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Concept for Cascade becomes more refined

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The technical committee for the Cascade Avenue reconstruction will hold its third meeting at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 26, with hopes for high attendance from UW-River Falls students. The meeting will take place in the St. Croix room of the University Center.

Throughout the years, the condition of Cascade Avenue has deteriorated. Additional problems on the avenue include street lighting issues, and a lack of quality in the storm and sanitation sewers. A number of safety concerns were also addressed at the previous meetings in April and September. Community members have voiced their

worries about pedestrian safety and their frustration with consistently flowing traffic. There have been a number of close calls with cars hitting pedestrians and cars running into each other as they yield to pedestrians.

With these concerns in mind, the technical committee developed a number of plans to present to the public in September. After hearing input from River Falls citizens, the committee has now chosen and refined one specific plan. The plan, which will involve medians and fences, will be presented at the upcoming meeting on Nov. 26. The goals for the avenue's concept are to aim for smoother traffic, an improved parking plan, pedestrian safety and an overall pleasantry for people

visiting campus, UWRF campus planner Dale Braun said. The meeting will allow citizens to provide feedback on their feelings about the plan. If the overall consensus proves to be negative, the committee will go back to the drawing board.

With the meeting taking place on the UWRF campus, Braun and the additional members of the committee hope to see student participation increase. The September meeting witnessed minimal student attendance, with two UWRF students attending the meeting to fulfill a class requirement.

"I'm hoping students stop by and try to imagine what the concept would be like to experience as a student," Braun said.

The committee is encouraging all students to attend to voice their experiences and concerns with Cascade.

"The perspective of younger people will help," Braun said.

These future changes to Cascade Avenue will prove to affect UWRF students directly. The refined concept will prevent pedestrians from crossing the street in any chosen place. Instead, crossing will only be allowed at street corners.

"The plan will limit the places where you can cross," Braun said.

The plan could potentially include fences which will discourage anyone from crossing anywhere but street corners. There will also be no parking on Cascade between sixth and second

streets. Braun said he knows the plan will cause inconveniences, but achieving safety is a higher priority.

"The primary goal for me is to ensure pedestrian safety," said Braun.

Because of the fact that Cascade Avenue runs directly through campus, it is without a doubt that students will experience the changes daily. The committee says it is hoping for students to attend the meeting and teach them about their experiences on Cascade. They also would like to answer any questions or address any questions that students may have. The committee is planning to take the plan to the City Council in December 2007. Additional information can be found on the River Falls Web site at <http://www.rfcity.org>.

Employee health care has limited options

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For the staff and faculty of UW-River Falls, decision time has come.

On Nov. 13, they were forced to choose new health care coverage and, in many cases, find a new health care provider.

The three provider options that State of Wisconsin employees must choose from--Humana West, Anthem and the Standard Plan--have caused anger and confusion among the UWRF community because they do not cover visits to any doctors or specialists in Minnesota. Given the proximity of River Falls to the Twin Cities and its many hospitals, clinics and doctors, this is a huge inconvenience for the approximately 40 percent of UWRF staff and faculty who call that area home.

In addition to not covering doctor or hospital visits in Minnesota, the new options also have different levels of coverage called tiers. Tier 1 is the least amount of coverage and therefore the cheapest. Tier 2 and Tier 3 coverage gets broader but also more expensive. There is also inequality in the distribution of providers among the different counties, as Pierce County does not have as many Tier 1 options as most other counties in Wisconsin.

Although the original date for staff and faculty to decide upon an option was set for Nov. 5, discretion among the plans that the providers were promoting pushed the date back to Tuesday.

"Two of the three providers continued to provide inconsistent responses to questions about the coverage of their plans," Faculty Compensation Committee Chair Stephen Olsen said. "In one case, the provider had not signed contracts with providers they listed as being part of the network. Therefore, it was virtually impossible for the employees to make an informed decision."

According to Olsen, not much has changed over the past few weeks that this issue has been developing. Thus, there have been no re-bidding of plans or reduction in price of the plans.

"Despite the University's request for specific improvement to the situation ... the people in Madison responsible for this situation--primarily the Employee Trust Fund and the Office of State Employee Relations--have done absolutely nothing to try and improve our situation," he said.

Olsen said he believes that this issue has resulted in a "major change in the employment relationship between employees and the State of Wisconsin."

He notes that these poor health care options will severely impact the University's ability to retain and recruit faculty.

"Even if faculty chose to remain at UWRF, the morale on this campus has been severely affected," he said.

And with winter approaching, Olsen warned the staff and faculty to remain illness-free.

"Nobody should be relaxed, but they better try to stay healthy," he said. "All three of the options could be a financial disaster if an employee or family member has a high-need medical situation next year."

World-renowned author visits campus

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UW-River Falls students had the opportunity to hear from a speaker, artist and author whose work has been shown in galleries across the world and whose words have inspired countless people to recognize racism and its realities.

The author, damali ayo, gave a lecture, entitled "I Can Fix It!: Racism." The lecture took place Wednesday night in North Hall auditorium, attracting an audience that nearly filled the venue.

Kirsten Farrar, a junior majoring in social work, said she was impressed with the number of attending students but wished the auditorium could have held even more.

"I think this was a very good turnout," Farrar said. "But I wish we could have fit the whole campus in the auditorium...I think it would have been well received."

Drawing from her own personal experiences, ayo showed the audience how to improve our handling of race with 10 solutions for how to create healthier interactions among races. The lecture dealt with race in a very real and often harsh way, just as "Now Art," a term coined in 2006, describes her approach to her work that "involves viewers as participants in the art-making process while generating dialogue," as part of her belief that "artists' true place is at the forefront of social movements," according to her official Web site.

In 2003, ayo created the web-art-performance rent-a-negro.com, which explores the interactions between blacks and whites in society through satire. Those needing to "rent a negro" for a specific event can go to rent-a-negro.com and put in an electronic request; they can even find a link to detailed pricing, including everything from touching her hair for \$25 to purchasing a certificate of association for \$100. Everything on the Web site "is real," ayo said.

"Everyone keeps expecting me to behave like a professional black person but I wasn't being compensated," ayo said. "So I came up with this Web site...art created out of reality."



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Author, demali ayo, uses visuals to elaborate how people consist of different colors, which signifies how people are diverse. She also gave solutions on interacting with other races.

Her book relating to the Web site, How To Rent A Negro, was "acclaimed as 'one of the most trenchant and amusing commentaries on contemporary race relations,'" according to her Web site, even earning a 2005 Honorable Mention in the Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Meyers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights.

It's the fact that both of these works come from real personal experiences with racism that audiences sometimes find difficult to grasp, but don't make them any less poignant.

"It's all real," ayo said. "Reality is so good I don't have to manipulate it...I just write it down."

Known for her ability to engage audiences, ayo used personal experiences as the basis of her lectures, using a combination of satire and harsh truth to relate to her audience. Sometimes this approach is misunderstood, ayo said.

"A lot of people think I'm angrier than I am, it's just that I needed to get all those stories...all that pain, out," ayo said. "People need to know that I'm trying to understand, too...and it's just sometimes that the playful-

ness of it doesn't always come through."

Most of the time, it's well received and there is even a certain feeling that people articulate when they "finally get it," she said.

"It's when white people say, 'I laughed so hard and then I wanted to cry,'" ayo said. "We have to know it's a mess...to keep that sense of levity as well as a sense of sinking, otherwise we'd have to jump off a cliff, you know?"

To help students explore some of the content of her book, a discussion group was developed using funds from the Diversity Action committee to purchase books and recruit members. Students were then solicited from specific groups on campus who then recruited faculty to get the most participation possible, Associate Student Services coordinator Karyn Kling said.

"We booked her coming to campus awhile ago, but then four to six months ago we decided to create this discussion group," Kling said. "We hope to continue the book club in the future, for all students."

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Pending plans for Rodli remain undecided



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Rodli remains unused since the opening of the University Center in January.

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Rodli Commons sits vacant, its halls no longer filled with the hustle and bustle of students and staff shuffling through its corridors.

"No final plans have been made for the next use of Rodli Hall," Chancellor Don Betz said in an e-mail interview. "There have been several proposals considered, but no recommendation has emerged as the option for Rodli's future. We are continuing discussions of the options."

There may be no formal plans for the vacant Rodli Commons right now, but that doesn't mean there are no plans whatsoever.

"There have been a number of [ideas] kind of thrown around recently," Michael Stifter, the director of facilities management, said.

Among the options for Rodli are leasing the space, repurposing Rodli to accommodate the needs staff and students, or possibly using the area as a short term Health

and Human Performance Facility, Stifter said.

Repurposing could involve a number of different plans for Rodli.

"By repurposing, that could mean a program or a set of services moved into it, either internal to campus or the lease opportunities somewhat off campus," Stifter said. "The bottom line [is] it's a pretty structurally sound, good building in many ways."

Rodli may be structurally sound, but that doesn't mean that it wouldn't be demolished to build another facility on the site. The building was designed for food service, and that could be a challenge when it comes to figuring out what to do with it, Stifter said.

"In the end it could be that it is such a prime location, but it's just not the kind of building we need there, and you tear the thing down," Stifter said. "That, to me, would be a very much last resort."

The length of time it takes to do an extensive construction

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Students share creative, nonfiction works

On Nov. 16 the Student Reading Series presents the second student reading of the semester. All students are welcome to come watch their peers share creative and nonfiction works. If you are interested in reading, there is a sign-up sheet posted outside the English department student lounge on the second floor of Kleinpell Fine Arts. The event is at 3 p.m. in the Chalmer Davee Library breezeway.

Faculty to perform chamber music

At 3 p.m. Nov. 18, faculty members from the music department will be presenting a concert of works for winds and piano. Included in the concert will be music by Saint-Saens, Strauss, Lutoslawski and Mozart. Songs will be performed by Roger McVey (piano), Carolyn Britton (piano), Polly Meyerding (flute), Stanley King (oboe), Pat O’Keefe (clarinet), Andrew Parks (horn) and special guest Matthew Bertrand (bassoon). The fee for the concert is \$5 general admission, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students, and will be held in Abbott Concert Hall inside Kleinpell Fine Arts Center.

Economic inequality discussed at series

The series is hosting a discussion on “Historical Perspectives on Income Inequality in the U.S.,” led by Betty Bergland, a UW-River Falls history professor. The session will take place at 3 p.m. Nov. 26, in the Falls Room of the University Center. Bergland, who received her undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College, is the chair of the UWRF history department. She received a master’s degree from the UW-Madison and her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. Bergland teaches several history courses at UW-River Falls, including women’s history in the U.S. This event is free and open to the public. “Coffee with The Times” is sponsored by the American Democracy Project, the *New York Times* Readership Program, Pi Sigma Alpha, the Student Voice and WRFW 88.7 FM. For more information, please contact Colleen Callahan, chair of the UWRF journalism department, at 715-425-3169.

