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## Winter weather storms through campus



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**Blustery winds and large amounts of snow stormed through UW-River Falls Feb. 23-25. Just as the roads became fully plowed and the sidewalks clear of ice, another storm brings snow, sleet and cancelled classes. To help out the custodians, the football coaching staff grabbed shovels and helped clear off the walkways. Left: Students struggle through the snow Thursday morning on the way to class. Center: Ice build-up on a tree branch outside Southfork Suites. Right: Bikesburied by fallen snow and mounds caused by snow plows outside Southfork Suites. Up to 20 inches is expected to have fallen from start to finish of this two-part storm.**

## Student fees increase for 2007-08 academic year

### More student orgs at UWRF campus means a need for more funding

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Student Senate passed a motion Feb. 13 to raise segregated University fees by \$3 for the 2007-08 academic year, and by \$2 for the 08-09 academic year. According to the minutes from the

Feb. 13 Student Senate meeting, it had been previously resolved to implement the fee increases starting with the 2006-07 academic year. However, other increases led Senate to push them back by one year.

Segregated University fees are defined as fairly small amounts of money paid along with students' tuition. These fees allow students free admission to events later in the semester, such as concerts, films and sporting events.

The allocation of these funds to student organizations is a fairly straightforward process. Student organizations at

UW-River Falls must first submit a request and the budget requests are then submitted to the related committee for review. The Diversity Awareness Committee and the Recreational Activities Committee, as well as other similar committees, look over the budgets and cut out the things student money is unable to fund, following UW System-recognized guidelines.

According to Policy Paper 20, which universities in the UW System must follow, committees cannot provide money to student organizations to fund such things as gifts, contributions, donations

or monetary awards to UW faculty or staff.

After making needed adjustments, the committees then allocate funds out of their own budgets to student organizations.

Natalie Hagberg, chair of the Leadership Programming and Development Board (LDPB), is familiar with the fund allocation process, as she was a committee member for several years before becoming chair.

Hagberg said that because committees have to fund their own programming on top of student organizations, cuts are

made very carefully and adhere tightly to Policy Paper 20.

"Each organization has different needs and there's not really enough money to [completely] meet everyone's request," Hagberg said. "They try to make cuts equal across the board."

Hagberg said there are additional factors beyond organizational need that influence funding. Often, funding requests come in too late to go to the committees in time. This means some student organizations go without

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## Public Safety investigates residence hall incidents occurring in women's restrooms

### Two identified-male suspects have been seen entering, exiting women's bathrooms

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For the past month, Public Safety and River Falls Police Department have been investigating multiple incidents involving two identified-male suspects entering and leaving the women's bathrooms in Crabtree, May and Grimm residence halls. "From what we understand, they may have been let in by a student on at least one occasion," said Interim Public Safety Director Dick Trende. "My suggestion is if you have any questions about anyone trying to enter, you need to inform them to use the main entrance and talk with the staff about entering the building."

The incidents began Feb. 5 when a resident contacted a Public Safety officer about

a male found in the fourth floor women's bathroom in May Hall. A total of eight or more separate calls have been made to Public Safety related to the incidents by residents, residence assistants, a custodian and hall managers, according to the Feb. 20 Public Safety report.

The male is described as white, about 25-years-old or older, approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall, with a goatee and dark, buzz-cut hair, wearing a brown flannel jacket with jeans and work boots.

According to a Feb. 5 report, the aforementioned male was seen and described in May Hall during two different occasions in the women's bathroom around 6:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

"If anyone sees this male on campus, notify Public Safety as soon as possible," Trende said. "Even though the situation has been addressed, it is advisable to get a hold of them right away."

The faster a resident contacts Public



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

**A student holds a door to a side entrance to May Hall open for another student to "tailgate" behind.**

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## Spring break provides several alternatives

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There are many ways students can spend their hard earned free time during the week-long period of spring break. While some go home, others stay on campus. Some students use the break to work to gain extra spending cash and some take trips to a sunny beach locale. Regardless of the way spring break is spent, students take advantage of the opportunity to get away from the usual class and homework routine.

Because some students choose to spend their spring break helping others or supporting a cause they find important, UW-River Falls offers trips through Destination 2007, a spring break alternative.

According to the mission statement of the program, the goal is to provide students with a challenging and fun opportunity to lead and learn through active service experiences.

This year's participants will serve as volunteers with organizations working in one of the following areas: affordable housing, disaster relief, HIV/AIDS awareness, hunger or environmental protection.

"This year five faculty and 62 students will participate in the program," trip coordinator Amy Moeller said.

Destination 2007 teams are full, but those interested in participating next year can look for more information in the fall. There is an

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VOICE SHORTS

Students escape to the beach

Prucha Hall is sponsoring the annual Beach Bash at 8 p.m. March 2 in the Karges Center. Students are encouraged to wear beach attire. There will be dancing, door prizes, free food and swimming. The cost to swim is \$2. The heat in the gym will be turned up for a “beachy” feeling.

Local orchestra to perform on campus

The St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra will perform its Young Persons Outreach Concert at 12 p.m. March 2 and 10:30 a.m. March 3 in the Abbott Concert Hall. The performance will include music by Mozart and Beethoven. Admission to the concert is free March 2. Admission to the concert March 3 is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students. The orchestra is comprised of UW-River Falls students and greater St.Croix Valley community members. For more information, contact Kristin Tjornehoj at 425-3183.

Symphony set to perform at UWRF

UW-River Falls alumnus Gary Bird and Gregory Fritze from the Berklee College of Music will be featured at 7:30 March 6 with the Symphony Band in Abbott Concert Hall. Bird is a professor at Indiana University in Pennsylvania. Fritze, a commissioned composer of the Concertino for Tuba and Band, will have three compositions during the program including a commission by Bird for tuba and band. Students, staff, faculty and the community invited to the event. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students. For more information, contact Kristin Tjornehoj at 425-3940.

Professor to share Egyptian experiences

Dr. Steven Derfler will present the experiences of students who participated in the UW-River Falls Journey to Egypt program over J-term at 7 p.m. March 6 in the lower level of the River Falls Public Library. The group visited the Valley of Kings, saw a recent excavation in progress and learned about the discovery of a new, unopened tomb with its construction, grave goods and ritual objects. Since the 1922 excavation of the tomb of boy-king, Tutankhamun, further intact tombs have been identified in Egypt over the past several decades.

Benefit will raise awareness of violence

A benefit production of Eve Ensler’s The Vagina Monologues is coming to campus at 7 p.m. March 7-8 in the University Center Falcon’s Nest. The production will celebrate women, raise awareness and envision a world without violence. The cost is \$5. Proceeds will benefit the local domestic and sexual violence resource Turningpoint. V-day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. For more information, visit www.vday.org.

Speaker to share knowledge of autism

One of the nation’s top designers of livestock facilities, Temple Grandin, will visit UW-River Falls to speak about her life with autism and her research on animal behavior at 8 p.m. March 8 in North Hall Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 7 p.m. the night of the event. Tickets are free for UWRF students with an ID, \$5 for the general public, \$3 for 18 and under and free for children five and under. Her new book, “Animals in Translation,” is the culmination over the past 30 years of professional training as an animal scientist and her ability to understand the animal brain. It will be available for purchase at her lecture. For more information, visit www.templegrandin.com.

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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**Feb. 22**  
• At approximately 8:10 p.m. Jennifer E. Gaffer, 19, attempted to use a fake driver’s license in order to obtain alcohol from Dick’s Plus, according to reports. She was fined \$172.

**Feb. 23**  
• Puja Sharma, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption by the River Falls Police Department.  
• Mishka Kalan, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption by the River Falls Police Department.  
• Colt N. Wright, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. UWRF public safety was called to Grimm Hall after residents reported Wright as being unconscious and unresponsive. He was escorted to the River Falls Area Hospital. He had a blood alcohol level of .328, more than four times the legal limit.

**Feb. 24**  
• David P. Stanton, 19, admitted to damaging University property after he was confronted by a UWRF public safety officer. Stanton said he “took his anger out on the water fountain” in May Hall after a confrontation with his girlfriend. At the scene officers also gave

Stanton a citation for underage consumption. The fine for the underage consumption is \$249. The cost to repair the damaged water fountain in May Hall is approximately \$600.

**Feb. 25**  
• Ezekial J. Secrist, 23, was arrested at approximately 1:45 a.m. for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated according to reports. A River Falls police officer noticed a “larger white vehicle” having difficulty negotiating a right hand turn and spinning around. Secrist admitted at the scene to drinking that evening. The officer administered several field sobriety tests which he had difficulty completing. At the station, Secrist willingly submitted to breath tests. His blood-alcohol level, after a second series of breath samples had a reported value of .24. Secrist was released to a sober friend and had his driver’s license suspended.

**Feb. 26**  
• Marta E. Pedersen, 23, was reported as a missing person at approximately 8:40 a.m. Pederson’s parents raised concern of her absence after not having contact with their daughter since Feb. 22. The University was later contacted by Pederson’s father who said they made contact and she was on her way back to campus, according to reports.

**Corrections**  
• An article in last week’s Student Voice on the men’s lacrosse team stated that Matt Ginter scored two goals in a recent exhibition at the Xcel Energy Center, the player actually was Jeff Ginter.  
• In last week’s article on the President’s Day Debate, Nick Shillingford’s name was misspelled.

SENATE

Introduction of ROTC stirs debate

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The possibility of having ROTC on campus caused a debate at Tuesday’s Student Senate meeting. Lieutenant Colonel Scott Bolstad, a military science instructor at UW-Stout, spoke to the students about the proposed addition of ROTC to the UW-River Falls campus. According to Bolstad, the military science classes could be added to the UWRF curriculum by the next fall. While students would not be able to get a major in the field, the possibility for a minor is still open. Bolstad said there would be eight courses students could take, one for every semester they attend. “The program provides students more information about the army and leadership,” Bolstad said. Following Bolstad’s information about what ROTC can do for campus there was some controversy. A petition was brought to the Senate’s attention that was signed by 81 students who didn’t want ROTC to come to UWRF. The reasons students signed the petition included: the army has no place on a liberal arts campus, the army discriminates against homosexuals, 45 percent of the students who were interested in military science last spring have since lost interest and the classes don’t teach any job skills. Bolstad responded to the petition and the many issues addressed, including the fact that the program has already lost interest.

“Students lose interest,” Bolstad said. “That’s fine. I’m going to shake their hands and tell them best of luck to you.” This issue will be discussed further and there will be a motion on it at next week’s meeting.

Other Senate News

- Sarah Egerstrom from First Year Experience spoke about the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP). Incoming freshman took the CIRP Institutional Data Summary prior to their freshman year at UW-River Falls. The information given is a report of data on characteristics of all the students who will be attending. The survey provided a number of factoids, including information that nearly 75 percent of students said River Falls was their first choice. The survey also stated a number of reasons why students chose River Falls including price, location and class size.
- The motion about higher education being a right and not a privilege passed by a slim majority. According to the Senate agenda, “The Student Senate opposed any piece of legislation that would infringe upon a students ability to receive financial aid.”
- Student Senate still has a few vacant positions to fill for spring semester. Students who are interested in Senate may still apply and turn in a résumé.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Willow River Room.

