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Winter snow blankets UWRF



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The reflection off the Chalmer Davee Library’s window shows the nine inches freshly fallen snow that accumulated in River Falls Dec. 1 and Dec. 4. The photo, taken Dec. 5, mirrors South Hall.



Abby Piette/Student Voice

Left: The snow that swept across UWRF Dec. 1 and Dec. 4, prevented many students from utilizing their typical means of transportation. Right: Snow-covered trees were also common on campus.

Ill professor given second chance at life

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It just didn’t make sense to Salma Atroon. The wife of leukemia-stricken Kamal Adam, UW-River Falls assistant professor of agricultural engineering technology, could not wrap her head around the news that Adam’s doctor at United Hospital in St. Paul had shared with the couple: that a bone marrow tissue match had not been found among Adam’s father and eight siblings in Sudan and Saudi Arabia. Therefore, the doctor said, they would have to consider other options.

Atroon said she found it hard to accept the doctor’s prognosis. “With [eight] siblings, when they tell you there is no match, there must be something wrong,” she said.

The mother of three’s uncertainty drove her to contact the doctor in Sudan who had run the tests on Adam’s family. She convinced him to look at the results again.

“I just said, ‘Please, I am desperate,’” Atroon said.

Thanks to his wife’s suspicions, Adam can watch his three sons mature into adulthood. He will be able to fulfill his dreams of going fishing and deer hunting. And he can look forward to returning to the classroom at UWRF next fall. Almost two months after he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia, a bone marrow tissue match has been found for Adam. Arrangements are being made to obtain visas for his sister Tahani Mohamed Adam and her young son to fly to the United States by the end of the month.

Finding out that her husband would survive was a dream come true for Atroon.

“It was a dream for me for a long, long time,” she said. “It was a shock.”

Adam said that after nearly two months of living with cancer, the positive news gave him a much needed peace of mind.

“I was very pleased, of course,” he said. “That was a really big relief.”

Lisa Owens, College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences dean’s assistant, has worked closely with the Adam family since the cancer diagnosis.

“They’re such a good family and they’ve gone through so much,” she said. “It’s wonderful to have this happen.”

Adam said that his bone marrow transplant surgery will hopefully take place before the end of December at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

“After they do the bone marrow transplant, they have to monitor me for three months,” he said. “So it’s a very long process.”

He plans on spending the next summer recuperating before returning to his duties as assistant professor at UWRF next fall. He said he misses interacting with his students in the agricultural engineering technology department.

“I love teaching, educating students and getting feedback from them, grading homework and exams,” he said.

There’s no place like home

The 47-year-old returned home to River Falls a week before Thanksgiving. The assistant professor is considerably thinner since he last set foot on the UWRF campus in October. In addition

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Students have options to prevent winter weight gain

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Holiday comfort foods and icy streets leave some tempted to eat more and exercise less, but there are ways UW-River Falls students can avoid winter weight gain.

Sophomore Kim Capes said that winter weather makes her cut back on her outside exercise routine.

“I don’t like running out in the cold,” Capes said.

Cold conditions also make it hard for Capes to eat right.

“I eat more because I’m stuck inside,” Capes said. “There’s nothing else to do, and I’m bored.”

Students should actively seek out healthy food options, Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student Health Services, said.

“Eat breakfast,” Reilly-Myklebust said. “It’s a very important meal.”

Consistently eating meals composed of healthy foods, such as whole grains, fruit, vegetables and lean proteins, helps keep students full so they can better resist high-calorie treats, Reilly-Myklebust said.

Food choices also affect a student’s ability to follow through with an exercise program.

“You know, you need good fuel to be able to be active and exercise,” UWRF Health Education Coordinator Keven Syverson said.

Syverson recommends year-round exercise as a means of maintaining a healthy weight.

“Obviously, when you’re active, your metabolism is going to be raised,” Syverson said.

A higher metabolism means more calories are burned, even when a person is resting.

If possible, students should get some of their exercise outside, Lori Otto, student health nurse, said.

Spending some time in the sun alleviates depression caused by a lack of sunlight and helps combat emotion-driven eating.

Anyone who plans to exercise outside during winter should exercise outside throughout the fall to get used to colder temperatures, Syverson said.

“It does not mean you’re immune to the cold or anything,” Syverson said.

Everybody is vulnerable to frostbite if they spend too much time outside in below-zero temperatures.

Syverson recommends that people who exercise outside wear clothes made of a fabric, such as polar fleece, that draws sweat away from the body; cotton collects moisture, which chills a per-

son in cold conditions. A light wind and water-resistant coat over the moisture-wicking top helps protect the body from the elements.

Winter walkers and runners should also watch the trails for icy stretches and slow down and adjust their footing so they don’t fall when they pass through these areas, Syverson said.

Fewer hours of daylight makes it more likely that students will work out in the dark. Students need to pay close attention to their surroundings and should exercise in groups if possible if they



A. Reilly-Myklebust

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New eSIS QuickPAY option makes paying tuition easier

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UW-River Falls Accounts Receivable department has introduced a new online system that will make viewing, printing and paying tuition much easier and more convenient.

The new system, called eSIS QuikPAY, will allow students to view and print their tuition bills online, make electronic payments to their accounts, and sign up for direct deposit of their financial aid refunds, Brenda Rudberg, head of

accounts receivable, said.

“It saves the student having to run over and get lost in North Hall,” Alan Tuchtenhagen, associate vice chancellor for enrollment services, said.

“It speeds it up and [t h e r e f u n d] goes right into their account.”

QuikPAY also allows



Alan Tuchtenhagen

students to give third parties, such as their parents, access to their accounts to allow the parents to view and pay their student’s tuition. Students can create an alternate username and password to give third parties access to the account, Tuchtenhagen said.

“Parents are very interested in this,” Tuchtenhagen said. “It allows them direct access to their student’s account.”

The Accounts Receivable department hopes to eliminate paper bills by January 2008 by

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Tenure raises question regarding academic freedom, lazy teaching

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Permanent employment contract: sounds nice, but recently increased debate over the concept of tenure has officials at some institutions wondering if it’s really all it’s cracked up to be, and it has some UW-River Falls students doubting the sincerity of their professors.

At UWRF, new hires come up for review each year, during which they are evaluated by other department members on the basis of elements such as student course evaluations, course syllabi and student advisees. Department members then vote whether or not to retain the faculty member in question. After six years of full-time, or at least half-time employment, members of the department have the option to make a recommendation that the faculty

member be evaluated for tenure, according to the UWRF Faculty Handbook.

After passing through the chair of the department, dean of the college and the provost, the recommendation will then be handed to the chancellor; if approved, the faculty member will no longer come up for yearly review. The intention is to preserve a sense of academic freedom for faculty, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Connie Foster said.

“[After tenure is granted], the faculty member is committed to serving at our institution,” Foster said. “Essentially, faculty can speak their mind without losing their jobs.”