Mill rate increase hits River Falls Schools

According to the *River Falls Journal*, stagnant property values and a late state budget will contribute to the first mill rate increase for the River Falls School District in five years, and the largest one in 10 years. The three-month delay by the state Legislature to okay a new budget left Democrats and Republicans haggling. Wisconsin school officials were left in limbo planning for their own budgets, but not knowing how much state aid they would get. A provision was included to tack on \$79.3 million in “school levy credit” to prevent a hefty increase in property taxes. The figure represents extra money for school districts from the last year. The credit helps, but it is not distributed the same as school aid. As a result, some districts got more than they would have under the normal state-aid formula, and others like River Falls got less. It will cost tax-payers about \$60,000.

River Falls mayor attends climate summit

According to the River Falls Journal, River Falls Mayor Don Richards joined a large group of mostly big-city mayors at the National Climate Summit in Seattle. He came away more committed than ever to involve local citizens, businesses and government in energy conservation. The two-day summit was sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, whose members come from cities with populations of 30,000 or more. Speakers included former President Bill Clinton and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Last year Richards and hundreds of other U.S. mayors signed the Climate Protection Agreement (CPA).

The CPA seeks to advance the goals of the Kyoto Protocol, signed by 141 nations but not the United States. Goals set by the CPA commit cities to pass anti-sprawl, land-use policies and urban forest restoration programs, to urge state and federal government lawmakers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by seven percent of 1990 levels by 2012 and to urge Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that would establish a national emission trading system. The Clinton Climate Initiative is geared to make the biggest impact possible, so support is only available for very large cities. Richards says if the concept catches on, it will include mid-size and small cities.

Online system eases account management

UW-River Falls accounts receivable will introduce a new online system Nov. 20: eSIS QuikPAY®. The system will allow students and authorized third parties to electronically view and print tuition bills, make electronic payments to student accounts and sign up for direct deposit of refunds. Online payment options will include payments from a checking or savings account with no service charge. MasterCard and Discover credit cards will be accepted with a 2.75% fee. Direct deposit of student refunds is new with eSIS QuikPAY®. Direct deposit eliminates picking up a refund check at the cashier's office. E-mail notifications will be sent when direct deposit transactions are processed. Paper tuition bills will be phased out by February 2008. Students and authorized users will get e-mail notification when tuition bills are available. Current account activity will be available along with a sixteen month history of tuition bills generated from the system. More information will be available next week, or go to www.uwrf.edu/accounts-receive/QuikPayFAQ.htm

Police officer from Hudson hit by car, dies

According to the *Hudson Star Observer*, the Minneapolis Park Police Department officer, who died last week from injuries suffered in pursuit of a suspect, lived in the Hudson area. Officer Mark Bedard, 34, was struck by a Minneapolis Police Department squad car, also involved in the pursuit, on Nov. 1 in North Minneapolis. He suffered serious internal injuries and was taken to North Memorial Hospital where he died on Friday. Bedard is survived by his wife and a young son.

Man stabs girlfriend, gets 40 years in jail

According to the *Pioneer Press*, a man convicted of stabbing his girlfriend to death as the two fought at their St. Croix County cabin was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Peter Whyte, 51, was found guilty of second-degree intentional homicide in the death last year of Suzanne Weiland, 39. Whyte testified that Weiland attacked him with a knife and he stabbed her in self-defense. An autopsy found the victim had 19 stab and slash wounds, including seven that would have been fatal. He was ordered to serve 20 years extended supervision if he is ever freed from prison.

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Students, senators congregate to address important campus issues

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UW-River Falls students gathered together with Student Senate officials Nov. 13 to address issues from campus safety to dining services during a nearly three-hour Student Association meeting, followed by a very short Senate meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to create a forum in which students could express their feelings pertaining to any and all issues on campus to Senate. By doing this, students are allowing Senate to better serve them, President Derek Brandt said. “By coming here and talking to us, we learn what [students] feel is most important,” Brandt said. “Then we [as Senators] can better represent them.” The meeting began with special requests from audience members who wished to address issues not specifically noted on the agenda. Issues discussed included lack of Greek life advertisement opportunities on campus, improvements to Ramer Field becoming a top priority and the possibility of some sort of mass transit system between UWRF and the downtown Twin Cities areas.

Campus security and safety was the first item officially on the agenda, and it soon became obvious it was a hot topic for students, whether it be lighting on the back paths at night or residence hall card access policies. Many suggestions were made to improve the back pathways at night. Some, such as purchasing more blue emergency lights and increasing Public Safety’s presence, were met with agreement; others, such as completely closing down the paths at night, were met with much resistance.

The meeting continued with discussion over whether or not unauthorized entry into residence halls is a pressing issue. Increased security, limiting access to only students living on campus and regulation of identification checks were all topics of concern, but ultimately, over half of the students present believed that the security issue comes back down to individual responsibility and awareness of danger areas. Students are also reminded that the Campus Safety Walk will take place 8:30 p.m. Nov. 27. Anyone interested should meet in the Heritage Hall area of the University Center. From there, the group will walk around campus, identifying danger areas on campus and suggesting solutions for improvement.

Smoking on campus was the second hot topic of the night, revolving around enforcement of the 25-foot rule. Some believed that increased enforcement, such as citations, would be effective; others believed it would only increase resistance. The idea of a completely smoke-free campus sparked debate. Among others, chair of the Leadership Development and Programming Board, Mike Pearson, argued that the idea of a smoke-free campus was not at all plausible. “[A smoking ban] seems too big for a first step,” Pearson said. “We first need to enforce the 25-foot rule.” Diversity Awareness Committee representative Lakiesha Townsell summed up the argument for those in support. “It’s about either making smokers feel unwelcome for a habit they chose to be addicted to or making nonsmokers feel like they can’t breathe clean air on campus,” Townsell said. Parking continues to be an issue for students; commuter parking,



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Senate Vice President Sara Deick and President Derek Brandt let students put it all out on the table, as issues of high priority were discussed Nov. 13.

the possibility of pay lots and parking closer to campus were addressed. Advertising policies and hours of the UC were discussed as well, ranging from requests for increased advertising areas to extending weekend hours. With the upcoming expiration of Chartwells’ contract, dining services received many complaints as well as suggestions for improving access to food services during holidays, improving food quality and better meal plan options. Students with strong feelings about any of these issues are encouraged to attend committee meetings, which take place every other Wednesday night in the Mississippi Room of the UC. The proposal of a bar on campus gave students more to debate. Arguments ranged from those in support to those who opposed, as well as some who were neutral. Many arguments were made for both extremes, but the discussion ended with the suggestion to continue researching other schools with similar venues. Diversity discussion centered around an overall lack of resources for organizations from nontraditional to multicultural to gender expression and identity. Several students made requests for more space, more storage area and staff aid. Diversity and Women’s Initiatives director Nikki Shonoiki said that while diversity is increasing in numbers, campus is not keeping up. “We have 418 multicultural students and have increased retention from 50 percent to 80 percent,” Shonoiki said. “We’re growing in numbers, but not really as an institution.” After nearly three hours of debate, the meeting ended with advisor Gregg Heinselman reminding students that change can happen, but only with the help of students. “We want you to recognize that all of these things [that we’ve talked about] are doable and feasible, but remember that much of it has to come from the students,” Heinselman said. “But also remember that as you struggle [with these issues], the administration struggles as well.”

Online teaching certification program begins

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UW-River Falls is now offering an exclusive online graduate certificate. The certificate allows teachers to teach in alternative learning settings, and this program will effectively prepare teachers to teach in the alternative school setting. “[Teachers] gain a solid foundation in the history, philosophy, educational psychology, curriculum, instruction and management involved in the rapidly growing area of Alternative Education,” according to the UWRF Graduate Studies Web site. Alternative schools and settings are for students that “don’t respond to the ordinary school settings,” Associate Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies Mary Manke said.

The program takes one year to complete. Teachers from all over the country can enroll in this program because they can complete the coursework online. This program is the only fully online program in Wisconsin, said Manke. The department of public instruction, which is the government agency that approves teaching programs, has approved the program. The certificate can be completed in one year. The courses that are required for completion are: “History and Philosophy of Alternative Education, Alternative Education Students: Who are They?, Teaching and Working with Alternative Students, Building and Evaluating Alternative Programs and Practicum in Alternative Education,” according to the UWRF Graduate studies Web site.

To get certified, students must complete the core classes and a two-credit practicum. To be accepted into the program, applicants must have an overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 “or an average of at least 2.90 based on the last 60 semester credits) of the undergraduate program,” according to the UWRF Web site. There is an alternative education school in River falls called The Renaissance Chartered Alternative Academy. Currently there are 77 students enrolled at the academy. Students of the UWRF certification program can volunteer at the academy for credit towards the practicum course. Many teachers have wanted an online alternative education certification program where they can take courses online and get certified alternative education, Manke said.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Editor's note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and UW-River Falls Public Safety incident reports.			
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Nov. 1 - Derek R. Friske, 20, was cited \$172 for an ID card violation. Friske attempted to use a fake ID at Dick’s Hometown Liquor, located at 1141 S. Main St.	Bauer, 18, were each cited \$186 for failure to evacuate a building in which fire alarm was going off in Crabtree Hall. The citation stemmed from a fire alarm sounding in Crabtree Hall at approximately 10:12 p.m. During a building search by River Falls Police, Fire and UWRF Public Safety officials Harris, Murphy, Guider and Bauer were discovered inside a locked dorm room adjacent to the smoke detector that initially was activated. Upon questioning, Harris said the smoke detector sounded because her hair was smoking from using a hair dryer.		
Nov. 4 - Anthony D. Dorner, 23, was cited \$109 for public urination at 109 N. Main St. - Stephen G. Ritter, 20, was cited \$298 for underage consumption, second offense.	Nov. 9 - Michelle R. Heeg, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. - Jacklyn M. Heeg, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. - Rachel K. Steward, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. - Courtney L. Reed, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. - A 17-year-old was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. - Aaron E. Tagwerker, 23, was cited \$172 for shoplifting. The incident took place Nov. 4 at the Holiday Gas Station, 302 S. Main St., where a zesty chicken sandwich, valued at \$1.79, was eaten in the store and not paid for. The Holiday employee working on Nov.		
Nov. 7 - Theft of a University owned cell phone was reported to UW-River Falls Public Safety. The bill for the phone is now more than \$475. The phone was last known to be in the possession of Virgil Davis, who had been a University employee, until his termination in April. Davis had returned the rest of his University appointed equipment, but not his cell phone. - A bicycle was reported stolen from the Ramer Field bike rack. The bicycle was described as a purple Trek 720.	4 positively identified Tagwerker as the individual who ate the sandwich.		
Nov. 8 - Elexis S. Harris, 18, Makiya A. Murphy, 18, Antonette S. Guider, 18, and Camille C.	Nov. 10 - Anina G. Christensen, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall. - Tanya M. Sletten, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.		
	Nov. 11 - Riley G. Riddell, 21, was cited \$172 for disorderly conduct in Stratton Hall. Riddell was accused, by witnesses, of walking the second floor hallway of Stratton, nude from the waist down and pounding loudly on other resident’s doors.		
	Nov. 12 - A VCR/DVD player, valued at approximately \$100, was reported stolen from room 213 in the Chalmer Davee Library.		
	St. Croix County Crimestoppers Tip Line: 1-800-303-8477		
	Parking: Student permit spaces will be available for open parking from Nov. 20 at 4:30p.m. - Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. All other spaces will be enforced as posted. Contact the UWRF Parking Department at 425-3333 for questions.		