Credits, class hours raise questions

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While credits represent how many in-class hours a course consists of, students have expressed concern about the amount of work involved in courses with a lower credit value and credits not equaling the number of in-class hours for some courses. Kelly Winum is in her second year at UW-River Falls and has had the experience of taking several classes ranging from a half-credit to six credits. She said she thought when she first registered for classes was the lower the credit, the easier the course was. She instead experienced her half-credit to three-credit courses often having the same amount of work as her four or five credit courses. “I took a zoology course one semester and it seemed like it should have been a four credit course because of how much work it was,” Winum said. “It was twice a week; one hour Mondays and Wednesdays and a three-hour lab on Wednesdays also.” Winum also said many of her friends have had similar experiences. “Many of my friends and I have had classes where the homework load is enormous, but it is only a three-credit course,” she said. Junior Stephanie Greene is another student who has expressed concern. “I tend to have one to two classes that are two credits, but should be more like three credits,” Greene said. “They have a lot of extra class work. I have to know just as much stuff and am in class for the same amount of time as a three-credit course.” Brad Caskey, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said students often think what Winum and Greene thought—that credits reflect how much work is in a course. This is not true.

“Credits indicate how many in-class hours a week there are for a course,” Caskey said. “They do not determine how much work it is.” Freshman Elise Reinemann said that is what she thought, however, she has had a different experience. “I thought it was supposed to be hours per week for the number of credits, but it hasn’t turned out that way,” Reinemann said. “I have had classes that have been more hours than the credits.” Winum said she disagreed that credits should only represent the number of in-class hours students should expect to be in a classroom. “I think the credits should also accurately reflect the amount of work students should expect in a class,” she said. “It helps students estimate how hard their semester will be.” Caskey said a problem with this is the University can only count in-class hours, not outside work. “Credits ensure some sort of standard across the University,” he said. “So when a student graduates, we know they have been in a classroom for X amount of hours.” The University can’t know how many hours are spent outside of a classroom on homework because it varies from student to student, he said. Caskey also said what needs to be made clear is that homework is different than new work. “Homework is a review of what is being taught in class,” he said. “Some universities will give credit for homework. It probably doesn’t happen in the UW system that much.” Caskey also said he doesn’t believe there should be a three-credit course where students get an extra credit for homework.

Winum said homework is not always a review of what she was learning in class, however. “In some classes, the homework is reviewing what I learned in class, but most classes don’t seem that way,” she said. “Professors often get behind on the syllabus so I am doing homework that is scheduled to be due that week, but it hasn’t been covered in class.” Her recommendation is that professors take away some work when they start falling behind in the syllabus schedule. While it seems students have no way of knowing exactly how much work to expect in a course, math professor Keith Chavey said he thinks students can still estimate how much work there will be for a course based on the amount of credits it is worth. “The general rule I think some work with is the idea that each credit should account for about three hours a week of work for a student,” Chavey said via e-mail. “So a 15-credit load by a student would, in theory, amount to 45 hours per week time commitment once all the in and out-of-class time was accounted for.” He said it should be known that workloads vary by faculty members and how much time students actually put into coursework. “I suspect there are differences in how much work per credit various courses expect,” he said. “Hopefully it all averages out by the end of a degree program.” Junior Sheniece Alexander said while she has had classes that have had more work than others, she doesn’t think it is a big problem. “Last spring, I had a sociology class that was a three-credit course, but should have been a four-credit course,” Alexander said. “I don’t think this is a problem with a lot of classes though. Just a few.”

More parking becoming available in Q Lot

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The white house in Q Lot, the metered parking lot west of North Hall, will either be moved or demolished this summer to provide more spaces for commuters. The University has finally purchased the last house left in the lot. Originally, there were seven or eight houses in the lot where commuters now park their vehicles while attending class or other events on the UW-River Falls campus. The University has slowly bought every house in the lot and with the purchase of the white house, another expansion to the lot will occur. Tom Weiss, director of purchases, bought the house with the intention of creating a better parking situation. “It will create about 13 more parking spaces,” he said. To create a single parking space, it costs the University around \$4,000, which includes fees for design, paint and construction. If UWRF were to pursue a total redesign of the lot, it could cost more. Weiss said thoughts of building a ramp are also being tossed around. The amount of money spent on a parking space for a ramp is quite a bit more, he said. “To build a ramp it would cost about \$16,000 for a parking space,” Weiss said. The house was purchased for about \$220,000. That money came from the annual parking



*Niki Paton/Student Voice*  
**There is currently a white house located in Q Lot that will be demolished or moved this summer. With the removal of the house, Q Lot will have an additional 13 spaces.** budget, which Interim Public Safety Director Dick Trende said comes from the money collected from students who purchase permits for other lots. A small portion also comes from the payment of parking tickets on campus. Trende said the parking budget is about \$641,000. The budget is determined by the amount of money collected from the sale of parking permits and is used to fix the lots to make sure they are well taken care of. Weiss said the house will go up for sale on May 1. “There will be an opportunity for someone to buy it and move it,” Weiss said. “We cannot do anything to the house until the last tenant is gone though, which is the end of July.” The house was first made available through realtors to the University. “We have been looking at buying the house for a long time,” Weiss said. The space will provide minor alleviation to the University’s parking problems, and will also give campus planners the opportunity to redesign the lot. Weiss said a redesign could provide an additional 40 to 50 spots in Q Lot. “With the purchase, we could

redesign, giving us more space and we could have a lot on more parking,” Weiss said. Weiss said the University planning committee is still unsure of what kind of lot it will be, but right now are leaning toward another permit lot. Katie Crowell, a junior at UWRF, has been driving to campus for almost three years now. “Any kind of lot would be nice to improve parking, but I think it should be a free lot, if not metered,” Crowell said. “There



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University funding.

Amanda DeCesaro, president of Campus Crusade for Christ, said in an e-mail that last year, the organization’s budget request didn’t get put in on time, and it almost had dire consequences for the group.

“Our participation numbers were hurting last year and we almost became a glorified small group of friends that met once a week,” DeCesaro said. “This year with funding we were able to send people to our fall retreat, have a V-Day party and do a rose giveaway.”

Tony Anderson, president of the Black Student Union, said the amount of money in the organization’s budget for this year was smaller than last, but it was not due to the Diversity Awareness Committee cutting funding. Instead, he said BSU’s smaller budget was their own responsibility.

“[The budget] is based on different activities you do during the previous year and in order to continue to get funding, you must do the activities for the year,” Anderson said. “The budget was based on what money BSU had in its account. So in essence, we have to work hard and stay in a reasonable budget so we can do all the events we plan for.”

Hagberg said perhaps the biggest reason for recent differences in student organization funding is the sheer number of student organizations on campus.

“As of now, we have 156 recognized student orgs on campus. That’s a lot more than past years,” Hagberg said. “It’s not that we have less money; it’s that we have less money to go around.”

Jenna Wegner, president of the Dairy Club, explained via

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chair of the Leadership Programming and Development Board (LDBP)

e-mail that the denial of funding for the club didn’t have any effect on planned activities, as they depend more on funds from members than from the University.

“We’re fortunate to have enough members who are willing to pay the price to participate in desired activities,” she said.

Students at UW-Platteville, a campus fairly similar to UWRF, pay \$94 per year. UWRF students paid an average of \$61.50 this year. Even with a \$3 increase next year, students will still pay 31 percent less than students at UW-Platteville. Hagberg said if students continue to want bigger and better things, they should expect the cost to keep pace.

“We try to be very smart with student’s money,” Hagberg said. “We want to make their dollar go as far as we can while still making it worth it.”

Restrooms: Future recommendations considered by administration, staff for residence hall safety

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Safety, the easier it will be to assess and possibly catch any suspects, Trende said.

“It difficult to assess the situation, if it is one to two hours later,” he said.

Public Safety contacted River Falls Police Department to help with the investigation outside of UW-River Falls property, Trende said. The police department has made contact with the younger male and advised him to stay off any property of the University.

The report also stated a different male leaving the shower area of the women’s bathroom in Grimm Hall at 8 p.m. The male is described as a 40- to 50-year-old with balding and graying hair with a short and heavy set body, wearing a black leather jacket and Carhardt baseball cap.

The older male had been contacted by Public Safety in the University Center, where he was eating a meal, Trende said.

At this time, Trende said he is certain the two males have no connections, and each of the incidents are being dealt with separately.

The University and staff at the University Center want the public to utilize the new building, but it was a case of not having a true reason for staying in the building besides the meal, he said.

“He was approached and asked to leave by Public Safety officers and the University Center staff,” Trende said. “There was an issue with him definitely; he was more of a transient and nothing criminal.”

The incidents with the younger male, Trende said, were not an accident.

“It’s highly unlikely it was an accident,” he said.

If the male is seen on campus, he can be charged with the state statute for trespassing, which the University enforces state laws, Trende said. Other charges could include voyeurism, which is in the case of a peeping Tom.

“Once he’s been advised as not coming back to any University property, he can be charged with trespassing,” Trende said.

A greater awareness has allowed administration, residents and staff to assess any future security issues, said Terry Willson, director of Residence Life/Staff Development.

“The bottom line of safety is coming down to the level of the residents,” he said. “A greater awareness will help us assess what we will need to do in the future to increase the security in the halls.”

At this time, education and awareness efforts are being implemented in most of the residence halls, especially the buildings where the incidents occurred, like flyers are posted on the bathroom doors, designating if it is strictly for women and noting anyone not abiding the rules are subject to a charge of trespassing or disorderly conduct.

Individual floors and wings of residence halls had meetings with RAs, and area coordinators met with staff during the weekly meetings to discuss any improvements or changes for the future, Willson said.

“We’re looking at what we can do to increase the security,” he said. “We’re fortunate on this campus to not have something extremely serious happen.”

Willson said his staff is currently looking at discussing the residence hall card access in place outside all the entrances. Some future recommendations are more restricted access, like only residence being able to open the doors or fewer hours for non-residents, and the strictest change could be only having one point of access. If any of the changes will occur, it will be by next fall.



Dick Trende

Spring break: Few students opt for other plans besides travel

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application process and, upon selection, there are weekly meetings designed to prepare students for their service trips, Moeller said.

For those students living in residence halls, who are planning to stay on campus over break, all ten buildings will be open.

“All ten residence halls will remain open during spring break, as was the case over semester break as well,” Director of Residence Life Terry Willson said.

Many students must work on top of attending class to have a little extra spending money. The weeklong break is a good time to pick up some extra hours.

“I will be working at Connie’s Creamery Cone throughout break,” freshman Carlie Ross said.

While working in River Falls, she will be staying in Parker Hall.

There aren’t very many planned activities for students choosing to

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Mike Stifter,  
Director of Student Services and Programs

remain on campus over break. However, the University Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and will reopen Sunday at 3 p.m.

Food service options will be available during the day and the game room will be available for student use.

“Since this is our first break since the building has been opened, we want to hear from students as to what services or hours would have better served their needs,” Director of Student Services and Programs Mike

Stifter said.

While staying in the residence halls, students will be able to watch movies if they become bored during their time off work.

“The residence hall cable movie channel continues to run over break,” Willson said. “The main reason students remain on campus is because of their jobs.”

Spring break also offers students who feel homesick the chance to go home and visit their families.

“I am going home to see my family,” sophomore Nick Dietmeier of Luck, Wis., said.

