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Shorter classes among academic changes

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Committees within the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate have been busy this semester discussing academic changes that could have a significant impact on students and faculty.

In the next year the liberal arts requirement may be met based on the number of classes rather than credits, class times may be five minutes shorter and it will be easier for students to retake courses.

The most immediate change students will experience is the course retake policy.

The Faculty Senate decided Nov. 6 to allow students to retake a course if they receive a C minus or below.

Once signed by Chancellor Don Betz and passed through the Registrar's Office, students can register to retake these courses beginning

spring semester.

The course retake policy was reviewed a year after the University adopted the plus/minus grading system.

"A student who earned a D or F could retake a course, but if a student earned a C they couldn't automatically repeat it," Faculty Senate Chair Wes Chapin said. "If a student got a D plus or a C minus though, it fell in between the old system."

It will not only be easier for a student to retake a course, but it will also help raise their GPA by giving them the opportunity to get better grades in courses they did not do so well in.

"We have given students some more options to retake courses if they want to," Chapin said.

While the Senate passed the motion regarding the course retake policy, two other academic changes are still being discussed.

The enactment of the new general education curriculum last year brought attention to the lib-

eral arts category students in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) are required to complete for graduation.

"In some ways the University has adopted a liberal arts perspective," Brad Caskey, associate dean of CAS, said. "The rationale of the liberal arts courses is nearly identical to the new general education rationale."

A few solutions to make them different are to have specialized liberal arts courses, such as in-depth classes, or make them 300-level courses.

Under the current liberal arts category, students are required to complete a minimum of 10 liberal arts credits at the 200-level or higher outside the student's major and department of their minor.

Since the liberal arts category requirement is now based on credits rather than classes, many students end up short one credit.

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Work equals credit hours for students

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Due to a statewide push and some new credit offers, the UW-River Falls student body could undergo a rapid aging process in the near future.

There are approximately 1,000 universities nationwide now offering credit for prior learning, said Lee Zaborowski, interim dean of continuing education/outreach and e-learning for UW-Extension.

This proposal is the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), which will turn work and life experience into school credit by creating a portfolio to demonstrate what non-traditional students have learned in the workforce or through volunteer work.

Another one of the offers to draw in adult and non-traditional students is an expansion of Internet classes to provide flexibility and distance education for working adults.

The Adult Student Initiative (ASI) is part of a broader growth initiative by the UW System. ASI plans to entice adult and non-traditional students to enroll in Wisconsin universities and expand the number of bachelor's degree holders in the state.

The hope is that increasing the number of degree holders will increase Wisconsin's per capita income.

In 2002, Wisconsin ranked 29th nationally in percentage of citizens with a four-year degree, according to a Chronicle of Higher Education study. The same study ranked the state 22nd in per capita income.

"The fear is that Wisconsin is turning into a Mississippi, where there are a high percentage of people that aren't highly educated," said Brad Caskey, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

That perception could deter new businesses from coming to Wisconsin, directly affecting the state's economic growth.

Caskey and other representatives of UWRF attended a conference at UW-Stout in November to discuss the initiative.

UWRF offers a similar credit opportunity in the master's of management program.

"We've only done it a handful of times," said Claire Killian, associate professor of management and human resources. "Maybe three or four in the six years it's been offered."

There are some disadvantages to allowing this type of credit, Killian, who also attended the conference at UW-Stout, said.

"It's not the same type of learning," she said. "I do think you miss something by not having the academic piece."

There is a similar offer in the elementary education department - an offer Denise Vanberg, a 46 year-old non-traditional student, plans to use.

"I have my own piano studio and have been teaching for the past 20 years, and I am pleased that I will have the opportunity to use this experience for credits," Vanberg said. "I believe this work experience is not only beneficial for my education, but also for my future position as a teacher."

Yet there are worries that Wisconsin schools could be seen as diploma mills by expanding cred-

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Shirley Matzek and student Meredith Junker handle the record-keeping at Textbook Services. Junker is one of many students who have sought employment at UWRF. Students may apply to be office assistants, sales clerks, library assistants, graders and textbook workers without prior experience. Some positions also offer federal funding through work study.

STUDENTS WILL WORK FOR EDUCATION

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With tuition rising annually, students have few options for paying the semester bills that don't involve a loan with a hefty interest rate. The price of an education is paid by some while attending school, and UWRF has various job opportunities available for those looking to beef up their pocketbooks.

For the 2006-2007 school year, the cost of tuition, housing, a meal plan and other fees is about \$12,000 for fall and spring semesters combined. Students who just pay tuition and

other miscellaneous required fees see a price tag of just a little more than \$3,000 per semester.

Many students opt to work at off- or on-campus jobs to pay for the next semester's bill or other living expenses, such as a car payment, rent, food and school supplies.

Student Kasie Garcia works both on- and an off-campus jobs. Here, she spends some days working at the Information Desk of the Student Center, where she works four days or about 12 hours a week.

She said she uses some of the money she receives from her jobs to pay for tuition, but

also has loans and grants for financial relief.

"It is very flexible," she said of the position. "It works great with my school schedule and other things."

Garcia, a junior majoring in international studies, said the Information Desk gig is her first on-campus job. She applied for the position to save money on gas by commuting less frequently to her other job.

Garcia is just one of about 1,100 students who were paid through the University for on-campus work, according to the Nov. 5-18

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Former Hudson police chief takes the lead at Public Safety

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As Interim Public Safety Director Mark Kimball's retirement looms near, UW-River Falls administration filled the position with former Hudson Police Chief Dick Trende.



Dick Trende

Trende began his work on campus Nov. 20.

Right now, Trende said he is focusing his work on the overall operation of Public Safety.

"What was always important to me was receiving the input from the community," he said of his time as police chief. "We [Public Safety] interact with the campus community, so we need to provide that serv-

ice to the campus."

He said it is easy to dictate the service provided by Public Safety, but it is more important to solicit feedback and opinions as to how the service is conducted.

"I like the environment," Trende said. "It will be fun; it is a totally different learning environment than what I had before."

He said he wants to provide a professional service to the community of UWRF. He plans to walk around campus visiting with students, faculty and staff, introducing himself along the way.

"This came at a very opportune time for me," he said. "I was beginning to look for something part time."

With his wife still working for the next couple years, retirement just didn't make much sense, though it gave him a benefit to focus on

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Events don't keep students in town on weekends

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On the big screen, college is often depicted as an opportunity for students to spend weekdays skimming through books while weekends are dedicated to partying.

But UW-River Falls is clearly not a movie.

"It's dead on weekends here," May Hall Resident Assistant Melissa Beyer said. "I think most of them go home because they live nearby."

Beyer said despite residents being a mixture of people from freshmen to seniors, males and females, May Hall clears out on Friday afternoons, leaving 20 to 40 people occupying the hall that houses around 200 students during the week.

Freshman Kevin Smith sees the same pattern happening in Hathorn Hall.

"It's pretty quiet on weekends," Smith said.

Sophomore Lynn Hartmann said she has not yet stayed on campus for a weekend since the semester began. Often times she will go to the Twin Cities or Madison to be with her friends there.

"I usually never stick around on weekends because there's not much to do," Hartmann said. "A lot of people leave, and the couple of days I did stay here, the campus was pretty dead."

The number of cars in the parking lots on weekends is significantly lower when compared to the number on weeknights.

In K-Lot, near Stratton and Johnson Halls, there were 63 vehicles parked at 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. Compared to the same time on Monday, Nov. 20, the amount nearly doubled with



Kenny Yoo

Left to right, Kiel Hausler, Abby Pethke and Katie Bauer load their personal belongings into a vehicle as they leave UWRF and head home for the weekend.

114 vehicles stationary in the lot.

On the opposite end of campus, the difference was also significant. O-lot, which is situated near South Fork Suites and has a 560-vehicle capacity, had 314 cars filling the spaces at 11:40 p.m. on the same Saturday. The school week brought another

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VOICE SHORTS

Chiefs to accept award at fall graduation

The Kansas City Chiefs Football Club has been named the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from UW-River Falls.



Submitted photo

The Kansas City Chiefs host Senior Day and Kids' Days every year at training camp for their fans.

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Denny Thum is expected to accept the recognition on behalf of the team. For the past 16 years the team has been an important part of UWRF, helping the University to achieve many of its institutional objectives. The Chiefs' presence has enabled UWRF to offer dozens of internships to students and generated the resources to make numerous campus improvements. The team's leaders also have been outstanding advocates of helping the University secure state funding for remodeling projects.

Professor speaks about banned books



Nicholas J. Karolides

UW-River Falls English professor and author Nicholas J. Karolides will be speaking and signing copies of his latest work, a revised edition of Banned Books: Literature Suppressed on Political Grounds, at 3 p.m. Dec. 1, at the Davee Library. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, and all proceeds will go toward the purchase of banned books for the library's collection. Karolides was honored in 1971 with the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award and in 1994 with the Wisconsin Regents Teaching Excellence Award. He has written 15 books, focusing primarily on censorship issues and on the application of literary theory to classroom teaching. For more information call 715-425-3874.

UWRF gains acreage through land trade

The Wisconsin State Building Commission has approved a land swap involving the UWRF-operated Mann Valley Farm. The commission action is the final formal step in the trade, which was approved by the UW System Board of Regents Nov. 10. The trade involves a single parcel of 99 acres held by the University for 187 acres owned by K&S Developers Inc. UWRF will gain acreage immediately adjacent to the west and northwest of the farm, which adjoins Country Road MM northwest of River Falls. K&S will receive acreage south of the county road, directly across from the existing laboratory farm. The University will use the newly obtained land for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. According to Campus Planner Dale Braun, a land assessment conducted by the college indicated it needed another 295 additional tillable acres beyond the 398 acres currently available. The land swap will reduce the deficit by about 160 acres. The land trade is expected to be finalized by Jan. 1.

Local manufacturer holds toy workshop

At 10 a.m. Dec. 9, River Falls-based architectural woodwork and cabinetry manufacturer O'Keefe Inc., hosts its 16th annual day building toys for the holidays. The company will have enough wooden parts to make between 300 and 400 toys. Volunteers are needed to sand and glue together parts to be formed into roadsters and rocking horses. When completed, the company will transport the playthings to the Merrick Communities, a group in East Saint Paul that accepts and distributes gifts to needy children.

RF man pleads guilty to sexual assault

Brian Popek, 30, of River Falls, pled guilty in Pierce County Court Nov. 14 to one count of second-degree sexual assault of a child under age 16. According to the criminal complaint, the act occurred last June in River Falls. Witnesses testified that underage girls frequented Popek's address with the belief that he would buy them alcohol and cigarettes. A witness apparently saw through a window Popek and one of the minors engage in what was perceived to be sexual activity, according to the complaint. Popek told witnesses he knew the girl as a little sister from one of his friends. Those same witnesses identified the girl when police brought a picture of her, and believed he knew she was a minor. Popek was charged with two counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, but the other count was dismissed. The plea resulted in a 10-year sentence, with three years of confinement and seven years extended supervision. He will be formally sentenced Jan. 29, 2007.

Family of murder victim wins legal battle

A Hudson family has won its first legal victory, as it tries to get the nation's Catholic bishops to release the names of priests who molested children. Relatives of the late Dan O'Connell, who was gunned down in 2002 reportedly by a priest who later committed suicide, sued 194 U.S. Catholic dioceses, saying the church is all talk and no action in cracking down on pedophiles. Now, the Diocese of Wilmington, Del., has released the names of 20 priests who admitted abusing minors. The plaintiffs say that suit will now be dropped. Michael Saltarelli, the Bishop in Wilmington, has asked the pope to remove the 20 molesters from the priesthood. The O'Connells sent a letter Tuesday thanking the bishop for complying, and called on others to do so. An intern was also killed in the 2002 attack, apparently because O'Connell knew too much about the priest's abuse of children.

Photo studio searches for ugliest sweater

Stillwater's InStudio will award a \$500 photo package to the person wearing the ugliest sweater in its Ugly Sweater Contest. Haul out that icky old ghost of Christmas past, put it on and head on over to InStudio in downtown Stillwater between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday before Dec. 15. Wear or bring your unsightly sweater — you can change at InStudio to avoid being seen with it in public — fill out an entry form and pose for a photo for InStudio's wall of sweater shame. Judging for best bad sweater will be completed Dec. 16. The winner receives a \$500 photo package, including a photo session, a framed 14x40 montage, two framed mini montages, 25 holiday cards and three 5x7 images. Instudio is located at 212 N. Main St. For more information, visit www.instudio.info or call 651-439-6450.

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Correction

• In the Nov. 17 front page story, "Professor spellbound by witchery," it was incorrectly stated that 17th century witch hunts killed thousands of colonials. The witch hunts in fact took the lives of thousands of Europeans.

SENATE

Senate supports ban on sexual discrimination

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The UW-River Falls Student Senate threw support toward the efforts of Sen. Jon Erpenbach, D-Middleton, in drafting a proposal for a state constitutional amendment banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

After the ballots were tallied following the Nov. 7 election, the proposed statewide marriage amendment was enacted, banning the legal recognition of marriage between same-sex couples.

The amendment states that "Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state."