Syndicated columnist visits UWRF



Niki Paton/Student Voice
Rose Rongitsch, emceed Coffee with the Times in the University Center from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Nov. 14. Visiting media critic and columnist, Norman Solomon, and political science professor, Neil Kraus, discuss the war in Iraq. Solomon also spoke at the Working Journalist Seminar Nov. 13. Students were also able to attend a book signing session before the seminar.

Cruze Club becomes a new addition to UWRF

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The UW-River Falls Cruze Club became the newest campus club four weeks ago thanks in large part to club president and founder, Allen Chapdelaine.

The club aims to develop motorcycle riding skills and bonds for students and faculty who enjoy riding and to create an opportunity for students to ride together by creating a familiar and inviting atmosphere, according to the Cruze Club mission statement.

“The whole basis of the club is to get riders from all around campus to be able to have that connection with other riders,” UWRF senior Chapdelaine said. “If anybody has a new [bike] problem they can get help from more experienced riders and fellow club members.”

Cruze Club is also considered a recognized student organization designed to provide students, faculty and staff an opportunity to share their love for motorcycles, and it’s not exclusive to bike owners.

“It’s not just for people who ride,” Chapdelaine said. “It’s for anyone who is interested in bikes.”

Chapdelaine’s interest in bikes and inspiration behind the club was heightened after watching the movie Wild Hogs, a comedy about four friends who decide to shake up their ordinary suburban lives with a cross-country motorcycle adventure. The movie ultimately led him to buying his first bike June 26.

The club originally started with five members, the bare minimum necessary to start a student organization on campus.

Since its creation, the club has grown to 18 members, two of which are UWRF faculty.

One of those faculty members is UWRF User Services Manager Dan Semi, who also serves as Cruze Club’s advisor.

Chapdelaine asked Semi if he was interested in the position of club advisor and highlighted some of his plans for the club.

“We talked about some different things we could do on campus,” Semi said. “It sound-

ed like a really good idea.”

As the advisor, Semi is responsible for attending meetings of the organization and to become familiar with events and activities sponsored by the group, and see that they adhere to State and University policies, according to the Advisor Responsibilities Form.

Semi also serves as a valuable resource and mentor to the group.

“I help the club utilize the resources that are available to them on campus,” Semi said. “Besides that, I also help them with their campaigns.”

Serving as part-time as club advisor appears to be a perfect fit for Semi, who has owned motorcycles off and on since the age of eleven.

Bikes have been a huge part of Semi’s life since his dad bought him his first motocross bike.

For their honeymoon, Semi and his wife took a motorcycle trip from Milwaukee to Los Angeles and back. When their 30th Wedding Anniversary came around, they both chipped in on a new Harley Softtail Custom bike.

As for Cruze Club, Semi is excited about its future.

“There’s not a group on campus like it,” Semi said. “It’s a great group to be able to campaign and create awareness about motorcycles and safety issues for.”

The organization’s mission goes beyond riding and talking bikes. Although the club is young, members are already striving to make a positive impact on the community.

“We want to volunteer a lot around campus and the community,” Chapdelaine said.

One of their recent volunteer missions involved helping out at Westside Elementary School on Nov.9, where volunteers were needed to run basketball, rock climbing, tumbling and craft stations as part of Family Fun Night.

Cruze Club also plans to help out with upcoming campus events like Volunteer Day and participate as part of the student move in crew next year.

“We want to give bikers a good name,” Chapdelaine said.

Racism: Solutions given for social issue

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Assistant professor Mike Miller and Multicultural Student Advisor Tyra Nelson co-led the first discussion, on Monday. There was some thought to how the group was organized, Miller said.

“We started as a large group, split into groups by race, switched leaders and then reconvened,” Miller said. “There was some intentionality to that.”

The organization of the groups was designed to facilitate what the leaders hoped would be “a lot more authenticity” from students, Nelson said.

“White people have a tough time talking to black people about race, but I’ll be honest, I’m ready to have some real discussions,” Nelson said. “It still might be uncomfortable, but it turned out that people acknowledge and appreciate that [directness].”

Overall, much of the audience remained in awe of ayo’s coming to campus. Her history of appearances has a lot to do with this, Leadership Development and Programming board chair Mike Pearson said.

“Damali is the kind of speaker who speaks at Princeton, Harvard, Yale,” Pearson said. “It’s a huge privilege to have her here on campus.”

As someone familiar with ayo’s work, associate professor Cyndi Kernahan was impressed upon hearing about her UWRF visit.

“It’s so big...her coming here,” Kernahan said. “I was amazed when I found out.”

There may be fame surrounding her, but it’s the way that her work relates to many students, especially those that are multicultural, that is so remarkable. This is especially important to a campus that puts diversity as a top priority, Diversity and Women’s Initiatives co-director Nikki Shonoiki said.

“Her work deals with diversity in a ‘look at what they do, look at what we do, now stop’ sort of approach,” Shonoiki said. “We look at diversity, but don’t really see it...people need to hear what [ayo] has to say.”

Students with ADD have options

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Attention deficit and related disorders can make getting through college a struggle, but there are steps students can take to improve their odds at academic success.

Close to 8 percent of UW-River Falls students responding to the 2006 National College Health Assessment reported that attention deficit disorder had affected their academic performance in some way.

ADD makes it difficult for students to focus long enough to get through a lecture, reading or test, Disability Services Coordinator Mark Johnson said.

If these symptoms lead to lower grades, bigger psychological issues can arise.

“The main effect attention deficit has on students is their self-esteem or self-concept,” Johnson said. “They tend to believe they are not as smart as other people.”

Students who have been properly diagnosed with ADD or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) can take several actions to prevent the disorder from getting in the way of their schoolwork.

“Always study in the same place with no interference,” UWRF counselor Dave Sommers said.

This means finding a quiet place away from friends, phones and television. Students can also undergo counseling to learn how to focus better and how to tune out distractions, Sommers said.

Johnson recommends students break their studying time up into shorter sessions spread throughout the day. Students with ADD or ADHD may only be able to sit down and study for 20 minutes at a time before they can no longer concentrate, Johnson said.

Medication is another option that may help lessen many of the symptoms of ADD and ADHD.

“I know of one person whose ACT score went from the low

teens to the high twenties [with medication],” Johnson said.

If none of these techniques work, UWRF students may qualify for special accommodations through the Disability Services Office. About 30 percent of the students receiving accommodations through Disability Services have ADD or ADHD, Johnson said.

Disability Services provide lecture notes to students when their ADD or ADHD interferes with their ability to follow along in class. Students whose disorder makes tests a challenge may be able to arrange an alternative, distraction-free environment for test taking or may be allowed more time to complete their exams, Johnson said.

To qualify for these accommodations, students need to get a letter from a doctor verifying that they do have ADD or ADHD and explaining which accommodations are necessary.

“It’s really hard for the students to get those letters,” Johnson said. “It can take up to three months.

Typically, the process involves about five trips to the doctor and extensive tests to make sure the proper diagnosis is made.

There are some limitations to what Disability Services can do for students with ADD or ADHD.

“We don’t work with them on their lessons, and we don’t help them with their assignments,” Johnson said. “We don’t help them with testing.”

Instead, Disability Services simply offers students alternative ways to pick up information without getting too involved in the student’s schooling, Johnson said.

“Typically, we don’t get to know the students too well because they are trying to be as independent as possible,” Johnson said.

Any student who’s having trouble understanding their schoolwork, whether or not they have ADD, can contact the Academic Success Center and request a tutor.

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project is another aspect to consider when it comes to repurposing or demolishing Rodli. Remodeling, or putting additions on Rodli, when it’s all said and done, could take 10-15 years, Stifter said. The University Center project took about 10 years from the planning stage to completion, Stifter said.

The University Center’s Web site has some specifics about the planning and completion of the project.

“In 1998, a group of students on the new student center committee recognized the need to build an addition onto the existing Hagestad Student Center. It was determined that the size of the building addition needed was too big to be added to the existing Student Center. The new student center committee further researched options as part of the Campus-Wide Master Planning process,” according to the Web site.

The actual planning and the later construction on the University Center may have started in 1998, but the ideas for the University Center actually began earlier, Stifter said.

Regardless of what happens to Rodli, students will most likely be involved in the decision making process in some way, shape or form.

“Students want to [have] an active role in the building and kind of with the decision, when the time comes,” Student Senate President Derek Brandt said. “Right now, there’s not much we can do.”

Students would like to see the space be utilized for some kind of constructive purpose.

“I would like to see anything done with the Rodli building,” Sarah Michaelson, a UW-River Falls senior said. “Anything is better than just having it sit there and not be used.”



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EDITORIAL

Having empathy is not enough

This week on the UW-River Falls campus you may have noticed a cardboard village outside of Hathorn Hall. This city of buckram was constructed as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

While this week-long project is done with the best intentions, and is a decent way to raise awareness, we feel that the effort put forth could be better spent to actually get something done to help with this pandemic situation. Sleeping in a cardboard box for a few nights may help individuals gain empathy for the homeless, but it doesn't really do anything to alleviate the homeless situation. Students would be much better spent helping out at a soup kitchen or even simply donating food to a local food shelf.

Besides that, is sleeping in a box for a few nights really giving anyone any real insight to what it's like to be homeless?

"The plight of those without a home can be both lonely and difficult," according to the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Web site.

We feel that having a slumber party with your friends in a cardboard box doesn't come close to matching up with how a homeless person probably feels day in and day out.

Even the advertisement for National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week on the UWRF Web site makes it sound like this is just another social event, with the awareness component as a side note.

"So, come sleep out, socialize, meet new people, and be a part of making our campus more aware," reads the announcement on the UWRF schedule of events.

This description sounds more like a kegger than an empathy-raising event.

We want to make it clear we're not trying to pick on the organizers or participants of this UWRF event; they obviously have excellent intentions, and many other campuses around the country do the exact same thing to raise awareness for the homeless. We just feel these efforts are misdirected. They should be writing lawmakers and politicians to get them to do something to help with this problem instead of simply gaining a sense of empathy. While awareness and empathy are great, in the end they really don't do much to solve actual problems.

Editorials represent the opinion of the Student Voice Editorial Board and are prepared by the editorial staff.

For more information about hunger, homelessness and National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, visit the Web site for the National Coalition for the Homeless at: <http://www.nationalhomeless.org>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

News alert: Packers won

I am responding to Chris Schad's column entitled "Vikings to knock Packers' fans down a peg."

First of all, the Vikings put on a GREAT show on Sunday—top notch! It definitely entertained me. I had a feeling before the game even started that the Packers had a plan to stop Peterson to the best of their ability. I knew this because of an obvious reason: Brad Childress is not our coach and I thank the

lord for that. The Packers, unlike the Vikings, actually use their home field to win football games. Can someone pass along that memo to Childress, please? That is why we are 8-1 right now.

The Packers don't just pick out one "star" to rely on to win games. I believe Favre passed and handed off to around 10 different teammates before the half was even over. Now that Peterson is out for at least this Sunday, if not more games, what else do the Vikings have to lose? If I were Childress I would just forfeit the rest of the season to

save myself more embarrassment. But then again, what's more embarrassing than being shut out 34-0?

