said. “Both teams have the potential to be the best we have had here for many years.” Both the men and women have a mix of freshmen and experienced veterans. “The men have some great new freshmen — three in the top seven, led by J.D. Rojas, Chad Ernst and Nick Zeien,” Glover said. “With our returning runners this makes our team depth remarkable.” “The freshmen women have had a bit of hard luck with

injuries, but Leah Korf from Tartan High School is running in the top five,” Glover continued. “Sandra Kirchner and Carly Eggert are running in the top seven and as they learn and get more confidence they will continue to improve.” If there have been any problems, they’re injuries. Junior Jason Phillippi said he hopes everyone can stay healthy and continue to compete. Phillippi said the Falcons’ recent meet was the most difficult. Most recently, the Falcons competed in the Griak Invitational and were successful in their individual attempts. Becca Jordahl led the women, finishing 12th with 32 different teams competing. Freshman Chad Ernst placed highest for the Falcons in 94th, just a few seconds over teammate Phillippi. “It was our first meet that I ran, but also where we faced real competition and had some things go wrong with people being sick and losing their spike in the mud on one of the hilliest and slowest courses,” Phillippi said. On Sept. 24 both the men’s and women’s teams traveled to

Northfield, Minn., for the St. Olaf Invitational, where Jake Cavanaugh and Amanda Kozicky finished in the top position for their respective teams. The Falcons’ first meet was on Sept. 9, when they hosted the UW-River Falls Invitational. Jose Rojas led the men, and Jordahl led the way for the women. According to Phillippi, an average week for the Falcons is a difficult training process. Each week there are usually two hard workouts, a long run and a three-day recovery process before race day. The Falcons were expected to stay active during the off-season. During the off-season, Glover gives his runners a guide, which can be difficult to follow with work schedules and classes. Both the Falcon men and women travel to Eau Claire today to take part in the Bugold Open. The meet begins at 3 p.m. Following the meet in Eau Claire, the Falcons only have one before the WIAC Meet, which takes place Oct. 28.

Briese: Leads the team with her optimism, experience from page 6

She said when she came to UW-RF she had no strokes, yet the only reason Lueck kept her around was the strength in her legs and determination for the game. Just four years later, she’s playing in the team’s No. 1 singles spot. “I never imagined I could play like that,” she said. Briese has to overcome adversity in her college athletic career. Last year she was sick for most of the season and diag-

nosed with asthma. In her down time Briese and her boyfriend Joe use the kayak s bought enjoy the water whenever possible. She also likes to ice fish, hunt, shop and attend all the Falcon hockey games, since her boyfriend is on



Becky Briese

“I have high hopes. It takes experience, and I see us growing in every match.” Becky Briese, tennis player

the men’s team. Following her time at UW-RF, Briese wants to take 10 years to just see where life takes her before possibly moving back to Roseau.

Volleyball: Loses battle with conference rival Eau Claire

from page 6 3:30 to 5:30 Monday and Wednesday and Thursday and Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00. [There are] games every weekend. We usually leave Friday morning and return home late Saturday night. We get Sundays off.” Following the tournament the team will return home on Oct. 6 against conference rival UW-Platteville at 7 p.m. They will also take on UW-LaCrosse the next day at 12 p.m. Geehan believes that the Falcon squad have enough talent to make it all the way to the NCAA tournament this year.



Molly Thompson (10) attempts to spike the ball in a WIAC match with UW-Eau Claire. Eau Claire won the match 3-1.

Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Plans unveiled for Dairy Learning Center

New Dairy Center will enhance education for dairy science, animal science majors

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UW-River Falls’ new Dairy Learning Center is projected to be finished by fall 2008, but may be completed a year earlier.

The Dairy Learning Center is a set of buildings run by the University to better enhance the education of its dairy science majors. The Center will hold 100 adult cows, compared to 70 housed now. The new facility will be built on the land east of Lab Farm 2, which is located about two miles north of River Falls.

The farm is being built for the benefit of students. “It will show students the modern facilities and methods we have not been able to show with our facilities now,” Professor of Animal Science Larry Baumann said.

The University’s current dairy facilities are outdated.

“They are so outdated, antiquated and crowded,” Baumann said, adding that dairy farms generally change about every 10 to 20 years. “The facility we have now has been there since 1956 or 1957.”