While the chance to get away to somewhere warm is a little too much to bear for some students, others can’t pass up the opportunity.

“I am going to Cozumel, Mexico with my roommates,” senior Heidi Nordstrom said.

No matter what the activity, spring break offers a much-needed release from the everyday grind of the academic school year.

Conference provides learning sessions with leading business entrepreneurs

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Students from all over Wisconsin will be competing in the Young Entrepreneur’s Conference April 13-14 in the University Center.

The conference will consist of a variety of speakers, workshops and presentations that will challenge students in every aspect of marketing, from their finances to the advertising of their business.

“Entrepreneurs have to know everything about running a business and finding their niche to start companies with people,” Steven E. DeWald, director of Small Business Development Center, said.

According to a flyer announcing the conference, “Students will be able to experience sessions with leading business entrepreneurs, which will lead to networking opportunities ... they will gain awareness into what it takes to create and sustain a profitable business while sharing their ideas with leading business executives.”

This is a chance for students to “interact with other business-minded individuals in Wisconsin.”

UW-River Falls alumnus Edward O’Keefe said he found that the competition was beneficial to him in his present career and future graduate school plans.

“I wanted to participate because I enjoyed what I was learning in classes and wanted a way to apply it all into one project,” O’Keefe said. “For the competition we had to use everything that we learned over our years of schooling, not just a particular class.”

Starting April 13, the students will be conducting a poster competition, which will be judged on how well the team advertises their service to the public.

After the competition, the participants will submit a written business plan to be judged, followed by a presentation of the proposed company the next morning.

The plan can be something they had produced during their coursework or on their own time, DeWald said.

The judges consist of business people from the surrounding areas of River Falls and the Twin Cities, he said.

They will be looking for probability of the business succeeding and make the determination whether the projected financials are sensible.

It is important to understand what the customer base is or who they are trying to market their sales toward, DeWald said.

Last year, two UWRF alumni won the competition with a retirement plan.

Matt Baumgarter and Elijah Wayne walked away with a total of \$750 and a traveling trophy to commemorate the event.

“It gave me a feel for the types of things we need to look for to create and run successful businesses,” Baumgarter said. “I have continued with research towards starting my business from the competition.”

This is the third year UWRF will hold the Entrepreneur’s Conference, which hosts students from the entire UW System.

“We want more teams from the various schools,” DeWald said. “Last year we had seven business plans and even more the year before. The students come from everywhere in Wisconsin such as Green Bay, Whitewater and Stout.”

The competition will be held in the University Center, and the presentations will take place in South Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend the presentations.

“The thing that I really took away from the whole thing was the amount of research that went into it all,” O’Keefe said. “I am currently applying to grad schools, and I know that there is going to be a lot of research involved.”

Any student currently enrolled in the UW System can register to compete and the size of the team is not restricted.

The deadline to register is March 30 and the cost is \$15.

“This has to be an original idea, no mergers or joint ventures,” DeWald said. “They should make it a stand-alone business, something good to start up.”

For more information visit the College of Business and Economics Web site at [www.uwrf.edu/cbe.com](http://www.uwrf.edu/cbe.com).



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EDITORIAL

# Safety and security should prevail over common generosity

With the recent incidents involving males, who were not students, in women’s restrooms in multiple residence halls on campus, fingers have been pointed, reasons of how it happened have escalated and solutions have been made.

Howevere, the responsibility still lies with each resident living in the building. No fingers being pointed here, yet the safety needs to start at the source.

Students who are residents need to be actively involved with the safety of their temporary home - their dorm room. It is like a home away from home, so treat it that way and protect yourselves and the students around you.

At home, you would not let a stranger get in the house behind you. Your intuition would make you think twice about their intentions. The residence halls need to be thought of the same way.

To build a strong, secure environment, the residents need to start with themselves and never allow a person in behind them, hold the door for someone or open a door while passing by. Of course, there are and will always be exceptions for the people who are known and expected guests.

It is advised by Public Safety to direct any questionable person, attempting to enter a residence hall, to use every front entrance, which is equipped with a telephone to contact an on-call staff member. They are capable to deal with any situation like this because they are trained to protect their residents.

Other residents should keep in mind their fellow students and themselves in situations like this. Safety and security should always prevail over convenience and avoidance of confrontation.

Even though it is impossible to believe that every student will comply with safety rules, every little bit helps.

A good rule of thumb is to question everything being observed while walking to a residence hall and opening that door. Be suspicious about someone asking for the door being held because it might be regretted down the road.

By being vigorous and prompt, safety and security can be improved dramatically within the few seconds used to hold open a door.

Residence Assistants, hall staff, roommates, administration and the Student Voice are all outlets for students to utilize with ideas about becoming a safer community at UW-River Falls.

No one wants to see the worse case scenario happen, so voice your ideas to make security a number one priority. Be heard and be seen to protect your home and UWRF.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gay rights should be supported

Since former NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway made news a couple weeks ago with his hateful comments toward gays, I’ve been thinking more and more about the attitude of my own generation regarding the topic of homosexuality. It is obvious that we have made progress since our parents’ generation, and we’ve made great strides in diversity awareness and acceptance. I cannot, however, be completely pleased with the status quo, because there are a large number of people our age — including students on this campus — who don’t support gay rights.

We’ve seen in the last few elections that there is strong anti-gay rights pressure in the United States, both politically and morally. I think that it is largely influenced by church doctrine and religious belief. To single out the gay community and restrict their rights (i.e. marriage and adoption) is discrimination, plain and simple. There is no other word to describe it — it’s discrimination.

I firmly believe that discrimination of any kind is a tool of hatred. I am not a Christian, nor am I religious in any way — and I believe morals are entirely independent of religion. This being the case, I urge everyone to take an inventory of their own moral code. Regardless of what the dusty old Good Book may say about the matter of homosexuality, we all have to realize that gay marriage is a basic human right and to deny people that right is ignorant, selfish and represents a glaring violation of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

A common argument is that one cannot pick and choose parts of the Bible to follow. This is flawed logic, however, since the Bible also denounces women’s rights (along with other such things). If you’re willing to discriminate against gays simply because a book told you to, are you also willing to discriminate against women? I certainly hope not.

But in the end, gay marriage is a topic that should be debated and discussed in a place removed from the influences of organized religion. In fact, the two should have nothing to do with each other.

I am deeply disappointed that so many of us allow our morals and beliefs to be so heavily dictated by the doctrines and rules of an organization. I intend to live my life as a free spirit with a perspective and moral code based on experience, instinct, and love for my fellow citizens.

It is my hope that 30 years from now, we’ll look back at gay rights as just another step in the march of our country’s progress - similarly to how we now look at the Civil Rights

Movement of the 1960s. If that is to happen, however, we’ll all need to check our guts, our hearts and our minds, and do what we know is right.

Joe Hager  
Student

### Debate reporting not accurate

Recently I was involved in the campus debate between the College Republicans, College Democrats and Socialist Alternative. I, along with member Brett Hoven, represented Socialist Alternative. When I picked up last week’s issue of the Student Voice, I was very pleased to find that the staff had not only covered the debate, but the article took up more than half the back page.

Unfortunately, the recent article on our debate was filled with many inaccuracies and misquotations. Not only did the writer misspell my name, but she also cited paraphrases as direct quotations. Furthermore, there was at least one case where a quote by a member of one group was attributed to a member of another group. Because I have limited space for this reply, I will focus on one single issue. The quote “Everybody voted for this war to start,” was actually said by a member of the College Republicans, who went on to say “they [intelligence agencies] all agreed that he [Saddam Hussein] had weapons of mass destruction. We all turned out to be wrong.”

The fact that Brett Hoven did not say this brings up a very important fact. Socialist Alternative was opposed to the war from the beginning. Socialist Alternative saw through Washington’s lies, as can be seen in the article “No to Bush’s War for Oil,” (<http://socialistalternative.org/literature/war/>), printed by our organization in February 2003.

As Marxists we were able to accurately predict many of the events that have taken place in Iraq a month before they even began. We understood that a dominating outside invasion would likely lead to the quagmire that U.S. forces face in present-day Iraq. The fact is, Marxist analysis of the forces within society, and at play in global economics/politics, has proven to be the most accurate perspective of these issues.

Nick Shillingford  
Student

### All sides not represented in debate

Political debate is a staple in college life. Now is the perfect time for us to fully explore our viewpoints along with our

career paths.

I was encouraged to see a formal debate held on campus for this reason.

Unfortunately, all viewpoints were not represented. I have been involved with the libertarian movement that has been steadily gaining momentum over the past few years.

The libertarian point of view would have added balance to the left-leaning bias in this debate.

Many students would be surprised at how libertarian they actually are regarding the war on drugs, civil rights, the economy and countless other issues.

Hopefully next time the debate will be more inclusive.

Muriel Montgomery  
Student

### Student will keep debating

I would like to thank the Student Voice for their coverage of the President’s Day Debate at the UC. Many of the participants were happy to see such a large turnout of students and community members for this event. The Student Voice coverage certainly helped to bring this information to a broader audience.

I, and several other participants, felt that some of the quotes used did not quite match what the participants said. After reviewing the audio tapes of the event, it was found that indeed some of the quotes did not match what was said. Have no Fear! I am quite sure that I will continue to offer opinions wherever a willing audience can be found (I have no doubts that other students who participated will do the same). I am also quite sure that I will continue to listen to and learn from the ideas of other members of the community, one of the points of the debate, to bring the best ideas from many divergent areas together.

There are many elections occurring in April in Wisconsin, among them are elections to the city council and to the state supreme court. I hope that the Student Voice continues to serve the student body by providing coverage of the important elections. I, as I often do, have my own opinions about the candidates for these elections and will offer these in the coming weeks through letters to the editor and wherever I can find a convenient soapbox.

Your readers, I am sure, will appreciate the unbiased version from your writers that will help them make informed, wise decisions about who they want to represent them and protect their rights.

Thank you for your continued service to the students of UWRF. I look forward to your coverage of the Wisconsin spring elections.

Ben Plunkett  
Student

### Fairness not achieved in debate coverate

I’ve often wondered why conservative Americans are so misrepresented on this campus and around the world, and now I’m beginning to understand it.

In Jennie Oemig’s “coverage” of the President’s Day Great Campus Debate, the conservative voice was silenced and manipulated. Not only was the article poorly written, it was also very one-sided.

I am disappointed that the hard work and frustrated efforts of the Republicans have been overlooked by the Student Voice.

In my opinion, all three groups did a wonderful job explaining their viewpoints. Everyone was very educated and supported their beliefs. I appreciate and have great respect for the College Democrats and the Socialist Alternative group. They have their opinions and we, the Republicans, have ours.

If everyone believed the same things, there would have been no debate. Everyone’s voice was heard on February 19th, so why has Jennie Oemig chosen to exclude us in her article by choosing quotes that misrepresent our political beliefs? By including three boldfaced quotes to represent every group but the CR’s? By quoting the very intelligent and respectable Josh Sandey as saying “We don’t know what [global warming] is,” when it was very clear at the debate that he has been well-informed? By stating that Jennifer Jamison based her opinions on “scientific proof” when the proper term would be scientific evidence?

Perhaps it’s because she, like the majority of students here at UWRF, has bought into the theory that both our president and our country are disgraceful entities, and the left side has all the answers.

