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## RF student attacked on campus

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A UW-River Falls student was the victim of a sexual battery at 11:30 p.m. Nov. 9 on the Blue Stem Pathway — the most direct route from the Ramer Field parking lot to the main campus.

The female student was walking to campus near the nursery plot shed when an individual jumped out of a nearby wooded area and attacked her from behind, according to UWRF Public Safety reports.

While no physical penetration occurred, the incident has been categorized as a sexual battery because “sexual attempts” were made — including efforts to remove the woman’s clothing, Public Safety Director Mark Kimball said.

The unidentified perpetrator pinned the student down on the ground before apparently hearing a noise and running away, according to reports. There are no signs suggesting a weapon was used.

There is no description available of the perpetrator, who remained behind the victim at all times. However, statements from the victim indicate that the individual is male.

Public Safety was notified of the incident early

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## Agenda focuses on retention

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UW-River Falls faculty and administration have put together a Growth Agenda for the campus with the main goal being retention of current students.

In recent years, the retention rate has fluctuated between 70 and 75 percent. Other UW System universities have added requests for funding to allow for higher enrollment, but UWRF is focusing on decreasing the number of students who transfer to other schools after completing their freshman year.

“Our goal is to retain the [students] we have rather than try to replace them,” Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders said.

Last month, the UWRF Faculty Senate approved a resolution supporting the proposed Growth Agenda for the entire UW System and for the UWRF campus.

The main goal for the “Growth Agenda for Wisconsin” is “to achieve access and affordability for UW students, and boost economic growth for the state.”

Other UW campuses have also instituted separate initiatives to enhance the learning environment of each university. One of the major expectations of the plan is to increase the number of Wisconsin residents enrolled at UW-System schools, as well as increase the number of four-year college graduates.

Wisconsin Vice President for Higher Education for the American Federation of Teachers Ray Spoto sent out an Oct. 23 press release on behalf of The Association of University of Wisconsin Professionals (TAUWP) titled, “No Funds? No New Faculty? No ‘Growth Agenda!’” In the document, Spoto states, “TAUWP feels that the UW System criteria for growth are ill-conceived, especially when per-student funding is \$1,200 less than the national average,” and that there has been a “severe reduction

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## Injuries plague men's hockey game

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Hunt Arena was silenced Saturday as two hockey-related injuries ended in trips to the hospital for UW-River Falls sophomore Chris Robinson, defenseman for the Falcon men’s squad, and UWRF junior Renae Bergh, a member of the women’s hockey team.

The Falcons hosted St. John’s University.

At 08:43 in the second period, Gabriel Harren of the Johnnies hit Robinson from behind, sending him into the boards, and leaving him motionless on the ice. Men’s hockey Trainer Gary “Stump” Eloranta and emergency medical workers on the scene quickly responded to the situation, examining the injured Falcon and removing him from the ice.

“Our trainer, Stump, and the EMTs did a tremendous job,” men’s coach Steve Freeman said. “Our hats are off to them for their professionalism.”

Robinson was transported via ambulance to the hospital, where he received treatment for a sprained neck, and was later released.

“Chris was released after some tests on Saturday after the game,” Freeman said. “He is sore, but is cleared and did some light skating [Tuesday]. We are certainly relieved it didn’t turn out to be serious.”

Harren was charged with two penalties for his conduct on the ice, five minutes for checking from behind and 10 minutes for game



Kenny Yoo

Emergency medical workers wheel Chris Robinson off the ice after he was forced into the wall headfirst by an opponent Saturday evening.

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## PROFESSOR SPELLBOUND BY WITCHERY

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Years of writing and research on early American witchcraft paid off for a new UW-River

Falls faculty member, leading to a book

contract and new history course at UWRF.

Assistant history professor Roark Atkinson’s project began when he heard about a very unusual book of magic spells from South Carolina from the 1780s. This book was filled with counter-magic, which was used to harm witches, Atkinson said.

It’s rare to find this type of subject matter 100 years after the infamous Salem Witch Trials, he said, and it led him to search for other sources.

“There were dozens of incidents where people were hunting witches in the late 18th century, early 19th century, which is much later than people thought witchcraft was happening,” Atkinson said.

This spring, Atkinson will teach a course called, “Witches, Demons and Popular Religion in the Atlantic World 1450-1900.” It marks the first time a course on witchcraft has been offered at UWRF.

The course explores early American witchcraft and witch hunting beginning in the 17th century — resulting in witch hunts that killed thousands of colonials, Atkinson said.

The assistant professor was first contacted in August about his book “Invisible Plantations: Religious Violence, Occult Healing, and Witchcraft in the Scottish Atlantic World, 1590-1820,” published by The Johns Hopkins University Press in Maryland.

Atkinson’s book took 10 years to complete, including six years of research and four years of writing.

“We welcome this book as an example of the very best research that involves trans-Atlantic issues in early American history,” Johns Hopkins University Press Senior Acquisitions Editor Robert Brugger said.

The book is set to be part of the “Early America: History, Context, Culture” series.

The project started out as Atkinson’s dissertation while he was a graduate student at Indiana University

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Zach Nagle

Roark Atkinson sits among shelves of books in his office, to which he will soon add one of his own. The history professor struck a deal with The Johns Hopkins University Press to publish his book about witchcraft.

## McNair Program offers scholarships to first-generation students

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College tuition has been rising significantly over the past quarter-century, making it harder every year for students to fund their education. But there is hope at UW-River Falls.

The McNair Scholars Program offered on campus helps low-income, first-generation students pay for their education, get into graduate school and earn doctorate degrees. However, many students are unaware of their eligibility, the program and its benefits.

“Many students would qualify,” McNair Scholars Program Coordinator Njia Lawrence-Porter said. “They just don’t know it.”

UWRF is one of 179 universities and colleges participating in the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education since 1989.

The program was created in honor of McNair, a laser physicist and astronaut who was killed when the space shuttle Challenger exploded.

Students qualify for the McNair Scholars Program if they come from a low-income family, are a first-generation college student, or are from an underrepresented group in as post-graduate education and have the desire to earn a Ph.D.

Independent students may qualify based solely on their own income rather than family income.

“When students sign up for the program, we are looking for those who want to go to graduate school,” Lawrence-Porter said. “The program’s main goal is to increase the number of UWRF students that go on to graduate school.”

But not enough students have been applying to the program. “The number of applicants has dropped,” Lawrence-Porter said. “This is important because the success of the program depends on students applying for it.”

The program has a total of 24 McNair scholars each year, 12 juniors and 12 seniors.

It has accepted eight juniors this year and needs four more.

Phil George, UWRF McNair Scholars Program director, said though the program only accepts 12 juniors each year, he is willing to increase the number to 15.

“If more students applied and qualified, we would take them in a heartbeat,” George said.

Lawrence-Porter said the program has met its quota every year, but that has been getting tougher because of the low number of applications that have come in.

“Part of the reason is not a lot of low-income students are coming to UWRF. The income levels are getting higher here,” she said. “But we know there are low-income students still out there, we just need to find them.”

Another reason not many students are applying, Lawrence-Porter said, is because students are assuming they don’t qualify.

“We want students to put in an application and let us decide if they qualify,” she said.

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Professor wins veterinarian award

An animal and food science professor at UW-River Falls was recently presented with the Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA). This award is given to a veterinarian who has made significant contributions in the state to veterinarians and the profession, as well as veterinary medicine. Larry Baumann, D.V.M., was nominated by a group of his colleagues within the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (NWVMA). Baumann had to choose between two important events in October, as the award ceremony was scheduled the same time as the University’s groundbreaking of the new Dairy Learning Center. “It was ironic,” he said, as he originally planned to be at the groundbreaking, but found out only two weeks before he won the award. Baumann attended WVMA’s annual convention held in Madison to accept the award. In addition, he received an engraved plaque. “It was very meaningful and a humbling honor,” he said. Baumann received his veterinary degree in 1978 from Purdue University. He has been active in the NWVMA for almost 20 years, taking on various tasks and leadership roles. The NWVMA has one of the highest memberships and is also one of the most active veterinary districts in the state.



Larry Baumann

ROTC member speaks at Veterans ceremony



Andrew Redd

Hudson High School graduate and UW-River Falls student Andrew Redd spoke at the University’s Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 10. Redd is a specialist with the Army National Guard Alpha 1/128 Company in Menomonie, and recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. He has returned to UWRF to study and is majoring in chemistry. In addition, he is in UWRF’s Army Reserves Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Students, staff receive homeless experience

The UW-River Falls Campus and Community Cleanup Coalition organized a sleep-out Nov. 13 through Nov. 14 to bring awareness to National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Students and staff slept each night on the Student Center lawn to reach its fundraising goal of \$2,000 for the Pierce County Hunger Prevention Council, Minnesota Coalition For The Homeless and the Simpson House in Minneapolis. A food drive and presentation, “Faces of Homelessness” were also scheduled. The Campus and Community Fighting Hunger and Homelessness organization and local businesses including Curves, the Colony Home and Ben Franklin sponsored the program. Each business pledged to donate \$1 for every individual who slept outside.



Educators learn new technologies for teaching

Nearly 140 K-12 teachers from nine local school districts spent a recent Saturday at UW-River Falls learning new and innovative technologies to use in the classroom. The 2006 Technology Integration Workshop was held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Wyman Education Building and Davee Library. The purpose of the workshop was not only to teach educators how to use software, but also explore how to integrate technology into their classrooms and students’ lives. Mary Manke, assistant dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, said positive learning and teaching opportunities result from well-equipped classrooms, however problems can arise if teachers aren’t taught how to use the technology. “Historically, it’s been easier to get funding to put technology in schools than it has been to help teachers see how to use it effectively,” Manke said. Students in today’s K-12 classrooms are a technology-oriented generation of kids, Manke said, and proper training is essential to keep up with the constantly evolving technology. Not only has interest in technology education grown because of teacher motivation, but also because school administrators are encouraging teachers to become familiar with the latest teaching strategies.

Most of the 90-minute sessions were held in the Wyman Education Building’s high-tech classrooms and Technology Education Center.

Young RF woman dies after car accident

A River Falls woman was killed over the weekend in a one-car crash in the Twin Cities’ suburb of Oakdale. Breanna Remer, 19, veered off Interstate 694 in Oakdale. Her car then overturned and hit a tree, according to the Minnesota State Patrol. She was taken to a hospital in St. Paul where she died. The State Patrol also reported that Remer was not wearing a seatbelt. Nobody else was in the vehicle.

Record deer herd, rule changes greet hunters

A record deer herd and a number of rule changes are what Wisconsin deer hunters will meet when the annual gun-deer season begins Saturday. The season will run through Nov. 26. Despite the record harvests in the last couple of years, DNR officials said this year’s deer herd remains above population goals. Wisconsin holds the record among states for a single-year harvest at 618,000 in 2000, and has also been the top deer harvest producing state over the past decade. The Dec. 7-10 antlerless hunt will be open in all deer management units statewide, but hunters need an antlerless deer carcass tag that is valid for the unit in which they plan to hunt, according to DNR officials. The free Herd Control and EAB antlerless deer carcass tag hunters receive with their licenses is only valid on units with those designations. Hunters who plan to hunt in regular deer management units need an antlerless deer carcass tag valid for the specific regular unit in which they would hunt. Unit-specific antlerless carcass tags are already sold out in most regular units.

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SENATE

New building should be deemed 'student center'

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At Tuesday’s meeting, Senate passed a motion to recognize the new University Center as a student center. The motion was tabled at last week’s meeting at the recommendation of Senator Jim Vierling. Student Senate Finance Director Adam Koski initiated the motion at the Nov. 7 meeting, and said the building should be deemed a “student center” since about \$33 million of the money used to fund the project came from student fees. “To me, a student union or student center is simply more appropriate,” Koski said. “The students built the building, and it is going to be a place for student life activities.” Koski said the building, though officially named a University Center, will probably be recognized by students as a student center, and the title of University Center will eventually be phased out as students begin calling it what they want. He said he does not want the name to be officially changed, just recognized as something other than a University Center. Last week, Vierling, the Senate chair of the Facilities

and Fees Board, pointed out that there had been numerous changes in the name the building would retain once completed. “The reasons for the name being changed are, as it turns out, simple,” Vierling said. “The UW System labels all new student centers, while they are being built, as student unions. Vierling said once the building is completed and opened for student use, the university can decide what it will be called. “The term University Center is being used because it is in the center of campus, as well as the fact that it will be where everything on campus is,” Vierling said. “It gives the campus a solid meeting place for everyone.” There have been rumors circulating as to whether the facility will be named after the late Ann Lydecker, who served as chancellor at UWRF from 2002 to 2004. Vierling said such a move would be inappropriate given the circumstances of the funding of the University Center. “Buildings are typically named after people who donate a lot of money,” Vierling said. “Being that this building is entirely student paid for, I don’t think it should be named after

any person.” Vierling also said naming the building a “student union” would be inappropriate given the multiple meanings behind the term. “In Europe, they call theirs ‘student unions’ because people must purchase a membership card to get in — which we don’t do,” he said. “The original term ‘union’ was to symbolize the union of Rodli and Hagestad to one building, and the union of east and west sides of campus. However, because ‘union’ has another definition that implies exclusivity, it isn’t really being considered anymore.” The current Student Center, along with numerous other structures on campus, is student funded, yet there was no recognition of this involvement when it was named. “For those that argue that it should be a Student Center because it’s student funded, they need to rethink that logic,” Vierling said. “Rodli, all the res halls, half of Hunt-Knowles, a portion of Karges, Ramer Field and the child center are all paid for by students — none of them have the ‘student’ title in them.” Though Senate has a say in what the name of the building should be, it does not have the

authority to name the building. “The administration and UW System will ultimately do what they want,” Koski said. The new University Center will open at the beginning of spring semester.