A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state."

Student Senator Craig Witte proposed Student Senate support Erpenbach's amendment and discussed the effects the marriage amendment will have on professors in the UW System.

Witte said those who teach in the UW System may see the amendment as a deterrent and go somewhere else.

The wording of the second sentence of the amendment, which limits the rights of same-sex couples, will not allow professors in same-sex relationships to receive the same benefits as those in heterosexual partnerships.

"A lot of them are threatening to leave," Witte said of professors at UW-Madison in

particular.

Erpenbach's amendment to the state constitution, which is in the drafting stages, will not be proposed until January.

"It hasn't been rushed due to legislature," Legislative Affairs Director Mike Freedman said.

As the amendment has not yet been brought in front of the state legislature, Witte said Senate should show its support due to the overwhelming opposition to the original marriage amendment by the student body in the recent election.

"We can't lobby in support of [Erpenbach's amendment] until we vote on it," Witte said.

Discussion began on the topic as Senate Vice President Bethany Barnett asked that the issue be tabled until January and brought up again once Erpenbach's amendment is drafted and proposed to the state legislature. "We support what he's doing," Diversity Issues Director Ashley Olson said, adding that Senate should take a stance on the drafting of Erpenbach's amendment.

Olson then discussed and motioned that an amendment be made to Witte's original motion.

"I motion that we make a friendly amendment to support Senator Erpenbach's initiative to draft the amendment," she said.

The motion passed with only two senators casting dissenting votes.

Other Senate News

• Facilities and Fees Board Chair Jim Vierling introduced a motion to increase the

pay for some student senators. The Senate president currently earns \$225 a month, while the vice-president, directors and board chairs earn \$150 a month.

The UWRF Senate is one of the lowest-paid university senates in Wisconsin. Vierling considers the senators' current earnings to be unsatisfactory for the tasks they carry out.

In his motion, Vierling pointed out that UW-Platteville's Student Senate members are paid more than the members of the UWRF Senate. Both institutions are equal in size, so Vierling proposed increases in pay be implemented at the beginning of the 2007-08 academic year for those entering at least their second semester of service.

• Chancellor Don Betz addressed the Senate, informing members of his plans for the University and explaining the Strategic Planning and Energy Initiatives that are underway.

• Dean of Student Development and Campus Diversity Blake Fry addressed the Senate, reviewing the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement. The survey was conducted during spring semester and asked questions of seniors and first-year students.

• The Campus Safety Walk will take place at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Students are invited to participate.

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

Dairy farmers expand milking options

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Cow milk comes from just that — milking cows. While many UW-River Falls students in the dairy program get their practice milking cows at the laboratory farms for work study, they have yet to try their hands on other animals.

Milking goats and, more recently, milking sheep, has become popular among the dairy farmers of Wisconsin, and the concept is being taught in the agriculture curriculum.

"In the late 1980s some people were milking sheep, but nowadays it has become more sophisticated," said Gary Onan, an animal science professor who is heavily involved with the sheep dairy industry in Wisconsin.

Onan said there are many reasons milking goats and sheep caught on as a trend. "Some people that do it like to work with

smaller animals, like sheep," he said. "Others were looking for a special product to sell and to make money off of it."

Food science professor Rancee May, who has been doing extensive work with sheep and goat milk producers for the past 12 years, said this procedure is an economic incentive.

"Since sheep and goats are smaller than cows, there is less product to be sold," May said. "However, the products that come from the sheep and goats is worth double in comparison to a cow."

May said there are more than 120 milking goat farms and 11 milking sheep farms just in the state of Wisconsin.

"The demand is there," May said. "The shift is going towards locally produced foods, and the markets are a niche for these groups."

Onan said the procedure began with farm-

ers milking goats and sheep as a last resort.

"There was a time when meat wasn't selling very well and farmers were looking for other options," Onan said. "In some cases, it was an afterthought."

Spanish professor Terrence Mannetter said he doesn't know much about the milking of these animals, but knows it is very popular in other parts of the world.

"I think that developing milk from other animals is a great idea," he said.

Senior Erin Orgeman said when she first heard about it, she thought it was a joke.

"I guess I don't know much about milking, but I think you can milk anything with nipples," she said.

Junior Lindsey Cliff grew up near many farms and said dairy farming is a huge part of the economy in rural areas of Minnesota

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Women face challenges balancing career and family

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It is a known fact that the majority of students on the UW-River Falls campus are females. Many of these women plan to graduate, begin their careers and eventually get married and have families. Yet many don't realize a number of frustrating obstacles that exist when it comes to juggling a successful career and maintaining a happy home.

These obstacles were discussed Nov. 16 at the River Falls Public Library during a presentation titled, "Walking the Tightrope of Career and Family Planning: Can Today's Women Really Have It All?" Psychology professor and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Brad Caskey, along with associate psychology professor Travis Tubre,



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Student Joanna Mastley files paperwork at her job at the Student Center Information Desk. Many females juggle work and other responsibilities.

addressed issues that face women today.

"Social roles said [in the '60s and '70s] you will marry, you will have a career and you will have kids," Caskey said.

Though they are still encouraged and practiced, he said these roles sometimes create problems for women with families. Even now, the division of household chores remains practically the

same as it did in the '50s, leaving working mothers the responsibility of not only having a job, but also coming home to clean, cook and help the kids with their homework.

Many female students understand this, but remain confident about their future careers and family choices.

"It depends on the husband," senior Emily Manor said. "But I'm planning to continue teaching after having a baby."

Sophomore Ashley Davis agrees.

"I plan on starting a family sometime after I get a job and continuing to work when I start a family," Davis said.

These women will not only face some potential conflicts at home, but in their careers as

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Nov. 16

• Colt N. Wright, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

• At 11:10 p.m., River Falls Police pulled over a vehicle driven by Chad L. Brown, 18, for speeding. According to reports, officers noticed Brown had bloodshot, glossy eyes, and he was put through a field sobriety test. His blood alcohol content was eventually measured at .04, and he was arrested for absolute sobriety with a fine of \$298.

After searching the vehicle, police found a case of Busch Light and an open can where passenger Andrew J. Zettler, 21, had been sitting. Zettler was

fined \$109 for open container.

Another passenger, Robert J. Krenz, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption. His blood alcohol content was measured at .08.

Nov. 17

• Eric J. Holst, 22, was fined \$109 for public urination at 1:25 a.m. at 117 W. Walnut.

• Alexander W. Ziegler, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

Nov. 19

• Jesse R. Goebel, 20, was fined \$109 for loud and unnecessary noise. At 1:43 a.m., River Falls Police were called to 108 Park St. in reference to loud music and voices. According to police reports, the residence is known for having large gatherings, and Goebel, a

resident, said he would take responsibility for the noise and accepted the citation.

• A motorcycle was damaged between 2 a.m. and 3 p.m. in E-Lot. The turn signal was broken off, the rear fender was broken, graphics were scratched and the brake lever was bent, leaving the impression that the bike had been tipped over. Total damage is estimated at \$500.

Nov. 20

• At 5:17 p.m., a strong odor of marijuana on the fourth floor of McMillan Hall was reported to Public Safety. According to reports, an officer knocked on the door to room 343, where the smell originated. Resident Jacob L. Horns, 18, answered, and an open window and fan were visible inside the residence.

After Public Safety requested to enter the room, Horns said, "I know my rights and I don't have to let you in or talk to you."

With the help of the River Falls Police Department, a warrant was obtained, and marijuana and several units of paraphernalia were found in the room. Horns was arrested and removed from McMillan Hall by RFPD.

Nov. 21

• Brittany M. Bratulich, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption at 106 W. Cascade Ave. Her blood alcohol content was measured at .11.

Nov. 27

• Alexander K. Van Roy, 18, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia in May Hall.

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it offers.

“Someone who misunderstands or jumps to a rash conclusion could look at this as giving away credits,” Zabrowski said. “I think any honest person who took the time to look at it would see it as legitimate.”

Senior Justin Reinke doesn’t buy into the conception that UW schools will be seen as diploma mills.

“People should be able to get an education whether they’re 60 or 21,” he said.

There is currently no definitive plan to put a cap on the number of credits students could receive through this new initiative.

“The average adult would get six or nine credits,” Zabrowski said. “There are cases where adults could get a larger number, but that would be pretty unique.”

Traditional students seem skeptical of offering a large amount of credits through this program.

“I think they would have to put a cap on it,” senior Jessica Vetter said.

There is also fear that if any type of work experience can count as credit, the legitimacy of bachelor’s degrees would be questioned.

“That’s exactly what the concern is,” Caskey said. “That doesn’t give us a more educated

populous.”

Another concern is that this agenda is being pushed too quickly.

“There is tremendous inertia to make this happen very fast,” Caskey said. “There are very few schools [in the UW System] that are able to handle this right now.”

There is slight concern that offering credit for prior learning and work experience could entice some high school students to join the workforce directly out of high school.

“That would be a pretty smart high school kid to figure that out,” Caskey said.

To ensure the effectiveness of ASI, the UW System has contracted the Council for Adult

and Experimental Learning (CAEL). CAEL is a non-profit organization that has been working with educational institutions to expand adult learning programs for more than 30 years.

“The fact that the UW System has involved CAEL legitimizes this,” Zabrowski said.

Even with all the potential problems regarding this initiative, UWRF administration seems determined to follow through with it.

“This has come out of nowhere and become a major push and a major money maker,” Caskey said. “We need to be a player in this, and we have to do it in an academically sound way.”



Beth Dickman/Student Voice
Lawrence Ribel, a sophomore, studies social work at UWRF. He is one of many non-traditional students who are seeking bachelor’s degrees at the University.

Trende: New interim Public Safety director adapting to position

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things other than work — like family.

Trende has a wife, three grown children, two grandchildren with one on the way and pet dogs. He and his wife met while attending Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn., where Trende majored in sociology with an emphasis in psychology and minored in anthropology. After graduation he attended the division of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Trende, an avid Christian volunteer, said he also enjoys taking time to volunteer at many organizations.

“I like to volunteer,” he said. “There are so many people in need; it’s just so beneficial for those in need to volunteer. Being able to participate in the community with others is paramount.”

Trende is still a licensed police officer through the state of Wisconsin.

After he originally became a certified officer, he obtained a position at the Hudson Police Department as a patrol officer, moving his way to a detective sergeant. Trende eventually retired as police chief after 34 years at the department.

“It’s a real advantage with having someone with a law enforcement background,” Kimball said. “Dealing and working with officers and the public is a real benefit.”

Having an extensive background and knowledge in law enforcement is a definite plus to hiring Trende as the new interim director, said Kimball, who is set to retire in January.

“The 34 years of experience with a police officer background couldn’t be any better for this department,” said Thomas Weiss, director of General Services. “It’s priceless, making it a wonderful transition with Mark retiring.”

Trende is now coming from six months of relaxation and recuperation, and said he will focus on the safety, patrol and security of the campus for the next few months while Kimball

finishes his projects with areas of environmental health and safety.

Though Kimball won’t depart until January, Trende said it was imperative for him to begin working this month because he wants to be trained on how the department operates.

“It’s been interesting to adapt from the retired life into the working life,” he said.

Trende received the position as interim director while UWRF administration continues to search for a candidate to fill the permanent director position, Kimball said.

Nearly two years ago, Kimball took the interim position knowing the administration was looking for someone to eventually take over as director.

A search and screen committee has been established by administration, and a job description is available at UWRF’s Human Resources Web site for the director position, Weiss said.

The two-year lapse in hiring occurred because it came at a time to reflect and study the department’s procedures and processes, he said.

Weiss said he worked with Kimball to establish many recommendations to administration about how Public Safety should grow in the future. In turn, Weiss and Kimball had to wait for administration to make decisions as to what they were looking for in a director and what the job description should entail.

“Administration had taken the recommendation and wrapped it around the job description of the Public Safety director,” Weiss said.

The majority of the time spent over the past two years was strictly devoted to organizing the search and screen committee, perfecting recommendations and working with administration to make sure the director position could be filled with an appropriate candidate, he said.

The position is expected to be filled by February or March, Weiss said.

“A lot of the timing didn’t work,” he said. “We had to get a feel of what the new chancellor wanted, but the delay was healthy.”

Suitcase: Hall staffs encourage residents to stay on weekends

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164 vehicles to the lot at the same time on Monday night.

The lots are patrolled for parking permits on weeknights, while they are open to anyone needing a parking space on weekends. This could increase the number of people parking in the lots on weekends to include visitors, skewing the numbers to not be strictly representative of student parking.

Despite not owning a car, even Hartmann makes the trip home many weekends.

“It’s just so easy to leave that I never really hesitate,” she said.

Smith said he heard prior to coming to UWRF that the campus was dubbed a “suitcase campus,” and he discussed that with some other freshmen when he arrived. Despite the rumor, Smith has only taken the 90-mile drive home to Princeton, Minn., once since arriving on campus.

Hartmann has a different perspective.

“I guess I really don’t know what’s going on,” she said. “But I probably wouldn’t stay anyways.”

Smith disagrees.

“It seems like every weekend

there is at least one type of event to go to,” Smith said.