The new facility will have 10 buildings in all. As for the old buildings, some will be used to store hay and others will be torn down.

“It’s like an old car,” Baumann said. “After 250,000 miles, you need a new one.”

The money for the new center is not coming out of students’ pockets. The buildings are being funded by the state commissioning board.

“The facilities that are being built are going to be open to the public, so anyone that wants to come in and look around will be able to do so,” said CAFES Associate Dean Bob Baker.

There are approximately 110 Dairy Science majors, along with another 350 animal science majors, at UW-RF.

“We want our students to have the best possible learning experience, which is why we are building the new Dairy Learning Center,” Baker said.

There will be state-of-the-art equipment and classrooms in the facility.

“I went to a commercial farm and videotaped something and brought it back to the classroom,” Baumann said.

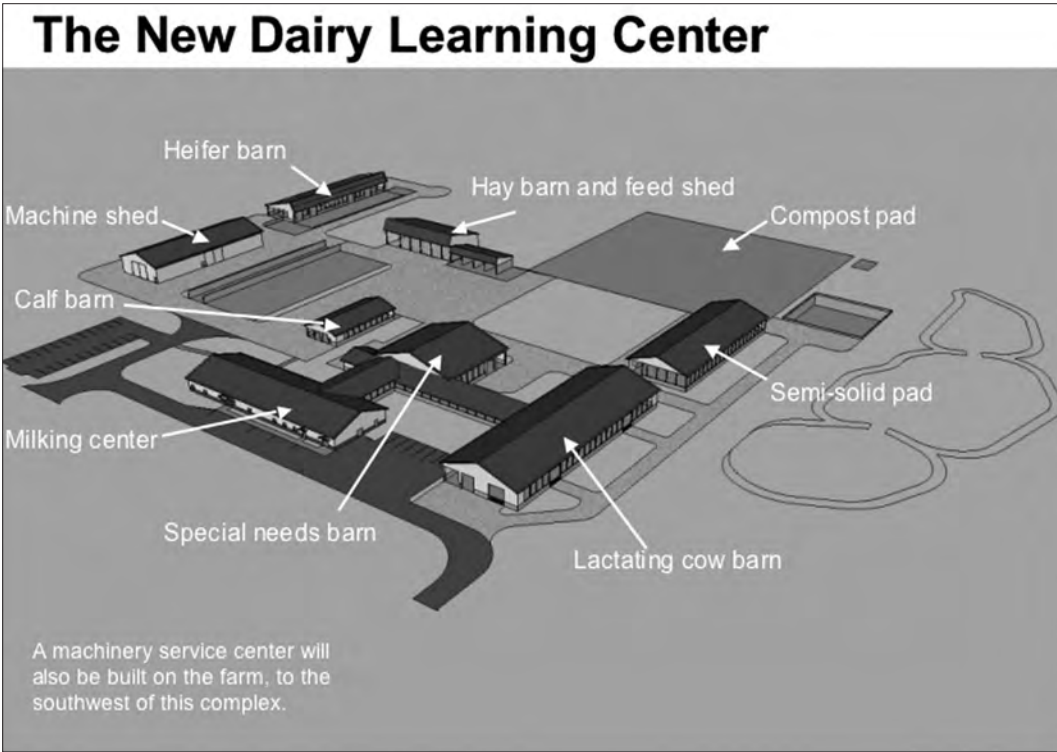
The University’s current dairy facility is inadequate in size and technology for proper student education, and the Dairy

“It will show students the modern facilities and methods we have not been able to show with our facilities now.”

Larry Baumann, professor of animal science



File Photo
Mann Valley Farm is located 2.5 miles northwest of River Falls on County Rd. MM. The farm was built on more than 290 acres, housing cattle, sheep and swine operations. The majority of feed necessary for livestock production is produced on the farm’s cropland.



Submitted graphic
The new Dairy Learning Center is set to be completed by fall 2008. It will be expanded to help house the technology needed to better educate dairy science majors.

Learning Center was planned to resolve those issues.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Oct. 20, though the time has not yet been decided.

“I am glad that it is being started. It has taken a long time and a lot of hard work to begin this process,” said senior dairy science major Dan Lauderdale. “It is going to be a great learning tool for all students.”