Other Senate news

- After the Nov. 9 report of sexual battery on campus, Senate President Joe Eggers has been in contact with Campus Planner Dale Braun to discuss the possibility of installing lights along the bike path between Ramer Lot and N-Lot. After a Dec. 5 meeting, the Senate members will take a campus safety walk on the path, highlighting dangerous areas.
- The results from the Nov. 7 elections were tallied, and the number of students who voted on campus was up 138 percent from the 2002 mid-term election. This is the highest increase in student voters in the state. Senate worked to increase voter turnout by registering voters and promoting the “Get Out the Vote” campaign.

**Student Senate meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Regents Room.**

Many students avoid flu vaccination

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The flu season is swiftly approaching, and while UW-River Falls is making preparations to combat the disease by providing vaccinations, many students seem to believe the shot is unnecessary. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory disease that can cause mild to severe disease. Anywhere between 5 to 20 percent of Americans are infected by the flu each year. The small number of Americans affected prompts the question as to why immuniza-

tion is necessary for college students. “I’ve never gotten the flu shot and I’ve never gotten the flu,” student Sylvia Wadzinski said. The CDC reports that there is little need for concern about the flu now. The most current report states, “During week 44 (October 29 - November 4, 2006), a low level of influenza activity was reported in the United States. The proportion of patient visits to sentinel providers for influenza-like illness (ILI) and the proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza were below baseline levels.” According to the report, Wisconsin and

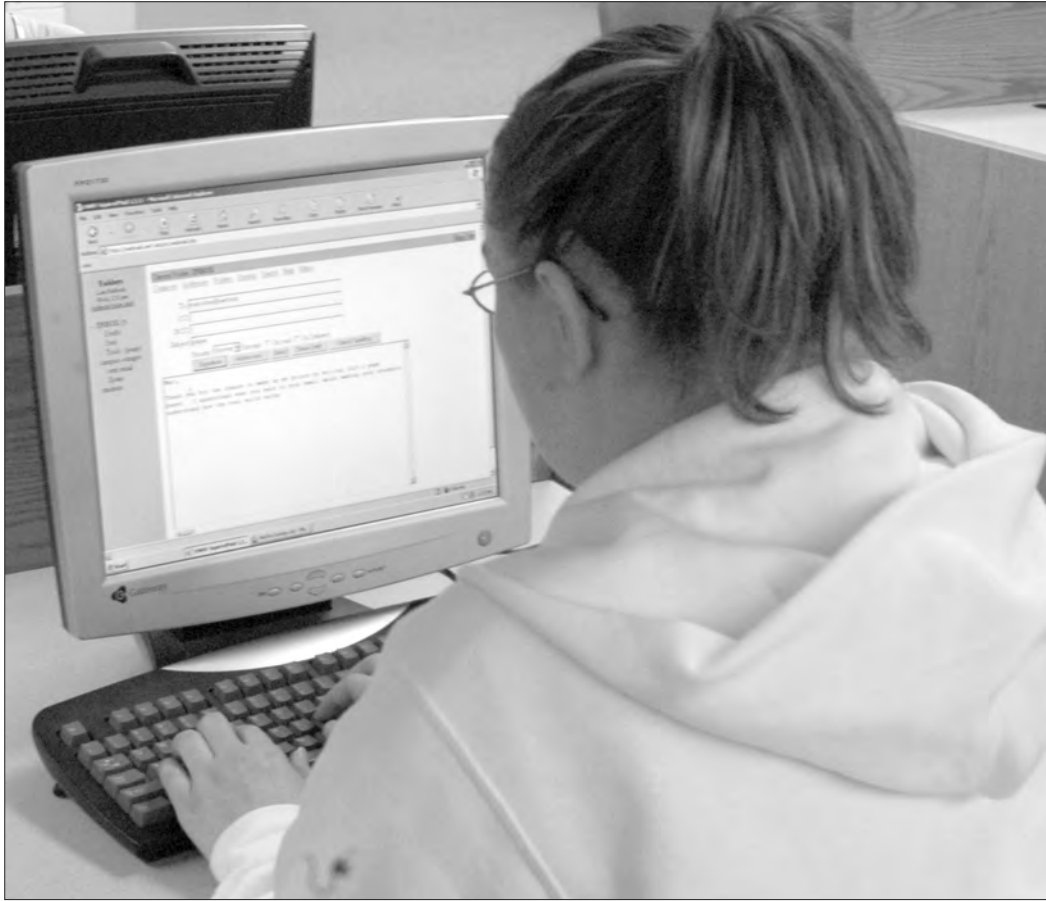
Minnesota reported no activity. However, the flu season in the United States peaks from late December through March — in UWRF terms, from finals week to halfway through spring semester. Student Health Services (SHS) Nurse Lori Otto said the main reason students should think about getting immunized is out of concern for class attendance and performance. “If students aren’t healthy, they’re not going to do well, period,” Otto said. “There are a lot of things in life that very well can happen. There is a possibility that you

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UWRF e-mail causes campus problems

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E-mail is one of the most vital communication tools in today’s world. College students use it as a way to conveniently get in touch with their professors, peers and employers. Unfortunately, this year e-mail has been a little more of a hindrance than help on the UW-River Falls campus. “It’s slow sometimes,” junior John Hepokoski said about the current e-mail system. Hepokoski is not alone in his frustrations. Students at UWRF have noticed problems with their e-mail accounts, including slow loading time and delays in the amount of time it takes to send and receive mail. “It’s frustrating because sometimes my e-mail doesn’t show up right away and it takes forever for the screen to load,” senior Andrea Geehan said. The problems began last year when an outage caused faculty and students to lose some or all of their e-mail in their inboxes and folders. In order to efficiently fix the outage, Information Technology Services (ITS) had to upgrade the e-mail system, and it was during that upgrade that some things went wrong.



Kenny Yoo

**Student Robin Kozlovsky checks her campus e-mail through SquirrelMail. The UWRF e-mail system has caused recent frustration for many students, staff and faculty.**

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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- Beginning Wednesday, motorcycles will not be allowed to park in E-Lot, N-Lot and O-Lot. Motorcycle parking in these areas is prohibited to aid in the snow removal process. Motorcycles remaining in these spaces after Wednesday will be cited for no parking. The spots will be available again in the spring after snow melts.
- Student parking permit spaces will be enforced Sunday at 6 p.m. through Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., and will break during the Thanksgiving holiday. Enforcement of permit spaces resumes Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Faculty and staff permit spaces, restricted spaces, fire lanes and meters are enforced 12 months a year.
- Questions about either of these issues can be directed to the Parking Department at 425-3333.

**Nov. 10**

- Anthony M. Brown, 21, was fined \$109 for loud and unnecessary noise. At 11:50 p.m. Nov. 9, River Falls Police were called to 119 W. Charlotte St., where a party was going on. According to reports, people were milling around the property and loud music was evident when police pulled up. Brown refused to allow police enter the residence and said he would shut down the party and tell everyone to go home.

- A yellow Mongoose 24-speed mountain bike was stolen from the May Hall bike rack. The bicycle is valued at \$80.

**Nov. 12**

- Clayton H. Anderson, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.

**Nov. 13**

- A bottle of Methylin and \$240 in cash were stolen between 5:10 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. from room 128 in Stratton Hall. The room was unintentionally left unlocked when the two residents left to get something to eat, according to reports. Nothing was out of place when they returned, except for the medication and money, which had been in a dresser drawer.
- A purple leather purse containing a credit card, check card, checkbook, cell phone and \$45 in cash was stolen around 1 p.m. from room 305 in Klienpell Fine Arts. The owner of the purse said she left the room for 10 minutes and found her \$125 worth of belongings gone when she returned.

**Nov. 15**

- The tan three-in-one recycling bin located on the first floor of North Hall was stolen last weekend. It was last seen Nov. 10, and is valued at \$700.



Injuries: Fan sustains broken nose

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misconduct. A minute or so after play resumed, a hockey puck careened off the ice and into the stands, hitting Bergh in the face and lacerating her nose. “I suffered a broken nose in two places and received six stitches,” she said. Eloranta was also able to assist to Bergh after she was hit by the puck. “I was tended to within seconds of the impact,” Bergh said. “I was lucky, because the trainer was on his way back to the bench from tending to Chris Robinson.” Bergh said she was discussing Robinson’s injury with one of her friends when the puck left the ice, so she was unaware that it was headed in her direction. “Always keep your eye on the puck, especially if the play is near where you are sitting,” Bergh said. “Most spectator

injuries happen because people are not paying attention to what is going on on the ice.” Bergh’s injury will not negatively impact her participation on the women’s team. “I will not be practicing for a few days to let the injury heal a bit and let the swelling go down, but otherwise I should be back on the ice by the end of this week,” she said. Women’s hockey coach Joe Cranston is not expecting Saturday’s incident to cause Bergh to miss any games. “I don’t think a broken nose or a couple black eyes will keep her out of the lineup,” he said. The University is not liable for any injuries caused by pucks flying into the stands, so those who choose to attend the hockey games do so at their own risk. For more on the Falcon men’s victory over St. John’s University, see Sports page 7.

“Always keep your eye on the puck, especially if the play is near where you are sitting.”  
Renae Bergh, women’s hockey player

Growth: Strategic Planning will play a significant role in success of agenda

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of faculty positions” over the last few years. David Trechter, UWRF’s Recruitment, Admissions and Retention Committee chair, said he is not sure what those claims are based on. “President Reilly was pretty clear when he was here that if we are to serve more students, as envisioned by his Growth Agenda, the state will have to increase funding for the UW System, and some of those dollars would have to be used to increase the number of faculty,” Trechter said. Kinders said because St. Croix County is the 37th fastest-growing county in the country, enrollment at UWRF will continue to rise. There are 6,105 students earning credits at UWRF. Kinders said the target enrollment for the campus is 7,500 students by the year 2012. “We are working to ensure that bringing additional students to campus occurs in a context within which we have planned appropriately to staff the needed courses and provide the necessary support,” Faculty Senate Chair Wes Chapin said. “One of the mechanisms through which some of this is occurring is the strategic planning process.” The Strategic Planning Committee has established initiatives to complement the objectives of the proposed campus Growth Agenda. According to the Strategic Planning Web site, one of the goals is to promote UWRF to “increase its visibility in the marketplace by establishing our unique brand among key stakeholders,” and “engage in strategic student recruitment that are compatible with the university’s priorities and objectives.” In the press release, Spoto also states, “the ‘Growth Agenda’ will further cheapen the already-tarnished credentials of the UW System” by increasing class sizes to accommodate rising enrollment. UWRF is known for its student-teacher ratio and small class sizes, which will not be altered by the implementation of the initiatives. “We are working to ensure that bringing additional students to campus occurs in a context within which we have planned appropriately to staff the needed courses and provide the necessary support.” Wes Chapin, Faculty Senate chair

“If additional funding is generated by the Growth Agenda so that UWRF can hire the additional faculty and support staff and can build the additional facilities needed to serve the larger student body, the Growth Agenda needn’t adversely affect the student-teacher relationships that make this such a great place to work and go to school,” Trechter said. Since the Growth Agenda is anticipated to increase enrollment at all UW System universities, those planning the UWRF initiative have taken precautions to make sure only positive changes occur. “Of course, growth always leads to change, but it is clear that the relationship between faculty and students is important at the UWRF, and I believe that the Faculty Senate and the chancellor will continue to work to protect that relationship,” Chapin said. “It is our shared goal to ensure that any changes that occur from the Growth Agenda are positive for the University, and for the students, in particular.”

McNair: Program provides funding for students planning to continue their education

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Furthermore, students simply don’t know about the program and its benefits. Lawrence-Porter said the support and funding provided by the program encourage students to complete their education and go on to get their Ph.D., which they may otherwise not do on their own. “We have this money to assist students, and they are missing out on a great opportunity,” she said. “It makes a huge difference because really what the program does is change their aspirations.” Once accepted, students work on research projects to develop their research skills, attend conferences that allow them to present their research and prepare for graduate school, introduce them to the doctoral and professional culture, and help get them into graduate school. “About 80 percent of the program’s students have gone to graduate school,” Lawrence-Porter said. Two UWRF McNair scholars recently earned their doctorate degrees. Dwight Luhman graduated from UWRF in May 2001 and holds a doctorate in physics from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. “The McNair program provided me with the opportunity to conduct research, which is an important step in preparation for grad school,” Luhman said. “This was the most important and successful aspect of the program for me.” Luhman recommends students take advantage of the program. “Any research experience students obtain during their time as an undergraduate will not only help them develop the necessary skills, but will also make them more desirable candidates to potential graduate programs,” Luhman said. Patricia Skinkis graduated from UWRF in December 2002 and holds a doctorate in horticulture/viticulture from Purdue University. Skinkis said she loved the McNair program and also recommends qualifying students join. “The program provided me assistance in conducting a summer research project I was working on, information regarding selection of graduate schools, explanations of expectations in graduate school, speakers that were cur-



Jens Gunelson  
The McNair Scholars Program honors seniors at a recognition dinner every spring. On May 2, 13 UWRF seniors received honors at the event. They are, standing left to right, Heather Lunn, Kadar Hussein, O’Neal Hampton, Jean Baptiste Uwimana, Thomas Ridge and Leila Albert. Seated are, left to right, Megan Theede, Somorae Smith, GaoShue Chue Moua, Kelli Nowak and Maureen Casey. Not pictured are Leon Gbee and Leah Viesselmann.