Several professors working toward tenure were reluctant to speak about it. This may be due to a fear

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VOICE SHORTS

National Guard units may be deployed

River Falls and New Richmond Companies of 32nd Infantry Brigade have been advised that they may be going back to Iraq. National Guard soldiers who attended weekend drill in River Falls, New Richmond and 34 other Wisconsin communities Saturday were told they may be heading for the Middle East in another 18 months. For members of River Falls' Company D, part of the 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry headquartered at Eau Claire, and New Richmond's Company B, it would be about three and a half years since their last tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both served in Iraq from June 2004 to Nov. 2005. Many of the 3,450 member 32nd Brigade have served in at least one tour to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan, for 12 to 15 months since Sept. 11, 2001. The Wisconsin troops and other brigades from Mississippi and Oregon are receiving alert orders now in order to provide them the maximum time to complete their preparations, Lt. Col. Tim Donovan, director of Public Affairs for the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard, said Monday. Their tasks are expected to include base defense and route security in Iraq and Kuwait.

Local man pleads guilty to sexual assault

A River Falls man pled guilty Wednesday in Pierce County Circuit Court to first degree sexual assault of child. Mark A. Campbell, 36, was originally charged with four felonies stemming from a March 25 incident in the city of River Falls: first degree sexual assault of child; incest with child; exposing child to harmful materials; and causing children under 13 to view and listen to sexual activities. The last three charges were dismissed as part of the plea agreement. He will be sentenced 8:45 a.m. Feb. 8., Pierce County District Attorney John O'Boyle said. As part of the agreement the state will seek a sentence of 20 years, including five to seven years confinement plus 13 to15 years of extended supervision. Circuit Court Judge Robert Wing ordered a pre-sentence investigation (PSI). Wing explained to Campbell and to everyone in court that he's not bound by the state's PSI and that he could sentence Campbell to the maximum penalty for the sexual assault — 60 years confinement. Wing also ordered that Campbell's bond be revoked. Court records show Campbell was found not guilty of child neglect in Pierce County earlier this year and found guilty of disorderly conduct in St. Croix County in 2003.

Fifth grader saves life of young girl

Maya Shelton-Davies described a recent incident near Rocky Branch Elementary School, where she is a 5th-grader and on the school's safety patrol, according to the *River Falls Journal*. At her post, just down the street from Rocky Branch Oct. 26, the young girl was approached by two fellow students, a young boy and his younger second-grade sister. He rode a scooter while his sister struggled to keep up. Ignoring Shelton-Davies' request to not cross the street, the young boy barged through the patrol's outstretched arms and crossed anyway. Shelton-Davies could see and hear a white 4x4 pickup truck that she could tell was traveling much faster than the suggested 15 mph school zone speed limit. Not wanting to be separated from her brother, the little girl was determined to follow him. She dashed off the curb. Shelton-Davies grabbed the little girl by the hood and pulled her back to the curb. That decision probably saved the little girl's life. As Shelton-Davies pulled on the girl's hood, the speeding white truck whizzed by. With no other incidents, Shelton-Davies simply continued her patrol duties until the end of her shift. Shelton-Davies was presented with a Certificate of Excellence and a gold badge as part of the school's Safety Patrol of the Month award. The only regret Shelton-Davies had about that morning's event is that she didn't catch the truck's license plate number.

Escaped River Falls felon caught by police

Craig Harp, 25, a wanted felon who ran and escaped arrest from River Falls Police seven weeks ago on the city's west side, was captured Wednesday night by Red Wing, Minn., Police, according to the River Falls Journal. Harp was also wanted in Minnesota. No one was hurt in the arrest, but Harp allegedly gave a false name to officers, River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said. He was picked up at a house in Red Wing at 6:40 p.m. Leque also said that River Falls Police, acting on a tip, notified Minnesota authorities about Harp's whereabouts that led to his arrest. Leque said police have been active in this investigation since Harp outran officers, eluded a sheriff's deputy's dog and got away through a cornfield. The Oct. 11 foot chase began before dawn at Harp's girlfriend's house at 919 Pine Ridge Terrace. Harp was wanted in Wisconsin for a parole violation and in Minnesota for failing to register as a sex offender and aggravated assault. Harp was arrested twice in August by River Falls police at the Pine Ridge Terrace address for probation violations. He allegedly tried to run away during one of those arrests but was caught and-taken to county jail in Ellsworth.

Family-friendly event celebrates holidays

Mike Norman, narrator, and Kristin Tjornehoj, conductor, are preparing to celebrate the holidays 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Poetry, narration, visuals, sing-along for audience members, chamber choir and festive music will come together with a family-friendly atmosphere. The fee for the concert is \$5 for the general public, \$3 for ages 18 and under and \$2 for students with ID. The concert will be in the Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts.

Preparation urged for new file system

People are reminded to clean up network file space in prepration for the University's move to FalconFile. Moving during J-term will be file and folders in the S:/Homes, P:/Courses, and T:/Oasis (student organization) file areas. Moving spring semester will be H:/Home and G:/Dept. For details on how to get ready for the big move, and to view a FalconFile video for a sneak peek, visit www.uwrf.edu/moving.

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CORRECTIONS

In last weeks Voice Shorts, in the entry titled "Several holiday concerts to take place," there were several errors. The song listing for the Dec. 2 choir concert was incorrect. The "New Music Ensemble Concert" was performed at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4. Lastly, the mentioned works by composers Cornelius Cardrew, Yoko Ono and Roger Johnson were performed at a previous concert.

Senate makes changes for next semester

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Despite several inches of snow, the Willow River Room of the University Center was nearly full during Tuesday's Student Senate meeting, during which change seemed to be the dominant theme. In a discussion carried over from last week's meeting, Mike Pearson, chair of the Leadership Development and Programming Board, explained the motion on the table concerning zero-based funding. Each year, students pay extra fees along with their tuition to go toward the funding of everything from student programs to special campus projects; LDPB is then responsible for allocating money out to student organizations. With students holding the responsibility for budgeting within their organizations, money left stagnant in accounts seems to be a budding issue, Pearson said. "Last year we had just over \$58,000 left out of a \$300,000 budget," Pearson said. "That's a lot of money just sitting there that could be used for other things." Zero-based funding, the proposed solution, moves to take any allocated money left over in organization treasury accounts, minus the revenues from ticket sales, underwriting, advertising or other fundraising events, and put it back into the LDPB account the day after new allocations are made for the upcoming academic year. The unused money will then be reallocated for other causes, Pearson said. Athletic Advisory committee chair Krista Hasselquist expressed concern over what to do if an organization is attempting to save money up for a specific project. However, money cannot be saved from year to year, so other options such as one-time funding are available. Overall, it should make the budgeting process much easier, Pearson said. "It teaches proper budgeting," Pearson said. "If you're budgeting properly, you shouldn't have a problem."