Student helps in relief effort after tornado

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On Monday, Sept. 18, UW-River Falls social work student Krista Erickson took part in the Red Cross effort to assist families in Rogers, Minn., after an F2 tornado devastated the town two days earlier.

The tornado struck the town late on Saturday, Sept. 16, leaving a 10-year old girl dead and many others homeless.



Krista Erickson

Erickson, a senior, is new to the Red Cross Disaster Services internship program, beginning two weeks before the tornado struck as part of a requirement for her social work degree. The internship program is not directly linked to UW-RF, but students in the past have worked in similar areas for the Red Cross as an internship.

On Sept. 18, Erickson and several other interns traveled to Rogers on behalf of the Red Cross. The interns set up an office in the Rogers City Hall, where they provided “in-take” services for families whose homes were partially or completely destroyed.

Erickson talked with families in need of a place to stay or a voucher for a night in a hotel, as well as other immediate needs. She was not given the opportunity, however, to take part in any actual clean-up activities.

“There were hundreds of volunteers there cleaning up the city,” Erickson said of the overall effort.

The majority of the assistance for families was brought to the Red Cross’ attention on Sunday following the tornado when the city’s wreckage was visible.

“Part of me wished I had a camera,” Erickson said. “But at the same time, the families were picking up their houses on their lawns, and I don’t know if it would have been insensitive.”

The tornado took the residents of the community by surprise.

Strong storms were apparent Saturday night, but sirens failed to sound as the skies worsened.

An independent investigation is being advised by U.S. Senator Mark Dayton, D-Minn., but the National Weather Service maintains that the tornado touched down before it appeared on the radar screens.

The Red Cross released information regarding the overall damage in Rogers, listing 17 destroyed homes and 48 others with major damage.

Fortunately, the majority of the homeowners had insurance that will cover a large amount of the \$15-20 million in total damages.

The tornado itself was rated an F2, meaning it sustained winds from 113-157 mph and was up to 100 yards wide.

Witnessing the natural disaster in Rogers was Erickson’s first exposure to real mass devastation, but it did not deter her from her goals of working in the field internationally.

“It was the first disaster I had seen with my own eyes,” Erickson said. “I was overwhelmed by how close to home it was.”

Overall it was a good experience, Erickson said. She has a passion for the services that the Red Cross offers and encourages students in any degree program to volunteer if programs like this interest them.

Erickson chose to do her internship with the Red Cross because of its widespread efforts, both nationwide and internationally.

“I wanted to work at an organization that was nationally known,” she said. “I really like so many different aspects of what they do.”

After graduating in May, Erickson is looking to earn her master’s degree in social work. She plans to continue working with the Red Cross in order to gain experience and be exposed to the various efforts that the Red Cross offers.

Fines: Public Safety wants compliance of 25-foot smoking rule, will not issue fines

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Still, some students don’t think written policies are effective.

“Even if the school did enforce the 25-foot rule with a fine issued by Public Safety, this would not keep students from smoking on campus,” said Prucha Hall Manager Becky Grossman.

She said it is difficult to satisfy both smokers and residents.

“Even when smokers respect the 25-foot rule, there are still unhappy residents,” she said. “I have had residents complain this year who can smell cigarette smoke coming in their windows. The smokers were at the smoking station, which is placed in compliance with the 25-foot rule.”

The policy now followed by the University was revised in 2003 after students living in residence halls com-

plained about the smell of cigarette smoke coming through their windows. The policy took effect in January 2004.

Kimball said it is nice to know the option is out there to enforce the policy if it is necessary.

“We would enforce [the fines] if people would be obnoxious and unwilling to comply, but most of them are willing to do so,” he said.

Chancellor Don Betz said it is impor-

tant to ensure that individuals abide by the campus’ policy.

“I will be interested in how the Student Senate reviews their proposal,” Betz said.

While the issue of fines may not be discussed again in the Senate, Eggers said the time spent on the issue was appropriate.

“Smoking is an important topic, which people on both sides have strong

feelings for or against,” he said.

No Wisconsin or Minnesota universities have smoking fines as part of their smoking policy. Many have a provision stating that smoking is not allowed within 25 feet of campus buildings and/or designated smoking areas as indicated by signs.

A proposal to ban smoking on all campus property failed to pass at a Senate meeting held last April.