Attack: Students encouraged to travel in pairs or contact Public Safety for an escort

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Friday morning after the victim was encouraged by family members to report the attack. While this recent incident is daunting, sexual assaults at UWRF are very rare. According to the 2006-2007 Annual Crime Report, one forcible sexual offense took place in a residence hall each year for 2003-2005, and one forcible sexual offense was reported on campus in 2005. “That’s relatively typical of what we’ve seen here,” Kimball said of past trends.

Yet these numbers include only incidents that were reported. Many attacks go unreported due to guilt and shame that victims often experience, he said. “The same thing may have happened to someone else in the same spot, but we wouldn’t know,” Kimball said. “We want people to come forward because if there is a pattern, we need to stop it.” UWRF Personal Counselor Gretchen Link said Counseling Services actually receives about five to 10 reports of sexual incidents each academic year, though the time and location of the events vary.

“Our role in counseling is to provide them with their options, and to help process the trauma,” Link said. “Most people don’t want to prosecute — they feel like they’re re-victimized.” With no leads on the case, Public Safety and the River Falls Police Department are now encouraging the campus community to take precautions in the evening hours. “You never can assume that any area is safe,” Kimball said. “I was out in that area [Blue Stem Pathway] this fall looking to see how light it was, and it is relatively well lit.” He suggests that all students — both males and females — travel the campus in pairs during the evening hours. If that’s not possible, Public Safety can be contacted at 425-3133 for a safe escort at any time. The Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity sponsors SAFEWALK, a program that makes fraternity members available for on-campus escorts Sunday through Thursday until 11 p.m. Outside of those hours, Public Safety officers carry out the service. “Whenever they’re not on duty, we are,” Kimball said. Call boxes with blue lights are also in place around campus. At this point, the investigation has been turned over to the RFPD. “It’s kind of a cold case,” Kimball said. “This case will remain open — basically until we have a suspect.” Any information regarding the incident should be directed to the River Falls Police Department at 425-0909.

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>River Falls Medical Clinic</b>	<b>(715) 425-6701</b>
<b>Pierce/St. Croix County Reproductive Health</b>	<b>(715) 425-8003 — Pierce County (715) 246-8365 — St. Croix County</b>
<b>St. Croix Valley SART (SART nurse)</b>	<b>(715) 425-6443</b>
<b>Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence Inc.</b>	<b>(715) 425-6751</b>
<b>UWRF Counseling Services</b>	<b>(715) 425-3884</b>
<b>UWRF Student Health Services</b>	<b>(715) 425-3293</b>
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Atkinson: Contract with Johns Hopkins receives approval

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more than a decade ago. He finished writing it in July 2005 and began teaching at UWRF that fall. “There is a distinction here that a young emerging scholar has a book contract within a year [of completion] with such a prestigious press,” said Betty Bergland, professor and chair of UWRF history and philosophy. Thanks to some good advice, Atkinson began the project with a larger scope in mind. “Some of the professors I worked with in graduate school told me, ‘Don’t think of the dissertation as a dissertation; think of it as the rough draft of a book,’” Atkinson said. “This thinking helped a lot.” Much of Atkinson’s dissertation looks at history from an interdisciplinary perspective, which has become a focus for many scholars, Bergland said. “It foregrounds the scholarly

work we [UWRF faculty] all do,” she said. “It calls attention to the very new important type of thinking he’s engaged with.” An initial contract was approved Oct. 12 after the book was sent through The Johns Hopkins University Press editorial board. Atkinson’s revised manuscript is scheduled for completion in August 2008. The technical name for Atkinson’s project is a monograph. “It’s like a thinner slice of history than you get from a textbook,” he said.

Atkinson has had articles published in journals past, but never anything of this magnitude. “It’s what I live to do,” he said. “To contribute as a teacher and produce scholarship [published research] to my field.” It is possible that Atkinson’s book could be used at other universities, or as a part of a broader history text. “I really, really hope so,” he said. “That depends on what interest there is in the project.” Still, not many of Atkinson’s students are aware of his book deal. “I haven’t made any announcement,” he said. “The subject comes up when I’m talking with them about writing history.” Atkinson has remained humble through the entire process. “I’m not doing it for my benefit,” he said. “I’m doing it for the love I have for history.”



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EDITORIAL

Small-town stereotype broken by crime spree

The sexual battery that took place on campus last week was tragic, but we hope the incident sparked an initiative to open the eyes of the campus community. Vandals have taken aim at about 20 vehicles in campus lots this year, provoking Public Safety to issue warnings geared toward increased awareness. Add to that last week’s attack, a fight involving weapons in September, and recent thefts from a dorm room and classroom, it has become apparent that safety on campus should not be carelessly disregarded. While many of us enjoy the small-town stereotypes that come along with a UW-River Falls education, don’t blindly approach safety in the same way. Crime is not limited to big cities, and the individuals who congregate here are no different from your neighbors in the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, Viroqua or Chetek. According to the 2006-2007 Annual Crime Report, three on-campus burglaries and three residence hall burglaries were reported to Public Safety in 2005. In this case, a burglary is defined as, “The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft ... unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.” While Interim Director of Public Safety Mark Kimball said he is not sure if the recent on-campus thefts fall into this category, the crimes, by definition, fit the bill.

Kimball said the inclusion of thefts in the Annual Crime Report varies depending on the severity of the incident, leaving the actual numbers unpublished. Yet the *Student Voice* reported last December on four thefts in Johnson Hall, and a string of vehicle break-ins in the Ramer Field parking lot, all occurring in November 2005.

The apparent trend did not continue into the spring semester, and our hope is that history will this time choose to repeat itself. Why has crime been so prevalent at UWRF this semester? We can only guess. More bodies on campus make for more opportunities for unlawful behavior, yet we cannot safely assume. While we are unable to control the minds of the individuals who have chosen to tarnish the reputation of our University, we can take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves from their harm. So lock the doors to your vehicles and dorm rooms, and don’t walk the campus and city streets solo. Utilize the option of Public Safety escorts for the nights you find yourselves alone. After all, it is their job to keep you out of harm’s way. Victims don’t make a conscious decision to be violated, but criminals do choose their actions. Don’t allow them that choice.

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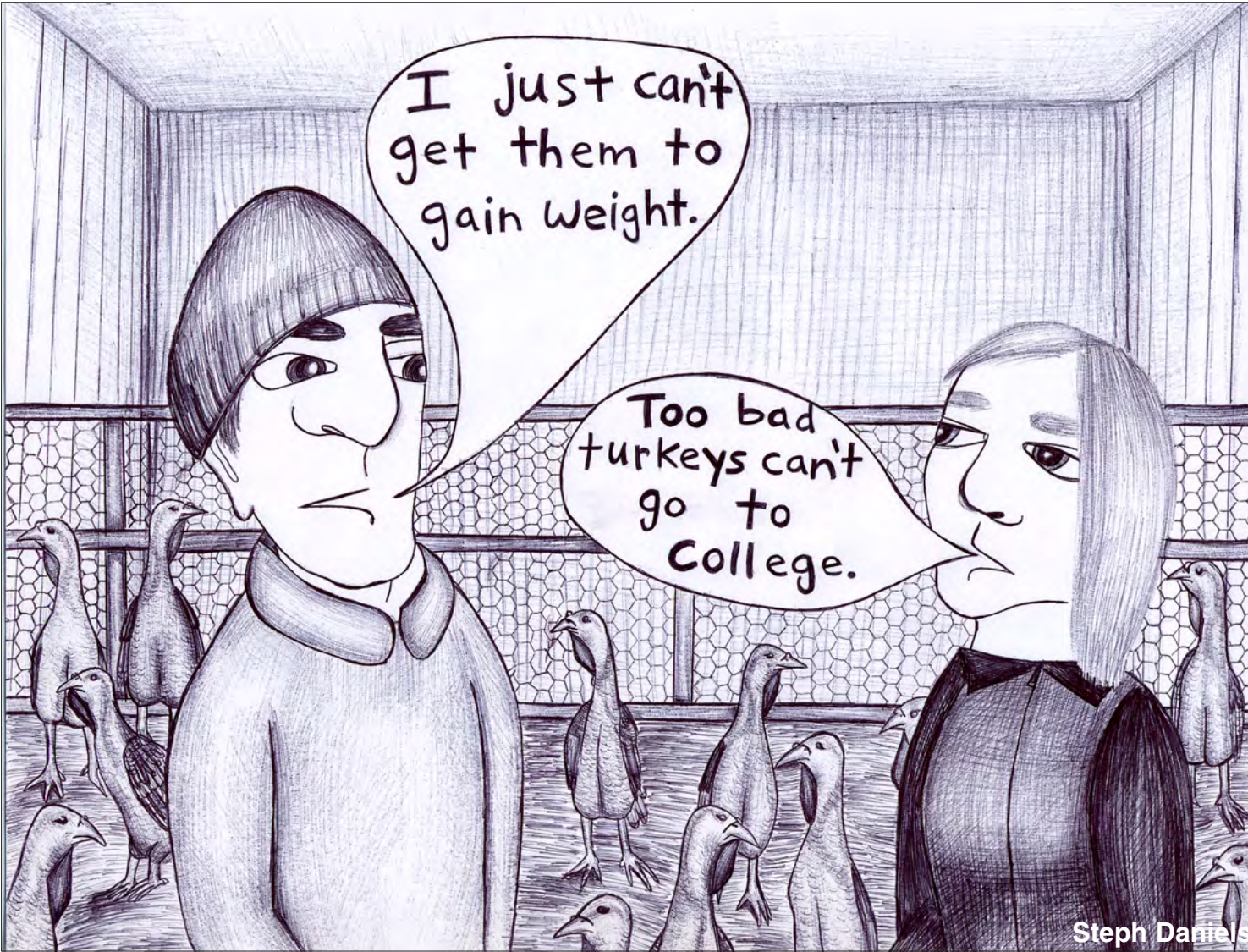
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voter apathy hurts campus

In a recent elections article, a UWRF student said, “None of the candidates give a shit about us.” There’s some truth to that. With notable exceptions like Dan Gorman, a 2006 UWRF graduate, politicians don’t give much weight to the concerns of college students. However, if students voted at the same rate that senior citizens do, tuition would be virtually free. Politicians don’t mess with Social Security because seniors vote. In 2000, 72 percent of adults between the ages of 65 and 74 voted, while only 36 percent of those 18 to 24 voted. If students politically mobilized like AARP does, they would wield political power. Despite what you might think, students are directly affected by political decisions. Thirty years ago, the state of Wisconsin funded 44 percent of UW System costs. Today, the legislature funds just 19 percent of a UW education. Much of the difference comes from your pocket. Over the past 20 years, tuition in the UW System has increased 350 percent, while inflation has only been 81 percent. If tuition had risen at the same rate as inflation, you would pay \$1,800 for a year of education instead of \$5,000. Why should tax dollars be spent on your education? The factor that most strongly correlates with the economic vitality of a state is not corporate tax rates, but the percentage of residents who have a college degree. The best thing a state can do for itself is to educate its citizens and make higher education affordable. You will also be affected by November’s national election

results. Elected Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has proposed cutting student loan interest rates in half, saving the average graduate \$5,000. In the 1980s, only 25 percent of UW students were taking student loans. Today, 60 percent of our students do. To students who voted, thank you. To those who didn’t, please do so next time. It’s worth your time.

Rellen Hardtke  
Faculty

Columnist misses political point

Is this really the first time that the “naivety of foreign customs” of others is revealed? I guess I’m just a fool, because I recognized this naivety far before “Borat” was announced. Ben Jipson decided to make a jump from a popular comedy to newfound control for the Democrats. This makes me wonder the article’s intent. To assume that the power shift will automatically be positive for this country is pretentious and arrogant. Don’t assume results. It could easily be labeled as blind optimism, which we don’t need. We’ve been acting (and accusing others of being) blind for long enough. I challenge all of you to consider this: politicians are still humans and American citizens in the end. I challenge you to send a letter to every politician who represents you. Send them the feedback you have. Show them that you wish to work with them instead of being spectators. I’m not so dense as to deny that a number of politicians just want the position for power, but it should be our responsibility as citizens of this country to make this a better democracy. Instead

of government working for the people, or vice versa, let’s have the two entities to work together. Am I saying that you shouldn’t have an alignment with a particular party? No. We need to acknowledge that there are those in the government who oppose our views, and that contrasting views will make for better results. The war on terror is not the only war we are currently facing. There is a war being fought amongst ourselves. Jipson’s article showed me an attitude we shouldn’t have — that the solution to a government always involves changing those in it. That’s purely a short-term solution. Instead of demeaning those in the government, we should be working alongside those individuals who we mock. I hear people griping and whining every day about politicians, and when I ask many of these how many times they’ve tried to contact said politicians, the answer I get more often than not is “Never.” It’s selfish to just stand back and pretend that government is supposed to work for us without effort on our part. We need to first laugh at ourselves and recognize our flaws, and we need to work together to help erase those flaws. Criticizing the flaws and pointing blame at others solves nothing.