Well, not everyone is in agreement, and we want to be heard. We want to see a campus newspaper that will show equal respect to all its students. We want to be allowed to have an opinion, just like we’ve allowed everyone else their opinions.

Come on River Falls, let’s move past this intolerance and discriminatory hatred and accept that we just don’t agree.

Corrin Claypool  
Student

These people did it, so can you. Tell us what you think. Write a letter to the editor.



# Movie rental laws changing

Over the past few months, a debate has raged in a Massachusetts court over a tradition as American as hot dogs, Superman, McDonald’s and the World Series combined: our right to rent movies.

In November, Blockbuster signed a three-year deal with Bob and Harvey Weinstein, founders and former CEOs of Miramax films, giving the industry giant exclusive rental rights to theatrical and direct-to-DVD releases from their independent film studio, The Weinstein Company.

In exchange, Blockbuster agreed to pay them a hefty sum for each title and prominently display them in its rental outlets across the country.

Business critics praised the innovative arrangement, calling it a win-win situation.

The Weinstein Company would not only receive financial compensation for their ventures, but also get free promotion for all of their releases.

In addition, anyone who wanted to rent these titles would have no choice but to go to Blockbuster, giving the company an upper hand on its main competitor, Netflix.com, and aiding its quest to snuff out the dying independent rental store once and for all.

Sounds like a deal made in corporate heaven, right? Wrong.

What it appears to many of these analysts, and perhaps the companies themselves, failed to take into account — at least initially — is what’s known as the first sale doctrine, which states that “the distribution rights of a copyright holder end on that particular copy once the copy is sold.” This means that even though The Weinstein Company refuses to ship its DVDs to stores other than Blockbuster directly, anyone who has a rental license can buy the film at an approved retailer (Best Buy, Wal-Mart, eBay etc.) and rent



Tyler Liedman

it out to customers, essentially defeating the purpose of the arrangement for Blockbuster.

After realizing their mistake, the companies concocted a plan to include an 800 number on the DVDs asking consumers who rented the disc from a retailer other than Blockbuster to call and report it. This way, Blockbuster and the Weinstein’s could at least imply that by renting out these titles, some law was being broken.

Unfortunately, this idea didn’t sit well with the National Entertainment Buying Group, which represents 300 independent video retailers across the country.

The group, along with two other retailers, sued The Weinstein Company and its distributor in December, citing five business violations: unfair competition, unfair or deceptive acts and practices, untrue and misleading advertisements, negligent misrepresentation and torturous interference with advantageous business relations; quite a mouthful.

The plaintiffs in the ongoing lawsuit have demanded a temporary restraining order to prevent the company from including the phone number on its releases.

So far, the first DVDs released under the Weinstein-Blockbuster agreement have not included this number, but have added a disclaimer asserting the discs are intended for sale only. The next court date is scheduled for some time this month.

Pay attention to the outcome of this case. Though, in the end, it may not affect your all-American right to rent, it may be a rare opportunity to see a rich corporation called out for not playing fair.

# Carrots and meat to be outlawed

When I am elected president, the first thing I’m going to do is make carrots and red meat illegal.

No, seriously.

I will, because I don’t like carrots or red meat. No one in the United States will be allowed to sell, buy, cook — and certainly not consume — either carrots or red meat. Not in any way, shape or form.

And I can make it a law by showing people all the terrible outcomes they cause and by lobbying to make representatives and senators agree.

I’ve reached this disdain through my own research and background on the matter: I’ve tried carrots and red meat, and I just don’t like them.

And if I don’t like ‘em, ain’t no body gonna like ‘em.

Actually, maybe I won’t make them totally illegal. I’ll allow them in some circumstances, considering I do like carrots in my chicken noodle soup. And I’ll eat tacos with beef in them. But that’s it. No other times, under any other circumstance, will Americans be allowed to consume the orange carotenoid-rich vegetable or meat that is dark before it’s cooked.

This makes me sound like a lunatic, doesn’t it?

I hope you thought I had reached the point when my family and friends should be seeking the best treatment center and searching to find the best deal on a pretty white straight jacket.

I would agree.

That’s exactly how I feel when I have to listen to politicians run on an abortion-focused platform.

Just how I said I don’t like carrots and red meat and I would take them away, that’s

how politicians come across when they say no woman should have the right to choose an abortion.

I don’t make people refrain from eating carrots or red meat — what right do politicians have to tell people they can’t decide whether or not to follow through with a pregnancy just because they don’t like it?

To be honest, the inspiration for this whole thought came from a line in the new Ludacris and Mary J. Blige song, “Run Away Love.” In one verse, Luda talks about a young girl who thinks she’s in love so she doesn’t make her also-young boyfriend use protection. When she gets pregnant she has to run away because “she lives poor and has no money for abortion.”

Is it just me, or is that a bit oxymoronic? This girl is poor, so she can’t afford an abortion, which is around \$500. And depending on which state she lives in, her insurance may not cover it. So the better option is to give birth and be responsible for a life?

I have eight younger siblings; I know we all cost my parents far more than \$500 each.

If you’re thinking there are state-funded programs women can get on so they have support for their new family, you’re absolutely right. But how logical is that? You can’t afford to have a baby, but if you have it, you’re going to receive assistance.

That’s the same backward

thinking bankruptcy laws used to have before people wised up and saw it was not really the best option. If you can’t afford to stop something that costs relatively less money than it would if you were to follow through, you should have the choice to terminate.

So when a politician is running for an office and all they talk about is how they are going to change the abortion laws, I don’t even listen. Bush promised to do something about it, and he’s been in office for seven years. The laws remain the same.

Many other Republicans have run on that same ticket since Roe v. Wade passed in 1973. So everyone who voted for a candidate because they said you couldn’t eat your beloved carrots and red meat, oh sorry, I mean, tell you how you should feel about abortion, I’m telling you you wasted your vote on those grounds.

I ‘m not focusing on abortion and whether it’s right or wrong, but rather the feelings towards it. I’m saying I dislike it.

So don’t call me a baby killer, I’m stressing I think it’s pointless when politicians say their main focus making abortion illegal.

So chow down your carrots and red meat and eat them right in my face.

I will never seriously tell you that you should not eat them simply because I don’t like them, just as I will never tell you what to do with your body and be serious about it.



Keighla Schmidt

# Global warming is a world concern

Listen to Sean Hannity on the radio every day, not because I think he’s a good American, but because it’s important to know your enemy. The issue he has been flooding the airwaves with lately is the issue of global warming, saying it is an anti-capitalist agenda, a fear tactic perpetrated by Democrats, and above all, failed science. By doing this, Hannity, and many other people on both sides are doing the public a disservice by wrongly politicizing an issue that, to most people, is just common sense.

First, 500 words is completely inadequate to give you the science behind global warming. I’ve done hours of research, watched four hours of history channel special on past weather events, and called my local meteorologist, and there is a lot to it. I just wish someone would write a definitive report on the subject ... wait a second, the Environmental Protection Agency just released a report on the existence of global warming. It was compiled by hundreds of scientists over six years, using decades of research. What’s Fox News’s response? “WITCHDOC-TORS!”

Look, let’s forget whose science is correct (I hate having to say that). The common sense is that the planet has a fixed amount of resources, and if we

continue on a course of rabid consumption, we do a disservice to future generations.

Some would even look at this simple and crystalline argument and scoff. In fact, on most anti-warming sites, the primary argument is that prohibiting consumption would inhibit the economy. This also seems to be common sense. An economy is based on consumption, so limiting consumption should hurt it right?

Not necessarily. If we shift to replenishable resources, consumption would no longer be a problem. If our industries invested in alternative energy and came up with a viable hydrogen powered car, they would make a fortune. Not just from selling an efficient car to an American public that is tired of being gouged by gas prices, but also by selling this technology to other companies and countries. Alternative energy is an inevitability. The oil will run out. Who would you rather see invest in, invent, and profit from this technology? General Motors of America or Honda?

Alternative energy sources would also be good for national security. The number one thing that makes our country weak is its dependence on foreign oil. If OPEC raises prices ten dollars a barrel, we see negative repercussions in the stock market. If

the Middle East suddenly cut us off, our countries infrastructure would grind to a halt, and we would be forced to buy from Russia at \$200 a barrel. If we were free from our dependence on oil, we would be more secure in our future growth, and would be free from the noose of the oil producing countries.

Another argument against global warming is that it is a political fear tactic by the Democrats to bring voters to their side. The Republicans would never do this. They would never put the nation on, oh I don’t know, let’s say an orange alert for no good reason, would they? Yellow cake anyone? It might be true that the Dems are using this issue. The fact is that both sides cling to issues for leverage, but if I’m going to make a gamble, I’m going to err on the side of common sense. We only have one planet, so conservation is the side I choose.

Our country is coming to a crossroads, not only for our country, but also for the future of the planet. Many pundit hacks want to politicize this issue. If they can muddy this issue enough, people will throw their hands up in disgust, and quit the subject altogether. But this issue isn’t about politics; it’s about finding a sustainable future for this country that weighs our need for growth with the need to protect our natural resources. It’s about making a long-term investment in our country’s success. It’s about common sense.

# Issues bigger than global warming

I hate myself for writing this. Well, hate’s a bit strong, but there are some definite feelings of dislike. I’m going to talk about how I am getting tired of hearing about global warming. My excuse is that no matter how much you dislike discussing something, there are such things as verbal car wrecks, topics you can’t stop discussing and just captivate you to the point where there is no help for it that it must be brought out to the open. It’s like therapy; this column is therapy for me.

As if endless discussion of global warming hasn’t been enough, Al Gore had to get involved. I am not an Al Gore fan. I don’t know him, of course, but I’ve seen enough Saturday Night Live (SNL) to have formed a less-than-stellar opinion of him. I base all of my opinions of celebrities, politicians and transgender exotic dancers on what I see on SNL, and it’s worked out well for me so far. I just hope I one day get to meet Janet Reno, because if there is a dance party, I’m going to necessitate an invite.

So Al Gore was somehow involved with a documentary called “‘An Inconvenient Truth,” which I didn’t see, and he also made an appearance at the Academy Awards, which I also did not see. Yet, I still manage to hear all about it.

Honestly, I don’t really buy into the whole global warming thing in the first place. I’m sure it’s an issue and something we should be concerned about, but anybody who has gone

outside in the past month would probably agree that we don’t have to build solar-shelters any time soon. Polar bears that drown due to the melting of ice is just an example of natural selection. If wildlife in Thailand knew the tsunamis were coming in 2004, a polar bear should know when the ice he is standing on is melting.

At the Academy Awards (which were green this year!), Al Gore said of global warming, “It is the overriding world challenge of our time.”

I would have to disagree wholeheartedly, and I’m certain that people in Iraq, Darfur, eastern Europe, actually, all over the world, would also. People are dying right now. Worldwide, someone dies of starvation every two and a half seconds. Darfur, located in Sudan, has lost possibly 300,000 people in the past few years due to violence. Nobody knows for sure what the body count is, maybe because nobody has cared enough to count. Starvation, genocide, war and slavery are as rampant today as they have ever been, and the United States is not immune. Over 15,000 people, mostly women and children, are smuggled into America every year to become slaves, usually of a sexual nature.