That’s the kind of feedback UWRF Event Coordinator Karyn Kling said she likes to hear.

“We feel that there are a lot of students on campus on weekends,” Kling said.

Realizing that, Kling said she and the other activity planners, students and professional staff looked at the campus calendar and made sure there was an event every weekend for the entire year by at least one organization.

She said she has seen similar turnouts for the events on weekends that she sees during the week.

Campus-wide events are not the only ones being planned to keep students on college grounds after completing weeks of classes, tests and socializing.

RAs have made efforts to infuse programs, events and contests to encourage people to stay.

Parker RA Shelby Rubbelke and Hall Manager Katie Bollig both said they encourage their residents to stay at UWRF on the weekends.

Bollig said many of the residents in Parker are first-year students who form friendships

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“It would make more sense to have it be based on classes instead of credits,” Caskey said.

Some students take four-credit courses, requiring them to only take three courses to satisfy the category, while other students have three-credit courses, requiring them to take four courses to get at least 10 liberal arts credits.

By next fall, the category will be different whether it is based on classes rather than credits, is more clearly defined and/or allows students to take courses in the same division as their major.

Caskey said students will not be negatively affected by any of the changes, and it may make advising easier.

“One thing we won’t do is add any more credits to a student’s load,” Caskey said. “[Advising would be easier] because students wouldn’t have to worry about division and one credit remaining.”

Senior Anne Beckman said the change would be beneficial to her.

“I have had tons of problems with scheduling [at UWRF],” she said. “I think it would be nicer for the credits to fit the credit values of the classes so students aren’t looking around for that one credit.”

In addition to the liberal arts changes, class times are also being debated.

Earlier this semester, Betz and Provost Charlie Hurt discussed the issue of class times with Karl Peterson, chair of the Calendar Committee, focusing on how the University needs to get on an hourly class schedule.

The current schedule has classes at 55-minute periods Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 80-minute periods Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The proposed change to class times would make classes 50 minutes long Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 75 minutes long Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sophomore Kate Aguilar said she believes the new class schedule would be helpful to students.

“I don’t think only five minutes makes a big difference,” Aguilar said. “It would be easier to remember what time you have class though.”

The proposal was referred to the Student Affairs Committee of the Student Senate Nov. 14 and is expected to come forth with its proposal in the next few weeks with revisions.

If the proposal is passed in both the Student and Faculty Senates and approved by the chancellor, the time change could take effect as early as fall semester.

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textbook worker.

Like many other UW-System universities, UWRF offers work study funding through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to students who qualify for \$800 per semester, said Sandra Oftedahl, director of Financial Assistance.

If there is a need for financial assistance, any eligible student who asks for work study on their FAFSA receives \$1,600 for the entire school year. The money is given to UWRF to pay a student to work wherever a job is available, Oftedahl said.

“The University really likes to hire work study students because the federal government is paying for their wages,” she said.

Because UWRF is a state-owned university, departments supplying jobs to students only have to pay 65 cents of the \$6.50 minimum wage, which is the lowest required hourly pay an employer must give an employee,

ee, Oftedahl said.

“This allows students to get the work experience at a low cost for the University,” she said.

The amount of work study given to a student is not based on what a student owes for tuition, but it can be used to pay off any costs of their educational bill, Oftedahl said. The \$1,600 is a base amount given to all students who receive the federal financial funding, which has not changed over the past few years.

“The amount of funding from the federal government has not changed, which is a vastly underfunded trend,” she said.

For the 2005-06 school year, the federal government had nearly \$1 billion in the budget for work study alone. UWRF received \$451,812.

If \$500 million more was added to the fund, all the universities, schools and colleges in the country would receive the maximum amount of work study asked for.

About 588 students receive federal work study funding for the 2006-07 academic year, and previous years showed the similar numbers.

If students do not have work study, they can still work on campus, as every department gets a certain amount of money specifically allocated to pay for employee wages.

With or without the federal funding, students working on campus have many of the same opportunities as any place of employment, like receiving a hard-earned paycheck.

Student Hansi Swanson, who works at the bookstore, doesn’t currently have work study funding, but did in the past.

She said the conveniences of working on campus are limitless, like not needing to own a car because she can walk to campus and her job from her apartment.

“The hours are student friendly,” said Swanson, a senior majoring in elementary education. “I don’t have to travel far, and I don’t have to work late hours.”

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EDITORIAL

Practical events could dispel ‘suitcase’ label

The University has commonly been known as a “suitcase campus,” referring to the rapid exit strategies of students every Friday afternoon. It has been a constant struggle to keep more students active and on campus during the weekends.

It may not be that everywhere else is better than here, but that the University and the community have not been trying hard enough or effectively aiming their efforts at the right people to keep students on campus.

The majority of students leave campus on the weekends to be with other people, spend time at home and work as many hours as possible in their part-time jobs. Even for students who work in town, often there is not enough to keep them here beyond their class hours.

The planned activities are offered by organizations that tend to target their efforts at people who are already members of the groups. The advertising is located accordingly and lacks the reach it needs to gain interest from a larger portion of the community.

Apparently many services on campus rely heavily on the University e-mail system. Yet it seems while half the University community doesn’t check their inboxes on a regular basis, the other half deletes messages when “STUDENTS NOTIFY” is seen in the subject line.

Somehow there has to be a way to target students and draw their attention to the efforts being made to strip UWRF of its unwanted moniker.

Since so many of the upperclassmen live off campus and escape at the first opportunity, the incoming freshmen and other underclassmen follow their example. This begs the question: Why not aim some of the weekend events at the upperclassmen?

UWRF is not a dry campus, meaning alcohol is permitted on the premises for those who are 21 and older. Why doesn’t the University use that to its advantage by reopening Brandy’s or offering activities that include alcohol for the of-age students?

While faculty and staff may want to acknowledge the possibility of over-consumption of alcohol by students and not condone the activity, sponsoring events with bar service available would attract the ever-vacant upperclassmen and encourage the younger students to follow their example by staying on campus.

If juniors and seniors continue to vanish when classes are not in session, the upperclassmen of tomorrow will follow directly in their footsteps.

We recognize the fact that groups and departments on campus make efforts to rid UWRF’s “suitcase campus” label, but hope to also shed light on the fact that advertising needs to be refocused to encourage a larger chunk of the student population to stick around.

By serving beer at Brandy’s or malt beverages at a Friday concert, students might participate in more events, and the gap between those who live on campus and their commuter counterparts will be bridged.

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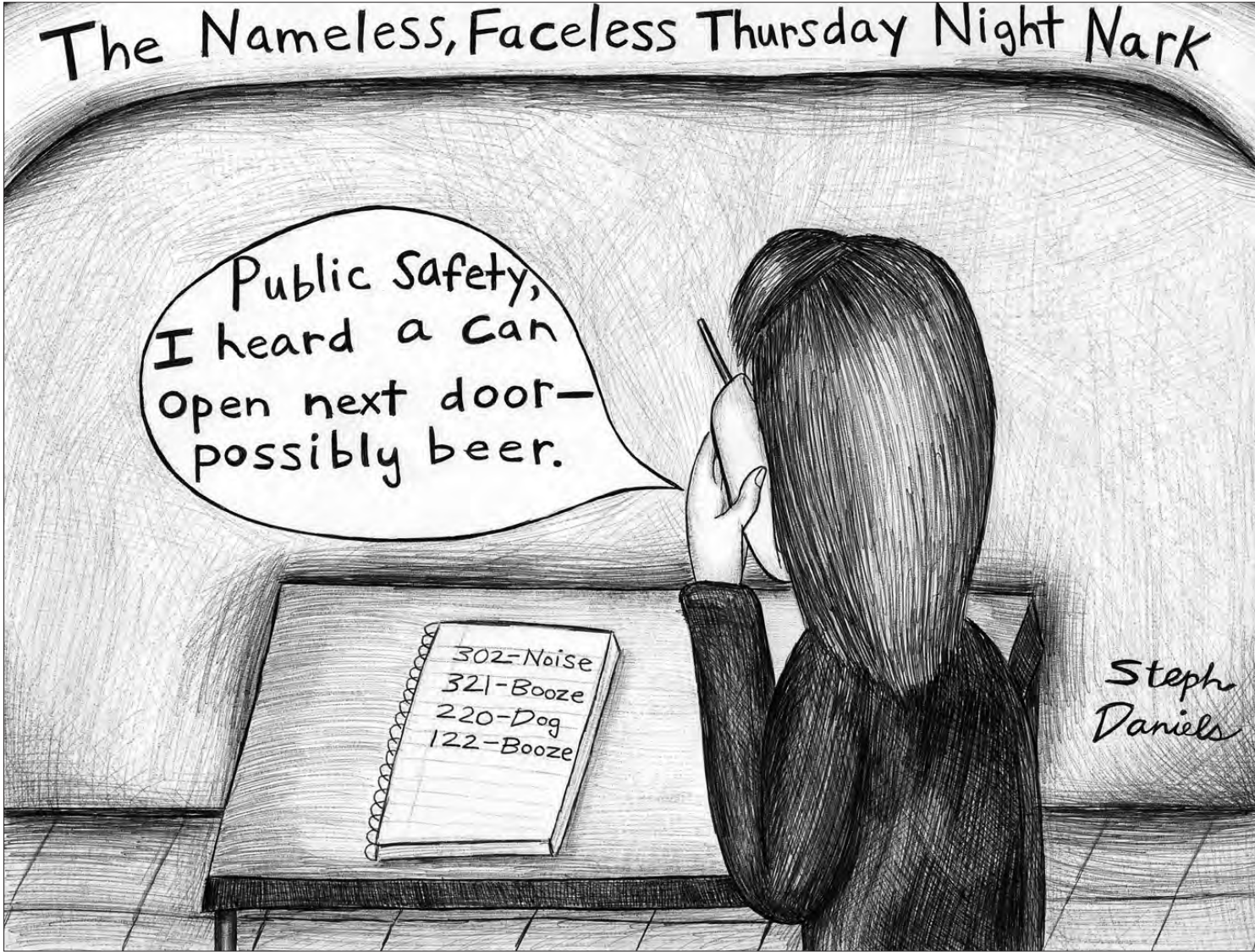
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Healthy options abound for campus

In Nicole Aune’s column regarding the lack of healthful options for eating here at River Falls and her statement that Rodli and Freddy’s need to change so we students can eat more healthily, I must disagree.

Yes, if you’re only looking at the burgers, fries and pizza, the caloric content is going to be rather high. Anyone who eats these things on a regular basis and is curious why they are putting on the “Freshman 15” was failed by whatever K-12 educational institution they attended.

At Freddy’s, there are cold sandwiches, yogurt and fruit available if you do not find the salad bar and soup to be adequate options. At Rodli, there is a massive salad bar and cold sandwich area. There also are reasonably priced exercise facilities within five minutes of anywhere on campus.

With some common sense and personal responsibility, it is extremely easy to avoid the Freshman 15. It is absolutely ridiculous to suggest that this is somehow the school’s fault. You might be forced to eat at the school by the meal plan policy, but nobody is forcing anyone to

eat foods they know will make them gain weight.

As for the reviews of “Borat,” I respect that neither reviewer thought the movie was great, but I just wanted to point out the intelligence of the movie that neither of them seemed to notice. The only group of people being made fun of, or “persecuted,” were racist people.

Borat is a caricature of an ignorant, homophobic, racist individual, and by acting as one, the people he encountered who truly were ignorant, homophobic and racist revealed their true colors to us. In a sense, they made fun of themselves.

As for the Jewish bit, do you honestly think a scene showing Borat and Azamat fleeing in terror from a geriatric Jewish couple’s home was meant to make fun of Jews, or those with anti-Semitic inclinations?

While there certainly was no shortage of juvenile humor, and there were a couple of people who did not deserve the humiliation that the movie has caused them, it was about much more than just being some kind of grotesque version of candid camera.

Brady Fosse
Student

Speak up against birth control bill

In the 2005 Wisconsin Legislative Session, a bill was proposed that would allow pharmacists to refuse to fill a prescription on his or her beliefs (SB 155 or AB 285). A variety of medication can be denied, including emergency contraception and other forms of birth control.

The Federal Drug Administration has approved emergency contraception as a safe and effective form of birth control. The American Medical Association provides evidence that emergency contraceptive is a preventative measure only and does not induce abortion.

Birth control is a basic health care right for women. Emergency contraception has a limited time frame (72 hours) after intercourse for when it can be used to prevent pregnancy.

If pharmacists are allowed to deny these medications, the number of women seeking abortion services will likely increase. Sexual assault victims may have difficulty accessing emergency contraception in an environment where pharmacists can choose to dispense it.

Pharmacists are guided by the

profession’s code of ethics to focus meeting clients’ needs, including her reproductive ones. Pharmacists should not be given the right to make moral judgments and scrutinize women’s personal reproductive health choices.

Personal medical decisions should be made between a woman and her doctor, regardless of the pharmacist’s religious or personal beliefs. Contact your local government representatives to let them know you believe pharmacists should stay out of personal medical decisions, and visit Planned Parenthood or NARAL Pro-Choice of Wisconsin for more information.

Becky Pasterski
UW-Green Bay
Graduate student

Have something
on your mind?