Ted Jacobs  
Student

Sig Tau stresses campus escorts

Due to recent events, we find it prudent to bring to the attention of UW-River Falls students the SAFEWALK program sponsored by the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. The unfortunate sexual battery

that occurred last Thursday could have possibly been avoided if the student had utilized the Safewalk program. Sigma Tau Gamma has provided this service for several years, and has found it extremely underutilized. Current events have emphasized the need for the program to be brought to the attention of the student population. We would like to extend an invitation to the entire UWRF campus to take advantage of the services of Sigma Tau Gamma. This service is provided from anywhere on campus to anywhere on campus Sunday through Thursday until 11 p.m. We can be reached by calling the Public Safety office at 425-3133, and a member of Sig Tau will meet you and walk you to your destination, no questions asked.

Erik Bjorkman  
Sigma Tau Gamma

Many reasons for overweight coeds

I wish to point out the irony in last week’s issue of the *Student Voice*. On the front page, an article titled, “Students tipping the scales,” is right next to, “Eatery offers cure for midnight munchies.” Perhaps unhealthy eating is a bigger problem amongst college students than previously thought.

Alyssa Janilla  
Student

Have something on your mind? E-mail a letter to the editor at [student.voice@uwrf.edu](mailto:student.voice@uwrf.edu)

Students force-fed greasy meals

The food we are served on campus is as unhealthy as McDonald’s. After comparing the calories of five core items that both Freddy’s and McDonald’s serve, I found that Chartwells-run Freddy’s is just as lethal as the fast food giant. Almost all of the eateries on campus are run by Chartwells, which means the nutrition information applies to almost all venues on campus. Depending on weight and physical activity, men should consume between 1,500 and 2,800 calories a day. Women should consume much fewer, between 1,200 and 2,000 calories a day. All freshmen and sophomores are required to have a meal plan if they live on campus. At Freddy’s, the transfer equivalent is usually a quarter-pound cheeseburger, 4-ounce fries, and milk or soda. The cheeseburger and fries total at 810 calories.

For many women and men, that is more than half of their caloric intake for the day — in just one meal! Many students end up eating this or something very similar every day, sometimes for lunch and dinner. These numbers are almost as bad as if we were to eat at McDonald’s, where the two items would equal 890 calories. We might as well have a McDonald’s on campus, at least the food there is cheaper. A couple other items that both Freddy’s and McDonald’s serve include a breaded chicken sandwich and a fish sandwich. The McChicken has 370 calories while the breaded chicken sandwich has 450 calories. The

Filet-o-Fish at McDonald’s has 400 calories while at Freddy’s it has 330. When our parents went to college, it was normal for a freshman to gain the “Freshman 10,” although these days it is more often the “Freshman 15” or even the “Freshman 30.” When I was a freshman here I gained about 15 pounds in nine months. This was because I was forced to eat on campus since I was required to have a meal plan. I tried to make healthy choices when I went to Rodli and Freddy’s, but it isn’t easy to do. Sure, once in a while they have stir fry for dinner, which is rather nutritious, but most days the only healthy thing offered was a salad bar. I tried that a few times but it

never filled me up, and a few hours later I’d be sitting in class wishing I’d had a bowl of pasta or a slice of pizza. Oh, and the dessert cart! Many freshmen are overwhelmed and excited about the dessert cart, but we need to remember to think about how many calories are in each of those tempting desserts. By the end of my sophomore year I had gained a total of 20 pounds while being required to live and dine on campus. Once I moved off campus, I stopped eating all the greasy food since I was no longer required to, and within two months I had dropped 10 pounds. My suggestion for students, especially freshmen and sophomores, is if you want to see changes to the menu, start getting people together and change it. There has got to be a way we can make this campus healthier.



Nicole Aune



# Thanksgiving skipped over

November marks the unofficial beginning of winter. Halloween is over and the atmosphere goes from slightly brisk and chilly to icy, snowy and damn cold.

With the new frigid atmosphere, focus seems to shift on the upcoming holiday season. The stores begin to fill up with Christmas ornaments, wreaths and lawn decorations. Commercials for holiday sales fill TV screens, and parents ask their kids what they want from Santa this year.

It seems that something is missing in all this hype. I went last-minute Halloween shopping a couple of weeks ago looking to find some accessories to finish off my rendition of Little Red Riding Hood. When I walked into Target, I was appalled. It was three days before the spookiest day of the year, and the Halloween section had already been cleared out and replaced with gigantic snowballs and singing reindeer.

Isn't there a holiday in between Halloween and Christmas? Oh yeah, Thanksgiving. In the past couple of years, one of the most arguably important holidays in our nation's history has been skipped over.

A time to get together with family and friends to smile, laugh and thank whomever or whatever we may believe in for being blessed with health, love and happiness. A time to eat a large amount of food, drink some wine and pass out for the rest of the day.

So why does it suddenly seem so unimportant? Thanksgiving isn't a flashy holiday. There are no pretty lights, no lavish gifts to be

bought from designer stores and no extravagant holiday parties. Thanksgiving is kind of blah, and for a generation that is obsessed with stimulation in all forms, a day where the point is to sit around and actually talk to real people doesn't really make the cut for cool holidays.

Retail stores have realized this and taken full advantage of it. While watching my favorite show, "Deal or No Deal," I counted eight commercials for Christmas presents and sales.

Thanksgiving is slowly being weaned out because people are obsessed with things and have forgotten the true holiday spirit.

There is not a lot of money to be spent on Thanksgiving. It just isn't fun anymore, especially for members of the ADD generation, who have been exposed to so many types of stimulation that the mere thought of sitting down in one place for more than 10 minutes tweaks them out.

Christmas is a lot more exciting. Christmas involves cool things like presents and cookies and presents.

I love presents just as much as the next person, but holidays are supposed to be about spending time with the people that you love. It seems that they have turned into huge, expensive spending expeditions that stress people out more than cause them joy.

The loss of a fruitful Thanksgiving is a sign that our culture has become extremely obsessed with flashy and material items (presents if you will). Any holiday that doesn't involve these things gets left in the dust.



Beckie De Neu

# Media creates double standard in Iraq

A bloodied man is being dragged from the rubble that used to be his house by a group of relatives. There is a news camera crew there, which captures every moment. The cameras zoom in on the man, catching more than a glimpse of the carnage that is now his right leg. If he survives, the leg will most likely have to be amputated.

This man is from Iraq, and scenes like the one described often make it onto the most prominent Arab TV news network — Aljazeera. Whenever there are civilian casualties in Iraq, they show the aftereffects in a stunning, gruesome detail that would likely shock most American viewers.

We live in a country where there is freedom of the press. This means that American viewers should expect to receive as close to balanced coverage as possible.

This has not been the case with the news coverage in Iraq — most of the time we are only hearing about when American troops get killed or maimed. This is a tragedy that definitely should not be ignored.

Yet on the other side of the spectrum, we hear little about the deaths of Iraqi civilians. A recent report from Aljazeera's Web site, aljazeera.net, detailed how many Iraqi lives have been lost as a result of the civil war that broke out after the initial American invasion.

"Some observers believe that more than 100,000 people have died in the Iraqi civil war that began after the U.S. overthrew Saddam Hussein's mainly Sunni government in 2003," the reports said.

Statistics like this usually don't make it onto the American evening news, or if they do they are often mentioned in passing. Most Americans acknowledge that there are non-American lives being lost in Iraq, but many people are not aware that hundreds of thousands have been killed.

The aforementioned 100,000 killed in the Iraqi civil war undoubtedly includes Sunni and Shiite insurgents who have been fighting each other, and thus, they should not be included in the civilian casualty data. The estimated number of innocent Iraqi bystanders who have been killed since the start of the war is simply astounding though.

A article from *The New York Times* entitled, "U.N. Says Iraq Seals Data on the Civilian Toll" gives an estimate of just how many Iraqi civilians have been killed.

"A new report from a team of Iraqi and American researchers shows that more than 600,000 civilians have died in violence across Iraq since the 2003 American invasion," the article said.

This is a devastating number, and the figure is not the result of Arab propaganda, but rather from an accredited American news source — *The New York Times*. Ask just about any average Joe walking down the street how many civilians have been killed in Iraq, and they most likely would grossly underestimate this number. On the other hand, ask them how man American troops have been killed in Iraq and they would probably guess around 3,000. These are assertions, but many people would agree that they are not unfair ones.

Some people might say that by presenting the figures of civilians killed in Iraq and showing the grotesque aftereffects of bombings, Aljazeera is just trying to incite anti-American sentiment in the region. The Bush administration labeled the news organization as "The mouthpiece of Osama Bin Laden."

It is true that Aljazeera is usually the first news station to release any new video pertaining to Osama Bin Laden, but it is unfair to say that it is his mouthpiece. Aljazeera is an accredited news organization, and releases material that is believed to be important to the Arab people, as well as the world in general.

If our current administration is accusing Aljazeera of being a mouthpiece for Bin Laden, it wouldn't be unfair to accuse our national media of being a mouthpiece for George W. Bush.



Derrick Knutson

# Hunters ready for buck season

Grab the guns and a case of Miller High Life. Yeah, it's "gettin' ta be dat time a-year," as Da Yoopers — singers of that god-awful "Turdy Point Buck" song — would say. Time for Wisconsin and Minnesota's most coveted holiday-that-really-isn't-a-holiday: deer hunting season.

Many brave and still semi-intoxicated souls are going to stumble out of bed before daybreak this Saturday morning into the chilly autumn air hoping to bag the big one.

Hunting season is about the only time you'll see grown men strutting around public establishments sporting their blaze orange apparel as if to say, "I am man; I have killed" — or hope to kill, anyway.

And like the whitetails, these hunters gather at the local watering holes to mingle and discuss nice racks mounted on both the deer they just tagged and the females surrounding them.

There's a certain sense of camaraderie that comes with being a hunter. And hunting is a sport where intelligence or physical size isn't tremendously important. Nearly anyone can succeed given the right setting.

Hunting, to give it its deserved credit, is a respectable sport. It represents one of the fiercest rivalries ever to grace the earth: man versus nature — except man has a hunting rifle and nature is an innocent, unknowing animal that's virtually colorblind. Even so, the playing field is leveled a bit because, let's face it, it's difficult to tango with Mother Nature.

To level the playing field even more, many hunters put a great deal of effort into making the season a successful one. They map terrain, scout possible tree stand locations and study weather reports leading up to opening day.

Hunting has its attractive, albeit dubious, aspects, because it's not so much the particular act of hunting that hunters find appealing — it's everything else that is associated with hunting. The hunting cabins, the rifle calibers, the outdoors, the gross beer, the scratching, the farting — all part of the enticing hunting environment.

Some knock the morality or integrity of the sport, but they seem to be missing the bigger picture. There was once a time when hunting animals was essential to human survival, and its ritualistic practice a means of celebrating a practical tradition. Furthermore, deer hunting is a method of managing deer populations, which keeps them from being stuck to the front ends of cars.

Being part of a time-honored tradition that's intended to control the overpopulation of a species: that's what will be on my mind on Saturday morning — that and the turdy-pointer.



Ben Jipson

# Pinstripes may decide graduate's entire future

So last week it was decided that I needed a suit for inevitable job interviews, considering I am graduating in less than six weeks. This is something I'm not used to, but I figured I would take it one step at a time. No big deal, nothing to get stressed about.

That lasted until later in the day when I tried on a suit and I realized I had no job waiting for me and no concrete plans other than to leave the Midwest.

Some of my friends are married or engaged and have begun their careers. They are probably looking to start families soon (just because that's what I assume people in serious relationships talk about in their spare time).

And my decision about what type of suit to buy was turning into a circus.

When I asked the tailor which suit looked better with my 3-year-old ripped blue and yellow Asics, she looked at me like I stole the pull cart from her two-legged dog.

"Oh ... hon, you wouldn't wear those shoes in the real world," she said.

Apparently tailors have a sense of humor akin to district attorneys.

I told her it was just a joke, and she just shook her head and walked away with my pants. When she came back she explained the different cuts and styles and occasion for each. I saw suits for first interviews, second interviews, parties and one she told me is the type I would want for my "wedding — which will happen one day."

Hold on, grimace-faced lady.

"Maybe just the interview for me today, thanks," I said.

Then she explained to me that is how it works. You get a job, a wife and then kids.

She said it like a car salesman selling a minivan highlighting the standard features.

"And with this suit, you get a job, which comes standard with a wife and golden retriever puppy at no extra cost. The 2.5 children are an extra option, but come standard with the Perry Ellis suit."

Silly me ... this whole time I thought I was just buying clothes. I was completely unaware that my choice of stripes or no stripes was going to decide the rest of my life.

"I'll need some time to decide," I said as I took my tattered jeans back.

The following day I had a run-in with a 9-year-old who took my goggles at the lap pool because I wasn't using them.