Maybe the Vikings will get with it and start utilizing their whole team next time. So, I am looking back on your article on Monday morning, just like you suggested, and I told you what I think, and I think you spoke too soon.

Think of it as bad karma: what goes around comes around!

Jadyn Kasper
Student

The Student Voice is now taking applications for spring semester. Applications for all positions are available outside 304 North Hall. The deadline for editor/assistant editor is Dec. 4th; all other positions are due Dec. 11th.

College teaches more than the text

Editor's note: The *Student Voice* is running a weekly faculty/employee column this semester. This is open to any UW-River Falls staff member who would like their opinion heard on the pages of the *Student Voice*. The columns are opinion pieces between 450 and 600 words and must be submitted to the editor by the Monday prior to that week's issue. Please send any columns or questions regarding them to: editor@uwrfvoice.com. The *Student Voice* also reserves the right not to print a column if it is not suitable.

My CBE 100 students, over the past two weeks, have been reading a chapter on goal-setting and time management from our textbook. The chapter starts with a section on defining your personal values, and then the author discusses setting long-term and short-term goals. Finally, there is a section on linking your goals with your values, which leads into an example of how students can identify their personal educational goals. After reading this chapter, my students had to answer this question: Why did you decide to enroll in college?

I was not surprised when several students listed as one of their top priorities to get a good job, to make more money or to be financially independent. After all, the median income of people in the United States who have a Bachelor's degree (\$37,000) is almost twice as large as the median income of those who only have a high school

diploma (\$19,500). Higher education does provide more and better financial opportunities, but this is not simply the result of sitting in classes and taking exams over four, five or six years. As many of my students pointed out, it is marketable skills that are developed in college which lead to better career opportunities. Some of these skills are written and oral communication, leadership, teamwork, critical thinking, creativity, organization, decision-making and time management. Potential employers are very interested in students who have developed marketable skills.

There are many ways for college students to develop these skills. Class projects and assignments require critical thinking, decision-making and teamwork, as well as good communication skills. Being involved in extracurricular activities as a member or an officer in a club or campus organization can help students sharpen their leadership, creativity and time management abilities.

Several students mentioned that college provided a way to meet new people and make new friends. This can give someone "a fresh start" compared to high school. Another reason that some students gave for being in college was to be more independent and more responsible. They viewed liv-

ing in the residence hall, being away from parents and having to make their own decisions as ways to take charge of their lives.

All of the reasons for attending college that I have already discussed are very appropriate and legitimate ones for students, especially in their first semester, as most of my CBE 100 students are. However, I was extremely pleased when several students listed the following reason: they wanted to be in college for the sheer joy of learning new things. It gives me a "warm fuzzy" feeling to know that the love of learning is alive and well among our students. The knowledge that our young women and men are anxious to learn makes me want to come to my office each morning and even stay late some nights.

Thanks to my students for reminding me why I am here! Being a college professor at UWRF is not a job that I have to do, it's a great opportunity. Every day I interact with dedicated colleagues (faculty and staff) and wonderful students. That's why I'm here!

Dr. Schultz is in his 29th year as a faculty member in the economics department at UWRF. He has been associate dean in the college of business and economics for the past four years, and serves as director of the UWRF Center for Economic Education.



Brian Schultz

Backpacking poses challenges for college student

My knickers are hanging from the window. They are hanging from the bedpost. They are dangling from the hooks pushed into the crumbling walls. No it wasn't strip night in the hostel room, it was laundry day.

College students are poor and starving, yes. But the life of a backpacker goes beyond having little money and no food.

Washing clothing in the sinks has become so routine there is a perfect callous forming on my right index finger from the cleansing friction. Fortunately, the people that share the rooms with me in hostels are generally in a similar situation when it comes to nasty laundry. We share soaps and sprays and hangers. This goes in hand with

the sharing of laptops, cigarettes, paper and, most importantly, food.

I quickly found that ordering the cheapest thing on the menu and waiting until closing time to get the clearance foods, also known as the food expiring in five minutes, does not always pan out the way I hope. I became a fan of late nights to Camden Town in London for their £1 (one English pound) Chinese take-away that had been most likely been sitting out for four hours. We laughed at our cold rice. Hostels usually have a continental breakfast included if you decide to not party all night and are able to wake up at 7 a.m.

This is really the best food advice for any backpacker

and/or college student: buy the market food, cook it with friends, share and be happy. Not only will the food be ten times healthier for you but the new foods you will try and people you get to know are worth the time. However, not all hostels have kitchens available for the guests' use. In this case, meet someone in the area that is cute and/or rich to take you out to dinner.

As an obvious disclaimer, staying healthy is one the most important things to keep in mind. Doctors are available, but who wants to deal with that during travel? Eat your greens and drink that water.

Besides food, the backpacker is forced to get creative in situations when money is tight and that bus ride is absolutely necessary to get to the train station. The image of a short girl with massive bags wrapped around her tiny body sneaking onto the back of the bus seems odd, but

odd things happen. A child's toothbrush becomes an adult's daily-use hygienic tool, and I was once called "barbaric" for rolling my own cigarettes.

Two months ago I whined about the lack of a mobile phone. Pay phones are plentiful but expensive. I become in complete control of every relationship conceived as they wait for my call. Plus, the most thrilling of relationships I have made in Europe are the ones that consist of nothing but time and place for a rendezvous.

The life of a backpacker is a rough one. Wearing socks three times without wash and no conditioner for my hair does not compare to the enlightenment of travel. Go minimal—I dare you.

Teresa is a journalism major and a geography minor. She is enrolled in the Semester Abroad: Europe program and has done research on the River Thames in London. She is currently backpacking independently across Europe.



Teresa Aviles

Laziness: Not so close to godliness

In recent months, I have become lazier and lazier in lots of things I do. It's an interesting experience to analyze, because becoming lazy has saved me dozens of minutes of labor in the last year. Perhaps laziness isn't the problem—perhaps I'm simply increasing the efficiency of my lifestyle. If you think about it, to live lazily is to live efficiently; important things are taken care of reluctantly, and everything else is tossed out the window. So what if it's one of the seven deadly sins? My life works better when I cave in to my natural, lazy-dude instincts.

Though my apartment is usually somewhat clean and tidy, it is the first place my laziness shows up. Take, for instance, the way I do dishes. The easy-to-clean cups and plates are usually scrubbed out right away. The bowl I used to cook SpaghettiOs with, however, will undoubtedly sit neglected in the dirty side of the sink for upwards of three or four days. During this span, the biohazard-orange SpaghettiOs sauce on the bottom of the bowl will sit and coagulate into a granite-like enamel with the consistency of depleted uranium. Trust me—you can't even get that off with Dawn Ultra and steel wool. I usually need to bust out the ice pick to wash those dishes. Maybe I could patent the SpaghettiO stuff and sell it to NASA—it would be perfect for thermal-coating space shuttles.

I'm also unapologetically lazy when it comes to laundry. Though I always make sure to have clean clothes to wear, my wardrobe sometimes comes perilously close to empty. Last week, I turned the public laundry room downstairs into my own personal walk-in closet. I left a load of clean socks in the dryer for four days—I'm such a nuisance, I know. Instead of bringing them all up in one trip, I just made sure to swing by the

laundry room on my way to class each morning to pick up a fresh pair of socks. Storing my socks in a public dryer really helped open up some much-needed drawer space in my bedroom, so I'm considering doing it again. It may be a deadly sin, but it's easy.

Though I sometimes do let my work ethic slide from time to time, I do not condone what I call a "criminally lazy" lifestyle. Criminal laziness is the dark side of living efficiently. These are the people you see at the grocery store that use the electric shopping carts even though they're not technically disabled. These people will mindlessly watch reality TV because they're too lazy to follow a real plot. These people make car-buying decisions based on how far off the ground the

driver's seat is. This is why some of the laziest people in the world drive Geo cars—there's only about a five inch vertical from the pavement to passenger compartment. And while that sounds nice, I don't advocate sinking to that level—ever.

Doctors and scientists have been raving about the sedentary lifestyles that are slowly killing all of us. In fact, the World Health Organization, which sounds sinisterly similar to the World Trade Organization, reports that sedentary lifestyles lead to approximately 2 million deaths each year. So if you wear Velcro shoes, own several microwaves or Febreze your clothes weekly instead of washing them, you should probably think about working a little harder—unless an early death sounds pleasant to you.

I do plan on becoming a little less lazy in the future, but I'm not really sure when it'll happen. I'll let you all know when it does, if I'm feeling up to it.

Joe is a marketing communications major with a creative writing minor. This is his first semester writing for the Student Voice. He is interested in movies, religion, politics, culture and people.



Joe Hager

Students have to take action

How can I begin to write in a few short paragraphs that which has been gnawing at me for the last few years?

It is an issue of national security, of freedom, of democracy and of individuality. And it is life threatening.

It is the American Problem. It is apathy, fear to stand out and the inability to stand up and change the channel. I'm talking about politics, about media and the fact that we need to make a change.

Why do I even bother writing it here? This is just a student-run newspaper at a backwater school full of politically inert bodies. People here don't want to read about how they should actually do something to affect the world they live in. They want to read something funny that makes fun of some odd group that doesn't have the gumption to stand up for itself even in a few measly words addressed to the editor.

If working at the *Student Voice* has taught me one thing, it's that people on this campus don't care unless the issue is on campus, and even then they usually don't. So why am I even writing? Honestly, I'm not even sure. I, for some reason, seem to hold onto this idyllic notion that perhaps the right words might induce someone to take the first step.

Because we are not just students of UW-River Falls, and when we write and take action we are not just a student voice. We are the voice of America. I know, it sounds corny. But think about it. We are adults—able to vote and able to tell our government what we want it to do. This is, after all, a democracy, and despite what the cur-

rent government would have us believe, it is not up to rich old white guys to decide how this nation behaves—towards the rest of the world or towards its citizens.

It is up to us, the students, the young adults who are just coming into the working world. Why? Because all the rich old white guys are going to be dead in 40 years, and we will be the ones running this supposedly great nation. Today's present is tomorrow's past, and if we don't take action now, the past will be coming back to haunt us. In case you forgot, the laws that get passed today will still be in effect 20 years from now. If they don't affect us now, they certainly will then.

I know too many people who throw their hands up in the air when it comes to election time, saying "I don't know," or "I don't care." But if one foot doesn't know where the other foot is going, how can a body walk? Or how can your left thumb not care when your right finger pulls a trigger to shoot off your big toe? Don't laugh. As citizens of the United States we are all part of a living, breathing body. We all perform different functions, but we all have to work together, like it or not. And if we continue as we have been, this nation will suffer—and die.

The United States was founded on the idea of democracy. Everyone knows what it means—that the people have a voice and that one person can't control everything. But look around you. Right now, a very select few do control everything, and each year that number is shrinking, while the number of people who think that they can't make a difference keeps growing.



Katrina Styx

Parents' actions have an effect on children

Whenever I woke up I wondered where I was. When my drowsy eyes finally adjusted, they watered. The realization that I was again at his house would break my heart.