After little discussion at this week's meeting, the motion passed in a unanimous voice vote. Also carried over from last week's meeting was discussion concerning the Dream Act, a piece of legislation that moves to help undocumented residents get on the track to citizenship. Those who meet the criteria, such as having arrived in the United States at age 15 or younger and proof of residence for at least five consecutive years since their arrival, are qualified to apply for a temporary six-month residence. After graduating from a two-year community college, completing at least two years toward a four-year degree, or serving two years in the U.S. military, they are then eligible to apply for legal permanent residence -- also known as green card status. The motion on Tuesday night's agenda, if passed, would move to support the passage of the Dream Act, the main intention being to work toward increasing diversity on the UW-River Falls campus, Legislative Affairs director Craig Witte, who proposed the motion, said. "For River Falls, it would allow us to recruit from a larger and more diverse pool of students, which is a key thing we try and work for here," Witte said. Discussion ensued, with the main concern being confusion over some of the requirements and financial aid. After some debate, the motion was moved to a roll call vote, where it then passed, 9-11. Appointments included various committees as well as two motions to appoint existing senators to some of the committees that will be losing directors as a result of graduation. Motions were unanimously passed, appointing Jason Meier, Tyler Halverson and Laura Adrian to Finance Director, Shared Governance Director and Diversity and Women's Initiatives Co-Director, respectively, as well as appointing Michael Defenbaugh as Chair of LDPB. Students are reminded that they are invited to participate in a broomball game after the Falcon Women's hockey game Dec. 7.

The Suite life at UWRF

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It is the third year since the opening of the South Fork Suites, which were expected to be the next form of student living convince at UW-River Falls. Since the facility's opening in the fall of 2005, there has been much interest and discussion of the facility and the plans for the future. Kristie Feist, east area coordinator for residence life, became involved with the project two months after the facility's inception. In talking to the students and from her experience with the apartment style dorms, she commented on the conditions and issues with the new building in its first few years. "Like all new buildings there were some kinks to work out, most of which were simple mechanical problems such as leaks in the plumbing," Feist said. The problems were addressed and fixed by facilities management and since then have been corrected. Some of the benefits of the facility include each person having more privacy in their bedroom. Residents generally were happy with per person ratio for the washer and dryers and liked the kitchenettes that were provided, although some expressed interest in having a range stove in the rooms so they don't have to share them with the entire floor where they are currently located in the halls. "You get your own room and kitchen so you don't have to eat at the University Center," senior and first semester resident of the Suites Nick Knaapen said. One of the issues in talking with some students is that the Suites are more like apartment atmospheres than the actual dorm experience. "No one really comes out," Knaapen said. "Everyone pretty much keeps to themselves." In talking about improvements for the facility and possible future goals, Feist mentioned the possibility of filling some of the empty common space with different activities that students would be more likely to use such as pool tables that would encourage students to congregate and use the common areas. In talking to students residing in the Suites, Feist is confident that the students are



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice
Dave Linder is one of the many residents living at South Fork Suites, added to the University three years ago. The suites give students an apartment-style living option on campus.

pleased with the living conditions provided. Focus groups and surveys provided by the University are given and are designed to measure overall satisfaction with the Suites. "We wanted to provide a living option for older students and give them more of a progressive living environment from the dorms to a more apartment style setting," Feist said. For the future, some talks have been tossed around about giving students the option to have a 12-month contract in the suites, but that idea has been getting mixed reviews. According to Knaapen, an apartment would be more cost effective as an alternative to staying in the Suites year round. "The Suites are pretty expensive," Knaapen said. Feist also emphasized that plans are under-

way to add on to the facility and make changes and improvements, which a committee of staff and students will decide upon. "The Suites have met our expectations for what we have envisioned for it," Feist said. The expectations will be even higher for the new addition, which a committee is making plans to be completed by the 2009 school year. According to Feist, the goal is to add an additional 200 to 300 beds. "We will continue to use evaluative tools to gage satisfaction of the residents and use the data to make appropriate changes based on various issues," Feist said. More information on the South Fork Suites can be found at <http://sa.uwrf.edu/sa/res-life/res-halls/south-fork>.

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. 29**
- Scott W. Shoemaker, 32, was cited operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OMVWI), second offense, and causing an injury while operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Shoemaker was involved in a personal injury accident on S. Wasson Lane after he left the Rumor Night Club at approximately 7:15 p.m.
- Nov. 29**
- Benjamin L. Leske, 29, was cited \$249 for soliciting services on University property. Leske, owner of Rumors night club, was placing flyers on the windshield of vehicles on University property.
 - Theft of a Christmas tree shaped lighting fixture from the UW-River Falls Heating Plant was reported.

- Nov. 30**
- Katelyn Matheny, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
 - Amanda L. Kilton, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
 - Kelly K. Richardson, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
 - Mitchell R. Butterbrod, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
 - Sarah C. Schoeneck, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.
 - Kelsey M. Granger, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.
 - Jesa L. Hall, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.
 - Courtney I. Bourgoin, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

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of being demoted or punished for expressing an opinion -- just what tenure is designed to prevent, Journalism Department Chair Colleen Callahan said. "Tenure is important because a person is much more willing to speak their mind if they don't have to worry about getting demoted or at the least, not promoted," Callahan said. "It's an issue of academic freedom." After being granted tenure, faculty cannot be removed unless they elect to leave or there are "severely extenuating circumstances," Foster said. "The bottom line is they have to continue to do their job," Foster said. "It's not an excuse not to perform in an adequate manner." Junior Emily Fonder, a biology student, said that she thinks unfortunately, some professors don't treat it like the administration intends. "They know they have their job no matter what," Fonder said. "Then you get teachers that just get lazy." Senior Annaka Isenberger experienced a tenured "professor who didn't care" at school in Steven's Point.

"We had to wait 45 minutes to take our final," Isenberger said. "And she didn't realize until the last day that her book was different than ours, so the readings were all off ... it was ridiculous." It is this sort of student response that has officials at some institutions more closely examining "the tenure trackline." In Harvard Graduate School of Education professor Richard P. Chait's novel, "The Questions of Tenure," he even refers to tenure as "the abortion issue of the academy." Although there may be some faculty who don't take their job quite as seriously at times, it has nothing to do with tenure or even with a particular profession, Callahan said. "The thing is, if you have someone who is lazy at their profession, they're going to be lazy no matter what," Callahan said. "In my 22 years of experience here, I've found that tenured professors work just as hard as others." It is also important to note that tenure doesn't mean that professors are exempt from review, Foster said. "[UWRF has] adopted a system of post-tenure review that comes up every few years," Foster said. "It doesn't deal with retention but rather suggestions and recommendations by other department members."

Junior Kirsten Farrar said that professors do deserve to be repaid for the time and energy devoted to their job, but there is no reason they shouldn't be evaluated on a regular basis. "They put so much of their time into the school and know the system, so they should get credit," Farrar said. "But they still need review ... teaching styles change." Pre-nursing student Casey McCutcheon said she believes tenure is a great idea for professors that take their jobs seriously whether they are tenured or not. "My bio teacher is tenured, and she's really good," McCutcheon said. "She deserves to get paid back somehow." Spanish professor Elizabeth Skwiot said she feels as if UWRF is a place where teachers shouldn't have to worry about their jobs whether they are tenured or not because it is obvious that everyone here has a passion for what they do. "It's something about the atmosphere of UWRF ... I've seen it as a teacher and a student," Skwiot said. "At other universities it may be different, but here the teachers just enjoy teaching."