"I'm about to use them if you give them back," I said.

"Whatever. You don't look like fun anyway," he said.

"Listen, buddy. I have to decide what to do with the rest of my life in the next 48 hours," I replied.

Then he swam away with my goggles.

This was the point when I decided against the Perry Ellis suit.

When he came up for air and grabbed the wall, I again asked for my goggles. No dice.

So now I am debating the possession of my own goggles with a kid who sounds strikingly similar to Mariah Carey.

In the end I realized I was like four feet taller than him, and I won.

The next day I went back to applying for jobs in Colorado and realized that I was applying for jobs all over the state. Turns out I'm not tied down to anything.

Now that I am about to graduate with a degree (pending a few tricky journalism finals), I have more options than I could possibly imagine.

That's a positive, not a negative.

With the recent weight of the world lifted from my shoulders, I went back to the tailor and told her I would decide what I want — not her. So she brought out the striped suit and the non-striped suit, and I took both of them.



AJ Oscarson



Betsy Saumer, senior

"I think the food on campus is bad. It's all the same. I only like the food at the Java Coast."

## STUDENT VOICES



Nicole Bonde, junior

"I wish they had more hours. I don't have much to say about the quality that's different than anyone else, but sometimes there's nowhere to eat after classes."

# What do you think of the food options on campus?



Alice Reid, junior

"There's not enough, by far. They're all the same and repetitive — they get sickening."



Mike Bremer, sophomore

"I think they're OK, but I think they're going to be a lot better with the new student center. Right now there aren't a lot of options, especially on the weekends."



Kevin Raska, sophomore

"I don't think it's that bad. I feel Freddy's rips you off. You don't get very much for your money."



Colt Wright, freshman

"I think it's pretty decent. You can either have cafeteria food or you can walk an extra three minutes for a lot more options. I like my food."



## Coaches are crucial to success



Sarah Packingham

Writing sports columns for the *Student Voice* week after week is not always an easy task. In fact, this week I probably had the most trouble coming up with a topic. I must have sat around contemplating ideas for hours before I finally decided on one.

I always want to try to stay local to River Falls and write something that can be interesting to everyone. That criteria remains the same every single week.

This week, my column idea just came to me while I was sitting in class and maybe day-dreaming.

Obviously, the athletes play a huge role in the successes and failures of a given team.

But the players who are on the ice, field or court during each game day are not the only ones impacting a team. On any given team, there is at least one other person ready to influence the team.

These people are members of the coaching staff.

Already this winter sports season, two of our head coaches have reached historic milestones in their coaching career.

During the opening weekend of the men's hockey season, head coach Steve Freeman and his coaching partner Bob Ritzer picked up their 200th win. The coaching duo reached the impressive landmark upon entering their 11th season with the Falcons.

Over the past weekend, head women's hockey coach Joe Cranston picked up his 100th career win with a victory over Bethel College. Cranston pulled off that impressive feat in only his seventh year as Falcon head coach.

How impressive it is to see the hockey coaches reach such magnificent milestones in the span of less than a month.

While most coaches give credit first and foremost to their athletes, I think the athletes need to give credit to their coaches. Coaches, like the players, need to receive kudos from those around them. While the players are the ones on the playing surface, the coaches are the ones who get them in the proper formation and design the plays that lead them.

While Princeton defines coach as someone in charge of training an athlete or team.

Aside from coaching the team, they are role models for the athletes. Most coaches have extensive knowledge of the game and have played at many different levels. Their knowledge and love of the game is something that their athletes can be inspired by.

But coaches don't just have to be role models during game times and practice situations. Many athletes and coaches have friendships outside the sports realm and become life-long friends. And a number of athletes will eventually follow in the footsteps of their coaches and become coaches.

Although I haven't played organized sports in a long time, I still remember the impact my coaches had on me. In my younger days, coaches taught me determination, a love for the game and how to not give up. I wasn't the best basketball player growing up, but I had a lot of heart. Coaches would tell me that sometimes a lot of heart is all that is needed. It's not always the players with the most skill who make the biggest impact — it's the heart too. Good coaches know that and have the ability to bring out the skill and work with the athletes who have heart. They also know how to put them in the situations that work best.

While coaches would be nothing without their athletes, athletes in turn would be nothing without their coaches.

# Cross country team fares well at regionals



## Jordahl places high enough for nationals

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On Nov. 11, the UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Augustana College to compete in the NCAA Midwest Regional Cross Country Meet.

Becca Jordahl finished Saturday's race in 22:01, two seconds shy of tying the UWRF record. Her time was good enough for Jordahl to pick up 12th overall and advance to the national competition.

Jordahl wasn't the only Falcon woman receiving praise on Saturday. Amanda Kozicky picked up All-Region honors, placing 35th overall, and finishing the race in 22:40.

The NCAA Div. III Championship race will be held Nov. 18 at Wilmington College in Ohio. The top seven runners from each region who were not part of the team advancing to national competition are invited to participate in the national competition.

The women finished 11th overall out of 38 teams, while the men placed 15th out of 37 teams.

Besides Jordahl and Kozicky, Maria Michaud, Leah Korf, Carly Eggert, Stacy Dekkers and Brittany Schillinger were competing for the Falcons.

Submitted photo  
**UW-River Falls senior Bobby Hanson runs in the NCAA Midwest Regional Cross Country Meet on Saturday. The men's team finished 15th out of 37.**

# Football great reflects on his time as a Falcon



Submitted photo  
**UWRF Hall of Famer Mark Cota eludes defenders during a 1987 game. Cota holds the record for all-time single-season total offense (rushing and passing), with 1,767 yards.**

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For most people, football and pharmacy do not go hand in hand.

Mark Cota is an exception.

Though the former UW-River Falls quarterback now spends his days administering flu shots and giving prescriptions a final check instead of calling plays and rushing down Ramer Field, Cota, a pharmacist at Red Wing Corner Drug, said his three years on the team left him with a lasting respect for the Falcons.

Cota is not the only one who had fond memories of his time as No. 13 — the 39-year-old still holds an unbeatable UWRF record.

During the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons, Cota obtained a lengthy list of honors. He lettered all three seasons, won the Pizza Hut All-American Honorable Mention in 1986, was WSUC All Conference in 1986, led the Falcons in scoring 96 points in 1986 as well as leading in total offense in 1986 and 1987, was the UWRF Most Valuable Player in 1986, holds the all-time record for single-season total offense in (rushing and passing yards) with 1,767

yards, and was inducted into the UWRF Hall of Fame in 2005.

The records Cota achieved under coach Mike Farley's reign did come at a price — one of his least favorite aspects of a football team — practice.

"Football is a lot of the same stuff over and over again," he said.

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Mark Cota,  
UWRF Hall of Famer

While practice was not his preferred football activity, Cota found his niche in competition.

"Game time was most fun," he said.

Although his favorite game memory is "beating La Crosse at Homecoming in '86," Cota said he is very proud of his 2005 induction into the UWRF Hall of Fame.

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The former quarterback's acco-

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# Falcons fall to Whitewater in season finale

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The UW-River Falls football team worked hard all season, including in the season finale against top conference competitor UW-Whitewater.

Although the Falcons lost 48-16 there were still positives to be taken from the season finale.

The Falcons knew going into the game that Whitewater would prove to be stiff competition. Whitewater played for the national championship last year.

"Whitewater is a very good team," senior Jeremy Wolff said. "We came out and left it all on the field. So that is all we could have asked for."

In the first quarter, at 8:05 Whitewater kicker Jeff Schebler made a 39-yard field goal to give the visiting team a 3-0 lead. At 2:45 of the first quarter, sophomore Josh Grover and senior Jeremy Wolff connected for a 23-yard pass and Spasimir Bodurski's extra point was good to give the Falcons a 7-3 lead.

Following Grover's touchdown, it was all Whitewater for a while. Less than a minute after the UWRF touchdown, Matt Gifford caught a touchdown pass, giving Whitewater a

10-7 lead. At 13:35, Neil Mikuick's 27-yard pass gave Whitewater a 17-7 lead. Jacobs picked up a 2-yard rushing touchdown.

To cap off Whitewater's scoring in the first half, Jacob Miller ran into the end zone from the 1-yard line to extend the lead.

With only two seconds remaining in the first half, Bodurski's 32-yard field goal brought the Falcons to within 21 points.

In the third quarter, Schebler picked up his second field goal of the day to extend the Whitewater lead to 34-10. About three minutes later, Gifford scored his second touchdown of the day to add another six points to Whitewater's side.

In the fourth quarter, down 41-10, Grover and Wolff connected again on a 16-yard pass, but Wolff's 2-point conversion attempt failed. The Falcons pulled were still down 41-16. Whitewater scored once more to bring the game to an end at 48-16.

"They were very good," Andy Kolstad said of Whitewater. "I wouldn't be surprised if they made it to the national champi-



Kenny Yoo  
**UW-River Falls cornerback Jamie Bisch (14) attempts to keep a UW-Whitewater opponent away from the ball. Despite a number of efforts by the Falcons, they lost the game 48-16. The football team finished the season at 3-7 overall and was 1-5 in WIAC play.**



SPORTS WRAP

Women’s hockey team picks up shutout victory

On Nov. 11 the women’s hockey team defeated Augsburg 3-0. First to score for the Falcons was Kelly Jensen who scored at 0:37. The next to score was Megan Sandell who scored her first goal of the season on a power play at 10:03 of the second period. Finally, Kacie Anderson scored at 14:25 of the third period. On Nov. 10 the Falcons defeated Bethel University with two goals that Bethel couldn’t come back from. The first Falcon goal came in the first period as Renae Bergh scored on a power play at 9:26 of the first period. The next Falcon goal came in the second period at 13:28; the goal was scored by Abby Sunderman. These two goals and a tough Falcon defense made it impossible for Bethel to come back despite a third period goal by Bethel’s Anna Baumgarten. The Falcons next play Eau Claire in their first conference match of the season Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Hunt Arena.

<b>UW-River Falls 3, Augsburg College 0</b> <b>(Nov 11, 2006 at Minneapolis, Minn.)</b> UW-River Falls..... 0 2 1 - 3 Augsburg College.. 0 0 0 - 0	<b>UW-River Falls 2, Bethel Univ. 1</b> <b>(Nov 10, 2006 at Fridley, Minn.)</b> Bethel Univ..... 0 0 1 - 1 UW-River Falls..... 1 1 0 - 2
<b>Second period</b> 00:37 RF - Jensen (LeBlanc) 10:03 RF - Sandell (Dyslin, Scanlon)	<b>First Period</b> 9:26 RF - Bergh (Schmitz)
<b>Third period</b> 14:25 RF - Anderson (Jensen)	<b>Second Period</b> 13:28 RF - Sunderman (LeBlanc)
<b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b> RF - Lindner (60:00-17-17) AUG - Menth (60:00-43-40)	<b>Third period</b> 03:02 BU - Baumgarten
	<b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b> BU - Spurrier (58:12-43-41) RF - Lindner (60:00-23-22)

Women’s basketball opens season on Tuesday

The Falcons finished 12-14 overall (8-8 WIAC) last season but look to make their mark this year with a balance of experienced seniors and talented freshmen. Head Coach Cindy Hovet is very pleased with the team that will be competing for the Falcons this year. The Falcons boast a roster loaded with talent, led by five seniors. “They are the core of the team,” Hovet said of her seniors. Of the five seniors for the Falcons four played last year. The Falcons begin their season Nov. 21 vs. Hamline at 7 p.m. Their first conference game is Nov. 29 vs. UW-Superior.

Swim teams lose on the road against Lawrence

The men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams lost their first away meet of the season to Lawrence. Out earning the Falcons in points, Lawrence totaled 168 points for the women and 130 points for the men. The Falcon women earned 125 points while the men totaled their earnings for a score of 101 points. The women won seven events for the Falcons in the dual meet while being outsize in numbers by Lawrence. Sara Cannady and Danielle Mandich tied with two wins for the meet. Mandich swam the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:05.04 and the 50 freestyle for a time of 25.69 for first place finishes. Cannady won both the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Anthony Orlando led the Falcon men winning the 100 and 200 butterfly. Tyler Ormson placed first in the 200 freestyle at a time of 2:02.71. Next for the Falcons is the WIAC relays on November 18th. The meet is hosted by Eau Claire and is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

<b>Women</b> <b>November 11 results</b> <b>Lawrence 168; UW-River Falls 125</b>	Breaststroke 1:11.95; 1. Cannady, 200 Breaststroke 2:37.09.
<b>UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)</b> 1. Mandich, 200 Freestyle 2:05.04; 1. Mandich, 50 Freestyle 25.69; 1. Crane, 100 Butterfly 1:08.66; 1. Lambach, 100 Freestyle 59.07; 1. Feider, 100 Meter Diving 210.95; 1. Cannady, 100	<b>Men</b> <b>November 11 results</b> <b>Lawrence 130; UW-River Falls 101</b>
	<b>UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)</b> 1. Orlando, 100 Butterfly 1:07.92; 1. Orlando, 200 Butterfly 2:36.81.