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Group projects hinder learning

It finally dawned on me as to what it was I liked so much about high school — the lack of group projects. At my high school, group projects were rarely ever utilized because they were perceived as an abstract form of cheating. One or two group members would do all of the work while the others were simply along for the ride ... and the grade.

It seems as though college is all about group projects, and those who were just along for the ride back then have tracked me down in River Falls. They are the ones who sit in the back of the classroom doing the New York Times crossword, sending text messages, listening to their iPods or sleeping. Those students could give a shit less about paying attention and are barely pulling a C, yet they always seem to bring that grade up once a group project presents itself.

Coincidence? I think not.

The reasoning is simple. At least two people in each group actually give a damn about their grades, so whether or not everyone participates, someone always gets by with doing little to no work. This leaves the rest of the members to pick up that slack.

Sure, professors think they have group participation nipped in the bud with their useless evaluation forms, which they claim are anonymous, but they are foolish if they base our grades off that information.

I’m pretty sure every student gives themselves perfect scores on self-evaluations, regardless of the work they actually did.

And, let’s face it, not everyone is willing to truthfully fill them out for their classmates.

We are peers who must work together numerous times during the semester, and possibly in future courses. We’re not going to sabotage someone else’s grade so they can just return the favor on one of the next group collaborations. It is because of this that we should not be given the right to determine the grades of our classmates.

Besides, they’re not stupid. If one of your two or three group mates gets a shitty grade, they’re going to know who to point the finger at. Anonymity, my ass.

Another issue that concerns me is the number of group projects that are required for some classes. I don’t know if it’s laziness on the part of the professors (they get to fill in at least three lines in their grade book instead of just one), but some of the projects assigned don’t even justify involving more than one person. I could easily do some of the collaborative assignments on my own and not have to worry about the work of others negatively impacting my grade.

This semester, five out of my six classes all require at least two group collaborations. And I thought doing one group project was bad enough. The added pressure of those group projects coinciding with one another is simply overwhelming.

I understand that there are reasons behind these projects — making classes more

interesting via direct interaction with classmates, building teamwork skills, blah, blah, blah — but all they really do is make life more stressful.

Being that UWRF is known for the large number of commuters and is also deemed a “suitcase campus,” finding time to actually contribute group time to these projects can prove to be quite difficult.

These days, college students are working one, if not two or three, jobs to pay rent, in addition to carrying full class loads. Trying

to work around all of these extra-curricular activities of each group member can be damn near impossible. It’s difficult to coordinate schedules when one member has basketball practice while another is a commuter student whose only concern is beating rush hour traffic on the way home.

I am fully aware that this IS college and this type of work should not necessarily be done

during class, but to successfully carry out a team effort, students need some guaranteed time to work together.

If professors think it’s such a great idea to require these group assignments, they should be willing to devote more class time to allow groups to formally meet. This does not mean canceling class and setting it aside as a “work day.” Come on, we all know that doesn’t work. All it means is that we can sleep in and not have to worry about busting our asses to get to class to satisfy bogus attendance policies.



Jennie
Oemig

There are only a few days left to apply for the Student Voice.
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Options offered to relieve stress

This is the time during the semester when stress seems to mount to an almost unbearable degree. Finals are only a couple weeks away, projects need to be finished and numerous papers still need to be written. Long gone are the days of elementary school when students watched movies and ate ice cream at the end of semesters. I, for one, still miss the ice cream socials — they were far better than stressing out over finals and gigantic projects.

All of this stress is enough to drive a person insane, but there are a few remedies that can help to partially reduce it. Some of the simplest things can help to reduce stress, but they are often the hardest to achieve.

According to the article, “Take Charge of Your Stress” by Patricia Farrell, there are three essential things people need to do to battle stress. First, a balanced diet is essential. Second, sleep is imperative. Third, having fun is a great way to reduce stress.

“When I’m completely stressed out, I drop everything and do something completely unproductive,” UWRF senior Tanya Hawkinson said.

Hawkinson went on to say that when school gets her stressed out she talks to her roommates, plays on Facebook when she is supposed to be writing papers and watches some of her favorite TV shows.

“I procrastinate like no tomorrow,” she said.

Procrastination may not work for some people, but others thrive on it. Hawkinson plans to graduate this year, so the practice of procrastination has apparently worked for her.

Personally, I usually try to get exercise when I’m stressed out during this time of year.

Even if I only exercise for about a half hour, it really helps to relieve stress. If I get exercise it helps me sleep, and if I’m well rested I am more apt to deal with stress in an effective manner.

Along with exercise, I usually browse the Internet to find random video clips that will make me laugh. I’m sure a number of people know what the “Badger” video is.

This video is a couple years old and it’s completely random, but it still makes me laugh. Several badgers pop up in a field with their arms waving up and down. These badgers are accompanied by a song that simply sings, “Badger, badger, badger...” Next, a mushroom pops up on screen and the song says “Mushroom, MUSHROOM!” Lastly, a snake slides by and the song says “Ahhhhhhh, snake! Ohhhhhhh, it’s a snake!” For me this is a perfect stress

reliever since it is totally absurd.

Every time I watch it I try to picture the stoned teenager or the over-the-hill computer programmer who most likely made this video. For

some reason this seems to calm me down a bit, and the mountains of homework don’t seem as high as Everest any longer.

So if homework is piling up and stress is getting you down, remember to try a couple of the aforementioned remedies.

Whether it’s sitting down with your roomies and watching TV, going to the gym for a good workout or browsing the Internet for comical videos, these are all good ways to deal with end of the semester stress.

And if none of these remedies work for you, maybe an ice cream social is in order.



Derrick Knutson

Black Friday causes concern this year

Soon after enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with my family, the excitement of the holiday came to a crashing halt. I was off to work for Black Friday (the most looked forward — and dreaded — day in a retail worker’s mind). I never would have thought that thousands of people had enough energy to drive, in some cases six to 12 hours, to shop Midnight Madness.

With more than 10 minutes remaining before stores opened, crowds of customers gathered at the doors. Some even pounded on the glass and yelled because, according to their watch, it was in fact midnight.

I couldn’t believe my eyes. These customers could not wait an extra minute or two before my store was ready to open the doors to these crazy holiday shoppers.

My manager told a co-worker

and I to take a deep breath, and that we shouldn’t let anyone rush us because a simple mistake could really ruin everything. I felt so much more pressure than on a regular day — we had to make everyone

happy and tend to their needs. We had lines to the door with people waiting to purchase their items, and it was

amazing to see such a crowd for such a long time.

The cackle of customers’ complaints and orders filled the entire store.

After awhile, all I thought was, “How do these people think that it is OK to order the employees around? Why do they think that it is OK to tell us that a certain item is on sale, especially after we check the

It seems that shoppers will do anything and everything to get that one little “door-buster” ...



Nicole Aune

prices?”

We are there to help people with their needs, but not to be taken advantage of and treated like crap.

As we worked throughout the very early morning, the crowds calmed down enough for us to see clothing piled at least three feet on top of the tables and lining the floor of the fitting room area.

I just wanted to cry.

I could not imagine being so discourteous in any store. The least they could have done was neatly stack the items they did not want on the table, or ask an employee if they could put it away.

It seems that shoppers will do anything and everything to get that one little “door-buster” that they just cannot live without, or

just will not purchase it unless it is at a greatly reduced price. Little do they know the sales often continue throughout that day, and may even last until the end of the week.

So when next year rolls around and you contemplate whether or not you would like to shop Black Friday, just remember that the sales do continue throughout the day.

Waiting in line to get that special door-buster may not even be worth it, especially if you cannot

even step foot in the door. Take a look at the ads, go online and print off coupons that are not offered in the newspaper.

Lastly, be kind to the people working that day, and do not take their help for granted.

Working is prime college experience

The more you see or hear something, the more you tune it out. This is unfortunate, because those messages are usually pretty important. They don’t just keep you away from drugs and remind you of the importance of giving blood. Some of those messages are important for your future.

The one that I recently began to appreciate was the old college mantra, “It’s not so much the grades, but the experiences you’ve had.” And although social experiences are important, that’s not really what I’m getting at. It is extremely important, pretty much vital, that you gain real work experience while in college.

Yeah, that stuff can really cut in on your sitting around time and all those social activities or whatever you do with your

time, but fast forward a few years to your first big job interview. When they ask you for an example of when you went above and beyond the call of duty, or when you worked successfully with a group, it’s not going to fly to say that you took out your garbage, or your team went undefeated in beer pong.

Employers are looking for people who know how to function in a working environment, who know how to work with people and who are confident enough in their own abilities to work alone.

Although working anywhere is a good experience and provides some nice spending money, working in your chosen field is invaluable. It shows you have a real commitment for that kind of work and you have already started the base on

which to build a career. It will also tell you if that career is right for you, which is good to know while you are still in school. A lot of the time this means a pay cut or no pay at all. In the long run, having that experience could land you a higher-paying position than if you went for more money now in an unrelated job.

It is difficult for college students to find a job related to some fields. For those students, and really for all students, campus or community organizations are another great way to show you care. These kinds of activities involve a bit more self-motivation, which will get you some brownie points with interviewers. If there isn’t an organization that is involved with anything that interests you, this is a great opportunity to show initiative and find oth-

ers with the same interests and goals to start your own group.

It sounds rough, finding ways to exercise your degree before you even have it. Getting all sorts of great experiences sometimes requires depending

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on loans, going out of your way and putting out some extra effort. But when you are faced with an employment application with lines of space to fill in

with your experiences, or sitting before a panel interview, it’s important to show how much this profession means to you. It’s also nice to have an arsenal of experiences to call upon to give you the confidence to leave that interview feeling good about the time and effort you put toward that interview, and the dream job it will result in.



Cassie Rodgers

Nap time equals quality time for college students

It’s nice to come full-circle after nearly 20 years of schooling. Looking back, most of the tricks needed to make life a little easier were taught at a very infinitesimal stage in overall development (though the whole “just say no to drugs and alcohol” message seems a little fishy still). Think about it: wear a seatbelt, wash up before eating — these are invaluable lessons that remain as important to us now as they ever have.

Out of all the great bits of wisdom from the past, though, none supercede the importance of nap time. Oh, what a great time naps were back in the day — groups of kids all tangled together in some sort of kindergarten orgy. I remember trying to snuggle up to my first in-class girlfriend, Missy, during naptime. It was purely innocent, though, for I didn’t know how “that” worked, but I didn’t need to. I just wanted to spend more time — “us” time — catching some Zs with that blue-eyed cutie pie.

Despite Missy leaving me for another nap buddy, I still found naptime to be a significant part of my life, and it remains that way. While

some students are out studying, working and achieving, the more learned ones realize that afternoons are meant to slow down the ruckus of the morning with a good afternoon nap.

Some nappers prefer drawing the shades, curling up in a comforter and putting on the late-night make-out mix, which is sure to include some lulling Marvin Gaye or David Gray tunes. However, a more productive naptime is reached by turning on Bill O’Reilly at a low volume. That guy is sure to put anyone to sleep.

No matter the napping environment, nappers are all hoping for the same outcome: the perfect nap. This can come in one of three forms. The first is the power nap, which usually lasts between eight and 25 minutes. Power naps are intended solely to help stay awake for the next

two to five hours following the nap. Only sometimes refreshing, power naps have a strict purpose and shouldn’t be compromised for one’s standard requirement of naptime.

The second type of nap, at the other end of the napping spectrum, is the hibernation nap. That is the one when you wake up a few hours into a nap feeling completely rejuvenated, all gross and sweaty next to a pool of saliva wondering how you went from dozing off to worries of tomorrow’s poli sci exam to having a kinky sex dream involving two midgets and your poli sci professor. Those are the best kind.

Third is the typical nap, which falls somewhere between the power nap and the hibernation nap. Usually lasting somewhere between a half hour and two hours, the typical nap offers just the right amount of rest to get through the day. It should be practiced by everyone, everyday, especially us high-strung, stressed-out college kids.



Ben Jipson



Arthur Mason III, junior

“I think it’s a pretty safe campus, actually. More lights could be put around, but there are always things that will happen no matter what.”



Tom Harbeson, sophomore

“The only advice I can give is to not walk around too late or to walk with a group of friends. Also, have your personal phone on you just in case.”



Kayleigh Daugs, junior

“I think there should be a way to get closer parking to campus so you don’t have to walk so far to the dorms and buildings late at night.”

STUDENT voices

What improvements can be made to make the campus safer?

Katie Neuman, freshman



“I think the commuter parking lot should be closer, and there should be more surveillance. When it’s dark at 5 p.m. it’s a long ways to walk.”

Kyle Nilsestuen, junior



“I think they should probably put in more lights and have a set schedule for officers patrolling campus. There seems to be a lack of public safety.”

Jonathon Burns, freshman



“I think it’s pretty safe as it is. I don’t feel unsafe walking back from class at night or walking around at all.”

Students tackle Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu fighting style



Kenny Yoo
Subash Seshadri (left) teaches others using John Joswiak as an example. Both students are members of the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu club, which practices every Tuesday and Thursday.