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to causing drastic weight loss, rounds of chemotherapy have also left him with a fungal infection on his right foot, which is covered by a white bandage. Limiting his mobile ability, the infection has left Adam housebound. He spends his days on a plush leather maroon couch in his living room, watching television and browsing through newspapers and books. "This has become my friend," he said, patting the couch. A practicing Muslim, Adam has taken to reading the Koran daily. "It gives you some comfort," he said. The white kufi skull cap he dons is physical evidence of his religious conviction. It is this conviction that allows Adam to cast his illness in a positive light. "I don't call it a curse on me because I'm a person of faith," Adam said. "I consider it a test from God." The assistant professor said he looks forward to visiting students and faculty in CAFES once his foot heals. He teared up when recalling the support that the CAFES community has given to him and his family, from delivering meals to his family while he was in the hospital to donating frequent flyer miles to help his sister fly over for the bone marrow transplant surgery. "That is amazing," he said. "I can't expect people to be that kind and that good." He also praised his neighbors, who have started a fund at First National Bank in River Falls to cover his medical costs and helped Atroon take care of their three children. "They are great," he said. "I can't really thank them enough." Although he said he gets bored from time to time, Adam expressed contentment at being among his loved ones. "Nothing like home," he said with a smile. "It feels great to be home with the family and with the kids."

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allowing students to view and pay their bills online. Instead students will receive an e-mail notification in their UWRF e-mail account when their tuition bill is ready to view, Rudberg said. "Its more efficient to do this," Tuchtenhagen said. "It's going to save a lot of mail and postage." The QuikPAY Web site will display both current account activity and past tuition bills. "I think it's a good idea," sophomore Sara Ahlfs said. "It will save me a trip to North Hall, which is nice when it's cold like this." Currently, the QuikPAY Web site offers a variety

of payment options. One option is to use a credit card, either Mastercard or Discover, to pay the bill. When paying with a credit card, a 2.75 percent convenience fee is added on to the total bill. The other option, which is free, is to pay online directly from a checking or savings account, Rudberg said. "I think students are really going to like this and parents are going to like this," Tuchtenhagen said. "It's our effort to try and let students conduct more and more of their business online." QuikPAY is already in place and can be accessed in eSIS by clicking on the 'View & Pay Bill' link in the Finances section.

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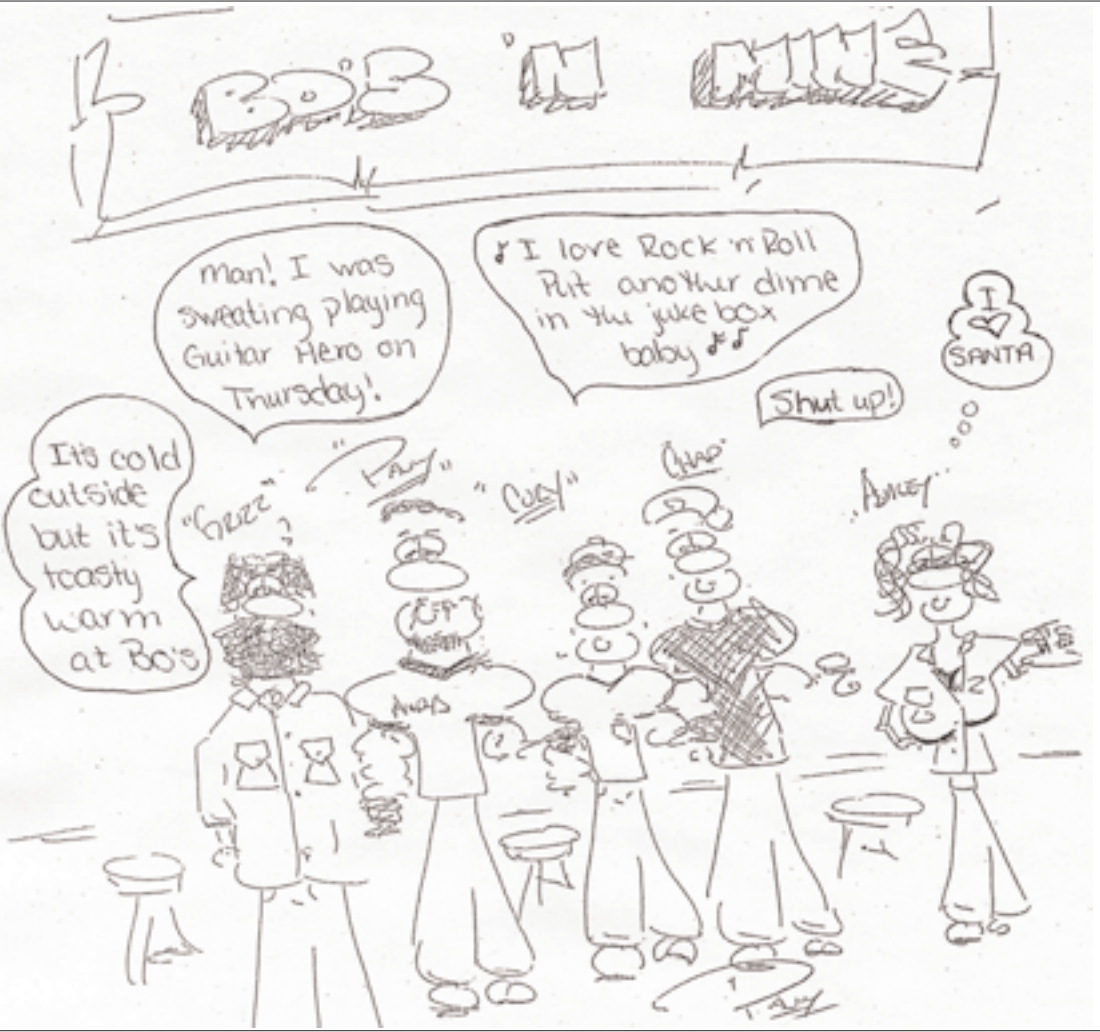
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plan to exercise when it's dark, Syverson said. UWRF offers many indoor recreational activities for students who are concerned about winter safety issues or don't like to exercise in the cold. Jolene Kohlwey walks and jogs with a group of friends most nights during the summer. Kohlwey moves her routine inside, though, during the winter because she doesn't like exercising in cold temperatures, she said. The Body Shop Fitness Center on campus is one place she turns to get exercise during the winter. Students interested in working out at the Body Shop must pay \$35 per semester or \$60 per year. Once members, students have access to a variety of equipment in a warm environment. "We have cardio equipment, Nautilus equipment for safe and effective strength training, medicine and stability balls, elastic bands, and a selection of small free weights," Body Shop Manager Amanda Peters said in an email interview. Because of the absence of staff members and a decline in demand, the Body Shop will be closed over J-term. Runners and walkers who want to move their routine inside can use the indoor track at the Knowles Recreation Center. To access the track and other facilities, students need to pay \$75 per year or \$45 per semester to become a member, according to the UWRF Web page about the center. Otherwise, anyone can pay \$3.50 to use the

facilities at Knowles for the day. Two student personal trainers at the Strength and Conditioning Center in the Emogene Nelson wing of May Hall help members plan their ideal workout and make sure lifts are carried out with proper form. Carmen Pata, head strength coach at the Strength and Conditioning Center, said. The Strength and Conditioning Center will be open over J-term, but there will be no personal trainers available for the month. There are ways for students to stay motivated to exercise that don't require a membership. "I think a huge thing is finding somebody to exercise with," UWRF senior Stacy Dekkers, an intern at Student Health Services, said. Dekkers said she finds it harder to skip a work out when she knows her friends are waiting for her. Choosing an activity they enjoy can also help students find the drive to exercise, Dekkers said. No matter the plan students choose, being flexible and realistic about a routine can help them stick with it. "If you slip once, you fall off, it's not the end of the world," Dekkers said. "The next day, just get back into it." In February, students and faculty will have another way to motivate themselves to be healthy when the Wellness Challenge returns. This month-long program put on by Student Health Services draws people on campus into a competition to see who can follow through with the most healthy activities and lifestyle changes.