If global warming is the biggest challenge the world is facing right now, I must have my priorities mixed up. I just believe that before we make a better world for our children’s children, perhaps we should show the children, women and men of today’s world that they mean the world to us by giving them a safe place to grow and live.



Cassie Rodgers



Sarah Ehlenz, sophomore

“I like how it’s a small campus. It’s close to the Twin Cities and my dad is an Alumni here.”



Joe Baumann, freshman

“I sent my ACT scores to four different colleges. The only one I got a reply from was River Falls ... I really liked their campus. Everyone here is pretty nice.”



Kelly Sauer, sophomore

“It’s about an hour from home, so it’s not too far and it’s not too close. Class sizes are small, good campus, one of the most affordable around.”

# STUDENT voices

## Why did you choose to attend the UWRF?

Ben Blanchard, junior



“They were one of two colleges that accepted me. The other one being Morris and I didn’t want to go to a really tiny town in the middle of nowhere.”

Leah Schellinger, sophomore



“The small class sizes and being able to communicate with your professors easily.”

Tristan Brodie, freshman



“My mom went here and their music program is really good.”



# All ‘Tucker’ed out: Falcons lose 2-1 in semis

Team awaits possible invitation to NCAA tournament

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Sophomore forward A.J. Tucker scored twice and goaltender Tyler Johnson stopped 25 shots as the St. Scholastica Saints defeated the UW-River Falls Falcons 2-1 on Saturday night.

The first goal of the game went to the Saints. On the team’s third power play of the first period, Tucker had the puck at the far post. Falcon’s goaltender A.J. Bucchino seemingly had the post shut off, but Tucker found a hole to sneak it by him just 12 seconds into the power play.

“I was on the post, and it was kind of a quick bang-bang play,” Bucchino said. “Maybe if I would have stood up, I could have had it. But it was a quick release, a quick pass and a onetimer. I just went down to react, and he just snuck it into a spot.”

The remainder of the first period was scoreless. Tucker added his second goal of the game 4:51 into the second period, putting the Saints up 2-0.

The Falcons offense looked sluggish for most of the game. Forward Tyler Kostiuik looked to change that as he charged up the right wing with the puck before being taken down by a Saints defenseman.

On the ensuing penalty shot, Kostiuik skated in on Johnson, went to his forehead and then to the backhand before flipping the puck past Johnson to put the Falcons on the board 6:30 into the second period.

“I just went in on the goalie really slow, and he just bit on one of the fakes,” Kostiuik said. “It wasn’t anything real special.”

The Falcons offense looked re-energized, drawing two penalties just moments after cutting the St. Scholastica lead in half. With the two-man advantage, the Falcons moved in close and had a few scoring chances, but big saves by Johnson and a few mistakes by the Falcons kept the game at 2-1.

The Falcons bombarded the Saints net with shots throughout the final period and a half, but time continued to dwindle. With just 3:26 left in the game, Saints forward Matt Saler got called for hooking, putting the Falcons on the power play. Once again, the St. Scholastica penalty kill stood strong, even drawing a crosscheck on Falcons forward Dustin Norman. The penalty on Norman came with just 2:04 left to play in regulation, which all but closed the door on the Falcons’ comeback attempt. Norman watched the tape and said that the referees made the right call.

“We have no control, but that’s why we have refs in our league; so we have the game played in a good way,” Norman said. “It was just disappointing that I got the penalty.”

Bucchino was pulled with 36 seconds left, just to return action to 5-on-5. With no room for error, the top line could not produce the game-tying goal before time expired.

“We played a decent game, we just didn’t take advantage of some of the opportunities we had,” Falcons head coach Steve Freeman said. “St. Scholastica played very well. They played really well defensively. They really bottled up the neutral zone. We had a lot of trouble breaking the puck out.”

Coming off a weekend against Lake Forest where he went large stretches without facing a shot, Bucchino faced consistent pressure from the St. Scholastica. The Saints distributed shots evenly throughout the game, totaling 26 shots in the game.

The Falcons managed 25 shots on Johnson, but the only one he let by was the penalty shot.

“Later on in the game, we put a lot more pressure on [Johnson],” Kostiuik said. “But he made some big saves. We didn’t get a whole lot of shots like we usually do in every other game, but the goalie made a lot of big saves on our shots.”

With the victory, the Saints will travel to St. Norbert to play in the championship game Saturday night at the Cornerstone Community Center.

The key to victory the last few weekends for the Falcons has been the advantage on the powerplay. On Saturday, the unit couldn’t get anything past Johnson and the Saints. The Saints played a high-pressured penalty kill, including a forechecker who caused a lot of problems and ate up a lot of clock. The Saints also blocked a lot of shots at the blue line. The Falcons, who had converted on nine of the teams last 22 power play attempts coming into the weekend, were 0-5 on Saturday night.

“We had a lot of chances on the power play. We just couldn’t bury the puck,” Norman said. “There were a couple chances there where we could have made a difference in the game, but it just didn’t go our way.”

The Saints came into the game riding high off of an upset over UW-Superior the weekend before. The Falcons were coming off a route of the Lake Forest Foresters. Bucchino said he doesn’t think that angle played much into the outcome.

“I think when they beat us a couple of weeks ago, I think we put that behind us and went in knowing we could beat them,” Bucchino said. “But we didn’t put the effort there to beat them. I think we just kind of overlooked the game and looked into the future too much, and we didn’t go out as hard as we should have.”

The future for the Falcons is now in the hands of the NCAA and a possible at-large bid in the national tournament. The team has been practicing all week in preparation, but will not know its fate until Sunday. Ranked second in the West, the Falcons definitely have the résumé to earn an at-large bid.



Above: UWRF forward Joe Adams holds off St. Scholastica defenseman Chris Meagher. The Falcons lost to the Saints 2-1 in the NCHA semifinals Saturday. Below: Falcon Defenseman Jim Henkemeyer and Saints Forward Trevor Geiger fight for the puck during the second period while forward Derek Hansberry trails the play. The Falcons will find out Sunday if they receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.



“We’re pretty confident that things are going to work out well and that we’ll get another opportunity,” Freeman said. “That’s really the reward from having a real strong regular season.”

The Falcons are trying to put the semifinal loss behind them and enjoy the rest of the season, whether they make the NCAA tournament or not.

“I’m really not disappointed at all,” Kostiuik said. “We’ve had a tremendous season, but I’m really enjoying having the second chance to come back and play.”

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<b>First period</b>	
16:22 CSSH - Tucker (Reynolds)	
<b>Second Period</b>	
04:51 CSSH - Tucker (Geiger)	
06:30 RF - Kostiuik (penalty shot)	
<b>Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)</b>	
RF - Bucchino (59:24-26-24)	
CSSH - Johnson (60:00-26-25)	

# Syverson takes the reigns for UWRF cross country team

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Keven Syverson has been named the head men’s and women’s cross country coach at UW-River Falls. He also coaches the men’s and women’s middle and long distance runners on the UWRF track and field team.

Syverson takes over for Don Glover, who resigned this off-season after six seasons coaching the cross country team.

Many of the track and field short and long distance runners are also members of the cross country team so they are already familiar with Syverson, making for a much easier transition between coaches.

Athletic Director Rick Bowen said he has wanted to merge the two coaching responsibilities for some time and he has finally gotten the opportunity to do so.

“It just made sense to make the distance track and field coach the cross country coach,” Bowen said. “They have many similarities in regimen and training so it’s a natural fit.”

The merging of coaching duties should help the runners who participate in both sports because they won’t have to switch back and forth between different coaching philosophies.

Justin Youngblom, a member of both the cross country and track and field teams, said he sees a lot of positives in having one coach for both sports.

“I think that the transition will go smoothly since Syverson has been the distance track coach for a few years now,” Youngblom said. “Having the same coach I believe will make better runners because you are training on the same program all year around.”

The move should also help in recruiting athletes because it allows one coach to do all the recruiting for both sports.

Syverson said he is encouraged by what he sees on the team already and credits Glover with leaving behind a solid group for him.

“I am very excited for the opportunity and challenge,” Syverson said. “Coach Glover did a good job leaving the program in good shape.”

The team will return a solid group of both men and women runners next season. The women are led by All-American Becca Jordahl, who is only the second woman in UWRF history to qualify for the NCAA cross country championship, where she finished 19th in the nation.

Bowen said he would like to see the cross-country team increase it’s recruiting and eventually be a team that finishes near the top of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



Keven Syverson

(WIAC).

“Glover set us on a good path and I’m hoping Keven can take us to the next level,” Bowen said.

Syverson said he hopes to build a strong overall team with strengths at every spot. To be successful as a team in cross-country, there needs to be an even distribution of talent across the board.

“A strong team needs a good balance of short and long distance runners along with runners who have a good balance of speed and strength,” Syverson said.

Syverson said there is always a transition period when a new coach takes over a program, but he is ready for it.

“I think there is always a learning curve when a new coach incorporates their philosophy,” Syverson said. “It takes over a year to get a feel for the program, especially the administrative part.”

Syverson will now perform double coaching duty, along with being the health education coordinator at UWRF and a father of three, making for a very demanding schedule. He lives in River Falls with his wife Jennifer and children, Alaina, Jared and Erin.

Because of the time commitment involved in the decision, his family played a big role in deciding whether he would accept the position.

“I had to have the support of my family to make it all possible,” Syverson said.

Syverson is very familiar with both the sport of running and UWRF. He is a for-

mer UWRF All-American and has been running for over 20 years.

He was a member of the cross country and track and field teams from 1990-94. He was a three-year captain in both cross-country and track and field. In 1991 Syverson was named the Most Valuable Runner in track and field. In 1992 he achieved the same honor on both the cross country and track and field teams. He currently holds six Falcons records. Syverson was inducted into the UWRF Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

While Syverson was a soldier in Germany in the late 1980s during the end of the Cold War era, he had the opportunity to compete with a German running club. He also had the opportunity to run with several national caliber masters level runners when he was living in Portland, Ore.

“Those were great learning experiences for me and have given me great foundation for the sport of running,” Syverson said.

Bowen said he is hoping that as the cross country team improves, so too will the track and field team. He said he is confident that Syverson can handle the demanding workload and be the coach to lead the team to the upper echelon of the WIAC.

“I don’t know if I can get a better person with more experience and a passion for running,” Bowen said. “It should be a perfect marriage.”

# Silent curse by boyfriend haunts Hunt



Sarah Packingham

As soon as I found out St. Scholastica would be playing UW-River Falls in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association semifinals of the playoffs, I was both nervous and excited.

I knew the Saints would be riding an emotional high after beating border rival, UW-Superior in the first round of playoffs. Scholastica’s victory over Superior was the team’s first win against the Yellowjackets since 1990.

I also knew Scholastica would come ready to play this past weekend, after beating us at the beginning of the month. The fact that they had beat us so recently made me quite nervous.

But the worst part about this game was the verbal bashing that would ensue during the week leading up to the game. My wonderful boyfriend attends St. Scholastica and loves to talk trash.

Although he cheers for River Falls, when not playing Scholastica, I knew this weekend would be different. It all started Sunday night, at 9:28 p.m. when he announced the bashing would begin.

On Monday morning, he put a silent curse on our beloved Hunt Arena. I was pissed. I thought it was a low blow, but I also thought it was very stupid. I normally don’t believe in curses, so after the initial anger I didn’t think anything of it, but to laugh.