As much as I despised that stiff bed, I never wanted to get out of it. That would mean I would have to see him and his ragged wife—a Disney wicked step-mother. They weren't my parents, and I wasn't their daughter. I was the little visitor they had every other weekend. They would dress me up, fix my hair and expect me to look like a cute little girl, but lash out when I behaved as one.

I cried every time their car pulled in the driveway. Clinging to any leg I could, I pleaded to stay. This was a tradition for eight years until I attempted to negotiate. I asked to spend one night instead of two. He didn't take a second to even consider it. He told me that I either spend both nights or not come at all. I accepted the second option with pure joy.

I don't resent his decision to never contact me again after that day. I have been fairly apathetic about his existence. Until one of my roommates suggested that I write about our terrible fathers, I did not realize just how disgusted I am to have the blood of a

man who so willingly stopped contact with his only child. Three out of five of my roommates have brought up their fathers' mistakes and how their lives have been influenced by those errors.

Children do not see parents as human. Even if your mom burns dinner while your dad shoots up at the kitchen table—until your innocence fades away, your parents do no wrong.

I know that most people aren't crippled because their mothers or fathers were less than perfect. If that were so, this world would be much sadder than it already is. Bad parenting can result in an equally strong—if not stronger—individual as one who is blessed with caring treatment.

And for that reason, I am not writing this for pity or in hopes that my dad might someday stumble upon this column and shudder. This is something for parents-to-be to ponder and a reminder to those who already have children. The little eyes who look up to you are drastically affected by all that you do.



Annee Mayer-Chapleau

Annee is a junior studying creative writing. She loves astronomy and her main goal in life is to dance like David Byrne from the Talking Heads.

In simple terms, here's what Congress should accomplish in the coming year

Dear Congress,

I've been a very good political participant this past year. I've followed politics, participated in the political process and even lobbied for more financial aid and better access to our colleges and universities. With the upcoming holiday season quickly approaching, I have a few simple requests that would make me extra happy. I don't think they're too much to ask, and if I get some of them, I promise I will be extra good.

Please use common sense

I don't think this is a big wish, and it won't cost anything. I just hope when you debate the bills in Washington, you consider everyone—not just your

own parties or your personal gains.

Solve our border crisis

Our borders mean our sovereignty as a nation. If we cannot keep people from freely crossing our borders, how can we keep ourselves safe? I know it seems like a daunting task, but I think it will be well worth the work.

Do something about higher education

I won't be in school next year, so this is more for the future, but higher education has been a steadily decreasing priority for America. A nation of well-educated people who can compete on an international level is not a bad thing, right? Many nations offer subsidized

higher education. I'm graduating with \$15,000 in debt, so subsidized education doesn't sound so bad.

Mandate better fuel economy standards

China has better standards than our country. We are making technological breakthroughs every day. Why can't we mandate vehicles to have at least the same fuel standards as China? Not only would better fuel standards be better for the environment and help our dependence on foreign oil, but it would also open up American vehicles

to foreign markets which are closed now because of our poor standards. An American car selling in foreign markets would make automakers happy this holiday season too, wouldn't it?

Address the crisis in Darfur

Congressmen and women, this is a grave situation. You are calling out a nation's genocide from a hundred years ago while ignoring one going on now. Give aid, give support, give help; it doesn't matter what it is.



Joe Eggers

I know this is a lot to ask for, but as I said, I have been a good boy this year.

I know I can't probably get a lot of these this year, but do you think if I am an extra good political participant next year you will consider at least some of them?

Thank you, Joe Eggers

P.S. I will even leave some cookies out for you, especially if you do something about higher education.

Joe is a fifth year senior from Appleton, Wis. He is a political science and international studies major. He has been involved in several activities on campus, including a stint as last year's Student Senate President.

STUDENT Voices

What is on your wish list for Congress this year?



Dan Bullock, senior

"More strict environmental policies."

Becky Thatcher, senior

"I wish they would make more money available for education."



Amanda Werra, senior

"Something to fix our horrible health care system and bills that give homosexuals more rights."

Mark Pokrzywinski, freshman

"I'm not very political. Just pro-life issues."



Jeff Milliren, sophomore

"Gay rights for marriage, anything that has to do with global warming or environmental issues, getting money for schools and the war in Iraq."

Christine Bronk, sophomore

"Better environmental policies and no more discrimination."



Alaskan native performs well for women’s hockey

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Students and faculty should be advised that hidden amongst this year’s class of freshman is a girl with a serious condition. She might be the girl in the front of the class or one who passes by on campus, but like a werewolf under a full moon, she goes through a serious transformation upon entering Hunt Arena.

Witnesses say that she enters the locker room a freshman girl and comes out a five foot six Alaskan menace, covered in body armor, and dawning a mask, only to face a barrage of shots unleashed by a firing squad of college athletes.

Her intention is to feel the impact of every shot. It could be fearlessness or it could be madness. It could be that the women’s hockey team has found their new goalie.

Cassi Campbell is a true freshman goaltender who joined the Falcons this year from the Toronto Rattlers, a Canadian women’s hockey team where she tended goal following her high school career.

Hailing from Anchorage, Alaska, Campbell attended West Anchorage High School, where she was both the student body president and class president, as well as being named to the academic honor roll four times.

On the ice she excelled, receiving invitations to the USA National Development U 15-16 camp in 2005 in Lake Placid, New York, and the U 17-18 camp in 2006. Neither could top Campbell’s biggest hockey thrill, which was winning the Alaska State Championship in 2006. Helping lead her team to the championship as an assistant captain got Campbell named to the all-conference team as well as named the team’s most inspirational player.

Upon joining the Falcon hockey team Campbell became the go-to net-minder when it came to replacing All-American goaltender Amber Linder this season.

With the season underway, Campbell got her first taste of collegiate victory after making 25 saves in her first college start against St. Catherine. She also got the call for the second game of the season in which the Falcons fell to Gustavus, stopping 22 of 24 shots.

Campbell was recruited by head coach Joe Cranston after he watched her in net two years ago playing in Minnesota.

“Considering her strong background and play at the development camps we knew she was a solid goalie,” Cranston said. “She’s the type of player that can give us a chance to win every game.”

Campbell credits the coaching staff and team chemistry with making her transition to college a more enjoyable one.

“I love our team,” Campbell said. “The upperclassmen are the experienced ones, the freshmen all get along with everyone and the coaches are some of the best I’ve ever had.”

The positive team chemistry helped settle the shock of new surroundings.

“I was a little scared at first,” Campbell said. “Because I feared not knowing anyone, and I was bummed because I had to fly here from Alaska, and I didn’t get to bring hardly any of my stuff.”

Following a large shopping day at Target, Campbell joined up with her roommate, fellow hockey freshman Bailey Vikstrom, who plays defense.

“Bailey made living easier right away,” Campbell said. “Soon I got to know the town and realized that it was its size that really appealed to me. I wouldn’t get lost and I could get to know people.”

The new Alaskan addition to the women’s hockey team that is goaltender Campbell, brings to the position a strong work ethic, a willingness to learn and an extremely positive attitude.

Her goals for the year include getting better each day, being a goalie that the team can always depend on and helping the team get to the NCAA Tournament.

Campbell was named player of the week after she stopped 24 of 26 shots against Gustavus Nov. 10 and has a save percentage of .942 this season.

The Falcons travel to Lake Forest to open NCHA Nov. 16-17.



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice
Anchorage, Alaska native Cassi Campbell is a freshman at River Falls this year. She played for the Toronto Rattlers, after attending high school at West Anchorage High School where she was also student body president and an honor roll student.

Border battle brings out the worst in columnists



Lauren Bennett

On Nov. 11 the sad, sad, Minnesota Vikings (3-6) were pulverized by the Green Bay Packers (8-1). The victory helped the Packers reach 8-1 for the first time since 2002. Watching this game you might have wondered, “Oh, am I watching a practice? Where is the other team?”

I know, this is a bit harsh, I mean that one purple team got all dressed up in their cute little uniforms and were “ready” to play football, at least they showed up.

But let’s be honest, why bother even showing up if you don’t plan on scoring any points? It’s as if the Vikings came, they saw, and they ran away, like they do from the police.

What led the Pack to this beautiful win over the disturbingly ever-hopeful Vikes?

It could have been the four touchdowns and two field goals, or possibly the equally effective passing and running games, maybe it was the help of good ol’ number four, or potentially the defense that didn’t let the star running back through.

First we can start with the running game. Ryan Grant did a superb job as the only player to run the ball over 100 yards against the Vikes this season, and this is only his first season.

After opening the game with a 30-yard touchdown run, Grant had 25 carries and 119 yards on the ground. Clearly the Pack has a new man to rely on in the backfield. The offense moved the ball 488 yards and 351 of those yards were accounted for by wonderful passes by the one and only Brett Favre.

I’ve said it once, and I’ll say it again, this man is amazing. Many enemies would disagree and say that the “old-timer” needs to retire ... he really isn’t all that special, but come on!

He is so close to beating Dan Marino’s record for most yards in a career, and now is only the second quarterback in history with over 60,000 career yards.

Even after the elder 38-year-old got slammed in the head, he stood up like a champ and played the rest of the game.

Of course, even if he didn’t the Packers still would have won. It just goes to show that a good team doesn’t give up.

It was apparent that the offense controlled the ball Sunday, but the defense did its job by holding starting running back for the Vikings, Adrian Peterson, to only 45 yards.

With the help of linebacker Brady Poppinga and safety Atari Bigby the defense made sure there were no conversions on third or fourth down, leaving the Vikings with 0-8 third-down attempts, and 0-3 for fourth-downs. Since Peterson is all the Vikings have in terms of moving the ball down, the Pack picked up on it and focused on the running game.

In the first quarter the Vikings only moved the ball seven yards, SEVEN YARDS!!! And by the time the second half came around, what was the point in even playing anymore?

Granted the Vikings did end up driving the ball down the field a few times, but they didn’t even manage to get it within field-goal-range, or take advantage of any scoring opportunities.

It didn’t help that the Vikings were using their third-string quarterback, Brooks Bollinger, who completed only three passes for seven yards. Late in the game the Purple Jerseys lost Peterson to a hard tackle by Al Harris, and was out for the rest of the game... it didn’t make a difference.

With the help of an interception by Charles Woodson on a first and goal play for the Vikings, the defense took away all hope for any points up on the green and gold scoreboard.

The more the offense worked to keep their hands on the ball, the less the defense had to work to block and tackle, which seems to be a good thing.

While the defense continually misses tackles, they still manage to have a strong game plan, namely keying on Peterson.

This game marked the first complete game by the Packers in a string of mistake plagued contests, and down-to-the-wire scores.

All around they played well, and when a team plays well and sets a record for the most attendance ever at Lambeau Field, they’ve got to be doing something right.

While the team has been showing that they do possess the talented athletes to take them to the top, they can’t stop trying. They are playing Carolina Nov. 18 at home, and take it on the road to Detroit on Thanksgiving. However, their toughest competition comes after the turkeys and the stuffing at Detroit, the Packers face-off against Dallas for a big test of the winning streak for the Pack.

Lauren is an 18-year-old freshman majoring in communications. She is the sports editor for the Student Voice. She also enjoys watching and playing a variety of sports.