Policy permits skateboarding at designated times

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In the 1970s, urethane wheels, pool riding and the Zephyr team turned skateboarding from a forgotten 1950s fad into a leading force in the world of extreme sports.

What began as a pastime for California surfers became a popular activity for teenagers and young adults across the country, bringing with it a world of ollies, kick flips and skinned knees.

UW-River Falls is no exception, as skateboarding has a strong presence on campus, despite restrictions placed on the activity.

While in previous years skateboarding was confined to “limited times and limited areas,” UW-RF skateboarders now have more freedom than ever before.

Although the current policy states, “skateboarding is prohibited from 7:45 a.m. through 3:35 p.m.,” Public Safety Director Mark Kimball said the major change for this year is that the entire campus is open for skateboarders during the allowed time period.

“There is a reason to the limit,” Kimball said. “After 3:30 p.m., there is less class activity. All through the day, there are too many people. We don’t have room.”

Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Mary Halada shares Kimball’s opinion on limiting times for skateboarding.

“Safety is our first priority,” Halada said.

In his first semester at UW-RF, freshman Andrew Carstensen said he thinks the campus has enough room for skateboarders and pedestrians to coexist.

“It’s not a nuisance,” he said.

While 19-year-old Carstensen may not agree with the skateboarding policy, the possibility of a ticket found him “not as likely” to skateboard, even though he “was thinking about it.”

Although the entire campus is open during the 16-hour time period when skateboarding is allowed, those wishing to emulate Tony Hawk or Shaun White may find themselves facing a \$186 fine.

According to the administrative policy on skateboarding, tricking, such as a nose grind or a heelflip, is prohibited at all times.

In banning tricking, skateboarders may feel that their sport has been reduced to a mode of transportation on campus, but the administration sees it differently.

“There is good reason for that from a facilities point of view,” Halada said when speaking of prohibiting tricking.

Using Rodli Commons as an example, Halada said anyone practicing tricking on campus can cause harm to buildings.

“It cracks the stone,” she said. “We want to preserve the facilities.”

Tricking is not the only area where skateboarders can get fined.

For anyone who is caught skateboarding between 7:45 a.m. and 3:35 p.m., the \$186 fine also applies.

Sophomore Leah Iverson does not skateboard, but the 20-year-old student has noticed something she found unfair during the daytime hours.

“People can bike and rollerblade,” she said. “Why can’t you skateboard?”

Although rollerblading falls under the same policy as skateboarding, Iverson’s question of bicycles on campus is valid.

The answer is that UW-RF has no local policy on bicycles.

A system policy prohibits bicycles from being parked on campus sidewalks, but says nothing about when or where a person can use them.

According to Halada, there is a reason skateboards and bicycles have their own policies.

“The most obvious difference is that skateboards can leave a person more quickly,” she said. “It is a control issue.”

Along with the safety of pedestrians, Halada also said there is no problem with bicycles on campus.

As far as adopting a bicycle policy for UW-RF, Halada does not think such measures are necessary.

“I don’t know that it is needed,” she said.

While the difference between bicycles and skateboards may seem unfair to students like Carstensen and Iverson, the current policy is allowing skateboarders more liberties than before.

“Before, skateboarding was banned,” Kimball said. The changes now promise that “you can skateboard all night.”

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Performing band deemed good background music



Erik Wood

I’ve got to ask you what’s better, buying albums for the first listen or seeing a band live? I think the answer to the question is completely rhetorical. I suppose I could be wrong though. Personally, if I can attend a live music event, let alone a rock show, count me in. The best way to get a feel for new music is listening to it live. Well on Oct. 7 you’ve got a chance to catch a “comfortable” three-piece rock band from Minneapolis by the name of Consolation Champ. Along with Consolation Champ, another local Minnesota musician will be playing — Mason Jennings. The Big Event will take place in the UW-RF amphitheatre for an Oct. 7 Aids Awareness benefit concert. If you’re looking for some mellow “rock” music and a great time, show yourself and represent local bands. Consolation Champ is unique in the sense that it is a three-piece rock band suitable for all occasions, whether it be studying, partying, or even just as background music. While listening to the debut album, “The Invitational,” which dropped Sept.22 at a release