Later on in the week, while talking to a prominent member of the hockey team, I told him of the rivalry that was taking place between my boyfriend and myself. I continued to tell him about the curse and how silly it was. The hockey player agreed and said that maybe they would score a couple quick goals to set the pace.

On Saturday, game day, my boyfriend came down to see the game with my parents. The roads were full of snow and traffic was considerably slower than normal, meaning they had extra time in the car to chat - or bash - whichever you prefer.

He spent a good portion of the four hours trying to convince them to cheer for St. Scholastica, and when he was not doing that, he was making fun of River Falls.

Almost as soon as he got to River Falls he was making fun of me and my favorite team. He would pinpoint certain players and talk about how his star team was going to crush them.

Game time came and he was proudly wearing his Scholastica gold about town.

He wore it in the new University Center and even in Hunt Arena. He was sure to show everybody who noticed him being there he was wearing St. Scholastica gear.

We proceeded to talk a little trash and make a couple jokes before getting settled into our seats.

My spot so happened to be in the press area, so he sat next to me and cheered for Scholastica. As if sitting by one Saints fan wasn’t bad enough, I had three or four of their players next to me. Throughout the course of the very exciting and intense game, I surrounded by a number of people with the opportunity to pick on me at any given moment.

When all was said and done, the Falcons lost 2-1 to the Saints and are waiting to find out if an at large bid to the NCAA Tournament is in the future. The Saints will travel to St. Norbert see if the magic stays alive.

Even though I said I didn’t believe on curses, the thought of it was still in the back of my mind all week.

As the game went on, and we were behind 1-0, 2-0 and 2-1 with only a few minutes left I thought, maybe I should believe in curses.



SPORTS WRAP

Crandall, Christy set school track records

The UW-River Falls women’s and men’s indoor track and field teams competed in the final day of the WIAC championships at UW-Whitewater on Saturday. The women placed fourth and the men seventh in the final team standings. Jill Crandall led the women with a first place finish in the pentathlon. She set a school record, scoring 3,474 points and won all but one event. Krista Hasselquist placed second in the weight throw and set a school record with her effort. For the men, Clint Christy finished second in the heptathlon and set a school record with 4,891 points. Alex Wahlberg placed seventh in the heptathlon. Christy also tied for seventh place in the high jump with a leap of 6-0 1/2. Jason Phillippi placed seventh in the mile in 4:18.59. Stewart was the top Falcon finisher in the triple jump at 40-8 3/4. The men placed seventh with 27.5 points. La Crosse won the team title with 171, followed by Whitewater with 110. Some Falcons will next compete in a last chance meet at Whitewater on Saturday at 10 a.m.

<b>Women</b> <b>February 23-24 results</b> <b>UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)</b> Meurer 7.98, 55 meters; Smith 26.59, 200-meters; Zweifel 2:20.83, 800-meters; Kozicky 5:12.85, mile; Kozicky 10:46.7, 3000-meters; Reed 8.5, 55 hurdles; Crandall 5-3 3/4, high jump; Smith 16-11 1/4, long jump; Van Houten 11-9 3/4, pole vault; Hasselquist 42-7 1/2, shot put; Hasselquist 53-9 1/4, weight throw; Crandall 3474, pentathlon;	<b>Men</b> <b>February 23-24 results</b> <b>UW-RF top finishers (event-performance)</b> Woitas 6.75, 55 meters; Phillippi 4:18.59, mile; Ernst 15:36.84, 5,000 meters; Dietz 8.25, 55 meter hurdles; Christy 6-3 1/4, high jump; Yerigan 13-10, pole vault; Christy 22-10 1/2, long jump; Voight 40-9 1/2, shot put; Christy 4981, heptathlon;
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Reimann sets school record in playoff loss

UW-River Falls was unable to overcome the multitude of turnovers and fouls during the second-round loss to Stout on Feb. 21. The Blue Devils jumped to an early 4-0 lead after Kelsey Duoss made a jump shot. River Falls answered with seven straight points. Stout managed to recover and go up by five. Krista Cordes made a three-pointer to tie the game at 16-16 and Traci Reimann tied the score once again at 18. The Falcons proceeded to go on a seven-point scoring drive with 3:16 left in the half. Stout continued to chip away at the lead until the end of the half, heading to the locker room with a 31-29 lead. River Falls kept the game close until Amanda Geissler made a pair of free throws, putting Stout ahead by seven. The Blue Devils slowly continued to increase the lead, reaching a 15-point margin at 57-42 with 7:47 left to play. This would be Stout’s largest lead of the game. The Blue Devil’s kept the double-digit lead for the remainder of the game, ending the game with a score of 70-59. Playing in her last game as a Falcon Reimann set the school rebounding record with her 840th career board. She broke a 21-year-old record that was previously established by Mary Johnson, who played for the Falcons from 1982-1986 and collected 838 rebounds during her career.

<b>February 21 results</b>					
<b>UW-Stout</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>	
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59</b>	

**UW-Stout (pts-rebs-assist)**  
Boese 14-6-2; Edwards 14-3-0; Oeltjen 11-3-2; Geissler 10-1-2; Duoss 8-7-1; Geissler 4-4-7; McDermid 3-0-0; Hirsig 2-3-0; Maslowski 2-3-0; Gerber 2-1-0

**UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist)**  
Preiner 15-6-5; Melgaard 13-3-0; Cordes 12-1-1; Reimann 10-9-3; Flansch 6-1-0; Sorenson 2-2-2; Lindman 1-4-1; Parr 0-3-2; Hilt 0-3-0; Rohl 0-1-0

Softball sweeps Carlton in double header

The Falcon softball team opened its season with two wins over Carleton College Wednesday night at the Rosemount Dome. The Falcons won the first game, 3-2, and came back to take the second game, 8-2. In the first game, in the fourth, Emily Howlett tripled and Keri Feller knocked her home with a sacrifice fly. In the sixth, Mindy Rudiger led off with a walk and scored when Breamber Syverson laid down a sacrifice bunt. Syverson purposely got caught in a run down and Rudiger scored. Rachel Mathias led off the seventh with a single and she advanced to third when Ashley James bunted. Margo Taylor pinch-hit and singled to score Mathias with what proved to be the game-winning run. Ashley Berttrand started on the mound for the Falcons and worked all seven innings. In the second game the Falcons scored four runs in the first inning and went on for the win. They added two runs in the second and fourth innings. The Falcons will next play St. Catherine Wednesday at the Rosemount Dome with action starting at 6 p.m.

Sports Wrap Courtesy of UW-River Falls Sports Information

STANDINGS

<b>Men’s Hockey</b> <b>NCHA Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
UW-River Falls (21-5-2)	10	3	1
St. Norbert (23-3-2)	10	3	1
UW-Stout (21-5-2)	10	3	1
UW-Superior (20-6-1)	9	4	1
St. Scholastica (15-11-2)	6	7	1
UW-Stevens Point (7-18-2)	3	10	1
UW-Eau Claire (9-14-4)	2	9	3
Lake Forest (3-21-3)	0	11	3

<b>Women’s Hockey</b> <b>NCHA Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
UW-Superior (17-5-3)	9	3	3
UW-River Falls (14-7-4)	9	4	2
UW-Stevens Point (16-6-2)	8	5	2
Lake Forest (10-6-7)	5	4	6
UW-Eau Claire (13-10-2)	6	7	2
Finlandia (4-19-2)	0	14	1

For complete stats check out the UWRF Sports Information Website at [www.uwrf.edu/sports](http://www.uwrf.edu/sports)

TOP PERFORMERS



Jill Crandall  
Pentathlon

Cradall broke an eight-year-old school record at the WIAC meet in Whitewater with 3,474 points. She broke the old mark of 3,379 points previously held by Sarah Peterson. She also won the overall competition at the meet.



Traci Reimann  
Basketball

Reimann broke a 21-year-old school rebounding record during the women’s basketball team’s playoff loss to UW-Stout. Reimann finished her career with 840 rebounds. Earlier this season Reimann scored her 1,000 career point, finishing her career with 1,139.

Coming next week:  
Women’s Hockey competes in NCHA Tournamnet

Former star seeks to extend UWRF legacy

Interim head men’s basketball coach hopes to have “Interim” tag removed

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After 12 years of being an assistant coach to former UWRF head men’s basketball coach Rick Bowen, Jeff Berkhof finally had his chance to be the head coach this past basketball season. On April 1, Berkhof was officially named Interim Head Coach for the 2006-07 UWRF men’s basketball team. “I was extremely excited,” Berkhof said. “I have a lot of ownership in this program, being a player for two years and being Coach Bowen’s assistant coach in different capacities for 12 seasons. That’s 14 years, and I was ready to be a head coach.”

With Berkhof being named an interim head coach, UWRF is required to go through a search process for the 2007-08 position of head men’s basketball coach, Search and Screen Committee chair Patti Ford said.

“Our job is to sift through and bring in the best possible array of applicants,” Ford said. “We are accepting applications. We will have a review date March 19. From there we do phone interviews; from there we do reference checks and then we bring candidates on campus.”

There is no deadline for the decision to be made, except that the decision will need to be made by the position’s start date in August, Ford said.

Bowen, the athletic director for UWRF, who appointed Ford as the chair of the Search and Screen Committee, said the committee will recommend candidates to be considered, and that Chancellor Don Betz will ultimately make the decision.

Junior forward Scott Kelly, who is also on the Search and Screen Committee, said this year’s transition from Bowen to Berkhof was not too hard because of the similarities between the two coaches.

“... Being a basketball player, [Berkhof] knows what we’re going through and he knows how to act with us,” Kelly said. “He’s younger so he’s also a friend as well as a coach.”

“I think the program has a bright future and I would love the opportunity to put my stamp on this program as the head coach at UW-River Falls.”

Jeff Berkhof,  
men’s basketball coach

In high school, Berkhof was recruited, not only as a basketball player, but also as a football player. He attended South Dakota State University, where he played quarterback for the Jackrabbits.

“I just kind of got burnt out playing football and I knew that my true love was playing basketball,” Berkhof said.

Worthington Junior College was the next stop for Berkhof, where he was recruited by Bowen as a basketball player. Berkhof said he remembers scoring 44 points in a tournament game on a Thursday, and having a letter in his mailbox by the time he got home that Sunday.



Jens Gunelson

Jeff Berkhof drives to the basket during the 1993-94 season. Berkhof played for the Falcons men’s basketball team for two seasons and worked as an assistant coach for 12 seasons before getting an opportunity to serve as the interim coach this year.

ment game on a Thursday, and having a letter in his mailbox by the time he got home that Sunday.

“I was impressed that he sent me a letter so quickly,” Berkhof said. “That showed me that he was very serious about the recruitment of me.”

The recruiting paid off, as Berkhof led the Falcons in scoring in 1994 with 17.4 points per game. That year, Berkhof graduated from UWRF with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in physical education and a minor in athletic coaching. While playing basketball for River Falls his senior year, Berkhof said he knew he wanted to become a coach.

Even though the Falcons top three scorers chose to leave the team after the 2005-06 season, Berkhof was able to lead the Falcons to a 10-16 overall record, impressing a lot of people around the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

“He’s done a great job up there this year,” UW-Whitewater head coach Pat Miller said. “I think he’s exceeded probably anybody’s expectations and he should be happy with the job he’s done. People who have been around our league understand how difficult it is to win with young players and he’s done that this year.”