STANDINGS

<b>Football</b> <b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>		<b>Women’s hockey</b> <b>NCHA Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
UW-Whitewater (100)	7	0		UW-Superior(6-0-0)	0	0	0
UW-Lacrosse (8-1)	6	1		UW-Stevens Point(4-0-0)	0	0	0
UW-Stevens Point (6-4)	4	3		Lake Forest(3-0-1)	0	0	0
UW-Oshkosh (5-5)	3	4		Finlandia(3-2-1)	0	0	0
UW-Platteville (5-5)	3	4		UW-River Falls(2-0-2)	0	0	0
UW-Eau Claire (3-7)	2	5		UW-Eau Claire(2-2-0)	0	0	0
UW-River Falls (3-7)	2	5					
UW-Stout (3-7)	1	6		<b>Men’s basketball</b> <b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	
				UW-Whitewater(20-5)	13	3	
<b>Men’s hockey</b> <b>NCHA Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	UW-Stout(20-5)	12	4	
St. Norbert (6-0-1)	0	0	0	UW-Stevens Point(17-9)	11	5	
UW-River Falls (5-1-0)	0	0	0	UW-Lacrosse(20-6)	10	6	
UW-Stout (4-0-1)	0	0	0	UW-Oshkosh(17-9)	10	6	
UW-Superior (4-0-0)	0	0	0	UW-Platteville(12-13)	7	9	
UW-Eau Claire (4-1-0)	0	0	0	UW-River Falls(6-19)	5	11	
UW-Platteville (3-1-0)	0	0	0	UW-Eau Claire(12-14)	4	12	
St. Scholastica (3-1-0)	0	0	0	UW-Superior(5-20)	0	16	
Lake Forest (2-4-0)	0	0	0				

For complete stats check out UW-RF Sports Information Web site at [www.uwrf.edu/sports](http://www.uwrf.edu/sports)

Cota: Inducted into Hall of Fame in 2005

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lades do not stop at an individual level. Cota also led the UWRF football team to WSUC Conference Championships in 1985, 1986 and 1987. The Falcons also led the NCAA in team rushing in 1986 with 3,614 yards. Despite such recognition, Cota remains modest about his football abilities. “I knew we were good as a team,” he said. “But I didn’t think I was, whatever.” Though Cota did not realize what kind of player he was, his teammate Dave Knoke did and still does. “Mark Cota was a great quarterback,” he said. “He was all around a good guy. People respected him; he didn’t treat anyone differently.” In addition to being a team leader, Knoke said Cota was able to withstand being knocked around by other teams. “They would light him up,” he said. “They would drill him and he would pop right back up. He didn’t like to lose.” In retrospect, Knoke is not sure where Cota’s accomplishments on the football field would have stopped, as he

only played three years. “I don’t know how many records he could have broken,” he said. Even though UWRF Football Coach John O’Grady did not play with Cota like Knoke did, he still has something to say about the All-American quarterback. “Cota was definitely one of our all-time best when you look at winning games and championships,” he said. Though Cota’s days on the field are a memory, there may be another generation playing football in the future, as his 5-year-old son, Zach, is already a Green Bay Packer fan. In addition to Zach, Cota’s family includes his wife, Juli, and two daughters, 11-year-old Mikayla and 8-year-old McKenzie. While 2013 is the earliest his oldest daughter Mikalya would be in college, she and her siblings can already be assured their dad would support them going to UWRF for their collegiate careers. “I highly recommend anyone going to school there,” he said. “I loved going to school there.”

Men’s hockey wins two over weekend

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Saturday night was a scary time for the UW-River Falls men’s hockey team, coaching staff and especially for junior Chris Robinson. In the second period of the game against St. John’s University, Robinson was checked from behind and went head first into the boards. “It was kind of a combination of [the hit and an awkward fall],” Robinson said. “It was more of awkward. It was kind of freaky. I have a strained neck, but could probably play on Friday night. It’s the decision of the trainer and the coach.” Robinson was on the ice for 15-20 minutes before being taken off the ice. He was placed on a stretcher and was put in a neck brace as a safety precaution. “We were all just hoping for the best and we were behind him 100 percent,” junior Jim Henkemeyer said. Henkemeyer said the turning point for the game was probably when Robinson was taken off the ice.

The game was tied at 1-1 when Robinson went down with the injury and the Falcons battled back, overcoming the adversity of the evening to beat the visiting St. John’s Johnnies 4-1. In the first period, the Falcons fell behind when the Johnnies’ Matt Wocken scored the first goal at 7:18. Before the period was over, Falcon freshman Mitch Kerns scored at 10:43 to tie up the game at 1-1. The Johnnies killed off the five minute major penalty resulting from the checking from behind incident, but River Falls scored quickly after that. At 17:03 in the second period, senior Tyler Kostiuik picked up his second goal in as many nights to give the Falcons a 2-1 lead going into the final intermission. In the third period, sophomore Derek Hansberry added a little cushion for the Falcons at 7:55 when he scored, putting UWRF up by two. With less than five minutes left in the game, junior Jim Jensen capped off the scoring with his first career goal in a Falcon uniform. Jensen’s shot from the

point clinked off the pipe and went in to solidify the 4-1 victory.

AJ Bucchino had 30 saves in the win for the Falcons, while opposing goaltender Vince Wheeler had 24 saves.

Saturday’s game was the Falcons fifth win in a row, bringing the team’s overall season record to 5-1.

St John’s played very competitively on Saturday night. “They’re favored to win MIAC,” head hockey coach Steve Freeman said. “They’ve got a lot of speed and come with a lot of tradition. All these games are comparison games when it comes to the end of the season.”

Comparison games are used to determine at large bids at the end of the season for the NCHA tournaments.

Friday’s game against Augsburg College was back and forth and the Falcons had to battle for the win.

Falcons TJ Dahl and Pat Borgestad both scored in about a 10 minute span to give the team a 2-0 lead. However, it was a lead the Falcons didn’t keep for long. In the final four minutes of

the first period, Shawn Bakke and Tom Doyle both scored to tie the game at two goals apiece going into the second period. In the second period, Kostiuik and Henkemeyer both scored to give the Falcons a two-goal lead once again. With 16:42 gone in the second period, Brett Way scored to bring Augsburg to within one. At 7:40 of the final period, Dan Leopold scored the tying goal for Augsburg. The Auggies managed to remain tied with the Falcons for about 10 minutes before Dahl scored the game-winning goal with 3:24 remaining. Bucchino made 22 saves in the win, while the Auggies’ Adam Hendel picked up 19 saves. Freeman said he thought the Falcons didn’t play well in the win at Augsburg. “We just won on our talent,” Freeman said. “We made a lot of mistakes and that got us in trouble. We kept battling and taking leads.”

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**UW-River Falls freshman Cory Baldwin crashes toward the net in Saturday’s game against St. John’s University. The Falcons won the game 4-1 after scoring three third-period goals.**

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**First period**  
02:41 RF - Dahl (Henkemeyer, Hansberry)  
10:42 RF - Borgestad (Dahl)  
16:41 AUG - Bakke (May, Smith)  
19:16 AUG - Doyle (Nagurski, Georgell)  
**Second period**  
05:46 RF - Kostiuik (Flikeid)

16:19 RF - Henkemeyer (Harstad)  
16:42 AUG - Way (Johnson, Nagurski)  
**Third Period**  
7:40 AUG - Leopold (Johnson)  
16:36 RF - Dahl  
**Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)**  
RF - Bucchino (60:00-26-22)  
AUG - Hendel (59:13-24-19)

Football: Season ends with 48-16 loss

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onship.” The loss gave the Falcons a season record of 3-7 overall and 2-5 in WIAC. The Falcons’ winning percentage was .500 at home, but they had difficulties on the road going 1-5.

“It didn’t go as well as we planned. It was hard to take,” Kolstad said. “We overcame a lot and were kind of disappointed. It was also hard to go out with a team as good as [Whitewater].”

There were positives in the season, although the team’s record wasn’t above .500. Both Kolstad and Wolff said the Homecoming victory was an important moment during the season. It was also a good win because it put the Falcons on a two-game winning streak following two losses.

This season, there were a number of changes in the

Falcons’ offensive and defensive schemes.

“Confidence,” Kolstad said. “There was a lot of confidence between players and coaches.”

Kolstad will take more than football out of his experience.

“The best thing about this program is that we play hard,” Kolstad said. “And we do it for each other and the coaches.”

Wolff said that walking off the field and taking off his Falcon jersey was the hardest moment of the season.

“I learned a lot about myself being a part of this program,” Wolff said. “Being around this group of guys teaches you what it really means to work hard and have discipline and pride in what you are doing. I was part of a great class. This team went above and beyond everything our coaches and fans ever expected and we were a much better team than what our record ever showed.”

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Flu: Precautions can help protect students

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won't get [the flu]; there is a greater possibility that you will."

When asked if the flu would be a pressing concern for students and class disruptions this year, Otto said the illness comes in spells and UWRF is overdue for one.

SHS will host an immunization clinic Nov. 29 in the Student Center, where flu shots will be provided to students at a subsidized price of \$10. For non-students and members of Pierce County, the shot will cost \$25.

"The more people who get immunized, the less of a problem — a public health concern — it is," student Keith Carl said.

Despite lack of concern by many students, the disease is contagious and could affect student life and class attendance. With record numbers of students on campus and in the residence halls, there is a greater potential for the spread of the respiratory disease.

The CDC recommends avoiding close contact with others who may have the disease, as well as avoiding public contact for those who do contract the disease.

The flu is spread through the air when a person coughs or sneezes, or when a person touches respiratory droplets before touching their eyes, nose or mouth. The former is the most frequent.

The CDC recommends the vaccine as the best way to fight off the flu. Other suggestions include covering the mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, washing hands often to avoid the spread of germs, and refraining from frequently touching the eyes, nose or mouth.

To assist in this prevention, SHS has "Cover Your Cough" packets available in its office, which include cough drops, tissues and a multitude of other things to assist students in self-protection from catching cold.

Carl said he plans to take advantage of the vaccination when SHS offers it.

"It's \$10 — that's cheap for ensuring that you don't get really ill," Carl said.



Lori Otto

Peer tutoring relieves academic stress

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For a student who is struggling academically, the thought of asking a professor for help may seem intimidating.

Pre-major Advisor Justin Hauer had this in mind when he developed the study symposium program three years ago on the UW-River Falls campus.

The sessions, which take place twice a week, offer students the chance to study and receive tutoring in a peer-based environment.

Running from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., they are held Thursdays in the Davee Library and Sundays in the Wyman Education Building.

"What they're designed to be is an opportunity for students to have real concentrated study time, whether it's just to study individually or in a group, or with technology-assisted study," Hauer said.

According to a memo sent to all of the colleges on campus, the program "has helped more than 160 at-risk students form positive study habits" since its inception.

This semester, readmitted students from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) and select students from the men's basketball, football and hockey teams are participating, bringing the current program total to 72.

Students attending the sessions said they appreciate having a couple of hours a week devoted strictly to homework.

CAFES sophomore Carl Sackreiter said he has experienced a "50 percent improvement" in grades due to participating in the program.

"I feel it's effective because it takes away a lot of distractions you may have," he said.

Freshman football player John Bratcher echoed Sackreiter's opinion.

"It helps you stay focused," he said of the study sessions.

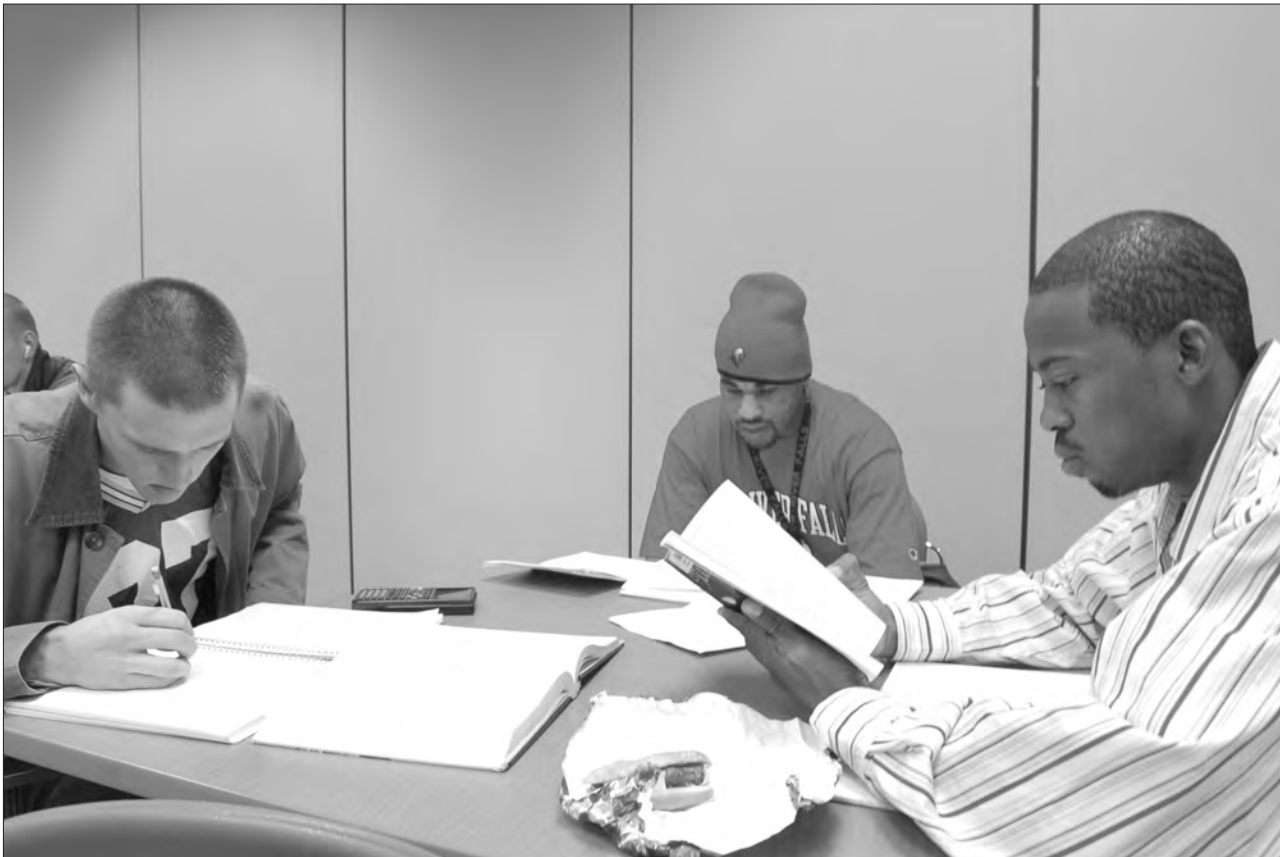
Bratcher said he understands why his coach requires him to attend.