party at the Fine Line Music Café in Minneapolis, I heard what I thought sounded like a blend of Jack Johnson and a merging of indie rock. The album can be described as catchy, with a twist of funky indie vibes that will contain whatever mood you tend to be in. The group has been together for approximately two years, playing at local clubs in Minnesota. For a debut album, words such as solid, creative, and again catchy can only be used when describing “The Invitational.” Some tracks to look for if you are in attendance are the opening track on the album, “She’s Such a Fox,” and “Wonderful Unknown.” Interestingly enough, they were recognized by iTunes music service, their genre classification being rock. I disagree completely. When I read the album description and saw the classification “rock-n-roll,” I chuckled. Honestly, I don’t think this is classifi-



Consolation Champ’s debut CD, “The Invitational” was released Sept. 22.

able as rock music. Whether you like it or not, classification matters in today’s music world. But just like any other local band, they possess a passion for music and continue to impress fans and gain them at each live performance. Be sure to check out this AIDS benefit show, support the local music, and don’t forget to catch recorded singles by Consolation Champ at their Web site, www.consolationchamp.com and at www.myspace.com/consolationchamp. Until then, mark your calendars for Oct. 7 to give these guys a listen and form your own opinion.

FALCON REVIEWS

Old bird gets a face lift

Fiercer falcon for athletic department

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The UW-River Falls falcon is dead, and from its ashes both a newer falcon and hopes of establishing a stronger campus identity rise. This year, UW-RF will implement its new athletic logo across campus in an attempt to give a fresh face to the athletic department. “The old logo was not resonating with what we wanted to do as far as an image,” Athletic Director Rick Bowen said. This realization led to a campaign to modernize and update the falcon. Focus groups were called together to discuss the logo’s strengths and weaknesses and to determine if a change was necessary. The results came back with about half of the participants desiring a change and the other half uncertain a change was essential. This didn’t communicate that there was a strong passion for the old falcon, Bowen said.

The creation of the new identity is an effort to make the logo better fit the athletic department and spur fervor among the students for the University’s athletic program. “I strongly believe that the new athletic logo portrays the athletic teams in a more dominating light,” said Kathryn Krtnick, a member of the Student

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Athletics Advisory Committee. “It is also very versatile, so the team can either choose to use either the entire falcon or just the modified head as a symbol.” Instrumental in the creation of the new logo and redesign process was Tony Bredahl, art director for UW-RF.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice
The new logo is displayed center ice in Hunt Arena.

“Weak or inconsistent logos should be eliminated or changed to promote new vision,” Bredahl said in a publication addressing the logo change. “Ultimately, the goal is to maintain a strong identity that reflects the quality that is UW-RF.”

The committee developed to address the issue looked at many different things, including other universities and sports teams. It was determined that a more fierce-looking falcon would better suit the athletic department, as would italicizing the words so they appeared to be in motion.

There are, however, adverse consequences to the change in the athletic logo. “The biggest loss with a new identity is tradition -- something alumni and friends, current students, and faculty and staff have come to recognize. Bringing in a new image may result in the loss of years of identity,” Bredahl said. “It will require many additional dollars and resources, and several years to re-establish a new mark to become recognized as UW-RF.”

Gregg Heinselman, the committee’s link to the new student center, also addressed the expense concern. “The falcon will show itself on campus slowly,” Heinselman said.

It is currently being branded on the backs of chairs in the new student center, and has been painted onto the ice in Hunt Arena.

As early as next spring, students will start to see merchandise with the new falcon in the bookstore.

As for athletic equipment, the new logo will be phased in slowly as equipment needs replacement. This addresses the cost of the redesign, but the loss of tradition is something with which the campus will have to deal.

Despite this loss, Krtnick still believes the logo change is a keen way of establishing the passion and loyalty the athletic department seeks.

“I am a student athlete that thrives on tradition and culture of an athletic program,” Krtnick said. “But am also a great advocate of change — especially when that change will improve the image of the River Falls athletic department.”