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EDITORIAL

Snow removal causes concern

Old man winter decided to rear his ugly head early this year and seems that some in the community were well prepared while others were not. Considering the fact that there were numerous reports Nov. 30 that there would be a 100 percent chance of a major snow-fall Dec.1 makes the fact that some were unprepared inexcusable.

UW-River Falls itself seemed well taken care of, for the most part, as most of the sidewalks were cleared of snow and ice by the time classes resumed following our whiteout over the weekend. There were still some problem areas. One particular path between the Agriculture Science Building and South Hall saw a patch of ice that caused numerous wipeouts. This patch should have been better marked to warn student from possible injury (and embarrassment).

Another issue is that it seemed the university didn't do much to clear the snow from campus until the entire student body was set to return Monday. Even though UWRF is sometimes referred to as a suitcase campus, with hoards of students leaving on the weekends, that doesn't excuse the fact that salt wasn't put down on many of the campus paths until classes resumed Monday.

Another major issue that could be better dealt with is the plowing situation. We feel that the city of River Falls could do a much better job plowing the streets. We realize that it is not an entirely easy task to keep the street completely clear, but the fact that a lackluster job was done with the Dec.1 snowfall made the streets much worse when the city was doused with another batch of white powder Dec. 4, making driving on city streets a dangerous proposition. The plowing situation is only made to look worse when local residents cars and driveways become completely blocked in by snow that is "removed" by the plows. We thought that plowing the streets was supposed to be a service the city provided its citizens. Instead it creates extra work for them.

All we are proposing is that the city and university take a little extra care and time into providing the services that we pay for as citizens, so we aren't left out in the frigid conditions shoveling ourselves out.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Voice fails to check its facts

Dear *Student Voice* editors, my name is Michael Defenbaugh and I am a 5th year Music Education Major. I'm writing in regards to last week's "Voice Shorts Articles." You give readers the opportunity to see that there are "Several Holiday Concerts To Take Place," but you provide what is completely false and inaccurate material. You first tell readers that there is a Holiday Choir Concert Dec. 2 and you give a brief list of the repertoire that they will be singing. It would be beneficial, though, if this were actually the music that they were singing in

the concert. There is also a second announcement of a "New Music Ensemble Concert" which you announce is to be performed at 8 p.m. Dec. 2. Well, they actually performed at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4. The article also goes on to say that they will be doing interpretive drawings, which never happened and was never a part of the concert at all. What I really like in this article is that it says the ensemble will feature works by composers Cornelius Cardew, Yoko Ono and Roger Johnson. That is all well and good, but works by these composers were done six years ago on a program, and none of them were featured at all in this concert. Lastly, the article goes on to say that there is a fee for adults, seniors and as

well as students, but little does the *Voice* know that concerts such as this are completely free. Students of UWRF, I say to you: these are the people that are informing you of what is going on here, and more sadly, these are the people that are going to graduate with degrees in the journalism field. It is frustrating to me as a music student when I see publicity that is not only false, but has no relevance to the concert at all. Students, please be advised that all upcoming concerts and times are appropriately listed on our UWRF music Web site. Thank you.

Michael Defenbaugh
Student

Last call for applications!

All positions except editor and assistant editor at the Student Voice are still available. Pick up your application and return it to 304 North Hall by Dec. 11.

Driver asks pedestrians to watch out

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.

One thing I know I don't want to be is the faculty member who drove right over a pedestrian crossing the street. Honestly, I'm pretty sure there aren't any faculty members who want to be that person.

I know it's cold out, and when I'm cold, I tend to tuck my head down and keep moving—so I understand why sometimes you don't seem to be looking when you cross the street in front of me. But, just to keep me from being the one who might hit you, you might want to take a quick peek at conditions as you approach a street on or around campus.

Sure, sometimes I feel frustrated when 32 people have crossed in front of my car as I patiently wait to get to my parking space and my office. That doesn't mean I have an excuse to try to cut in front of you. So just keep walking when that happens.

On the other hand, there are a couple of things pedestrians do that I think are really dangerous, and I'd appreciate it if you'd reconsider.

One of them happens when you approach an actual crosswalk where the snow is piled high on either side. If you don't stop to look, and just keep walking at speed, the snow banks might keep me from seeing you at all, especially if I'm making a turn onto the street you are crossing. Even if I do see you, I might not have time to stop on the snow before I slide into you. I drive a little car, but it's definitely quite a bit bigger than you are.

The other one is when you hop out of a snow bank to cross Cascade Ave. in the middle of the North Hall block. I know

Mary Manke

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why you do it, because I've done it myself when I'm late for a meeting. But it's the way you do it—top speed (for a snowy day) through the snow and into the street. My mind-reading gear isn't always working, and all of a sudden there you are, crossing the street six feet from my front bumper. When I'm making that kind of crossing, I make eye contact with the oncoming driver, so I'm pretty sure she knows I plan to cross in front of her. You could try it too.

I know they're planning to put in medians and fences in the middle of Cascade so we'll all have to cross at the corners, but until they do that, do me a favor. Keep me safe from my worst nightmare—a *Student Voice* headline reading, "Associate Dean Runs Over Pedestrian"—and take a look before you cross.

Demonstration reveals foreign patriotism

Belgian waffles and a pit stop before Amsterdam was all Brussels was supposed to be. A couple of English blokes in Cologne, Germany informed me of a nation wide event that the people of Belgium were calling a "demonstration."

The train was 20 minutes late. Did they say 11 a.m. or noon? Decision: get off at the Nord Station instead of my original plan for the Midi station. Hardly off the platform I was lost in a crowd of black, yellow and red flags, clothing and posters. Good timing from a good decision. The "demonstration" was beginning.

After meeting various travelers in various cities around Europe, I became enlightened about the nation's current state. The country has had no government for 161 days. Class and language segregate the North and South. The North is the Flemish community. There they speak Dutch and are a major economic trading ground for the country. The South is French-speaking, is less industrial and more agricultural. Although the capital of the European Union is in

Teresa Aviles

Brussels, the country of Belgium will most likely be divided because of the massive segregation.

The Nord Station was flooded with bodies—each proudly displaying the flag of their nation and some with signs of pro-revolution words. Fliers were immediately thrust into my hands and stickers plastered on my back reading "I want you for Belgium!" The 35,000 people protesting against the division was a rare scene in history.