"They just set this up to show that school's first and football's second, because you need school to play football anyway," he said.

Hauer said the sessions give students the advantage of studying in an atmosphere free from interruption.

"A student that attends the symposium can count on the time that they spend in the symposium being very focused because there are just way too many distractions around here for some students," he said.

In addition to offering students a structured time period to complete their assignments, the study sessions allow students to use each other as resources, Hauer said.



Kenny Yoo

**Jake Voeltz, left, Courtney Davis, center, and Maurice Baker study together Nov. 12 in the Wyman Education Building. Some students find the study symposium to be beneficial by helping them take time out of their schedules to study for exams and work together to complete homework assignments.**

Students may choose to work in groups while studying, and tutoring services are made available, he said.

The advisor said the presence of a student facilitator, whose duties include taking attendance and ensuring that people remain on task, also helps to foster a climate where students feel comfortable enough to seek assistance.

"It's much easier for a student to ask another student for help than it is for a student to ask a representative of the University," Hauer said.

A faculty or staff member must refer a student to the program. The referring official can be "anybody that has a vested academic interest in this student," he said.

The faculty or staff member is then responsible for making sure the student attends every session.

"The majority of the students that attend the symposium rely on that reinforcement to keep them honest and to kind of hold their feet to the fire and to keep them focused," Hauer said.

Attendance and participation reports are sent by student facilitators to referring officials at the conclusion of every symposium.

The reports inform them if the student was present and using their study time effectively, he said.

Workshop aims to help students, farm families compromise

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It has always been UW-River Falls senior Jeffrey McNeely's dream to take over his family's dairy farm in Brooklyn, Wis.

The dairy science major said his desire is part and parcel of a farm upbringing.

"It's a lifestyle," he said. "You grew up that way, and that's the way you want your kids to grow up."

However, the potential that McNeely and his father will have a difference of opinion regarding the farm's operation is a prospect the 21-year-old said worries him.

"It's the [possible] disagreement there that's a concern that I have, and it's gotta be worked out," he said.

That is where the UW-Extension and Center for Dairy Profitability's Returning to the Farm workshop comes in.

McNeely and 12 other UWRF students are participating in the four-day program.

Its purpose is to assist students and families who hope to enter a multigenerational farm venture.

Spread out over two separate sessions in November and February, Returning to the Farm is held annually at different agricultural degree-granting four-year schools in the UW System.

Hosted this year by UWRF, the first session of the workshop took place Nov. 3 and 4.

"[Returning to the Farm] is designed to help [students] and the farm owners to start planning and talk about all of the issues involved with the students returning to the home farm," said Gregg Hadley, UWRF assistant professor of agricultural economics and UW-Extension farm management specialist. "By sitting down and going through as many of the issues that you can beforehand, it just greatly increases the chance of success."

According to the U.S. Department of

Agriculture, Wisconsin is one of the top 10 agricultural producing states in the nation.

"Wisconsin farmers are extremely good at producing things," Hadley said. "They're extremely good at producing a lot of milk, a lot of corn ... whatever they produce, they tend to be good at."

However, Hadley said changes in the farming industry mean that Wisconsin family farmers have to develop good fiscal management skills in addition to production skills.

"The old adage was that to make it in farming, you either have to be good at producing stuff or good on the business side of things," he said. "And now we've reached a time where you have to be good at both."

The goal of the workshop is for families to develop a sound economic plan that will support the student's return to, and eventual ownership of, the farm.

"[The hope is] that we have begun to get them to talk about it, and to give them some tools to manage their way through this," Hadley said.

To reach that objective, he said, families have to determine whether the student's return to the farm as a business partner is a financially feasible option. To pay that decent wage, family farms often have to expand operations, Hadley said.

"Lots of times that may mean that they have to become productive so that they can generate enough profits to pay the person," he said. "It may mean that they have to get a little larger [or] take on a new farm business enterprise."

Hadley said students are sometimes treated like "hired hands" upon their return to the farm, and they shouldn't be.

"That's one of the things that this program tries to instill early," he said. "This isn't your son or daughter, even though it is your son or daughter. This is your business partner, and they need to be treated as such."

Hadley said effective farm succession, the transferring of the family farm business to the next generation, is dependent upon an open exchange of ideas that is encouraged.

"A lot of it has to do with interpersonal relations," he said. "Where these intergener-

ational transfers fail is when there's not enough communication and not enough frank conversation."

To promote honest dialogue, Returning to the Farm participants are given the chance to share ideas and concerns about the farm succession process with their families.

McNeely said he appreciates this facet of the workshop.

"I really like the idea how it [gives] you a chance to sit down and talk with your family ... to actually sit down and meet," he said.

It was this aspect of the program that UWRF senior Nathan Wilber said he finds most informative.

"I learned to make sure to get everything out in the open and know what everybody's goals are for the operation so you can kind of be on the same page when making decisions for the operation," he said.

The agricultural business major from Trempealeau, Wis., said keeping the farm that has been in his family for "six or seven generations" is important to him. The 22-year-old said he worries about farm succession and hopes the workshop gives him the tools to make the transfer successful.

"That's kind of one of the big things I'm worried about is how [farm succession is] going to work so we can be prepared," Wilber said.

To some, it may appear that the family farm is in a state of distress. The 2002 Census of Agriculture found that Wisconsin has seen a 75.3 percent increase in corporate farming since 1978.

But according to Hadley, many of the corporate farms are still family-owned.

"That whole, 'What's a company farm and what's a family farm,' is pretty hazy," Hadley said. "A lot of the corporate farms ... are families or neighbors that have come together to farm."

Hadley said he believes any type of farm can be financially successful. McNeely said the benefits of farming outweigh any negatives.

"It's just a good honest living," he said.

The second session of the Returning to the Farm workshop will be held Feb. 9-10.

E-mail: Limited disk space may cause system meltdown

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"Before the outage last year, there was a mechanism to control the quotas in mailboxes, but during the upgrade that part of the program broke," Interim Manager of Computer Support Services Mary-Alice Muraski said.

This means that there is no way for ITS to control how much mail is saved on each person's account, bogging down the system and causing every account to move at a slower pace. ITS realized the problem with the performance of the e-mail system and has devised a plan to get things running smoothly.

"There is short-term and a long-term plan to get this fixed," Muraski said.

The short-term plan is to correct small problems causing the system to slow, including decreasing the time it takes to send and receive e-mail, as well as controlling the quotas of mailboxes so the whole system can operate more quickly.

"We have to work behind the scenes, and the plan is to get this fixed within the next two months so that when students come back from J-term they will notice a different in the performance of e-mail," Muraski said. "If we tried to fix this problem all at

once e-mail would have to be completely down for at least a week or two."

The long-term plan is to upgrade to a newer and more innovative system of e-mail. Muraski said the plan is to complete the project within the next 12 months, but until then she asks for students' cooperation in making the current system bearable for everyone.

"We are almost out of disk space, and if we run out of disk space the system will shut down completely," she said. "We really need students to clean out their mailboxes and discard old e-mails, and this includes clearing out the trash section."

If students want to hang on to their old e-mails, they can check out its.uwrf.edu/support/apps/web/sm/archive.php. This Web site offers information on how to archive e-mail folders.

"We feel your pain," Muraski said. "We are doing everything in our power to fix this, and we need everybody's help and patience."



Mary-Alice Muraski

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# New Jay-Z album not as good as previous releases



Erik Wood

The rebirth of hip-hop is here, according to Jay-Z. Only three years after retiring from his former label, the self-proclaimed “King,” and now “Savior of Hip-Hop,” is back with Kingdom Come.

I definitely am not a huge fan of rap or hip-hop. As you can see from most of my reviews, rock is my preference.

But I’ve decided to think outside the guitar and give this “newly” found hip-hop a chance.

As an owner of The Black Album and Hard Knock Life Vol. 2, Jay-Z is a rapper I have found worth my money and time next to Tupac Shakur and Eminem.

Unlike his previous albums, Jay turned to many other producers for this work. With big names like Dr. Dre, Kanye West and The Neptunes, this album is already stacked to be something big.

Many reviews I’ve read state that the album is only average at best. As Blogcritics Magazine puts it, “The album doesn’t sound big and expensive like so many lead singles need to in this day and age. It doesn’t really have club appeal, but it’s not a street burner either. To be honest, it comes across as a little boring.”

Honestly, I agree with that statement.

This album is the first to let go of the “Jigga what” and immature lyrics dealing with drugs, hoers and opponent-bashing words.

That’s about the only good thing about it.

Kingdom Come opens with a prelude displaying Jay’s lyrical

mastermind, telling the rap world that his reality only lies parallel with what modern rappers live in music videos and a couple of times during the year.

He never directly bashes another rapper by name, but promotes other artists like Ice Cube and Usher.

The rest of the album has a sort of fluid feel to it —maybe even boring. Every track seems to sound like the other.

There really isn’t a song that stands out to succeed in the world of the “radio single,” though Monday Night Football has featured the first leaked song, “Show Me What You Got.”

Still, it doesn’t really possess the punch needed to be a million-making single.

Kingdom Come is an album that doesn’t really stand out.

Although solid, there is not a song that you can remember even after hearing it. Sure, you can nod your head to the basic beats and melodies provided by the big-name producers, but where are the catchy

lyrics and choruses Jay used to provide?

For an album claiming to be the one to save hip-hop, I expected a lot more.

It doesn’t really save hip-hop, it is just a different kind of rap — one repeating the same values and ideas expressed in

Jay’s earlier works, only this time, according to Jay himself, maturation has taken place.

Overall, the album sounds rushed with the same message, camouflaged by a new album and different approach.

But in today’s society, we all know it will sell millions and people will listen to it.

The media will continue to build Kingdom Come up and promote Jay’s return.

On Nov. 21 when the album drops, I know I won’t be there watching my cash disappear for mediocre music.



Jay-Z will release a new album, “Kingdom Come,” Tuesday.

# Texas Hold ‘Em tourney makes its return to UWRF

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The second-annual Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament will be held on Nov. 28 to raise money for the Health and Human Performance Club (HPER).

Senior HPER member Mike Pepin said he thinks there are many reasons why students should join in the tournament.

“I feel that this can be an opportunity for students to meet other students with similar interests of playing cards,” Pepin said. “Hold ‘Em is one of the hottest things going right now, and this tournament will be a chance to learn the game in a very non-threatening atmosphere. I want the participants to understand how easy and fun it is to play and win at this game.”

Pepin also said last year’s tournament did not have a high turnout.

“Last year, they scheduled the event on a Saturday morning,” he said. “This is not a university that keeps many students on the weekends, and if they are here, they’re not going to be up by 9 a.m. on a Saturday.”

Pepin said this year HPER wanted the tourney to be suited for students.

“We are promoting a fun, cheap and entertaining weekday event in the early evening,” he said.

Senior Katie Richardson is also a member of HPER and is working closely with the Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament.

Richardson is on the advertising committee and will be a dealer on the day of the tournament.

Though the tournament is only in its second year, Richardson said she hopes it will be an ongoing event.

“I believe we are going to try keeping it going on a yearly basis,” she said.

Richardson said if a tournament is not held next year, another event will more than likely take its place.

The money raised at the tournament will be put back into the club, mostly for its members. HPER is a campus organization for all majors and minors seeking

a health and human performance degree.

The group’s purpose is to provide members with information about the department and future job opportunities such as working with children, volunteer experience and activities to use in a classroom and work setting. In addition, HPER aims to provide information about the health and physical education profession.

“The money we make will help support students that would like to go to state and national conferences, as well as some other educational things, such as paying a part of the Body Worlds for students who are members of HPER Club,” Richardson said.

Body Worlds is a current exhibit held at the Science Museum of Minnesota, which explores real human cadavers.

If Richardson’s predictions are correct, about 120 students will participate in the tournament.

If Texas Hold ‘Em is not a student’s forte, door prizes will be given out regardless of how they do in the tournament.