Above: The old Falcon logo
Below: The new Falcon logo



Flyboys brings WWII insight



Nick Welsh

For most of World War I, the United States was not officially involved. Nonetheless, there were Americans who felt compelled to help European allies. Some joined the infantry or Red Cross. Some decided to do something revolutionary — fly. In the beginning of “Flyboys,” we’re introduced to several characters, young men saying their goodbyes to families from all around the country. One of them, Blaine Rawlings (James Franco), is forced to flee from the law, turning to flying as an alternative. Despite his disreputable history, we see him mature and succeed as he joins dozens of others in a squadron dubbed the Lafayette Escadrille in France. Though each person joined for different reasons, we get the opportunity to learn about their amazing stories as they developed friendships and courage out there on the battlefield. Based on a true story, we get to see firsthand how they were molded, becoming the world’s first combat pilots. There were many positive aspects to this movie, but certainly its best attribute was its film editing and cinematography. For me it was so realistic that it made me believe, if even for moments at a time, that I too was up there in the clouds. Its musical score also had a majestic feel to it, further complementing the emotions accompanied in the scenes, whether peaceful or full of adrenaline. As the story unfolds, we learn not only about the thoughts and feelings of these brave fliers, but also a mirror of the times. Back then this war had attracted eager young men who dreamed of adventure and glory. Both of these characteristics are exemplified boldly throughout the film. Another aspect that comes into focus is that soldiers back then still believed in something that seems to have all but disappeared in our consciousness - honor. This defines what’s appropriate out on the battlefield, even against sworn enemies. An understanding between these characters (though they may be complete strangers) clearly coexists. Also shown is the development of brotherhood



between these men, going to the point of trusting their lives with one another, even self-sacrifice if necessary. While he’s there to complete his training, Rawlings develops an intimate relationship with a local girl. Easily the best film I’ve seen in months, “Flyboys” is a portrait of another time when everyone had dreams, filled with idealism, which now seems to have been replaced with cynicism. Strangely enough, very few films have been made that chronicle World War I, much less aerial dog fighting. That’s what makes this movie so unique, because it’s a subject that has rarely been touched. Its smooth combination of cinematography, music and film editing comes together so well that I couldn’t help but feel impressed. I would honestly recommend it to anyone. You have to remember that there are some dramatic points, that it’s not just endless action. Therefore, a longer attention span may come in handy. Nick is a senior studying history. He enjoys watching comic book superhero movies.

Jackass 2 is positively crude



Jenna Lee

What does it say about our society when the No. 1 movie in America, which has grossed over \$25 million already, is about dick, fart and pain jokes? I guess that just makes me a jackass too, because I could not have gotten enough of it. It is one of the only movies you can go into, hoot and holler, and not feel overly loud. If “Jackass 2” had lasted another two hours, I wouldn’t have even cared; I could watch that crap all day long. I take that back - I’d watch it all day long if I could be spared the image of Preston Lacy and Wee Man’s balls. (Oh yeah, they show ‘em). There is nothing different about this film than the TV show or even the first movie, except for a bigger budget funded by MTV. It consists of dozens of sketches with Bam Margera, Johnny Knoxville, and the rest of the crew pushing their bodies to the extreme just for the sake of laughs and beer. The “Jackass” TV show spawned many different spin-offs. Margera does a show that centers on his family. Ryan Dunn helps kids trash their friends’ houses. Chris Pontius and Steve-O criss-cross the globe looking for exotic animals to harass. Each of these shows brings a specialty to this film, but they kick it up a notch for the R-rated crowd. I think the grossest skit that I could only watch through the fingers over my eyes was with Steve-O and the guys in India. They went to a leech healer and put one of those little suckers (I shouldn’t say little -- it was about 4 inches long) on his eye ball. Another animal skit involved Pontius actually drinking horse sperm that they ‘helped milk.’ It was so wrong that they actually had a black bar over his face that said ‘censored.’ Not only is “Jackass” loved by the general masses, but celebrities as well. Luke Wilson and John Waters make short appearances. Three 6 Mafia pays Dave England \$200 to eat horse shit. Tony Hawk and Matt Hoffman, the skating and BMX stars, always seem to show up on set just



to skate around while getting things thrown at them. But we can’t forget that these boys are human; they are not indestructible. Knoxville almost died when a rocket that he was riding exploded out the side, although he tried it again. And when they called a snake handler with a king cobra to scare Margera, his eyes filled with tears in horror. It’s really nice to see a movie every once in a while that doesn’t take itself too seriously. I could just geek out during the movie because I feel like I’ve grown up with these guys since eighth grade (well, I grew up -- they might not have). Every two minutes I was thrown back in my seat, shaking my head in disgust but unable to look away. You really get what you pay to see in “Jackass 2,” even if it is just a beard made out of pube shavings. Jenna is a junior studying journalism and music history. She enjoys watching dark comedy movies.