Club keeps students physically active

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Junior Andy Moody wasn’t really sure what he was getting into when his friends dragged him to his first Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) meeting, but now he’s glad he went and stuck around.

“One of my friends dragged me along to one of the BJJ group meetings,” Moody said. “They proceeded to beat the daylights out of me, and I’ve been going ever since.”

While BJJ is well known to those who are fans of fighting, there are still a number of people who know nothing about it.

“It’s kind of like traditional wrestling, but a lot more painful,” Moody said. “Instead of pinning somebody’s shoulder blades to the mat, you try and make them tap-out or give up. To do that you do whatever you can, which can involve making them bend in ways they aren’t designed to, or simply by chok-

ing them until they pass out.”

BJJ is one of the top grappling styles of fighting available to anybody who is just getting into the sport.

“It’s a great sport for anybody interested in wrestling or fighting,” Moody said. “It also doubles as an excellent source of self-defense techniques. You just have to take the time to try it out.”

While it may seem like all things are legal in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, that is not the case. Groin attacks, eye-gouging and hair pulling are all illegal maneuvers.

Some BJJ clubs incorporate the traditional wearing of a gi, which is just like a karate uniform. There are a number of gyms and clubs, like the UWRF club, that do not use it. Gi’s generally cost between \$200 and \$300, but if the athlete wants a really nice one they will cost around \$450.

There are many aspects that make BJJ a unique sport.

“It’s interesting because unlike most wrestling or grappling-related sports, you don’t need to be big and strong to do it. It definitely helps to be, but BJJ is

more of a leverage game than strength,” Moody said. “It gives the little guy a chance against the big burly dudes and is more of a mental sport than a lot of other fighting styles.”

Athletes who participate in BJJ have the opportunity to compete. Moody has only competed once and he did better than he may have thought he would, finishing the tournament in third place.

“There are tournaments offered around the country, but sometimes they’re hard to find,” Moody said. “There’s one put on in the Twin Cites annually that has quite a few competitors, but otherwise it can be quite a drive. Preparing for a BJJ competition is pretty much like anything else. Practice, practice, practice. The only way to get better is more mat time.”

Students who join BJJ join for a number of different reasons. Some like the similarities to other fighting sports, while others want a way to take out their aggression, and some do it to

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Women’s basketball team starts off strong

Falcons go 4-0 to begin season

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The UW-River Falls women’s basketball team started off the season on a hot streak, going 4-0, winning all the games in the comfort of the Karges gymnasium.

The Falcons are also 1-0 in the WIAC.

The Falcons beat the UW-Superior Yellowjackets 75-33 in their first conference game Wednesday night at Karges. Three different Falcons scored points in the double-digits, leading the team to a huge conference victory.

Senior Chantele Melgaard scored 16 points; while seniors Melanie Preiner and Krista Cordes finished the game with 11.

“Every conference game is a huge game. We can’t overlook anyone ...”

Cindy Hovet, basketball coach

In the past week and a half, the Falcons played three other games. On Sunday, the Falcons took on St. Thomas and senior Megan Lindman scored a career-high 27 points and picked up six rebounds to lead the Falcons to the 58-48 win.

Lindman’s previous career-high point total was 20.

She said that during the game

she had no idea she was going to break her career high, and even afterwards, she didn’t know how many points by which she beat it.

Fellow senior, Preiner added 13 points in the game against St. Thomas.

On Saturday, the Falcons hosted Minnesota rival Augsburg and dominated the game, doubling up on the visiting team with a final score of 80-40.

Senior Traci Reimann had 20 points and eight rebounds, and Lindman contributed 12 points.

On Nov. 21, the Falcons opened the season against Hamline University, dominating the first half and going on to win 76-51. Freshman Kelsie Flanscha scored 15 points and Melgaard returned after taking last season off.

Head coach Cindy Hovet thought the first three games have gone very well.

“I thought we played well,” Hovet said. “Everybody got some minutes.”

This season, the Falcons are led by a core group of seniors including Krista Cordes, Melgaard, Preiner and Reimann. Junior Kim Sorenson will also be a key member of the Falcons’ success this season.

The Falcons only lost one senior from last year’s team and gained Melgaard back as a member of the squad. The younger players on the team are going to be able to look to this core group.

While there are a number of older players, Lindman said that the team will be very deep. In fact, she said the players on the bench will be just as important as their starting squad.

There is not going to be any easy opponent for the Falcons this season, especially in the conference.

“Every conference game is a huge game,” Hovet said. “We can’t overlook anyone in conference.”

“We have a very good basketball team ... It’s going to be a treat.”

Cindy Hovet, basketball coach

UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout were picked to be the top two teams in the WIAC.

Expectations are high for the Falcons this season and the team will not be happy with anything less than the way it’s playing right now.

“We have a very good basketball team,” Hovet said. “I hope people on campus and in the community come out and see us play. It’s going to be a treat.”

Although the conference game this weekend will be tough, Hovet said the team will not prep for it any differently than the games they’ve already had.

On Saturday, the Falcons host Stevens Point for a 5 p.m. match-up at Karges.

November 26 results
St. Thomas 14 34 – 48
UW-River Falls 24 34 – 58

St. Thomas (pts-rebs-assist)
Katch 16-9-1; Wirtz 10-2-0; Gotchnik 9-9-1; Hall 5-1-0; Porter-Wrzos 5-0-0; Guidry 2-4-1; Sanders 1-3-0;

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist)
Lindman 27-6-2; Preiner 13-6-0; Reimann 9-7-2; Melgaard 3-5-4; Hilt 3-0-2; Cordes 2-2-0; Flanscha 1-2-0;



Kenny Yoo
Senior Krista Cordes goes up for a shot against UW-Superior Wednesday night at Karges. The Falcons won the game 75-33, continuing their season hot streak and remaining undefeated.

Fantasy sports teams allow fans to dream big

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The word “fantasy” usually relates to dreams and wild ideas, often referring to something beyond the grasp of the average person. But in the world of sports, fantasy becomes reality.

Fantasy sports leagues have swept the nation. With the prevalence of the Internet, a 13-year-old boy is as likely to become a champion at the end of a pro-football season as an 80-year-old former NFL head coach.

Fantasy sports allow participants to draft real professional athletes to create their own pro team. They then acquire points based on their players’ statistical performances on the actual courts or fields.

Depending on the sport and type of league, the winner can be based on the total points earned at the end of the entire season, or on wins and losses of head-to-head matches between two participants’ teams within each league.

Leagues can be created by

anyone willing to take the time to do so, and can have as few or as many participants as desired. Most leagues have 10 to 12 members, meaning there are that many teams playing along.

UW-River Falls offers a version of fantasy football for students interested in getting involved who don’t have a lot of time to commit. The league offered by the Recreation staff is a “pick ‘em” league, where students pick the winners of week-end games.

“I play because it creates excitement for a lot more of the NFL games because you are attached to certain players or teams ...”

Jason Darst, senior participant

UWRF’s league is offered through Yahoo! Fantasy Sports. Recreational Leadership Coordinator Kurran Sagan created the league through Yahoo! and allowed students to register throughout the first week of the pro-football season. Each week, students sign into Yahoo! and pick who they believe will win.

The Web site keeps track of points, which people gain by making the right picks. At the end of the season, the student with the most points is the champion and will receive an Intramural sports T-shirt.

“It would be too difficult to have students actually draft a team like most people do with fantasy football because it takes too long,” Sagan said. “The system I have allows people to be competitive and get something out of watching the games and paying attention to the NFL. It’s fun with low commitment.”

There are many magazines and Web sites dedicated to fantasy sports teams. The type of leagues, along with the assortment of sports, varies from site to site. The most popular Web sites are Yahoo! Fantasy Sports, ESPN Fantasy Sports and FantasySports.com.

The popularity of the site closely relates to what the Web site offers subscribers. Yahoo! offers free membership, as well as an organized system that can help any user keep track of one team or many.

When people opt to participate

in fantasy sports, there are decisions to be made throughout the entire season. Football, basketball, soccer, hockey, golf, auto racing, and even poker have people keeping track of games and tournaments on a daily and weekly basis.

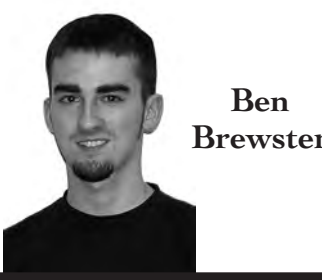
Right now, fantasy football is the No. 1 sport to get involved with. However, choosing a sport is not the biggest part of playing along. A person can simply choose the winning team for a single game each week, or they can go through a lengthy draft process before the NFL season begins and choose who plays and who is benched each week.

Senior Jason Darst is in a fantasy football league with 12 members.

“I play because it creates excitement for a lot more of the NFL games because you are attached to certain players or teams so it makes it a more personal and involved experience,” Darst said. “Basically it just makes more of the games fun to watch instead of not being as entertained until the Vikings play.”

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Twins earn awards



Ben Brewster

Two weeks ago the Twins became the first team in 13 years to have both the Most Valuable Player and Cy Young award winners on the same team, and if Francisco Liriano had stayed healthy all year they would have had the Rookie of the Year as well.

On Nov. 14 Justin Morneau was announced as the American League MVP and on Nov. 16 Johan Santana was awarded the American League Cy Young, the award given to the best pitcher in each league. The feat was last accomplished by the 1993 Chicago White Sox when Frank Thomas won the MVP and Jack McDowell won the Cy Young.

Morneau was a fine choice for MVP, but he wasn’t a sure thing by any means. Derek

Jeter, Joe Mauer, and David Ortiz all had a legitimate shot to win, and as it turned out Morneau barely beat out Jeter for the award.

For Santana though, it was different.

Awards are chosen by a group of 28 sportswriters across the country, and Santana received votes from every single one of them. It’s rare enough to unanimously win an award like that one time in your career, but for Santana it’s his second, pulling off the same feat in 2004. He should have won in 2005 as well, but was robbed by the Angels’ Bartolo Colon. Santana was light years ahead of Colon in every statistic except wins, which tells more about the ability of a team than it does about the ability of a pitcher. Even with just the two he did win, he’s only the 14th pitcher in history to win the award twice.

With every passing year, Santana is making it clearer that he’s one of the best pitchers of his generation. In 2006 he won the pitching triple crown, in that he led the Major Leagues in wins, strikeouts, and earned run

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SPORTS WRAP

Women’s hockey prepares for Stevens Point

This weekend, the UW-River Falls women’s hockey team will travel to Stevens Point to take on the third ranked Pointers for a weekend series. The Pointers are ranked third in Div. III women’s hockey.

“They’re the third best team in the country and we have to play better than we have been playing,” head coach Joe Cranston said. “We’ve been having great practices and I think we’re prepared.” The team’s most recent game was against St. Kate’s on Nov. 21, when the Falcon women dominated, winning the game 8-2. Abby Sunderman and Stefanie Schmitz each scored two goals in the victory. The Falcons had a five-goal lead following the first period. Junior Mandi Mohwinkel started her first game of the season and made 19 saves, while the Falcons out-shot their opponent 55-21. The Falcons’ record currently sits at 4-1-2, losing only to the Eau Claire Blugolds, who are 1-1 in the NCHA.

“My expectations are just that everybody is working hard,” Cranston said. “The defense is playing really well and Amber Lindner is really good in goal.” The Falcons split the first conference series of the season against UW-Eau Claire. They lost the first game 3-1 and won the second 1-0.

“The Eau Claire series was probably the toughest games we played,” Cranston said. “But I don’t think that was the best we’ve played.”

The games at Stevens Point begin at 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

UW-River Falls 8, St. Kate's 2 (11/21/06 at U of M)	12:28 CSC - Ball (Mount, Spector)
UW-River Falls..... 5 1 2 - 8	
St. Kate's..... 0 0 2 - 2	
First period	
01:17 RF - Sunderman (Jensen)	
11:38 RF - Schmitz (Scanlon, Sandell)	
11:56 RF - Juven	
13:02 RF - Carpenter (Dyslin)	
19:33 RF - Sunderman (LeBlanc, Jensen)	
Second period	
16:39 RF - Schmitz	
Third period	
02:08 RF - Schmidt (Schmitz)	
05:22 RF - Wallace	
11:33 CSC - Burley (Crowell, Swanson)	

UW-River Falls 1, UW-Eau Claire 0 (11/18/06 at Eau Claire, WI)	
UW-River Falls..... 1 0 0 - 1	
UW-Eau Claire..... 0 0 0 - 0	
First Period	
06:12 RF - Sunderman (Jensen, Dyslin)	
Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)	
RF - Mohwinkel (60:00-21:19)	
CSC - McGehee (60:00-55:47)	

Falcon swim teams finish last at WIAC Relays

The men’s and women’s swimming teams took a disappointing last place at the WIAC Relays in Eau Claire. The Falcon women finished with 32 points and the Falcon men earned 28 points. Stevens Point won both the men’s and women’s meets giving the Pointers a conference sweep. La Crosse finished second and host Eau Claire placed third among the ranks of both the men and women. For the women, Falcons Alyssa Adair, Sara Cannady, Tracy Crane and Danielle Mandich gave the women their best place coming in fourth in the 200 medley relay at 2:03.11. The men had tough competition; fifth place was the top place for the Falcon men in the 11 relay events. The next meet for the Falcons is the St. John’s Invitational Dec. 1 and Dec. 2. The invitational is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. and 9 a.m., respectively.