Berkhof used his recruiting ability to

replace the loss of the 2005-06 leading scorers, with this year’s top three scorers all being first year Falcons. Recruiting is one of the best parts of being a coach, and coaching is a job that is fun to come to every day, Berkhof said.

“My wife is used to me not being around too much because I’ve been very active in recruiting the last few years for Coach Bowen,” Berkhof said. “Jill’s been very supportive of everything. It’s tough not seeing my family at times, but that’s part of it, and I enjoy every aspect of my job.”

After 20 years as head coach, Bowen made a point to allow Berkhof to fully take over the basketball team this year.

“Jeff was my assistant for 12 years, so I went out of my way to stay out of his way, because the last thing he needed was me looking over his shoulder,” Bowen said.

Recently, contact between Bowen and Berkhof has included a reminder for Berkhof to submit his application and résumé for the 2007-08 head men’s basketball coaching position, Berkhof said.

“I was excited about the opportunity I received last year, and I believe I did a good job,” Berkhof said. “I think the program has a bright future and I would love the opportunity to put my stamp on this program as the head coach at UW-River Falls.”

Softball team preps for season, sets goal of school wins record

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The women’s fast pitch softball team is preparing to start the season this week with a double-header against Carleton College at the Rosemount Dome. The Falcons finished the 2006 season with an overall record of 22-19-1, the tie being a game at St. Mary’s University, which was called after five innings on account of darkness. The team finished in a tie for seventh place after eliminating UW-Stout and beating UW-La Crosse in the WIAC tournament before being eliminated by UW-Oshkosh in a 2-0 loss. The Falcons’ final record in the conference was 5-9.

The team goal is to win 29 games to break the Falcon record of 28, Falcons head coach Faye Perkins said.

UW-River Falls has not lost any graduating seniors from last season, but did lose outfielder Amanda Wojnowiak who transferred. Wojnowiak was one of the team’s most productive offensive players, leading the team in batting average, home runs, runs batted in and slugging percentage.

The core of the team will be returning along with some new faces. Tryouts were held in the fall and several incoming freshmen could make an impact, Perkins said.

Also returning will be junior pitcher Brittany Rathbun who was injured in August. “[Rathbun’s] worked extremely hard in rehab to come back 100 percent,” Perkins said.

Rathbun and junior Ashley Bertrand handled the bulk of the pitching duties last season. Bertrand started a record-setting 33 games, finishing the season with a 16-11 record and a 2.26 ERA. She also led the team in strikeouts with 124. Rathbun started eight games, but pitched mostly in relief, appearing in a total of 33 and had just a 1.85

ERA.



Jens Gunelson

Junior Emily Howlett, who plays third base for the Falcons, makes contact in a game against UW-Platteville April 22 last year. Howlett hit .328 and started all 42 games for the Falcons during the 2006 season.

Both pitchers are returning, as is most of the starting lineup with the exceptions of Wojnowiak and outfielder Angie Quance.

The infield will most likely be comprised of sophomore Keri Feller at first base, senior Breamber Syverson at second base, junior Emily Howlett at

third base, and sophomore Mindy Rudiger at shortstop. Syverson, Howlett, and Rudiger will be playing the same positions they did last season. Feller was the Falcons designated player last year and will be in her first year starting at first base. Senior Amanda Peters started at first last year before being moved to the outfield this year.

The outfield will consist of Peters, senior Michelle Kelley and sophomore Rachel Mathias.

Junior catcher Ashley James will be returning to start, but will have some competition from senior Margo Taylor and freshman Rebecca Troop.

Even with the departure of Wojnowiak, the Falcon’s offense is still above average. Peters, Feller, Howlett and Rudiger all batted over .300, and Rudiger won the award for best offensive player in 2006.

The team batting average was .286 last season, which was well over the league average of .254, but Coach Perkins said she would like to see it over .300 this year.

The team’s upcoming game will be a doubleheader against St. Catherine on March 7 at 6 p.m. at the Rosemount Dome. From March 11-16 the team will travel to Orlando, Fla. for the Rebel Spring Games, where the Falcons will compete against teams from all over the country.

The Falcons will take on UW-Stout in the team’s first conference game April 3.



# UWRF Friends program celebrates five years

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Friends of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) and UW-River Falls have been working together as a campus-recognized organization for five years. BBBS matches children ages six through 18 with mentors in professionally-supported one-to-one relationships. The Friends program is a one-on-one relationship in a group setting. Friends of BBBS was designed to provide college students with the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life at a convenient location. UWRF students get together with students from Greenwood Elementary and Meyer Middle School, both in River Falls, to take part in activities around campus. Before becoming a recognized organization, the program was held in the basement of Johnson Hall where more than 30 "littles" would come to interact with less than 10 "bigs." President Rachel Wilber, who was elected last spring, said though there are other programs college students can be involved in as "bigs," the Friends program makes it convenient for them. "The program generally involves children that need pos-

itive role models in their life and the Friends program provides them with a college student that can provide friendship and a positive influence," she said. Wilber said an advantage for the college student is that they don't need a vehicle to volunteer. "Since the program is located on campus and the 'littles' are dropped off on campus, college students don't need to drive anywhere," she said.

**"We often had troubles with e-mail and thought more people would actively check Facebook."**  
Rachel Wilber,  
President of BBBS

Wilber, along with Bridget Degel and Carye Kringle, created a Facebook group last year to make it easier to communicate with "bigs" involved in the program. "We often times had troubles with e-mail and thought more people would actively check Facebook," Wilber said. "We didn't create the group to get more people involved, but I think it has benefited us as an

organization." Wilber said the number of members in BBBS has gone up since the group was created. Jeff Parker, vice president and Thursday Program Day leader, said he finds many important qualities in the organization. "The most important part of the job is making sure everyone feels safe and comfortable, gradually becomes more open with their big or little and has fun," he said. Parker said raising awareness of the program is also important. "We are always in need of volunteers—especially males—for not only the UWRF Friends program, but for all of the programs that BBBS offers," he said. Degel, vice president and Wednesday Program Day leader, said she would love to see more community partnership and service from the "bigs" and "littles." "River Falls has so many fun places for kids and college students to hang out with each other that it's great when the community opens the doors welcomingly for us," Degel said. The UWRF Friends program has held events such as rock climbing at Knowles, playing basketball with the women's team and skating with the men's hockey team. School-based Big Sister Nikki



Submitted Photo  
**UWRF students Devon Erickson, Kyle Brager and Arik Feidt of Big Brothers Big Sisters participate in game day with their "littles" last week. Each student mentors one "little."**

Purtell said she enjoys spending time with her 11-year-old "little." "I go visit him during his study hall at his middle school and hang out with him for that time period," Purtell said. "Sometimes I help him study,

other times we sit and talk." Secretary Kringle said she wants BBBS to spread throughout UWRF and the community. "I would love to see the organization grow to serve the community with more UWRF students seeing what our organiza-

tion has the power to do," she said. Meetings are currently held in the South Fork Suites conference room every other Wednesday and Thursday. The next meetings will be held March 7 and 8.

## Parking: Moving of house will create about a dozen new spots from page 2

is just nowhere to park and it stinks." Now with the removal or disposal of the house the tenants living there will have to be moved out by at the latest the end of July, Weiss said. "The last lease is up in the end of July, so even if we wanted to start now, we couldn't," Weiss said. "We may not get started on the lot until the end of August, and may not finish until October." Along with the purchase of the house, the University was also able to manage a deal to gain more land. "With this money we were

able to purchase the house on Q Lot and we also were able to do a land swap with a private party," Trende said. The land swap has been approved for Ramer Field, but is not quite definite yet. There are still more papers that need to be signed to allow the land swap, but it is happening, Trende and Weiss said. "Along with the land swap Kwik Trip will be moving into the lot there," Trende said. Trende said Kwik Trip is moving in because they think it will be a good opportunity for them down by Ramer Field. Students will also be able to purchase more permits as a result of the expansion of the

Ramer Field Lot. Although the parking spaces will not be available for some time, when finished, many more people will be able to park nearer to campus. Junior Ali Arrigoni said she is excited about the parking being expanded. "Even though that lot is far away it will still be better," Arrigoni said. "Maybe more people will park out there and there will be more spots on the street or even in the meters." With the advancements in parking, it will make life easier for commuters traveling to campus. Over the past 30 to 40 years the campus has slowly been buying land to alleviate the

## 7th annual psych conference to be held in University Center

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UW-River Falls will host the 7th annual Enhancing the Teaching of Psychology conference late spring semester. "The main goal is to get faculty members from across the state together who teach psychology," associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and psychology professor Brad Caskey said. This year's keynote speaker is Auburn University (AU) psychology professor, William Buskist. According to the AU Web site, Buskist has been a faculty member at AU for over 18 years. Every freshman at AU has the opportunity to be taught by Buskist through a required core course titled "The Individual and Society." The Web site also explained that each quarter, he teaches three classes composed of around 350 students, and is considered the go-to guy for undergraduate students interested in psychology. He has taught more than 28,000 AU students.

**"It is always a great experience to see the similarities among faculty members between the public and private settings ..."**  
Brad Caskey,  
Associate Dean of CAS

In 1999, Buskist won the American Psychological Association's Robert S. Daniel Teaching Excellence Award of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. "Bill's commitment to teaching stands out because he, unlike others, not only performs well in the classroom, but has devoted the last decade of his career to advancing the teaching of psychology in the classroom, in the department, in the university and in the profession," Virginia O'Leary, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology at AU said on the Web site. Last year, the conference was held at UW-Green Bay and was met with much success.

There were 40 to 50 faculty members from the UW System who shared different practices and methods of teaching psychology. "It is always a great experience to see the similarities among faculty members between public and private settings and big and small settings," Caskey said. There is a four-member steering committee for this year's conference, of which Caskey is a member. UW-LaCrosse, UW-Green Bay and UW-Oshkosh are the other universities that have members on the committee. This year's conference is funded by three different sources. The UW System provided a grant. The Dean's office of the CAS supplied a grant, and the psychology department also helped with funds. The invitation has been extended for the first time in the seven-year history to Minnesota colleges and universities. "It made sense to invite those on the other side of the Wisconsin-Minnesota border due to proximity and existing connections," Caskey said. UWRF students take part in the Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference (MUPC), one of the longest running undergraduate conferences in the world. UWRF hosted the 37th annual MUPC conference in 2002. "It was the largest conference yet for the event, with over 250 student presenters and faculty from five different states," Caskey said. With universities from Minnesota and Wisconsin participating, Caskey said he has high expectations for this year's conference. "In the past is has been a successful event and this year we expect to have a big turnout," Caskey said. There will be many topics discussed throughout the eight-hour event. Topics will range from psychology major/minor curriculum in the 2000s to best practices in the classroom.