The march was truly epic. The two hours from the Nord Station to the European Union headquarters and the only aggression seen was playful and in the name of peace. Teenagers shouted, children blew noisemakers, elderly raised their fists and sang and the faces of babies were black, yellow, and red. Flags of extreme proportions waved over bridges and, overhead, cars honked from the highway. People chanted in French and Dutch. The working class, the posh, the punks, the conservatives all came out Nov. 18. University students climbed scaffolds of the city streets and sang anthems.

Even I acquired song lyrics, unfortunately in French.

News channels attempted to cover the breaking story. Shops practically closed down to watch the love of a country shown by the mass of people's presence. People banged on drums, shared flags and stormed through prairie grass holding their signs up high.

An elderly woman's face in a crowd of many stands out to my eye. She cries with a smile, and her emotions become the heart of what the march is all about. I am so fortunate to have witnessed such an important part of the country's history. A sense of community like I had never seen was portrayed by people of different languages and class brought together for the love of a nation united. Unity and peace were displayed so perfectly to prove the beauty in humanity.

In the next few years, after being a part something so incredible, it will be heart-breaking to read of Belgium's split if and when it happens.

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Ron Paul looks like the best candidate so far

As Joe Eggers declared in last week’s issue of the *Voice*, I have also been disappointed with the Democratic Congress since they took control last year. I don’t feel like a whole lot is getting done, and so I’ve been looking to the 2008 Presidential Election as a chance to change things for real. I’ve been a supporter of Barack Obama; I think he’s an intelligent, capable man that talks straight (for a politician, anyway) and promises change. But recently, I was introduced to Ron Paul, a Republican Congressman from Texas who’s been wiping the floor with Romney and Co. at the recent GOP debates. Now, I’ve had just about enough of Texas Republicans, but just wait—this guy’s different. In 1988, Paul ran for president as a Libertarian. He maintains those strong Libertarian values today and is pretty much the only Republican candidate actually running on a conservative platform of fiscal responsibility and small government.

Some of his ideas sound radical compared to the play-it-safe politics of most other candidates. Paul wants to immediately withdraw all American troops from Iraq, end the failed \$500 billion War on Drugs and cut spending for most government agencies. Paul also focuses his message on preserving the civil liberties that make America free: “The purpose of government is to protect the secrecy and the privacy of all individuals, not the secrecy of government.”

The Republican Party, of course, hates this man. Most of his ideas, though consistent with the traditions of conservative politics, fly in the face of the big-government, pro-war agenda of the current GOP. This is one reason I admire Ron Paul. He speaks candidly, regardless of the stance of his party.

Paul proves that it’s not unpatriotic to disapprove of war: “I have never met anyone who did not support our troops. Sometimes, however, we hear accusations that someone or some group does not support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces. But this is pure demagoguery, and it is intellectually dishonest.”

Other candidates, both Republican and Democrat, can’t seem to understand that they represent the American people. The way government is supposed to work is that we elect representatives to fight in Washington on our behalf—the citizens’ behalf. Over 70 percent of Americans now disapprove of the War in Iraq. This statistic is stunning; the government is spending our tax money by the billions on an unpopular war

that has proven to be an epic failure. Not only should we be morally outraged, we should be angry at the government for misusing our money and not representing our beliefs. What I see in Ron Paul is perhaps someone who can end the war the only way it can be ended: by getting up and leaving.

I do have a few misgivings about Paul: he is pro-life with no exception, his fiscal policies may be too extreme, and he supports withdrawal from the UN and NATO. But his ideas of economic conservatism, social liberalism and foreign nonintervention make him an admirable candidate. Apparently, the American people agree because, though not considered a frontrunner by the media, Paul has set an all-time record for the highest one-day fundraising haul: a whopping \$4.2 million in a single 24-hour period! In addition to this, user polls indicate that he’s won six of the seven GOP debates, surpassed both Romney and

Guiliani in recent fundraising hauls, and is overwhelmingly the most popular candidate from either party on the Internet. Though cranky blowhards like Sean Hannity are actively marginalizing Ron Paul’s success, hopefully his popularity can help him nab the nomination (though this is unlikely, given the GOP’s attitude).

For anyone disappointed in a Democratic Congress that has proven unable or unwilling to preserve our civil liberties, take a look at Ron Paul. He explains his ideas better than anyone else could: “I am just absolutely convinced that the best formula for giving us peace and preserving the American way of life is freedom, limited government and minding our own business overseas.”

Amen to that.

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Joe Hager

Freshmen discover lots to love about college life; looking forward to more

It’s hard to believe that Thanksgiving break is already here and gone. Where has the time gone?

Over the past few months I have been filling you in on my viewpoints of living, partying and learning here at UW-River Falls. I was starting to think, what else will people what to hear? This week my column is not only about what I enjoy and think, but also what some of my classmates are enjoying as well.

Over the course of the past week I have been asking some of my fellow first-year Falcons what they are enjoying most about being at college. I found a large variety of answers. With so many new opportunities and recent changes in our lives, a lot of new doors have been opened up to many people. The most common response that I encountered was the newfound freedoms we are experiencing. When we lived at home with our fami-

lies, we all had the household rules to follow and the standards to live up to. One student told me that he loves being able to come back to his room in the middle of the night and not worry about being stopped at the door and drilled about where he had been all night, because more than likely his roommate was out with him having just as much fun.

The second most common response was meeting all the new people. Having gone to a big high school and graduating with about 660 people, I had a lot of friends, and leaving them was very difficult. Of course, you all can relate and agree that our student body is so amazing, and making friends with everyone here has been, and continues to be, a blast. Living on campus really gives us an advantage to making friends. If you stop and think of who your first real friend was here at UWRF, that person probably lives in your

building, if not on your floor.

Campus living brings me to the third most common response. I would definitely agree that living on campus is nothing but 24-7 fun. When I asked the respondents why dorm life was their favorite part, most of them said the constant opportunity to have a good time. We must give tons of credit to our hall managers and residence assistants who make all that fun possible; the random decorating of cookies in McMillan Hall is nothing short of awesome.

Well, Falcons, there’s a little insight on what you and those around you are thinking about college so far. As freshmen, we have so much to learn and tons more fun to have, but the best part is that we get to do it together. In short, enjoy your time here, because it’s already going way too fast. Make every day count, and be sure your glass and the glasses around you stay half full.

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Linda Abel

Love show sparks contemplation

An incredibly simple fact astonished me today. After two years together, my boyfriend and I broke up. It’s now December, five months later, and I can’t help but notice the accumulation of blissful couples that happen to be nuzzling each other around every corner. Restaurants, the library, the bank, the grocery store and every other location, for that matter, are flooded with hand-holding, baby-voiced lovers. A notorious cliché hit me this evening while observing a very tall woman and a very short man exchanging, “I love you’s” before departing at a dorm: it takes two to tango.

And, apparently, even awkwardly heightened people can dance. I don’t mean to sound like Carrie in an episode of “Sex and the City,” narrating how dreary it is to be single during the holidays. Yes, I wish I had someone to spend these holidays and beyond with, but I’m more fascinated than lonely. It is remarkable to contemplate how many aspects two people must agree on in order to have both a healthy and exciting relationship. Two individuals must be physically and emotionally attracted to one another. If you take time to think about this on a deep level, the pessimistic thought that healthy relationships are hard to come by is actually more realistic than pessimistic.