Women	Men
November 18 results	November 18 results
Stevens Point 162, La Crosse 134, Eau Claire 110, Whitewater 70, Oshkosh 50, RF 32	Stevens Point 152, La Crosse 128, Eau Claire 116, Whitewater 82, Oshkosh 58, RF 28
UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)	UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)
4. Adair, Crane, Cannady, Mandich 2:03.11, 200 Medley Relay; 5. Mandich, Westlund, Merrier, Lambach 8:53.10, 800 Freestyle Relay; 5. Mandich, Lambach, Swenty, Adair 1:47.15, 200 Yard Freestyle Relay; 5. Westlund, Lambach, Merrier 18:12.92, Freestyle Relay	5. Ormson, Fritchen, Moe, Orlando 8:32.98, 800 Freestyle; 5. Dornseif, Ormson, Keyser 3:17.55, 300 Breaststroke Relay; 5. Moe, Ormson, Johnson, Fritchen 9:32.20, 850 Freestyle Crescendo Relay

Men’s basketball falls by 14 to Macalester

The Falcon men’s basketball team lost in an 87-73 decision to Macalester on Nov. 25 at the Karges Center. Macalester held a 46-28 lead at the half but the Falcons outscored the Scots 45-41 in the second half. Nate Robertson had a career high 26 points and 15 rebounds. He shot 11-18 from the field and finished 4-8 from the line. He had one assist, four steals and two blocks. Ryan Thompson had 18 points and finished 4-8 from three-point range. Jontae Koonkaew scored the first two points of the contest to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead, but that was the last time UWRF held the lead. Macalester went on a 10-0 run to take a 26-11 lead with 9:16 to play in the first half. The Falcons moved to within 14 points of the Scots with 4:22 to play in the first half when Cory Rondeau scored. Macalester had a 51-28 lead early in the second half. The Falcons closed the gap at 83-73 with just 46 seconds remaining when Robertson scored. The Falcons play Saturday, taking on UW-Stevens Point at 3 p.m.

November 25 results	6-2-1; Ranwick 5-2-1; Stein 4-3-0;
Macalester 46 41 - 87	
UW-River Falls 28 45 - 73	
Macalester (pts-rebs-assist)	UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist)
Woldesslassie 23-3-5; Conboy 20-12-2; Liddell 17-7-0; Johnson 12-0-2; Hollander	Robertson 26-15-1; Thompson 18-1-2; Koonkaew 8-11-1; Pearson 7-7-2; Davis 6-1-2; Rondeau 4-2-0; Olson 3-2-0; Elling 1-3-1

STANDINGS

Men’s hockey	Men’s basketball
NCHA Standings	WIAC Standings
St. Norbert (100-1)	UW-Platteville(4-0)
UW-River Falls (7-1-0)	UW-Stevens Point(3-0)
UW-Stout (7-1-1)	UW-Stout(2-0)
UW-Superior (7-1-0)	UW-Oshkosh(1-0)
St. Scholastica (6-2-0)	UW-Lacrosse(3-1)
UW-Eau Claire (5-4-0)	UW-Whitewater(3-1)
UW-Stevens Point (3-4-1)	UW-Eau Claire(2-1)
Lake Forest (2-7-1)	UW-River Falls(1-2)
	UW-Superior(0-3)
Women’s hockey	Women’s basketball
NCHA Standings	WIAC Standings
Lake Forest(4-0-1)	UW-Stevens Point(5-0)
UW-Superior(7-2-0)	UW-Stout(5-0)
UW-Stevens Point(6-1-0)	UW-River Falls(3-0)
UW-Eau Claire(3-3-0)	UW-Eau Claire(4-1)
UW-River Falls(4-1-2)	UW-Platteville(4-1)
Finlandia(3-3-2)	UW-Superior(2-1)
	UW-Whitewater(4-2)
	UW-Oshkosh(3-2)
	UW-Lacrosse(2-2)

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

Falcons rely on seniors’ guidance

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The UW-River Falls men’s hockey team is looking strong this season, with a record of 7-1 thus far.

Helping lead the way for the Falcons are the teams only two seniors Tyler Kostiuik and Jared Sailer.

Kostiuk, a 5-foot-10-inch forward from Fernie, British Columbia, and Sailer, a 6-foot-3-inch forward from nearby Cranbrook, British Columbia, are the only two seniors on this season’s squad. When the two of them joined the Falcons four years ago, there were about 10 freshmen.

Both Kostiuk and Sailer are not sure why there has been a decrease in teammates.

“We did come in with a lot of guys and there is really no one reason. We have such a good program here and it is tough to find room for everybody,” Sailer said. “There has also been some instances where guys just had to move on for certain reasons.”

While being the only two seniors may be a burden for some, Sailer said that it’s not that bad.

“I don’t mind being the only two. The only thing is there is a lot of pressure put on you to show good leadership,” Sailer said. “Both Ty and I have been around here for awhile, so we know how to handle being the only seniors.”

Kostiuk said he likes being able to be in the leadership role, answering questions and helping the younger players.

Head coach Steve Freeman believes both players have developed and become very capable leaders.

“Tyler and Jared have matured into true team players who understand the dynamics of successful teams,” Freeman said. “They now see the importance of everyone contributing something to the cause. They realize that accepting a role is a true key.



Zach Nagle

Tyler Kostiuik (left) and Jared Sailer are the only senior players on the UWRF men’s hockey team. This weekend, the Falcon squad takes on No. 1 ranked St. Norbert at Hunt Arena.

That is why they have grown into leaders.”

Sailer is a captain along with juniors AJ Buccchino and TJ Dahl, and Kostiuk leads the team with his work ethic on and off the ice.

This season, the Falcons have had one of the best starts in recent history, but Sailer remembers the team going to the national tournament his freshman year. This season the players are hoping to reach that point again.

The Falcons lost the first game of the season against UW-Eau Claire, but have won seven straight games since then.

“The season this year has been going very well,” Sailer said. “We had a little bump in the road against Eau Claire and since then, we have been getting better every game.”

Kostiuk agreed.

“We have played consistent

throughout the season so far,” Kostiuk said. “We have a very strong team that is deep and has what it takes to really do some damage throughout the season.”

Kostiuk will be graduating in

“The only thing is there is a lot of pressure put on you to show leadership.”

Jared Sailer,
senior hockey player

May and is currently unsure of what he is going to do following his days of Falcon hockey.

“I am going to eventually take over my dad’s business with my two brothers,” Kostiuk said. “I have not yet decided whether I will do that next year or go for my masters degree first.”

Sailer will not graduate until

this summer or next December, and is not sure what he will do following graduation. He may continue to live in the United States, but he knows that eventually he would like to get back to Canada.

Both Kostiuk and Sailer said they will miss being around their teammates and hanging out in the locker room when they hang up their Falcon jerseys for the final time. Until then, they are going to be giving their all on the ice.

This weekend Kostiuk, Sailer and the rest of the Falcons will take to the ice for a tough weekend against Lake Forest on Friday night and St. Norbert on Saturday. Both games will begin at 7:05 p.m.

The Falcons, ranked sixth in Div. III, will have their hands full with St. Norbert on Saturday night. Norbert is first in Div. III.

Jiu-Jitsu: Students take part in club

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stay in shape.

“The biggest reason for my participation is staying in shape,” Moody said. “I don’t have the time or energy to lift weights on a regular basis, so I throw people around instead.”

In fact, BJJ is known as a very popular cardiovascular workout.

“It’s a great cardio workout, and I like it a lot more than jogging,” Moody said. “I enjoy learning how to fight, and this is was the perfect opportunity to get better at it.”

While it may seem like BJJ is just for men, that is not the case. There may not be a lot of interest from the female population here at UWRF, but across the country it is rare to find women who learn and compete in it. The women have an advantage in flexibility, which in some respects is more important than strength.

The club on the campus is very active. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 p.m. in the basement of Karges.

Santana: Statistics lead him to victory

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average (ERA). He also led the American League in statistics such as games started, innings pitched, average strikeouts per nine innings, and walks.

His career as a whole tells a similar story of dominance. In only three and a half years of being a starting pitcher, he spent 2000, 2001 and 2002, and part of 2003 in the bullpen. He’s racked up some impressive statistics. He has a lifetime ERA of 3.20 which is over a

run less than the league average ERA in that time period, over 1,000 strikeouts, and a win-loss record of 78-31 (.716). For most pitchers that would be an outstanding career.

Not bad for someone who came to the Twins in a trade for some guy named Jared Camp. Camp never reached the Majors.

If he can stay relatively durable and keep the same pace that he’s on now, Santana will not only be one of the best pitchers of his generation, but one of the best pitchers of all time.

Fantasy: Sports evolve from recreation to money-making business on the Internet

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Pigskin Prognosticators League.

It wasn’t until after the invention of the Internet that fantasy sports evolved. With the Fantasy Sports Trade Association (FSTA) dedicated to market research, networking and communication, the industry has never been more popular, according to the Fantasy Sports Association’s Web site.

The number of people who take part in fantasy teams grows every year, with 15 to 18 million consumers now playing along.

“I think fantasy football is great,” Darst said. “I’m leading my division.”

Students are no longer allowed to sign up for the league offered by UWRF, but outside leagues can form for any sport. Coming up, bowl games for college football and the NFL Super Bowl will draw fantasy sports lovers, and baseball is expected to be the dominant fantasy sports league in the spring.



Screenshot

A screenshot of the Yahoo! Sports page shows some of the aspects of fantasy football. A number of students on the UWRF campus are getting involved in fantasy sports.

Varsity Sports Weekend

Friday, Dec. 1
Men’s hockey vs. Lake Forest 7:05 p.m.
Swimming/Diving at St. John’s Invite
Women’s hockey at UW-Stevens Point 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2
Swimming/Diving at St. John’s Invite
Men’s basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point 3 p.m.
Women’s basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point 5 p.m.
Men’s hockey vs. St. Norbert 7:05 p.m.

Showcase Home Game

Men’s hockey



vs

UW-RF St. Norbert
7:05 p.m. Saturday
Hunt Arena
The No. 6 Falcons take on the No. 1 Green Knights.

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Students face problems with laundry facilities

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As students begin preparing for finals, the last thing they want to think about is dirty laundry. However, campus-wide cleaning up has become a problem for students in residence halls.

Students in Johnson Hall were down to one washing machine for a couple weeks, said resident Kirsten Farrar. The residents were forced to use center points — purchased online or in the Student Center and put onto students’ ID cards to purchase food and services such as laundry - to do their laundry or go to another hall to use laundry facilities.

“This should not have to happen,” Farrar said. “This should only happen if all the washers are in use and someone has to get [their laundry] done that second.” The problem is not limited to Johnson Hall.

Kelsey Anderson, a resident of Grimm Hall, said she noticed problems with Grimm’s machines occasionally also, and said there is always at least one machine broken.

Johnson Hall resident Eric Douglas agreed with Farrar and Anderson, and said one machine is often broken, and the dryer eats a great amount of money before it works. Douglas said this has been happening for a couple weeks. The machines will work for a week and then have problems again, he said.

Director of Student Life Facilities Mike Stifter said the problem is based on poor communication.

“Most of the outages were caused by the change boxes being filled, which then puts the machine out of order,” Stifter said.

Without communication as to existing problems, Residence Life cannot contact the vendor to have the problems fixed.

“We have found that we need to continue to direct users experiencing problems to hall staff who then will contact Residence Life to put a work order in to the company,” Stifter said.

Farrar said she believes the problem is not one with UWRF, but with the company from which the University rents the machines.

“When asked to fix them [the vendor] told Residence Services that it would be a while,” Johnson Hall Resident Assistant Travis Klinkner said. “When they finally did come they didn’t repair all the machines immediately.”

The contract the University has with the vendor is in its third year, and Stifter said there are a couple more years left to go. Stifter maintained that the company was not at fault, and better communication is at the heart of solving the problem.

“When the communication loop is working, we’ve found [the vendor] to be very responsive,” Stifter said. “As you might expect, though, they can’t service something they don’t know needs fixing.”



Zach Nagle
Chris Pagel does his laundry in Johnson Hall. Problems with the laundry facilities have been felt campuswide.

Women: Number of females in workforce declines

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well.

“When they (women) entered the workforce in the ‘60s and ‘70s, they had dreams that society would change along with them, but it hasn’t,” Tubre said.

In 2004, a release by the U.S. Census Bureau showed women make 75.5 percent on the dollar of what men make. Statistics also show that the wage gap between men and women is larger for women who choose to pursue a family along with their career.

“If women leave and re-enter the workforce after giving birth, it gets harder to achieve the financial success of a man who hasn’t necessarily taken that amount of time off,” Tubre said.

Even if a woman decides to take off a couple months to spend some time with a newborn, many corporations don’t allow paid time off for maternity leave, leaving the mother with no choice but to quit and re-enter the workforce completely.