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# ‘Reno 911!’ goes from tv screen to movie screen



A.J. Hakari

“Reno 911!: Miami” is, obviously, the Comedy Central show’s first stab at generating laughs on the big screen, and fortunately, its format is one that’s fairly easy to adapt for the cinema, unlike a lot of TV sitcoms agonizingly stretched out to 90 minutes (I’m talkin’ to you, “Bewitched”). Though the movie pretty much follows the same hit-or-miss structure that the show tends to adopt, it’s safe to say that if you enjoy the misadventures of the Reno Sheriff’s Department on TV, you’ll have a good time with them at the nearest multiplex. It’s business as usual in Reno, Nevada, where Lt. Dangle (Thomas Lennon) and deputies Garcia (Carlos Alazraqui), Jones (Cedric Yarbrough), Junior (Robert Ben Garant), Wiegel (Kerri Kenney-Silver), Johnson (Wendi McLendon-Covey), Kimball (Mary Birdsong) and Williams (Niecy Nash) help keep the peace — and by that, I mean trying to capture the occasional stray chicken. One day, the Reno crew is invited to a police convention in Miami. But while the officers expect a few days of booze and cheap strip clubs, a biochemical attack is launched on the convention, leaving all law enforcement officials under quarantine — except the men and women of Reno. They take it upon themselves to bumblingly tackle Miami’s crime, which ends up landing

them their biggest case ever when they cross paths with a Scarface-like gangster (Paul Rudd). It’s clichéd to describe a movie based off a TV show as essentially a longer episode of the show, but that’s what “Reno 911!: Miami” pretty much is. There’s more swearing and some good ol’ gratuitous nudity, but other than that, the jokes and nearly non-existent plot are the same as they are on cable. The faux-“Cops” presentation is back (although the flick often drops it at its own convenience), the main actors have returned, and the script is partially improvised as it is on the show. So is it a bad thing that both versions of the same comedy are so similar? Not necessarily. Just as the average episode of “Reno 911!” has a good share of chuckles as well dry patches of humor, so does “Reno 911!: Miami.” There are plenty of funny scenes here, the best of which include a cameo appearance from The Rock and a sex scene that takes a turn for the unexpected. The cast also seems to be enjoying themselves, having as much fun as a team here as they do on the show. Still, although “Reno 911!: Miami” has a pretty short running time, a lot of that is comprised of some lame jokes, tired filler and a wannabe Scarface subplot that seems like it was stolen from the eighth “Police Academy” movie. “Reno 911!: Miami” approaches comedy like it’s making spaghetti; it cooks up a bunch of gags and throws them on the wall, and your enjoyment depends on how much ends up sticking. For me, “Reno 911!: Miami” didn’t warrant enough for a return meal, but it was satisfying enough for the 80 minutes the movie lasted.



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.



Teresa Aviles

Another Comedy Central favorite-turned-movie is another failed attempt to recreate the show on the big screen. “Reno 911!,” the television version, is a satire of the show “Cops,” with a crooked police force. Laid out in segments of various 911 calls, from domestic disturbance to prostitution, the film uses this style very little. Instead it consists of random events that don’t make any sense. The movie is set in Miami at an annual police convention. “Reno’s finest” are forced to stay in a cheap motel when their passes for the convention are not found. The building of honest cops becomes quarantined and the Reno force is the only police authority in the whole country. Their job is to keep the city of Miami in line, and they also have the responsibility of obtaining the antidote. “Reno 911!” is generally only funny because they almost always succeed, but in the most half-assed, nearly-illegal way. The cast of seven give their comedic performances on the big screen to reflect the comedy of the show. Paul Rudd played Ethan the drug lord, a Scarface replica. Other cameos of B-list actors and comedians include David Koechner, Paul Reuben (Pee-wee Herman), Michael Ian Black, The Rock and Minnesota native Nick Schwarudson as the infamous

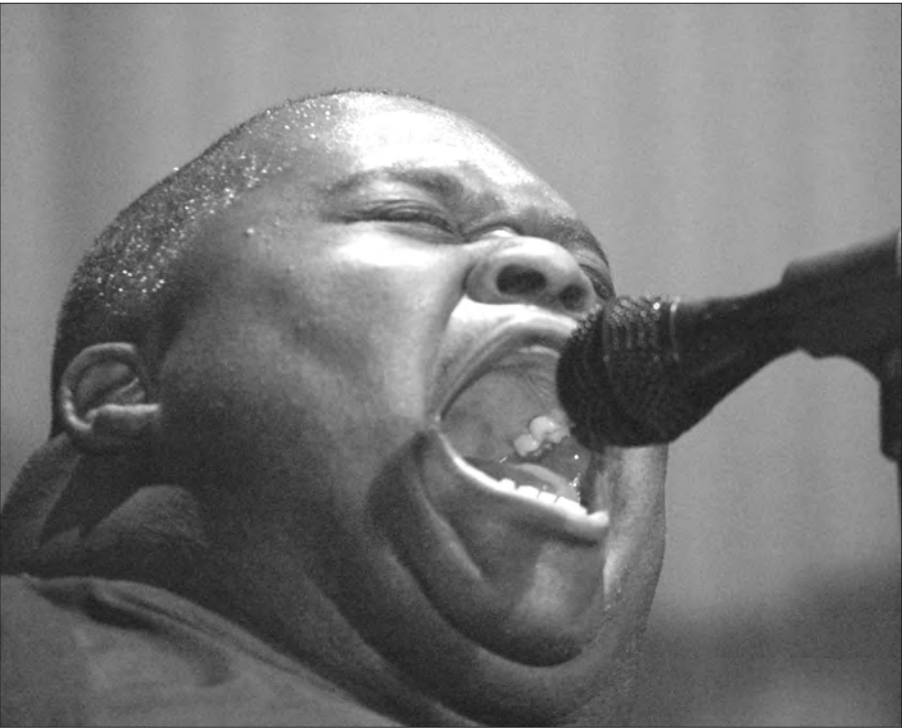
Terry. For those who are unfamiliar with Terry, he is best known as the flamboyant guy on rollerblades who repeatedly gets arrested for various illicit things. In the film, his response was typical Terry, but still hilarious as ever. “Lewd acts? I don’t even know what ‘lewd’ means. Is it ‘lube’ or ‘lewd’?” as he is covered in “apple martini and lube” and wearing short shorts that read “South Biatch” across his bum. Terry, who never has believable stories, wows the audience in the end with a typical major character development necessary to fit the cliché of adapted films. The anticipation for the movie was high, but only delivered bad jokes that made the 15-year-old skater boy sitting next to me roll over with laughter. It tried too hard to appeal to a younger, simpler audience with cheesy slapstick. Occasionally, I had a good laugh like when Lieutenant Jim Dangle, the gay leader of the crew, got his watch stuck in the pubic hair of Deputy Trudy Wiegel, the awkward female who makes everyone feel uncomfortable, while attempting a “pity screw.” Another mediocre funny part came from a scene of Wiegel at a shoot-a-cop carnival-like game in which she assumingly aimed her gun at a cop’s bullet-proof vest. Instead she shoots him in the arm. Other noteworthy laughs were during a scene with a beached whale and also a free-for-all shooting spree on a single chicken. Disappointment usually leads to a loss of words so I will use Deputy Clementine’s last words as my own: “Umm...legalize it.”

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# Gospel choir entertains, enlightens crowd



Robert Robinson sings a spiritual song during the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir performance Feb. 22 in the North Hall Auditorium.

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Seventeen years ago Robert Robinson started the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir, which performs 40 to 50 shows a year, including one at UW-River Falls. On Feb. 22, the choir performed under the direction of Robinson in the North Hall Auditorium in front of a full crowd of students, faculty, staff and community members. This was the second time in as many years the gospel choir performed at UWRF, but this year was the first time the performance was held in the North Hall Auditorium. Robinson said the crowd was a lot of fun. “I love how they play along with me,” Robinson said.

Junior Chad Ronayne saw the choir perform for the first time and said he liked the way the group interacted with the crowd. “My favorite part of the night was at the end when Robert Robinson had the audience sing the different parts of a worship song,” Ronayne said. “It was funny when he told us to act like a black church for a while. He said that in a black church, people stand, clap their hands and sing ... to praise God.” The choir that performed at UWRF was a smaller ensemble of about 24 members, but Robinson said when the whole choir is together, there are over 100 participants. The interactive and fun performances Robinson works to put together is one of the reasons so many people decide to join.

Joy Smiley has been in the choir for six years and performed here last year, but this year she was just getting over laryngitis and therefore was unable to sing. “I heard them sing at about six concerts and I couldn’t stay in my seat,” said Smiley, commenting about her decision to join the ensemble. “It’s like a family. Everyone just supports each other. It’s more than just singing.” UWRF student Erik Wood was in the audience on Feb. 22 and said he has attended the performances of the gospel choir the last two years. “The gospel choir this year was composed of many new members that were not present last year,” he said. “I liked Randy, of course; he puts American Idol to shame.” The choir’s performance

had a way of helping ease some students’ minds. “This year’s show was very exciting, energetic and uplifting,” Ronayne said. “I came Saturday night with a lot of stuff weighing me down, and by the end of the night, most of those burdens just disappeared.” While the choir sings religious songs, it doesn’t matter what background you come from. There are people who are Catholic, Jewish, pretty much every denomination, Smiley said. Throughout the course of the performance, which lasted a little over an hour, Robinson talked about topics that pertain to students. Robinson said he would love to come back. “I definitely felt the presence of God that night,” Ronayne said. “And [I] think they brought a great message to a public university.”

# Young musicians out to impress



Jenna Lee

I will be the first one to admit that I am not the authority around campus on hard-core rap or hip-hop, but regardless, the popularity is too great to ignore when upcoming artists of those genres emerge. 2XL is a rap group consisting of two 16-year-old brothers, Bennett “Laze” and Justin “Royal City” Talmadge Armstrong. The duo’s first album *Neighborhood Rapstar* has a few singles that show great potential for the group, but given the boy’s young ages, it’s obvious they still have a lot of growing to do before they find their sound. The “Magic City” remix, which features Unk is pretty catchy. I am still at a loss as to

where exactly Magic City is. Usually rappers pay homage to Chi-town or Atlanta or even neighborhoods where they grew up. Apparently, Magic City is just a place in Laze and Royal City’s mind where they become famous and get beautiful women. “Kitty Kat” featuring E-40 is a song I can definitely see being played in dance clubs around the country. The concept of “I want to know where the ‘kitty’ at” is a bit too cheesy to be offensively suggestive, but I’ve definitely heard worse at a club — remember “skeet, skeet, skeet”? The lyrics in dance hip-hop are pretty meaningless when it comes to the fans of the music. Unfortunately, most of the beats are pretty similar and lack complexity, as if the producer, Scott Storch, wasn’t real confident using a big sound board. According to the duo’s MySpace page, the first single “Kissing Game” has been getting heavy air play in places like Detroit and — of all the

hip-hop mega-centers in the United States — Minneapolis. I personally haven’t heard it on 96.3, but it’s really a cute song. Singing about kissing is exactly what 16-year-old boys should be rapping about — not finding pussy. The same goes for their song “Clap Music.” When you’re 16, you want to clap at the dance club. But by the time you reach your 20s, you’re much less excited — and probably a bit horrified — to be “down with the clap.” However, life for Laze and Royal hasn’t always been about kissin’ and clappin’. The boys’ father abandoned them early on and their mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. “The Chapters” documents all the terrible things they were able to overcome growing up in North Hollywood to be able to put out an album. Though I don’t see 2XL blowing up on MTV or BET anytime soon, I have to give them a lot of credit for working so hard at the age of 16.

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