Chris Schad

It was Monday afternoon, about 4 p.m. As soon as you walked into the office, you could tell something wasn’t right. There he was, the usually happy-go-lucky columnist lying on the couch, down-trodden.

He felt like he got hit by a Lite Rail Train. There he was, lying there, dead to the world. He picked up his ringing cell phone and answered it.

“I’m done.” He said into the phone, not even hesitating. “Nobody even reads these columns and I just make an idiot of myself. I’m not going to do it anymore.”

The editor of the Voice was on the other line and probably shook his head on the other line in disappointment as he hung up the phone.

The man on the couch was a wreck, a shadow of himself.

Usually all pumped up and ready to go, somebody took a pin and deflated him and laughed as he flew across the room. Could it have been the strain of trying to put together great broadcasts for the Falcons’ sports teams? Could it have been the lack of financial funds to pay for college? What caused such an energetic person to be lying on the couch, dead silent?

In the words of Dane Cook, “Let’s go back...Let’s go back.”

The man on the couch, who shall remain nameless, walked into his office Monday morning with many thoughts inside of his head. The brunt of it was Sunday’s 34-0 demolition of the Minnesota Vikings, which included their best player blowing out his knee.

He looked in his mailbox to see if anything was there and there was something there. A copy of his column from the previous week was in the mailbox with a giant “OOPS” written across the column in black permanent marker.

He was humiliated and embarrassed. Crow was being served and he wasn’t very hungry. He calmly walked around and put a giant white piece of paper and wrote something himself in giant black marker.

On a blank sheet of paper, he wrote “NEVER E...E...EVER MAKE PREDICTIONS AGAIN!” He sat there and went along his business and did his weekly spot on a radio show. Then it was time for the adventure of class.

He joked with a couple of people beforehand

saying, “You would have been entertained if had you watched the game with me!”

Then came the class itself. Things went okay until he made a stupid comment and was laughed at ... then came the real boo-birds. “That was the kid who wrote that column last week! Yeah, who was really drinking the kool-aid? What a moron!”

He was undeterred until the sharing of story ideas where he simply told the producer he had no idea for a story and was greeted with an idea of doing one about how bad the Vikings lost.

With many other things going on, he was a shadow of a man. He wanted to go crawl up in the fetal position and suck his thumb. Then came the call to the editor of the voice and he promptly went straight downtown.

There he was, intoxicated and belting out “Skol Vikings.” Even the bartender asked him about his column to which he said, “Sorry, I don’t speak Spanish.” Meanwhile, back at the Voice office things were worse than ever.

The editor tried to hire a columnist to replace him and asked him to write a column for today’s paper. However, it turned out to be many columns worshipping Brett Favre.

The first one was about how Favre saved New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina by using a crazy straw. The next one was about how Brett Favre farted touchdowns and crapped Super Bowl rings. Then, there was a third one talking about how if Favre was around when the LAPD beat Rodney King they would have “just gotten along.” The editor couldn’t believe this. He needed his old columnist back.

He made the call around 7 p.m. Wednesday and pleaded for him to come back. The old columnist said he wasn’t sure if he could do it. The editor wouldn’t give up, and finally the columnist agreed to return despite his past failures.

He ran into the bathroom and when he came out, his crack beard had disappeared ... but he looked virtually the same.

He came up to the Voice office and saw this imposter and the showdown was on. It was a fierce war of words. The editor hid behind his desk hoping that the old columnist would win.

When the smoke cleared, or when this paper was printed, the old columnist was left standing. He sat down at the computer and cranked out the greatest column ever made. Then he was proved completely wrong again and what is known as Chris Schad’s weekly process of writing a column continued for another week.

Chris is a 21-year-old junior majoring in journalism. He is also the sports director for 88.7 FM WRFW and is the play-by-play voice for the Falcon Football and Hockey teams.

SPORTS WRAP

Jordahl wins regional title; sets record

Becca Jordahl kept pace with her rankings for the season, taking first place at the NCAA Div. III Midwest Regionals held Saturday in Winneconne, Wis.

The women placed ninth out of 37 team overall with a total score of 302. The No. 1 team was Washington University with a score of 41.

Jordahl, who becomes the first Falcon to win a regional title, took first on the 6,000 meter course, and broke her own school record, with a time of 21:05.21. She beat the second place finisher, Oshkosh’s Ayla Mitchell, by 13 seconds. At the WIAC Meet two weeks ago, Mitchell beat Jordahl by two seconds to win that race. Maria Michaud finished 33rd with a time of 22:35.05. Jordahl’s previous record was 21.28.34 set two weeks ago at the WIAC Meet that was held at the same course. This is the third straight race that Jordahl has set a school record.

The men placed 15th out of 35 with a total score of 422. The team winner in the men’s race was UW-La Crosse with a score of 70. For the Falcons, Chad Ernst placed 33rd on the 8,000 meter course with a time of 25:10.70 and Rich Mark placed 88th with a time of 26:11.05.

Jordahl will next run in the NCAA Div. III National Championship Meet at St. Olaf next Saturday.

Swim team loses dual meet to Lawrence

The Falcon swimming and diving teams lost dual meets to Lawrence University on Saturday afternoon at the River Falls High School pool.

The Lawrence men won, 124-93, and the women won, 128-93.

For the women, Jill Lambach won the 50 free in 26.68. Katie Zappa won the 100 free in 58.49 and Jaynell Feider won the one-meter diving with 210.05 points. The Falcon 200 free relay team of Zappa, Lambach, Rachael Westlund and Martha O’Brien won in 1:49.15.

For the men, Tyler Ormson won the 200 free in 2:03.05. The Falcon 200 free relay team of Nico Wallat, David Johnson, Mark Thorsen and Ormson won in 1:36.

The Falcons will next compete in the WIAC Relay at UW-La Crosse on Saturday. Action starts at 9 a.m.

Basketball falls to Bemidji in pre-season

The Falcon men’s basketball team opened its season with an exhibition game loss to Bemidji State, 80-61, on Saturday afternoon at the Karges Center.

Each team played all of its players in the game that had BSU winning, 44-25 at the half.

Jontae Koonkaew and Willie Wright each scored 12 points to lead the Falcons, who shot 14-49 from the field. Wright and Scott Kelley each had eight rebounds. The Falcons finished 31-42 at the line - led by Courtney Davis who was perfect going 6-6. Koonkaew was 7-8.

BSU was led by Patrick Cassidy and Seth Haake who each scored 12 points. Haake also led the Beavers with five rebounds. BSU shot 29-55 from the field and 15-23 from the line.

UWRF will open its season next weekend at the Concordia-St. Paul Classic. UWRF will play Macalester at 4 p.m. Friday and Peru State at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Women’s hockey loses 3-1 to Gustavus

Ashly Berner had the lone goal for the Falcons as they fell 3-1 to Gustavus in their home opener Saturday at Hunt Arena. Molly Doyle scored the first goal for the Gusties.

The Falcons trailed the entire game until Ashly Berner put one in 17:56 in to the third period, assisted by Kacie Anderson, for her first goal of the season to tie the game 1-1. Power plays hurt the Falcons. Two of the three Gustie goals came off power plays as they went 2-10 on the advantage.

Gutavus scored the game winning goal on a power play late in the third period by Laura Vannelli.

The Falcons went 0-6 on the power play, which included a failed 5-on-3 late in the final period.

Gustavus scored their third goal with Lisa Sablak’s empty netter with 20 seconds left in regulation.

Freshmen goalkeeper Cassi Campbell stopped 22 of 24 Gustie shots. Gustavus outshot the Falcons 27-20 in the game.

The Falcons travel to Lake Forest to open NCHA play next weekend. Action starts at 7 p.m., on Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Men’s hockey comes back to tie St. Olaf

The No. 3 ranked Falcons scored the last three goals of the game against the Oles, leaving Northfield Ice Arena with a 4-4 tie.

St. Olaf started the first period scoring with a goal by Barret Simons (5:46) with the assist going to Bryan Osmondson.

River Falls forward Nolan Craner added his fourth goal of the season (12:00) on the power-play, tying the game at one goal a piece. Assisting on Craner’s goal was forward Tyler Czuba and defenseman Jim Jensen.

The second period started with Oles Nick Stalock scoring his fifth goal of the season, with the assist going to Jeff Budish (1:07). Budish then tacks on a goal (3:35) of his own on a Jon Halstenson tripping penalty. Oles Dylan Mueller added on another second period goal (10:20), with the assist going to Budish.

The Falcons have had trouble in the second period all season giving up 9 out 15 goals in this frame.

Falcons forward Derek Hansberry brought the game a little closer netting an unassisted goal (11:28).

Czuba scored next bringing the game to a one-goal lead for the Oles. Assisting on Czuba’s fourth goal of the season was forward Mitch Kerns and Craner (6:49). Hansberry then tied the game up with his sixth goal of the season, second of the night. The game-tying goal was assisted by forwards Pat Borgestad and TJ Dahl (11:10). Dahl is averaging two assists per game.

UWRF goalie Clark Oliver faced 30 shots, 13 coming in the second frame. Oles goalie Brycen Eberwein faced 32 shots, 17 coming in the third period.

Next weekend the Falcons will be on the road against St. Scholastica Friday at 7 p.m., and against Superior Saturday at 7 p.m. This will be River Falls’ first NCHA action of the season.

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Falcons defeat Gustavus for fourth victory



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Tom Jensen took down a Gustie Friday night, it was clear in the first period that this would be the Falcons most physical game so far. Falcon’s defenseman Josh Meyers started the scoring with a shot just inside the blue-line. River Falls’ forward Dustin Norman scored the next goal by finding the top right corner of the net. On a penalty shot Tyler Czuba fired a shot across that found the back of the net. At this point RF was leading 4-0, but Gustavus didn’t give up by scoring three consecutive goals. Nolan Craner added a goal to give the Falcons the lead of 6-3. Gusties netted two more, for a 6-5 final.

Women’s basketball make new season a team effort

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The Falcon women’s basketball team returns to the court this weekend after finishing fifth in the WIAC last season and getting eliminated in the semifinals.

The face of this Falcon team is vastly different than last season’s. “We’re a lot shorter so our whole system is completely opposite from what we’ve been running in the past,” senior guard Jana Benitz said.

Last season the team did most of their scoring from the post players and point guard, but that will be different after losing their top seven scorers from last season.

“We are definitely going to be lacking height in the post but I think we can make up for that with our quickness,” senior forward Caitlin Hunstock said in an e-mail interview.

Departing players include All-WIAC team member forward Traci Reimann and All-WIAC honorable mention point guard Melanie Preiner, who will not be returning after using up their eligibility.

“Now it’s more even scoring and we have to work more as a team instead of relying on one player,” sophomore guard Kelli Hilt said.

This season’s team will consist of several players from last year that did not get a large amount of playing time and a group of promising freshmen and recruits.

“People aren’t going to recognize us,” head coach Cindy Hovet said.

The returning player with the most playing time last season will be Hilt, who started 19 games.

“She’s a leader for us,” Hovet said.

Hilt averaged 21.4 minutes per game and shot 33 percent from the field on the year. She was also one of the team’s best free throw shooters at 71 percent.