The numerous obstacles women face in their careers may be causing them to leave the workforce in frustration.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of females in the workforce has declined 5 percent in the past four years.

“I think they are just fed up,” Tubre said. “Unless something changes, the number may still decline.

Even if the number continues to drop, many women will enter the workforce and choose to face the obstacles that stand before them in pursuit of finding happiness.

“Women can have it all,” Caskey said. “It just depends on what ‘all’ means.”

Milking: Consumers support sheep and goat dairy

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and Wisconsin.

“I think it would be hard to have a system to milk sheep or goats, because the milking systems for cows are pretty refined,” Cliff said. “The nutritional content of the milk from goats and sheep wouldn’t be the same as cows, so I’m not sure how that would impact people’s health.”

Though some UWRF students and faculty are skeptical about this trend, Onan said the procedure is widely accepted.

“There is support from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and from UWRF,” he said. “There is also acceptance of the product from the consumers.”

May said she agrees with Onan, but the support is not only coming from Wisconsin.

“Production is worldwide,” she said. “In Carolina and Georgia, it’s huge. They can ship to New York and make money off of their product. There is national support behind this from the milking sheep organization and the milking goat industry. It’s not just Wisconsin — it’s becoming worldwide.”

May also said consumers are in support of these products because they experiment with what foods they eat.

“Consumers seem to want more natural types of foods and therefore might be more willing to experiment,” she said. “Some people even raise their kids on these types of products.”

Onan said he supports the development of these industries so much that he will continue to offer this information in the courses that he teaches.

“I intend to address goat and sheep dairying in the sheep production class,” he said. “This class may be revised somewhat in the future to include more goat information in general, but for now a small amount will be included in the current class.”

May said she also plans to address goat and sheep milking in her curriculum.

“I do incorporate alternative species of milk in my dairy processing courses,” she said. “This has been going on for several years, and I do plan to continue.”

Low student-retention rates cause concern for administration

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In his first semester at UW-River Falls, Provost Charlie Hurt said one of his main concerns for the campus is the current retention rates of first- and second-year students.

During the time Hurt has spent exploring the problem, he has come to one clear conclusion - retention rates are not a direct effect of one factor, but a combination of things.

“I think it is a lot of reasons,” Hurt said of low student retention rates. “There is no magic bullet - I wish there were. We would pay for it right here and now.”

While Hurt is without a “magic bullet,” he is armed with recent data that places retention of students in their second year of schooling at 70.6 percent.

According to UWRF Institutional Research, this statistic is nearly 10 percent lower than the target retention rate of 80 percent.

In plain English, this means the University is only keeping 70 percent of freshmen and sophomores, while the goal is set at 80 percent.

Though closing the gap is a goal for Hurt, he is aware that retention rates hold both UWRF and its students accountable.

In the case of first- and second-year undergraduates, responsibility is key, as Hurt said some students may find they are “not quite ready” for college.

“Some come here a little earlier than they should,” he said. “If you miss class, no one will come and grab you. It is a cultural change.”

Though Laura Merrifield has had plenty of practice at college life as a UWRF senior, the 22-year-old almost left the UWRF to try something new.

“I am not really sure why,” Merrifield said about thinking of transferring. “I thought I would like a change of scenery.”

Despite being “too lazy” to switch universities, Merrifield is happy she stayed at UWRF.

“I started here, and I like the fact that

it is small and has what I want,” she said.

With Merrifield in the final chapter of her undergraduate career, three Hathorn Hall residents and floor-mates have gone on their own college experience.

Shannon Banaszewski, Rachael Schlossin and Ashley Wilde said they all agree their first semester at UWRF is going well.

“It was a little overwhelming at first,” Schlossin said. “Our hall has been good at getting together and meeting new people.”

For Banaszewski, her initial impression of UWRF through the Week of Welcome (WOW) is one that has stuck with her.

“Everyone in our WOW group is still friends,” she said. “It was nice getting to know people.”

Activities like WOW are a good sign for Hurt, who said a priority for him is ensuring UWRF is “good for price and good for service.”

While the University has areas Hurt said are on the right track, an area that is being worked on is advising. To combat this problem, Hurt said he first looked at advising from a student’s perspective.

“I try to walk around and trace steps,” he said. “The number of steps that a student has to go through makes sense if I look at them. They don’t make good sense if a student looks at them.”

After looking at the advising process through a student’s eyes, Hurt said he has made recommendations to faculty about improvements.

“I have to be careful and deliberate because advising is almost always seen as a faculty responsibility,” he said. “What I can’t do is become too involved in the issue.”

The provost said his participation with advising must be limited because he doesn’t want to overstep his boundaries among faculty members who spend a bulk of their time with their advisees.

“I need to make sure my office is

not taking something away from faculty,” Hurt said.

As dean for student development and campus diversity, Blake Fry said he is aware of the advising issue and is one of many people working on a solution.

“This past spring, our first-year students and seniors participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE),” Fry said. “Through this survey, our first-year students indicated they were less satisfied with academic advising than first-year students at other UW-System institutions.”

With the survey results being less than favorable, Fry has an initial plan to combat the issue.

“While I could speculate as to the reasons based on other NSSE indicators, the more responsible path is for us to develop a system for assessing the quality of our academic advising,” he said.

Though Hurt does not directly dive into fixing advising qualms, his general outlook seems to support efforts like Fry’s.

“Anything I can do to reduce institutional issues, the better,” Hurt said.

Under the umbrella of “anything,” Hurt has two things he said he hopes to accomplish in the “next two years, if not sooner.”

The first of Hurt’s duo is “an advising process that faculty and students all understand that is transparent and clear,” he said.

“The other thing I would hope we see are fewer students leaving for the wrong reasons,” Hurt said. “Being homesick is something we can’t fix.”

While he said he is not sure of a cure for missing home, Hurt has one idea of how to close the retention gap.

“Advising is not where I want it to be,” he said. “It will take some time and effort to fix it.”

One area UWRF is using to increase retention rates is the First Year Experience (FYE).

During the program’s first year, Co-Director Miriam Huffman said FYE is working to set a foundation where students can get the help they need.

“We are behind the scenes in the first year,” Huffman said.

A project FYE is working on is look-

ing into a group of 250 freshmen who have not registered for spring semester.

“There are two pools of people,” Huffman said. “For those who are not doing well, we want to help them. For those who are leaving, we want to know what went wrong.”

Through the work of FYE, Huffman said she is hoping to enhance the experience of students by providing an outlet where the program can ask students, “How can we help you be successful?”

With UWRF working to increase retention rates, River Falls Mayor Don Richards said he is hoping to continue a longstanding tradition between the University and the community.

“The city benefits from the youth and diversity of the student body,” Richards said.

In addition to the economic benefit of UWRF students, Richards said the University adds to the character of the city.

“Without the U, River Falls would just be another ordinary burg in West Central Wisconsin,” he said. “With the U, I think we are something special.”



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Blink-182 members play different tunes



Erik Wood

It’s been approxi-
mately three and
half years since
the humor-filled
SoCal punk band
has dropped new
material ... as
Blink-182, that is.
In early 2006,
Blink guitarist
Tom DeLonge
ventured into new

territory by forming the band Angels and Airwaves.
His new project took off without warning and in the
summer of 2006, the debut album, *We Don’t Need to
Whisper*, crashed onto store shelves everywhere.
Don’t get too excited if you haven’t heard it yet.
The album is nothing that you may expect, especial-
ly with track titles like, “Valkarie Missile” and “It
Hurts.”
The average track time on the album is about four
minutes and 30 seconds. In fact there isn’t a song
under four minutes.

There is nothing wrong with longer songs, but when
there isn’t an interlude or something to delay the next
droning five minutes, it’s difficult to enjoy an eternity
of similar-sounding songs.
Not only does this album drone on, the lyrics revolve
around past broken relationships and teenage romance.
The verdict on a Blink member’s first solo project —
sub-par to mediocre.
As of Nov. 14, the other half of Blink-182 decided to
drop an album. This half, known as +44 seemed to fare
a bit better.
The group’s debut album, *When Your Heart Stops
Beating*, has encompassed a more serious side of
Blink-182: borderline depressed, though the artists
seem to cover up their downer lyrics with upbeat
rhythms and melodies.
It’s not that it’s necessarily a bad thing, to have the
feeling low-style, but it’s just different from the old
Blink sound.
I personally enjoyed Blink-182’s catchy and humor-
ous lyrics, especially the crazy antics like playing
naked in a music video.
It’s a bit difficult to adjust to this new sound brought
about by Mark Hoppus and Travis Barker, but in the
end it is rather obvious which band is doing things
right.
After listening to the two new bands, I honestly think
Blink-182 should never have gone on hiatus.
But maybe it was necessary for the former Blink
members.
These three guys — Tom Delonge, Mark Hoppus and
Travis Barker — have gone from your typical pop-
punk band to enter a new era in music.
Who knows, the punky SoCal band may eventually
rejoin and drop another phenomenal album just like
they used to do.
For now, Angels and Airwaves and +44 will have to
do.
From a musician’s standpoint, it may bring more cre-
ativity and diversity in the new Blink-182. I guess
we’ll see.

‘Sorry!’ promises comic relief throughout student-run play

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Love triangles, hilarity and an air
of Dick Van Dyke encompass the
essence of “Sorry! Wrong
Chimney!”— the latest theater
production at UW-River Falls.
Each year, there are four produc-
tions at UWRF. Three of them are
run by faculty and staff, and the
fourth is solely students. Last year,
the spring show was the student
production, but this year the show
is on just before winter break.
“Sorry! Wrong Chimney!”
involves a series of relationships
and the way lives inter-
twine. In a snowball-type
effect, the relationships get
out of hand with accusa-
tions about affairs and
falling out of love.
Happy husbands keep
secrets from curious wives;
a hypnotist puts one char-
acter into a trance, which
causes more problems than
the original issue; and a
Santa-burglar finds his way
into the mess of people.
“Basically, it’s a show of
mistaken identities,”
Naomi Magnier, vice presi-
dent of Masquers and
“props mistress,” said.
“It’ll be a night of laughs.
From start to finish you
will not stop laughing.”
The cast is made up of
seven students from vari-
ous departments at UWRF.
Every person — from the
costume designer to the
director — is a student.
Masquers, a student
organization that produces,
supports and promotes stu-
dent involvement in theater,
funds the student show each year,
and many of the students involved
in the play are also members of the
organization.
The student production tends to
draw more people to audition for
roles and become involved in the
behind-the-scenes efforts as well.
“This one gets more people,”
Director Kate Garlock said. “It
could be because it’s less threaten-
ing — it’s all students.”

Garlock was elected director by a
group of faculty. Usually the direc-
tor of the student production is a
senior who has completed the
directing course offered through
Speech Communication Theatre
Arts, however the eligible seniors
this year are graduating in
December and opted not to take on
the extra weight of running a show.
Garlock, a journalism major, has
not completed the required course,
or any other class offered in the-
ater, but has taken part in almost
every production since her fresh-
man year. She became eligible to
direct by directing a series of one-

seven cast members. She has been
involved in theater since the age of
seven and knew immediately she
would immerse herself into the
productions at UWRF. This is her
first production as a student here.
Costume designer Sylvia
Wadzinski is one of the members
of the crew whose primary major
is not in theatre, but instead is psy-
chology. Wadzinski wants to pur-
sue a master’s degree in costume
design and has spent a consider-
able amount of time working with
the UWRF theater productions.
“I think that in the end it [the
show] will turn out well,”

“I like it — the 60s setting,”
Olson said. “It’s fun to play around
with.”
Magnier is in the same situation
with props, though she has enjoyed
the research of discovering “what
type of wrapping paper was used
in the 60s and the right style of
Bergdorf bag that would have been
carried.”
“It’s an easy show to watch,”
Kelsey Anderson, a freshman and
actor in the show, said. “You don’t
have to think about anything. It
allows the audience to just sit back
and enjoy the show.”
Anderson, a theatre major, was
eager to get involved
in UWRF productions
and joined Masquers
right away. This is her
first time acting for a
show at the
University, but she
participated in the
backstage efforts of
the fall production.
“I was really excited
to try out because I
knew it was going to
be fun,” Anderson
said.
The primary audi-
ence for past shows
has been comprised of
members of the com-
munity in River Falls.
Magnier expressed
concern about the lack
of students who attend
the shows, but insists
it is worth their time.
“You can go to a
show here and spend
less on two tickets and
a trip to the conces-
sions than you would
spend for one ticket at
the movie theater in
Hudson,” Magnier said.
For students with a valid ID, it
costs \$4 for admission, and it is \$7
for non-students. The show runs at
7:30 p.m. on Dec. 7-9 and Dec. 14-
16.
“It’s going to be really funny,”
actor Nicholas Moen, a senior,
said. “It’s slapstick comedy. A lot
of really goofy stuff happens.”