Before the actual show was airing, the commercials for “A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila” repulsed me. In fact, all of television’s cheesy dating shows had me wishing I were living in a time before television existed. But, of course, after one episode, I felt obligated to turn MTV on every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. MTV’s summary

states, “This self-proclaimed ‘bisexual freak’ has had her heart broken by men and women, and she’s tired of being alone. With our help, she’s inviting 16 luscious lesbians and 16 sexy straight guys over to her place for A Shot of Love With Tila Tequila.”

And while that sounds like anything but educational, it has taught me a few things about love. I saw myself in some of Tila’s potential suitors, and unfortunately, this wasn’t always pleasant to recognize. I cringed when hearing jealous words come out of some of their mouths, and cringed even harder when jealousy resulted in foolish actions. The most unattractive and unnecessary emotion is jealousy. Suspiciousness that leads to browsing through your partner’s computer documents and hoping desperately that there are no attractive people of the opposite sex at their social gatherings is exhausting and irrational. I suspect that jealousy is easily the leading cause for break-ups in our culture.

I know this is an abstract column, but love is an abstract topic. There are heavenly highs, dreadful lows and monotonous routines between them. And again, I don’t mean to sound like Carrie in an episode of “Sex and the City,” but her statement, “The most exciting, challenging and significant relationship of all is the one you have with yourself. And if you can find someone to love the you you love, well, that’s just fabulous.” It’s the truest ending I can offer.

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Annee Mayer-Chapleau

College stress often causes students to forget to have fun; rewarding yourself can make it easier

I hate college.

It’s a phrase I find myself saying quite often in those moments of overwhelming stress.

The life I lead, along with many other students, was once described to me: it’s like living in a snow globe, and just when you think life is going to settle down, someone comes along and shakes it up again.

This statement of life has stuck with me since. It seems that everyday, someone needs something from me.

The cherry seems to be missing. Where is the cherry?

There’s a test tomorrow I heard about yesterday. That story that’s due, make sure to get it to the box on time, even if it means making an extra trek across campus for that sole purpose. And, by the way, here’s your next story assignment. Don’t forget to do those critiques! Oh, and how can I not mention that seminar paper? I’ve

only had the last two and a half weeks to get it done, but I’m only a page or two into it, and it’s due in two days. Apparently I should not have put that one off. Oops. Then there’s that other exam, the three meetings and work to add on top.

Someone asked me the other day, “How can you do so much homework?”

I didn’t know how to respond. It really made me think about my situation. I was so stressed out that I didn’t even have time to realize it until then. When was the last time I just had some fun?

I can’t even remember. Have no idea. I apparently don’t have time to have fun.

I think that’s what a lot of us college students forget sometimes. We get so wrapped up in mak-

ing everyone else happy by doing whatever it is he or she wants us to do.

I know that’s me.

I wasn’t even sure quite how to get out of this mess, even for a few hours, just to clear my head - to not worry about what I should be doing and to instead think about what I want to be doing.

The thought of doing what I wanted to instead of what I should made me feel guilty, mostly because I know I’m going to be up until 3 a.m. finishing that seminar paper.

It made me feel guilty ... until this weekend.

This weekend, my little brother got confirmed at church. This meant that the extended family was over at our family’s house for a little congratulatory party. Two of my aunts happened to

stay a little later for a bonfire and some laughs.

The night started a little slow for me—I was tired and wanted to go to bed. A few “party-poopers” phrases were thrown at me, though, and I decided to stick around for the fun.

Just hanging out, listening to some jokes, a little music, and I was having fun. Wait, change that ... a blast.

It was that missing cherry that would make all that stress from the week a little sweeter. The cherry was now sitting right on top of everything.

Everyone needs to remember to top off all that stress and hard work with a cherry. Do something for you, whatever that may be, that will add a little sweetness to life.

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Addie Carlson

STUDENT voices

What do you do for fun to unwind at the end of the semester?



Rose Carberry, sophomore

“I sleep and hang out with friends to catch up on social time I missed.”



Fernando Basarte, senior

“I’m going back to Mexico.”



Erin Fley, sophomore

“Usually I go home and go sledding with my friends.”

Jeff Jens, sophomore



“I go on a romantic date with Jill.”



Kristen Klossner, junior

“I go pearl driving [scuba].”



Eric Holmes, sophomore

“Going out to house parties and doing nothing.”

Hansberry scores early, often

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One look at Derek Hansberry’s collection of jerseys shows the many places he has played, but his time at UW-River Falls might be his most impressive.

A business management major from Arvada, Colo., Hansberry is in his third year playing forward for the Falcons men’s hockey team.

He has been one of the team’s strongest offensive players ever since coming to UWRF.

Playing on the same line as TJ Dahl and Patrick Borgestad for the past two years, Hansberry has helped to create a formidable Falcon offense.

“We got paired up, and right away we kind of clicked,” Dahl said. “It’s a dream come true to have a line mate that’s such a talented player.”

In Hansberry’s freshman year he was named to the All-NCHA team and the All-WIAC team and was named the Falcons’ Most Valuable Player. That year he led the team with 18 goals and 33 points and was second with 15 assists.

Last season he led the team in goals again, with 21, and was a member of the All-NCHA and All-WIAC teams for the second year in a row.

Leading the team in goals two straight years and already with 10 this year, Hansberry is rapidly climbing the Falcon all-time leader board. Halfway through his third year he already has 49; the all-time Falcon record is 78, which is held by Mike Kelly, who played from 1980 to 1984, and Brian Wilson, who played from 1993 to 1997.

“He definitely has the ability [to set the record] but things have to go your way,” head coach Steve Freeman said.

Hansberry did not get into hockey until he was around 12 years old.

“The neighbors up the street were playing roller hockey and it looked fun, so I started and one thing led to another,” he said.

He started by playing on

defense but soon switched to offense.

“I wasn’t very good at skating backwards,” he said.

Hansberry’s high school did have hockey, so he played club hockey in Arvada until he got to junior hockey.

The junior level is where most players spend time at before making the jump to Div. III. Hansberry played for three years in juniors, for three different teams. He was scouted by the Bozeman (Mont.) Icedogs of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) and played his first half year there.

He was then traded to the Central Texas Marshals where he played for a year-and-a-half, before being traded again, this time to the Wichita Falls (Texas) Wildcats, where he played his last year.

“Central Texas was kind of going downhill, so I asked to be traded,” he said.

After playing for Wichita Falls, Hansberry came to UWRF for the 2005-06 season.

“The coaches called me and I looked at the Web site and it looked like a decent school, but I never actually visited here,” he said. “And I could see that they were a powerhouse in the league.”

Hansberry’s post college plans probably will not include hockey.

“There are a couple teams back in Colorado in one of the lower end leagues that I would maybe do for a year just to say I played pro hockey,” he said. “I’d love to keep playing, but maybe in two years it will be time to hang ‘em up.”

But the potential is there to go into the professionals.

“He could make some money playing hockey after college,” Freeman said.

After graduation he said he is likely to go back to Colorado, but is not sure what kind of job he will get.