The Falcons only returning seniors are Benitz and Hunstock. Neither got much time on the court last season, but they will play a lot this year Hovet said.

“Neither of the seniors have a lot of experience, but we know the



Kelli Hilt

system and what the coach expects,” Benitz said.

Benitz was coming back from a knee injury and only played in three games. During the 2005-06 season however, she played in 19 games and shot 40 percent from the field.

Hunstock got into ten games last year and 22 in the 2005-06 season.

“I don’t really know how much playing time I am going to get, but I really hope to make a contribution to the team this season more than I have in previous seasons,” Hunstock said.

Also returning are sophomore guards Krystal Parr and Tessa Rohl. Parr did not start last year but played in 23 games and shot 32 percent from the field.

Starters have not been named yet but Parr and Rohl have both looked “really good,” Hovet said.

In 23 games last season Parr shot 32 percent from the field and had a 33 percent three-point field goal average, which was one of the highest on the team.

Rohl played in 11 games last season and shot 44 percent from the field.

Freshmen will play a large role as well. There are nine on this season’s team--over half of the entire roster.

“I’m really excited about [the freshmen],” Benitz said. “They work really hard.”

6’1 freshman Sarah Schoeneck has been practicing well, Hovet said.

“She’s our main big kid now,” Hovet said.

Other incoming players include freshman forwards Ashley Fischer, Molly Brendum and Brook Romanowski, freshman guards Lauren Pellowski and Tess Lardie and Winona State transfer guard Jenna Nelson.

“They’ll play a huge role,” Hilt said. “With only five of us coming back, we have to take their strengths and add to that.”

The Falcons were a preseason pick to finish sixth in the WIAC, and they are largely inexperienced, but as Hovet said, “just because we’re young, doesn’t mean we’re not going to be good.”

This season could be a transitional one for the team.

“We’ll be growing as a team, but I still expect us to do better than sixth in the conference,” Hilt said.

The Falcons first game is 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at St. Mary’s University.

Veterans Day celebrated with pride, ceremony honors alumna

Former students stick around, lend a helping hand on campus



Abby Piette/Student Voice
Members of the American Post Legion 121 in River Falls, stand at parade rest outside North Hall, Nov. 12. In honor of Veteran's Day, speeches were delivered by both students and faculty. The members also honored UWRF alumna, Tracy Alger, who recently died in Iraq.

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Two former students are now working as program coordinators in the University Center to help current students with difficulties that may arise within a student organization or as a member of Greek life.

Jon Levendoski is the student organizations coordinator and Sara Gliniany is the student activities coordinator.

Levendoski graduated from UWRF in 2004 with a dairy science major. He then went to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities to begin work on his masters in genetics. He then realized that genetics wasn't for him, and decided to leave Minnesota and return to River Falls. He is currently working on his masters in secondary education with a social studies emphasis. He will graduate in December.

"I originally wanted to stay around here to be close to my girlfriend, who is now my wife," Levendowski said.

Gliniany, an elementary education major with an early childhood minor, graduated in December 2006 and started her job in January.

The two hold a job that was once held by Sean Blackburn. Blackburn now works at Winthrop College. Blackburn's recommendations of Levendowski and Gliniany were crucial to them getting their job at the University.

"It's difficult trying to keep tabs on everything with 126 stu-

dent organizations," Levendoski said.

Levendoski started setting up the interview process for his job in December 2006 and began working for the University in August.

This year, he tried something new to get all the student organizations on the same page by planning the first student organization informational session. On Sept. 29, one representative from each organization went to the University Center and went through a number of different sessions, learning everything from how to reserve a room in the University Center to how to get funding from the Leadership Development and Programming Board.

"The turnout was a lot better than I expected," Levendoski said. "I learned a lot. I freely admit that it lasted too long, but I think overall it was a fantastic success for me."

Gliniany is in charge of the Homecoming committee and also is in charge of advising the fraternities and sororities on campus, and works with the Greek communities governing councils.

Originally, Gliniany was contacted about taking this job as an emergency replacement following Blackburn's departure, she said.

"I would say the best part of my job is the interaction with students," Gliniany said. "It's great being connected with them and having them feel comfortable coming in and talking to me about anything."

Both Levendoski and Gliniany agreed it was difficult to make the transition from student to staff. They also said they noticed that some staff had a hard time realizing that they were now co-workers too.

Cara Rubis, a co-worker in the Involvement Center, said she didn't have a difficult time adjusting to working with Levendowski and Gliniany, because she was introduced to them formally. She also went on to say she could understand how some people would.

In his spare time, Levendoski likes to quilt, cook and spend time with his wife, whom he married in July.

Gliniany enjoys scrapbooking, shopping and traveling. One of her favorite places to travel is Australia, where she student taught in the summer of 2006.

Gliniany didn't just suddenly take an interest in Greek life when she accepted this position. During her time as a student at UWRF she was a member of a sorority on campus.

"I think Sara [Gliniany] does a nice job of being available in her office and always having her door open," Alpha Sigma Alpha member Sarah Saal said. "Sara seems very devoted to her job and makes you feel comfortable if you need to come to her for anything."

Levendoski and Gliniany put hours of work into making sure all the student groups run smoothly.

Sculpture modeled in 1968 finds home outside Kleinpell Fine Arts

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A sculpture dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. that was crafted in 1968 has found a new home on campus outside of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

The artist of the sculpture, Doug Johnson, was the sculpting teacher on campus during the late 1960s. During this time the class of 1968 commissioned him to craft the sculpture, "Homage to Martin Luther King, Jr."

"It was commissioned as part of Rodli Commons," Johnson said. "They wanted some art for the new Rodli building."

The sculpture has been in four different locations over the years. When it was first constructed it was attached to a free-standing concrete base outside of the Rodli Commons building.

"Students would walk by and tip it over," Building and Grounds Supervisor Manville Kenney said, "It has a dent in one side."

After being knocked over several times in its Rodli location, it was moved to a more permanent location in front of Hathorn Hall.

In the 1990s, a renovation of the sidewalk outside Hathorn Hall took place and the statue was moved into storage.

"It, at that point, became out of site out of mind," Micheal Stifter, director of campus facilities, said.

Last spring there was a renewed effort to find a new home for the statue on campus, Stifter said.

Campus officials scouted the campus to find a new location for the sculpture.

"It's not meant to be a piece that gets a lot of direct contact," Stifter said. "I think it's a good passive viewing that makes a point."

It had to be restored before it was put in its new location. The sculpture had weathered and rusted while sitting in storage, Kenney said. Johnson paid to have it sandblasted and powder coated.

"I got about twice as much into it than they paid me in the beginning," Johnson said.

Facilities Management worked with the Art Department to relocate the sculpture outside of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Johnson said that the new location has sentimental value for him due to it being so close to the classroom where he taught sculpture classes.

"We had welding equipment and we would come out and drive an old wrecked car in here and make a sculpture out of it," Johnson said. "So there often were junked cars right in this same area."

The sculpture was originally crafted in Johnson's art studio in the country.

"I conceived it on a potter's wheel," Johnson said." then I just composed it in a small model."

While he was working on the piece, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. The event changed the meaning of the sculpture.

"Every newspaper that came had lots of his quotes," Johnson said, "So I would cut them out of the paper and keep lots of them. Then



Alyssa Peoples
Former UWRF sculpting teacher Doug Johnson created this sculpture in 1968, as a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. The piece of art now sits on the south side of Kleinpell Fine Arts.

it occurred to me 'why not weld them onto the sculpture?'"

Johnson said that he had intended for the sculpture to rust away along with the racial tensions of the era.

"It looks pretty much now like it did when it was new," Johnson said. "But I had intended to let it rust as if it were an old war machine when we no longer would need to be reminded because there would be no more assassinations or hate crimes. But that never happened."

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Pep Society inspires campus through music

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It's not enough for these students to sit in a classroom and learn concert music; they need the thrill of the crowd, the rush of the game, the energy-pumped music of a pep band.

"If you were at a game and you saw us, whether it's cold, raining, snowing, we have fun, we put smiles on our faces and show the crowd that [UW-River Falls] isn't just about learning," Pep Society President Amanda Gunn said.

The Pep Society is a student led organization which grew out of the Concert/Pep Band led by Craig Hara into its own entity,

and allows for anyone to play music with them without having to be enrolled in the class.

"I helped found the Pep Society last year with a few other members of the Pep Band/Concert Band class as well as our director and advisor, Dr. Barnett," Vice President Cheyenne Mallo said. "I got involved because I thought we would be providing a good opportunity for students who couldn't take the class to still be able to play pep band for the University."

The student-led organization boasts majors from all over campus. Agriculture Engineering major and Pep Society treasurer, Jacob

Kappelman is a testament to that fact. He said he joined Pep Society so he could play the music without having to take the class.

Gunn said people join the Pep Society for all kinds of reasons - to keep up on the music they played in high school, to maintain their interest in the art even if they're unable to attend the class or simply for the love of pep band music.

"It also is a lot of fun to sit down and play music," Kappelman said. "It's a good break from all the science and engineering classes. It is a chance to be a little creative and have some fun."

To play with Pep Society, stu-

dents don't need to take lessons, classes or declare a major or a minor - they need only to play in instrument, read music and show up with a smile.

"Some people can't be in the class; some just want to do pep band tunes and not concert music and some want to participate in Homecoming, Winter Carnival and try to travel to away games," Gunn said.

The society works symbiotically with the class when they play together and follow the programs laid out by the Concert/pep band director.

They will typically perform with the class, but will play in the class's stead for home games that the class is unable to attend.

Gunn said they are working on being able to attend away games as well.

"We're letting our energy out through music," Gunn said. "Both the class and the society are dedicated to show up, keep up the school spirit and create a positive experience for the crowd."

Gunn's favorite Pep Society experience is based on her interactions with crowd, she said.

"Homecoming is the biggest game for me," Gunn said. "The number of students, the number of parents and alumni, blasting out the tunes - it's really intense and really fun, especially when the crowd gets into it."

Kappelman said his favorite

part of the organization was playing the music, "and the people, of course."

"We take it seriously and we try to have fun at the same time," Gunn said. "We want to show that River Falls is a really fun community."

Mallo said she enjoys Pep Society because it's different than your average music class.

"I love just being able to go to the sporting events and play Pep band," Mallo said. "I would rather be playing my instrument outside for a football game with the crowd and fans cheering than stuck in a concert hall somewhere."

Icelandic band follows own path



Matt Loosbrock

In a land of music, where almost anything goes, Sigur Rós does not stand above all others. Instead, they float along on their own strange island at sea, not to be mistaken for their native country, Iceland.

The group is familiar in the styling of Coldplay, Aqualung and Radiohead, but you'll still find it hard to wrap your head around how to describe it. In their latest double release, *Hvarf/Heim*, Sigur Rós (meaning "Victory Rose") has crafted a group of unique, minimalist songs, orchestrated carefully by singer/guitarist Jónsi which sound as cold as their native country's name.