Zach Nagle

**UWRF student Nick Moen, playing the character of Kris Kriegle, is hypnotized dur-
ing rehearsal for the upcoming Masquers play, “Sorry! Wrong Chimney!” The stu-
dent-run production will run Dec. 7-9 and Dec. 14-16 in the Blanche Davis Theatre.**

act plays this fall.
“It’s not something I want to get
paid for down the road,” Garlock
said. “I think it would take away
from the fun of doing it.”
Other students are in similar
positions. No matter what depart-
ment the students find themselves
in academically, most of them
have made the theater productions
their main extracurricular activity.
Freshman Amber Olson is one of

Wadzinski said. “Right now I’m a
bit nervous, but it’s only the first
run.”
Wadzinski has had a challenge
with costumes, making sure the
clothes are fit for the 1960s.
“Sorry! Wrong Chimney!” was
written by Jack Sharkey. Garlock
adds the twist of a 1960s setting
and a “slapstick-type comedy”
akin to “The Dick Van Dyke
Show.”

New 007 actor successfully plays role



Jenna Lee

Bond has seen many transformations since the franchise began
filming in the 1950s.
In this version of “Casino Royale,” we see James Bond as the
dark character who Ian Fleming had always envisioned — not the
charming kiss-ass like Brosnan.
As a prequel to the other 007 movies, Bond’s first mission as a
00 agent takes him to the Casino Royale in the Mediterranean
country of Montenegro where he must bet the treasury’s money in
a high-stakes poker game against Le Chiffre, the villain who aides
terrorists.
Well, at least I think that’s the plot — there were a lot of things
blowing up.
As the sixth actor to play 007, Daniel Craig, was an unlikely choice
for Bond. He hasn’t been in anything memorable since he played Alex
West in “Tomb Raider.”
I refuse to be one of those people who think the Sean Connery Bond
movies are the only ones worth watching, but I can admit I didn’t like
the idea at first. He is blond, those piercing blue eyes are unreal and he
doesn’t have macho-man chest hair.
But then when he was asked if he would like his martini shaken or
stirred, he coldly replied, “Does it look like I give a damn?” I totally
fell in love with the character and forgot about the man playing him.
Le Chiffre, which is French for “the figure” (not a very creative
name), is visually frightening . The scar over his glazed-over, messed
up eye makes him a unique Bond adversary who reminded me of bad
guys in old black and white films.
His eye looks even more visually disturbing when he cries a single
tear of blood.
That’s a totally cool ability, but there’s one problem — Le Chiffre
cries a lot. Villains aren’t supposed to be pussies.
They needed some sort of backbone to become a bad guy in the first
place, right?
But Le Chiffre cries and cowers when the terrorists demand their
money that he must win at the poker tournament.
The villain’s evil side is only shown in the scene when he tortures
Bond attacking him below the belt in order to get a coveted secret bank
password.
But even then his character fails to go to the extreme.
Every time he pounds Bond in the balls with a rope Bond turns his
cries of pain into laughter, and eventually Bond and his sexy lady
friend are let go.
Why didn’t he just kill them? I don’t really know.
Le Chiffre had promised to dismember Vesper Lynd, the Bond girl
who also works for the government, but the next thing you see is both
of them laying on the beach — arms, legs and testicles in tact.
I know the Bond films follow a certain formula with overly dramatic
and sexy scenes, huge explosions and great escapes.
But “Casino Royale” accomplished all of that in the first hour and a
half.
If I wanted to see a really intense game of Hold ‘Em with a vague
back story and conflicts between creepy characters, I would turn on
ESPN and watch the World Series of Poker.



Nick Welsh

No matter how you put it, the James Bond franchise has succeed-
ed like no other legacy. Spanning 40 years with more than 20
films, it is the longest-running series in cinematic history. With a
recent installment, it appears that streak won’t be ending soon.
Decades ago Ian Fleming began writing about the super spy, and
though Casino Royale was his first novel, it was never made into a
serious, action-packed blockbuster.
But now, it too has finally and deservedly become an addition to
the franchise.
Like in the past, “Casino Royale” has everything that past Bond
flicks brought. Complex plots of espionage, amazing fight scenes
and, of course, never-ending womanizing with a martini somewhere
in the background.
“Casino Royale” is easily one of the best Bond films ever made,
perfectly capable of rivaling the classics made infamous by Sean
Connery 40 years ago.
In this story, we learn of Bond’s first months as a 00 agent for the
British agency MI6, during which we do see a transformation from a
coarse, rough-edged assassin to the refined man we’re familiar with.
Though I was initially surprised that a new actor would be brought
in while Pierce Brosnan was still in his prime, I’ve gotta say new-
comer Daniel Craig was an ace in the role.
Like other actors who came before him, Craig created a slightly dif-
ferent version of the secret agent. For example, Connery brought
charisma while Brosnan took a more suave approach. Craig brings a
more complex, in-depth look of a clever assassin while bringing in a
sense of humor.
By the end, we do see him transform into the man we’ve come to
expect. In doing so, audience members loved him.
Since I first saw Craig five years ago in “Tomb Raider,” he’s under-
went a transformation: from a scrawny guy to his present muscular
physique. I guess it shows how dedicated he was. Though there was-
n’t much of his trademark womanizing taking place or any fun gad-
gets to show off, “Royale” still packed a punch. It focused on the core
of the character — a spy expressing one’s loyalty for his country.
I loved the fact that his expertise at the poker table was brought to
light once again — a characteristic that had for the most part been
forgotten over the years.
And the action scenes are without a doubt the best.
Even the story, though complex, took audiences along for the ride
and didn’t let go. Though it did seem to drag on a bit about three-
quarters in, by the end I really did appreciate the man’s remarkable
intelligence and ingenuity.
But of course I can’t say I’m surprised at how well it turned out.
Martin Campbell came back as director, whose work on “Goldeneye”
literally brought the icon back to life. I just hope he’ll come back for
the next installment.
In short, “Royale” was everything the previews promised and so
much more.
Craig’s performance showed that despite his meager resume and
altered appearance from previous actors, he really was the best man
for the job.



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

Jenna is a junior studying journalism and
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comedy movies.



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China partnership offers research opportunities

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Imagine waking up to the realization that you are at an altitude of about 2 miles above sea level. Just outside your bedroom window, the Himalaya Mountains can be seen in their full glory.

Today you'll head to Gongbing, a Tibetan village within walking distance, to learn more about its traditional art forms. Or perhaps the city of Shangri-La is your destination, where you'll ferment a uniquely Tibetan micro-beer.

But before you leave, don't forget to drink some piping hot yak butter tea.

Next summer, UW-River Falls students will get the chance to experience all this and much more.

Through a partnership between UWRF and the China Exploration and Research Society (CERS), students have the opportunity to work directly with alumnus Wong How Man and his staff in one of the most culturally and environmentally diverse regions in the world — China's Yunnan Province.

Provost Charles Hurt has approved crucial funding for at least one faculty member to accompany a group of students to China on what would be the inaugural trip of the UWRF/CERS partnership.

Hurt said he agreed to provide the funding because this prospect ties into the University's overall mission.

"One of the strategic directions in which UWRF is moving is globalization of the institution," he said.

Hurt also praised Wong and his connection to the University.

"We have a wonderful partner and alum in Wong How Man," he said. "We need to continue this relationship, and one way to do so is by making travel to China possible."

Situated in the southwestern corner of the nation, Yunnan is home to three climactic zones, as well as to China's highest number of ethnic minorities.

The province, which is largely Tibetan, is particularly sensitive to cultural onslaught due to growing numbers of vacationers visiting the region.

"This whole area's being sort of pressured by ongoing tourism and development," said Director of International Education Programs Brent Greene.

Greene said Wong's goal is to aid the Tibetans in creating "cottage industries" that will enable them to remain in charge of their own destinies.

"The premise of this whole thing ... is How Man wants to help the Tibetans try and maintain some semblance of their current lifestyle," Greene said. "Rather than have those people have to work for the hotel chains or the fast food restaurants ... let them develop some kind of business, something that lets them be in control of their lives and decide how they generate revenue."

Students will help Wong and his staff to achieve the CERS mission: conserving and preserving the natural environment and cultural traditions of a China that is quickly becoming westernized.

Their home base will be the CERS Zhongdian Center, a Tibetan-style timber building located about 6 miles outside the growing Chinese tourist mecca of Shangri-La.

According to the CERS Web site, "the peaceful environment" and "idyllic setting" of the center's location make it the consummate place to conduct research on every facet of remote China.

The center has dormitory space, housing up to 20 people and modern bathroom facilities. An activity room provides students with the comforts of home.

"[Students] going on these internships would be staying in an extremely modern place [that is] spotlessly clean [and] fantastically beautiful," said Tracy O'Connell, assistant professor of marketing communications.



A statue in the Yunnan capital city of Kunming bears the Chinese flag in honor of the country's military. Students who participate in the UWRF and China Exploration and Research Society partnership program will have the opportunity to view this and other historical monuments in and around Yunnan. They will also have the privilege of working with the likes of UWRF alum Wong How Man.

O'Connell has first-hand knowledge of the facility.

She, along with Greene and four other UWRF faculty members, stayed there for a week in August 2005 as Wong's guests.

The purpose of the trip was to develop the UWRF/CERS partnership.

Besides O'Connell and Greene, the delegation included Kelly Cain, professor of environmental science and management; Pat Hanson, speech communication and theatre arts lecturer; Lynn Jermal, professor of art; and Brad Mogen, professor of biology.

protect the vanishing Tibetan mastiff dog breed.

O'Connell has fond memories of the trip and of the residents she encountered.

"It was so incredible," O'Connell said. "The people were just lovely."

Jermal was struck not only by the region's stunning beauty, but by the gradual shift toward modernization occurring there.

She recalled seeing traditional wood-carved sheds with satellite dishes atop them.

"The clash between technology and culture is huge," she said.

Although it is unknown who the faculty leader for next summer's trip will be, there is a good chance of Jermal taking the reins.

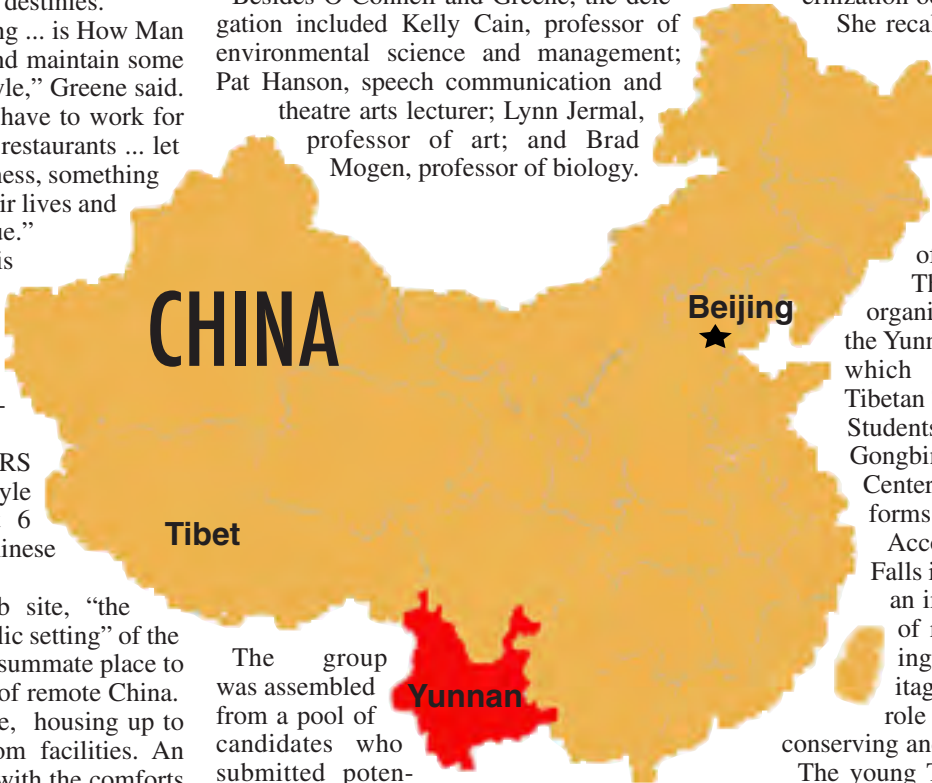
The art professor is in the midst of organizing a group of students to return to the Yunnan Province to pursue her proposal, which is tentatively titled "Mirroring Tibetan Treasures."

Students will help the younger villagers in Gongbing, which is near the Zhongdian Center, preserve their time-honored art forms through digital means.

According to the proposal, "UW-River Falls in collaboration with CERS can play an important role in initiating a process of recognizing, documenting, preserving and continuing the rich artistic heritage of the village by introducing the role new media can have in gathering, conserving and disseminating information."

The young Tibetans will be taught how to use electronic recording equipment, which they will use to document the various artistic traditions of their village.

The hope is to engage the younger villagers in the art forms, which would encourage them to keep the customs alive.



The group was assembled from a pool of candidates who submitted potential CERS project proposals.

During their stay, they visited CERS project sites in the surrounding area.

Among the locations were a Tibetan nunnery in the process of being completely renovated, and a non-commercial kennel founded to preserve and



Left: Pedicabs are a common sight on the streets of Beijing. Center: The skyline of Kunming, the capital of Yunnan, is draped with historical oriental architecture, while satellites show case the vast modernization of the province. Right: Shangri-La, a growing tourist mecca in China, is a popular place for shopping and will only be a 6-mile commute for students.