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

The BIG Event

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Fighting AIDS is not a task someone can do alone. Recognizing this, the Student Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC) at UW-River Falls has joined up with an awareness organization and local bands to raise money for AIDS-orphaned children through a benefit concert.

The concert, called The Big Event, will be held Oct. 7 at the Amphitheatre. Live music begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for UW-RF students and \$20 for the general public. They can be purchased in the Leadership Center or by calling 715-425-3911.

The proceeds, including ticket sales, a raffle and donations, will be used to help build a school for children who have been orphaned due to AIDS in the sub-Saharan African country of Uganda.

Headlining the afternoon-long concert is Twin Cities musician Mason Jennings. Along with him will be Haley Bonar, The Exchange, The Alarmists and Consolation Champ.

“We’re really pumped to do this,” said Joey Ryan from The Exchange. “We couldn’t ask for a better cause.”

Ryan, who is the lead vocalist and guitarist, said the band is happy to have the opportunity to play at the Big Event along with the other bands in the line up.

John Richards, lead singer and songwriter for Consolation Champ, also said he was excited to play with the bands, which he is a fan of.

“It’s a great cause, and to be able to combine that with great music and a great venue is an opportunity not to pass up,” Richards said.

The Exchange will play a 45-minute set and plans on

donating some merchandise to the raffle, as well as a portion of its merchandise profits.

“All the bands are playing at a hugely discounted price,” said Brent Turner, leadership training coordinator who helped SGAC organize The Big Event. “They’re playing to support the cause.”

“We’d play for free; we’re more concerned about the cause,” Richards said. “It’s an added benefit to do a benefit show — it’s a feeling beyond rocking the house.”

People at the event will not only listen to hours of indie rock, but have opportunities to make contributions.

“By buying a ticket, you’re directly raising money to build a school,” Turner said.

Beyond jamming to the music, concert-goers will be able to ask questions at educational booths and inquire about volunteering around the Twin Cities.

The raffle will have prizes ranging from autographed musical and pop memorabilia to band merchandise.

The idea for The Big Event came from students’ connection to music.

“This generation looks to music to bring people together,” Turner said.

SGAC member Molly Thompson agreed.

“Our generation is really big into music,” she said. “We wanted to turn a simple concert into something bigger than itself.”

The idea began when a group of students went to help with Hurricane Katrina relief and wanted to find a way to keep helping. They created an SGAC chapter on campus and organized The Big Event as the kick-off.

“There’s never been something like this on campus,” Thompson said.

Building Tomorrow, the non-profit organization SGAC

joined forces with, has been part of other AIDS awareness events.

Building Tomorrow Founder George Srour said The Big Event is “by far one of the best kick-off events we’ve seen.”

Building Tomorrow will have 10 chapter schools by the end of this fall. The first school to join was the College of William and Mary in Virginia in 2004.

“I’m thoroughly impressed by the efforts put forth by the campus,” Srour said.

UW-RF Event Coordinator Karyn Kling said she thought bringing national acts to a small community is a good way to show that the University and community are concerned about AIDS and eager to try to help.

“It’s an awareness piece,” she said.

Building Tomorrow has a similar mission.

“The guiding mission is to educate vulnerable children in impoverished areas and raise HIV awareness in the community to ultimately reduce the spread of AIDS,” according to a Sept. 20 press release.

In addition to The Big Event, some SGAC members will have the opportunity to go to Uganda, visit the site of the school and do some work in another institution that has already been established.

“American college students will witness the impact of their actions and gain a greater understanding of a commitment to global change,” the press release stated.

There are plans in the works making it possible for students to receive academic credit for going to Uganda. Turner said he was also working to make the trip an annual opportunity.

For information on tickets, Building Tomorrow or any of the bands, visit www.myspace.com/thebigevent.

Jammin’ for the cause

Bands performing at The Big Event



Big Event bands are listed clockwise, starting from top left: The Exchange, Mason Jennings, The Alarmists, Haley Bonar and Consolation Champ.

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