Hvarf/Heim isn't much of an actual studio release, but more of a rarities/live album. *Heim* can be considered more of the "album" aspect, as it features a list of new, unreleased acoustic pieces. Contrary to what you might think, this is not an acoustic guitar driven set. To Sigur Rós, acoustic means piano, mallets and a hell of a lot of strings. The result is a trance-like mix of songs that ring clear with a truth and honesty not common among music standards. "Starálfur" stands out among them with arpeggiated piano verses that trade off with the vocals. The music in *Heim* does not accompany the vocals, but plays like another member of the band, which is a phenomenal thing to accomplish.

Hvarf features five songs recorded live during the band's last tour of Iceland and is the heaviest of the two discs. Meddled with vibraphones and

piano that serve as the disc's "light" sounds, songs such as "I gaer" fool you into the mysterious lull of a xylophone, only to shock your eardrums by blasting powered electric guitars and busting snare drums "Salka" gives a familiar Radiohead vibe with a disjointed guitar intro followed by the high falsetto of Jónsi's eerily soothing vocals. *Hvarf* is composed with plenty of strings, such as "Von," probably the disc's highest achievement. Carefully crafted with violins hanging over clear vocal tones, an almost inaudible bass drum drives the song forward like a tribal chant.

And you'll wonder if it is chant being sung while listening to Jónsi crooning in somber tones and unrecognizable words. There is no English in *Hvarf/Heim*. Sigur Rós thrives on the native music of its country; therefore it is only appropriate they perform in its Icelandic language. Further seating themselves apart, Jónsi also sings in Volenska (Hopelandic), a language he created that serves a purpose to enhance their music with vocal sounds, not language. The idea is that the voice becomes as part of the music, like any other instrument.

Hvarf/Heim is not for everyone. With minimalist style and general unfamiliarity, it will turn some off. But putting aside everything music is thought to be, and allowing the music to grab you, there is hardly anything else that can captivate you like Sigur Rós. In their ability to alienate, they are allowed complete creativity of their sound, and they wouldn't want it any other way. If this is understood, neither will you.

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'Lions for Lambs' mirrors present day political landscape



A.J. Hakari

Subject of endless debate amongst hardcore cinephiles and casual movie fans alike has been what the cinema's exact purpose is. Many argue that the movies should be an escape from the real world, where we can forget our problems and merely be entertained in a dark room for a couple of hours. I understand this point perfectly well, especially in our current political climate; so much dour news, especially about the war in Iraq, is being banded about these days, I get the logic of wanting to watch Adam Sandler do goofy voices over cinematic takes on current events.

But this is the very attitude that "Lions for Lambs" is against, and the film makes a rather compelling case for picking a side and at least trying to stand for something instead of letting the world go by with a complacent, Cheeto-dusted expression.

The events in "Lions for Lambs" unfold over the course of three different yet interwoven plot threads. The first involves an ambitious senator (Tom Cruise) allowing a seasoned reporter (Meryl Streep) the first glance at a new plan aimed at earning America's support for the war on terror.

In the second story, a college professor (Robert Redford, who also directed the film) tries to reinvigorate the mind of a once-brilliant student-turned-slacker.

The third thread follows two Army soldiers (Derek Luke and Michael Peña), former students of the Redford character who now find themselves fighting for their lives on the battlefield after a misfired strategy.

As you can tell, much of "Lions for Lambs" is comprised of lecturing and conversations amongst the characters. There's not a whole lot of actual action (aside from some brief gun-fights during the Army subplot), so those who admired the combination of politics and shoot-'em-up theatrics of screenwriter Matthew Michael Carnahan's last picture, "The Kingdom," may be in for a disappointment. But that doesn't mean that "Lions for Lambs" should be counted out quite yet.

The film's greatness lies with its ability to craft a compelling picture out of this mindset; it addresses how bogged down people are from hearing about Iraq, but it also conveys a message that this is still no good reason to feign inaction when there's still time to make a difference, no matter what side you're on. It presents a multi-faceted discussion on military presence in Iraq, giving the audience points of view not only from those who want us to pull out now but also the politicians pulling the strings from behind the scenes.

Such strong thematic bearings are also boosted by one hell of a cast, with an especially great turn from Tom Cruise, parlaying the ego many see him as possessing into his role as a crafty politician.

The tagline for "Lions for Lambs" reads, "If you don't stand for something, you might fall for anything."

This describes the film's philosophy to a tee, its strength resting not in picking a side but in inciting viewers to make whatever they feel is the right decision.

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Ken Weigend

It is not often that audiences are invited into a theater and then berated for their lethargic ignorance. But that is exactly what Robert Redford's new politically saturated lecture of a film "Lions for Lambs" does. Career politicians, journalists and apathetic youth catch the bulk of the flak, but underneath the surface, the entire country is getting a fierce rap on the knuckles.

Written by Matthew Michael Carnahan ("The Kingdom") and directed by Redford, "Lions for Lambs" is actually three separate story threads loosely tied at the ends to create a narrative loop. Janine Roth (Meryl Streep), a headstrong TV journalist, arrives on Capital Hill for an exclusive one-on-one with Presidential hopeful Senator Jasper Irving (Tom Cruise). Irving hopes to sell Roth, and thus the media, his new strategy to win both the War on Terror and the "hearts and minds of the people."

At the same time, 3,000 miles away in a California university, Professor Stephen Malley (Redford) attempts to rekindle the fire within disaffected student Todd Hayes (Andrew Garfield). Malley uses as kindling the tale of two former brilliant pupils that took Malley's idealistic preaching to heart and enlisted, hoping to evoke change from the inside. Instead of evoking that change, the pair find themselves spearheading the very mission Irving is spinning so hard to sell the American public, a mission that involves capturing the high-ground in Afghanistan before the snow melts and the Afghani's can get there first. The three narratives are juggled simultaneously, all occupying the same time frame.

Redford does a wonderful job at timing each scene just right, skillfully switching between all three claustrophobic fragments at just the right time to keep the audience from getting too bored with any one premise.

Carnahan's script pops with enticing dialogue that gloats in its own rhetoric. The script pulls viewers in with a clever set-up but never goes anywhere. The characters talk themselves in circles, blowing hot air over problems we already know about. The film never even attempts for that "dare to be great" moment when a film stops lecturing and starts speaking.

The only thing the film does say is to make a desperate call to arms, not for more soldiers but for a smarter breed of citizen. The most important person to watch in this three-ring circus is disillusioned student Todd. He personifies an entire nation of couch potatoes that remain complacent in their inaction. This slothfulness is a disturbingly perfect metaphor for an ignorant streak this country desperately needs to break.

Sadly, the intriguing start soon collapses in on itself, as the lessons here get lost amidst all the finger pointing. "Mistakes have been made," Irving continually stresses, as pictures of Ms. Rice and Mr. Bush peer luminously over his shoulder, a deliberate visual reminder of the puppet masters behind this whole mess. Both Carnahan and Redford can be applauded for trying to fight the good fight, urging that viewers pick a side, presumably theirs, and get involved, but in the end "Lions for Lambs" is a smoke-and-mirrors filibuster eloquently stating what is painfully obvious.

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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.



Gunelson preserves UW-River Falls history

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Nestled into an office filled with computers, photography equipment and an array of photos, you can find a man who has been a part of UW-River Falls for 30 years.

But don't expect to find Jens Gunelson in his office. As the University photographer, Gunelson has spent much of his time on the move, with a camera in hand, shooting almost

anything and everything on campus.

"Jens Gunelson is an amazing photographer," Mark Kinders, director of public affairs, said. "Through his years he has created an extraordinary archive of life at the University that will be legacy for decades to come."

Gunelson grew up in Belview, Minn., where he attended high school. He continued his education at Minnesota State University-Mankato in 1964. He was an English major and art minor, finishing his undergraduate degree in 1968.

Vietnam was just around the corner.

"My draft notice was in the mail, so I joined the army," Gunelson said.

A friend of his had dropped out of school a year prior and joined army intelligence. Gunelson's friend said that there had not been a death in army intelligence since 1964.

"So, that was good enough for me," Gunelson said. "So, I applied for army intelligence and I got in."

For six months, he went to army intelligence school at Fort Holabird, Md.,

and was then sent to a Vietnamese language school in California for a year.

"I was bad," Gunelson said. "I was one of the worst students there."

But it was in California where his roots as a photographer broke ground.

"It was there that several of my classmates and myself taught ourselves photography in their craft shop," Gunelson said.

After language school, Gunelson was shipped out to Vietnam, where he remained for about nine months. There was not much to do, and passion for the war was just not there, he said. While he was there he spent a lot of time playing volleyball and driving around in a jeep, picking up hitchhikers.

At Ft. Holabird he had about 35 fellow students in his class. Five of them were marines who had already been to Vietnam, while the other 30 were college graduates.

"I don't remember any of them showing any want to be in the service," Gunelson said.

He also said that in this day and age, wars are not necessary, and that they are merely a result of a breakdown in diplomacy.

"I feel very sorry for the people in the military right now," Gunelson said. "They are taking the brunt of the war."

Despite his lack of desire to be in Vietnam, the young man was able to further his skills as a photographer.

There was a dark room on the base, and nobody was doing photography, so he began using the room.

In 1970, American involvement in the Vietnam War was falling apart rapidly, and Gunelson was given the choice of remaining in Vietnam for two months or coming back to the states for five.

"So, I figured why press my luck," Gunelson said.

He came back to the states, and for five months he remained in Peoria, Ill., interviewing people a few days out of the week.

After getting the G.I. Bill, Gunelson resumed his education at Mankato and earned a master's degree in structural media and technology. He was one of

few graduate students at the time who worked at the Mankato school newspaper, the Reporter.

Soon after getting his master's degree, Gunelson received a phone call from the wife of Jim Thies, who had been the sports editor for the Reporter. Thies, currently the UWRF assistant public affairs director and sports information director, had begun working at UWRF after graduating.

"I was confident that he could do the job at UWRF since I was familiar with his work at Mankato State," Thies said in an e-mail interview. "And I knew he would be a great fit into this campus community."

"So, I interviewed for it, and [it was] my only interview and my only job," Gunelson said.

Gunelson currently shoots photos for news releases, The Falcon Daily newspaper, a number of sporting events and several other things.

"No one on this campus has been to more commencements, awards ceremonies or other annually recurring activities than has Jens," Kinders said.

"Even so, he brings a fresh eye to every event."

Gunelson said he appreciates the storytelling ability that a photograph possesses.

He also takes a lot of staff mug shots in front of a backdrop that stands out soon as you walk in to his office. Every staff member is encouraged to get photos taken for the Web, he said.

Outside of the University and his life as a photographer, Gunelson enjoys working with tools. Included in his handy work is a knack for woodworking. He builds cabinets, furniture and has remodeled his house. Computers are also a favorite of his, and he enjoys putting them together just as much as he likes utilizing them for his work.

"It's been a good time here," Gunelson said. "I've been here thirty years, and I will probably be here 'til I retire."

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UWRF campus photographer Jens Gunelson has been working at the University for the past 30 years. He is often spotted at campus events, including the Homecoming game this year.

Kenny Yoo/Student Voice



A brief collection of work Gunelson has compiled during his 30 year career at UWRF. Left to right: UW-River Falls as seen from above; a snow covered clock sits in the middle of campus last winter; paintings adorn the windows of the Chalmer Davee Library; the fire which destroyed part of the campus Lab Farm 1 on Oct. 27.

Jens Gunelson