The prizes include: buy-in to a Treasure Island tournament, semester passes to the UWRF weight room, T-shirts and more.

“There will be many prizes given out throughout the night as door prizes that were donated by local businesses,” Richardson said.

Some of the donations came from McDonald’s, Subway, Shopko and Wal-Mart.

The Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament will be held Nov. 28 at 6:45 p.m. in Karges Gym. Registration forms are available in the health and human performance office, Karges 111. The cost is \$3 for pre-registration and \$5 at the door.



Zach Nagle photos

Above: A Texas Hold ‘Em dealer shuffles the deck before passing out the cards. Below: Players wait for the dealer to reveal the river, or final card, when one player has all his chips at stake.



# ‘Borat’ lives up to expectations ... NOT!



Jenna Lee

with Pamela Anderson. He convinces Bagatov to go to California, promising that is where Texas is.

I thought Cohen’s character work was amazing through the whole movie, which then carried over to his interviews. Jim Carrey definitely took the method to a higher level while making the movie about Andy Kaufman, but Cohen has taken it even further. Though his Ali G character (who was featured in one of Madonna’s music videos) is funny, it was a better choice to continue with the whole foreigner gag. Borat is just so clueless — but you get the feeling that in his village in Kazakhstan he’s probably a pretty smart guy.

The police were called more than 90 times because of Cohen’s antics, and that is real dedication to the method. I don’t know how many other actors would simulate “69ing” while completely naked with another man just for a good scene.

I don’t understand why some people and governments are so outraged by Cohen’s movie. It’s not like Kazakhs are the only people he takes shots at.

At one point on the road trip, Borat and Azamat stay at a bed and breakfast. But once they realize it is run by Jews, they cower in fear until they can run out in the middle of the night before they are poisoned and robbed. Cohen happens to be Jewish in real life, but manages to make his fear of his own religion believable. He even goes to a Pentecostal church and gets “saved” after forgiving Pam Anderson for making the sex tape with Tommy Lee.

Many of the jokes Cohen uses surround his Jewish heritage. The language he speaks is mostly Hebrew (with a bit of Polish and gibberish thrown in). He even uses a Hebrew word for “vagina” (kuscek) as the name of his village in Kazakhstan.

There were only a few parts in the movie that I almost fell off my seat laughing, but most of them were shown in the trailers on TV. At the beginning he goes to see a comedy coach and the first joke he learns is the “not” joke, but he just can’t seem to get it right.

He triumphantly exclaims to the coach, “This suit is NOT black!”

There have been several debates on whether or not the scenes were staged and the people were actors. At the end, Borat tries to throw a sack over Anderson’s head to wed her. It’s hard not to believe that Pam wouldn’t be in on that joke, but most of the reactions from bystanders or minor characters seemed legitimate. I didn’t really care either way because it still made me laugh out loud.

“Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan” was great joke on everyone, and I didn’t mind being a part of it.

Jenna is a junior studying journalism and music history. She enjoys watching dark comedy movies.



Nick Welsh

It seems that wherever you go, there is talk of “Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit of Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan,” the comedy chronicling a foreign journalist’s adventure visiting America. On his way, he creates a documentary for his fellow countrymen, exposing Americans far more than anyone could have realized.

During his journey, Borat ran into regular people in real situations, and it was funny to see how ignorant many Americans really are. Through this, the film also pokes fun at different regions of the United States.

While in New York City, Borat was repeatedly threatened violently and cursed at by other guys, who thought he was hitting on them. He does finally find acceptance and friendship at a gay pride parade, though he foolishly doesn’t realize who its participants are until the next day.

At a Texas rodeo, Borat is confronted with comments relating to his bushy mustache, which for some reason makes him look like a terrorist. To put these worried spectators at ease, he proclaims for our “war of terror,” so that when we win, “the president may drink the blood of every man, woman and child!” He subsequently received loud cheers from this war-mongering crowd.

Borat sought to fit in with several demographics, but was often unsuccessful. He tried to act like a hoodlum from the street to a group of young black men, but they couldn’t comprehend what he was saying so they laughed at him. He tried to socialize with feminists, offending them without meaning to do so.

It seemed as if the only people who accepted him were some southern frat boys who were probably too wasted to realize what they were doing to begin with. They proclaimed how slavery ought to be brought back while degrading women.

Easily the most politically incorrect film I’ve ever seen, as well as one of the most offensive, I really am surprised at how much the filmmakers were able to get away with. Though I’ve heard nothing but positive remarks about it from friends, classmates and coworkers, I just didn’t think it was all that terrific.

I do realize that it is a comedy, and therefore it shouldn’t be taken literally, but I still couldn’t help but feel that at times this film was inappropriate and offensive; particularly when it came to the horrifying extended scenes of male frontal nudity. I had my hands over my eyes for the first time in years, wishing that it would finally stop.

I do understand that the purpose of this film is to represent a man who behaves backward, for he probably feels the same way about our practices. But I still believe that I’ve seen better comedies in the past—ones that didn’t make me feel as uncomfortable.

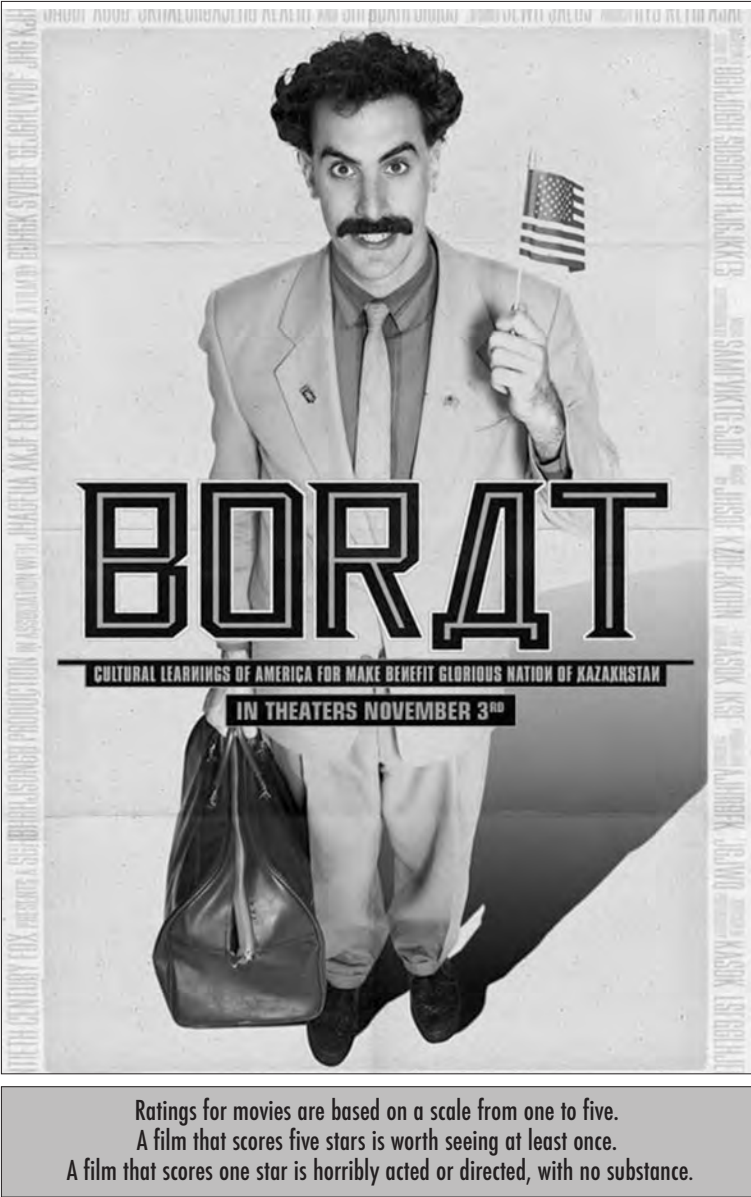
We learn that Borat and his neighbors are terrified of Jews. He isn’t able to buy a gun to kill any of them, so he gets a bear as a means of protection. In real life, the actor (Sacha Baron Cohen) is Jewish, so I suppose it is okay to persecute your own heritage.

As noted before I know plenty of people who absolutely loved it, so I suppose it matters on the types of comedies you’re into.

Perhaps I’m just too serious for this flick. It’s probably just one of those films where you’d really need to be hyped to enjoy it.



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







As part of a dance performance at the AASA-sponsored Cultural Fest on Nov. 9, Thai dancers (from left to right) Among Vang, Bhao Thao and Meni Thor pose during the show. As one of many student organizations within the Diversity Awareness Committee at UW-River Falls, AASA aims to bring diversity to the attention of students, faculty and staff on campus.

Kenny Yoo

# Student groups bring diversity to UWRF

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“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it everyday.”

Though the author of this saying is unknown, Multicultural Advisor Linda Alvarez said she does know what is behind the efforts of the multicultural student organizations to bring diversity to UW-River Falls.

“Leadership, definitely,” said Alvarez, adding the students she works with are “just incredible leaders” who bring “a whirlwind of creativity and energy” to the multicultural organizations.



Led by UWRF students, the five groups include the Asian American Student Association (AASA), Black Student Union (BSU), Community Action Theatre Troupe (CATTs), Latino Student Organization (LSO) and Native American Council (NAC).

Though increasing diversity is a focus of these groups, BSU President Anthony Anderson said promoting different cultures is a responsibility.

“The main reason that we are doing more things is because there isn’t a lot of diversity out there,” Anderson said. “Somebody has to step up and do something about it.”

The 19-year-old freshman said he is hoping his group’s efforts will make UWRF more appealing to students of all races.

“There isn’t a lot of minorities out here,” Anderson said. “We want to bring them here.”

The BSU is not alone in these efforts. In his first semester as AASA president, Matt Pelot is working with his group to bring multiple cultures to the UWRF campus.

Pelot, a fourth-year student, said the six goals of the organization are to “promote awareness about Asian cultures; provide a social and academic community for students; educate the campus, community and ourselves; build leadership and collaboration; advocate diversity; and have fun.”

To accomplish these goals, AASA has spent the semester working with UWRF students.

Through events such as the Multicultural Welcome Picnic,

Halloweekend Dance, annual egg roll sale and the Nov. 9 Cultural Fest, Pelot has made one key observation about the campus.

“As for the receptiveness of the student body to increasing diversity awareness, I think that our student body is pretty much open to it,” he said.

UWRF junior Teresa Aviles is one student who is open to the idea of campus diversity.

While the 20-year-old said she is not familiar with each organization, she said they seem to be promoting themselves effectively.

“I do think they do a good job making themselves stand out,” she said. “I’ve seen egg roll stands trying to raise money, and yesterday [Nov. 7] there was the Hmong information wall in the Student Center.”

Efforts such as these to raise diversity awareness are a positive sign in the journey to make UWRF a more multicultural campus, Aviles said.

“Even when there are advertisements, flyers and information walls, it doesn’t necessarily mean that people will take the time to read them and understand the particular source of media,” she said. “The only way to get people informed about the different cultures and races and ethnicities on our campus is to talk about it.”

Along with Aviles’ opinion that discussing diversity is important to UWRF, BSU Advisor Tyra Nelson said there is another aspect in increasing multicultural awareness.

“Part of what contributes is the coverage of the *Voice*,” Nelson said, adding this year’s newspaper is helping to make sure “voices of color are heard.”

Student Voice Editor Helen Clarke seems to share Nelson’s view.

Clarke said that while she is glad the additional coverage is garnering good reviews from diversity groups, the change in coverage was not accidental.

“It was a priority of mine to cover more diversity orgs and student issues in general,” she said. “I think they have been an underreported part of the student body, but my main drive is because so many of the diversity orgs are incredibly active and popular on campus.”

While prominence is an important aspect to news coverage, Clarke said there is another benefit to additional multicultural stories.

“I ... do hope that diversity continues to grow at UWRF, and this is one way to support that,” she said.

Though UWRF multicultural organizations are all based on campus, their efforts can have a worldwide reach.

The NAC and CATTs organizations are spending the holiday season working on Operation Christmas Child.

NAC President Trista Maulson said the project aims to “send shoe boxes filled with toys, etc., to children all over the world who are poverty stricken.”

Maulson said she is also hoping some of the boxes will go to “poor Indian reservations in the United States.”

With UWRF’s multicultural organizations working from a campus to a world level, Anderson’s dream for the future of BSU isn’t farfetched.

“We look forward to having a great year this year,” he said. “It will be even better next year.”

For information on any of the multicultural organizations, contact Linda Alvarez in the Academic Success Center at 425-3531 or ASC@uwrf.edu.

## Meeting times

- AASA — 6 p.m.**  
Wednesdays  
Regents Room  
Student Center
- BSU — 4:30 p.m.**  
Mondays  
St. Croix Room  
Student Center
- CATTs — 4 p.m.**  
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Above: CATTs members Mish Ka Kalan (left) and Qurina Khan represent Indian dress in the Cultural Fest fashion show. Below: CATTs performers Chawntou Yang (left) Meng Lor (center) and Hue Lo act as characters in the play, “Maiden Flower and Lady Toad.” Left: BSU president Anthony Anderson speaks at the Cultural Fest during BSU’s presentation on the African holiday, Kwanzaa. Events such as Cultural Fest are designed to promote and bring attention to the many student diversity organizations at UW-River Falls.