“Eventually I’d like to have my own gym because I like to work out,” he said. “It’s not too easy to start one when you don’t have any capital though.”



Falcon forward Derek Hansberry displays his Central Texas Blackhawks jersey, one of many he has worn in his career. Hansberry is second on the team with 10 goals this season. The junior is on pace to break the UWRF goal scoring record.

No matter what direction he goes after college, Hansberry has been an asset to Falcon hockey. “You can’t say enough good

things about him,” Freeman said. “He is definitely one of the top players that have ever played here at River Falls”

Fast Fact:
Hasnberry has 49 goals in his career. The Falcon record is 78.

Coach’s love of teaching is evident

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Growing up on a farm in Osceola, Wis., Lee Lueck didn’t know exactly what he wanted to do.

But he did have a plan he was going to try and follow. He was going to attend the Dunwoody College of Technology in Minneapolis, Minn., and become a sheet metal worker like his father and brother.

However, UW-River Falls wrestling coach Byron James had different plans for Lueck. James wanted Lueck to attend UWRF and become a member of the Falcon wrestling team.

“I hadn’t ever thought about it,” Lueck said. “Nobody in my family went to college. I went because he recruited me, and I’m still here all these years later.”

As a student

Lueck started his career as a student as an agriculture major, but quickly learned that even though he grew up on a farm, agriculture wasn’t the career path he wanted to take. He then switched his major to education.

“I always liked school, so education seemed like the way to go,” Lueck said.

In 1969, Lueck graduated from UWRF and already had a handful of job opportunities to chose from, including one in River Falls.

Teaching, touching lives

Lueck spent 17 years at River Falls Junior High School, which at that time was for grades seven through nine. When the high school added ninth grade to their building Lueck went with the students and made the switch. He spent 13 years teaching there.

After his retirement from the high school, Lueck wanted to keep teaching, but did take some time off.

In the spring of 2002, a job opened in the education department at UWRF and Lueck took it. He is now working for the department at about 60 percent.

“I’m teaching two classes and a couple of graduate programs,” Lueck said. “I’m really happy with that.” Lueck first came to River Falls to coach tennis in the fall of 2001 to coach tennis, but when the job opened up it was a perfect fit.

“After Christmas my wife went back to work and I started watching “Good Morning America” When I started watching “The View,” I knew something was wrong,” Lueck said. “I’m a Type A personality. I can’t stand just sitting around.”

Senior Miranda Pogulis has not had Lueck as a professor, but has found that his care for students goes far beyond the classroom.

Lueck helped Pogulis put together her portfolio even though he had never had her as a student. He was very willing to answer any questions that she had.

Lueck can’t imagine his life without being around students.

“I think I would miss the students too much. They’re idealistic, opportunistic, futuristic ... and they laugh,”

Lueck said. “I think it’s very refreshing to work with young people.

A coach for life

Lueck just finished his eighth season as the head coach for the women’s tennis team here at UWRF. The team finished 10-4, for one of their best finishes in school history. Prior to his time at UWRF, Lueck coached tennis, wrestling and football at River Falls High School.

Two of Lueck’s proudest coaching accomplishments include seeing Korey Knott be inducted into the UWRF Athletic Hall of Fame and organizing the first UWRF women’s tennis alumni game.

Family man

Lueck lives in River Falls, with his wife Lu. The two of them met in the summer, between Lueck’s time at UWRF.

The couple has two children, Larissa, who is 30 and in her eighth year of teaching in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; and Landon, who is 28 and finishing his final year of college.

Landon Lueck is what some consider a reality television star, following a stint on MTV’s “The Real World,” in 2004. Since then, he has appeared on challenge shows on MTV and at college campuses around the country discussing the importance of drinking responsibly.

“It was tough growing up with my dad because he always expected so much from me,” Landon Lueck said. “It was also tough because he was my tennis coach from very

early childhood and I had quite a tennis temper early on. He was also my eleventh grade teacher in world history (where I earned a “C”) as well as my employer (he roofed houses most of the summers he had off if not hosting tennis camps). My father’s work ethic is what I know best about him.”

Lueck even brings his love and pride of his family into the classroom. On many occasions he will talk about his children, including his son, Landon.

“For one thing, I’m very used to people thinking they know who I am and how I am,” Landon Lueck said. “But for another reason, he has always spoke of us [our family] and me throughout my life, so it is strange ,because he talks to others more about me than

he talks to me about me. But I am used to it and it’s



Lee Lueck instructs one of his education classes in the Wyman Education Building. Lueck is also the head coach of the women’s tennis team.

his way.” Lu Lueck described her husband as wonderful and fun-loving man.

The two of them keep very active, even in the winter, they enjoy going to their cabin in Cable, Wis. and ski.

Lueck will be having hip surgery Dec. 18, so that he will have enough time to rest and make it back to school unhindered next spring.

Family members think that the surgery will not keep Lueck down for long.

One of the things that Landon Lueck admires most about his father is that he’s not set in his ways and that he always keeps an open mind.

“He always tries to renew himself. He always tries to keep himself current,” Landon Lueck said.

Larissa Lueck was influenced by her father to go into the teaching profession.

“He is a fantastic teacher. He is very (let me stress again, very) enthusiastic about what he teaches, which inspires others to be excited about the same topics. He never misses an opportunity to teach,” she said, in an e-mail interview. “I definitely think I went into teaching because of him. He wouldn’t have any idea how to teach my little ones, but I still bounce ideas off him sometimes.”

Once Lueck does decide to retire for good, he said he knows he will have fond memories of teaching, coaching and just spending time getting to know people.

“The thing I love about teaching is that I can go almost anywhere in the world and someone will yell at me,” Lueck said. “Or I can go out on Main Street and see 40-50 year olds and see how they have made it through ... these kids are not going to necessarily remember what you taught them, but how you were as a person and what you taught them about life.”

Christmas here early for fan



Chris Schad

This has to be my favorite time of the year. HOLIDAY time in the form of the major league baseball off-season.

For some fans such as the Yankees, Red Sox, Cubs, and Tigers, it’s a very happy time for them as they splurge tons of money into single players. Then, there’s the rest of major league baseball, which is where fans of the Minnesota Twins stand. Every year it’s like going to open our presents and the same response comes out.

“Oh gee, is it a Frank Thomas? I’ve always wanted a power hitting designated hitter! Maybe it’s a Mike Piazza! Oh come on, come on! It’s a ... Rondell White ...” The Twins have not splurged much cash over the off-season the past couple of years. Some of it has had to do with Carl “Scrooge McDuck’s long lost cousin” Pohlad. Pohlad is a tightwad owner who probably thought the free agent centerfielder that just left the team was Kirby Puckett, not Torii Hunter. The other part may have been the former General Manager Terry Ryan. Ryan was always too afraid to deal his 9,000 pitching prospects for a bat during his tenure. However, things may have changed since Bill Smith (AKA B.S.) came to town.

B.S. first got his name after repeated answers of “No comment.” He had been referred to as “Mr. No” in some other newspapers. Then came the Twins first move of the off-season. Trading a player to be named later for Craig Monroe. Monroe is a solid player but casts resemblance to White. White was a career .300 hitter who hit somewhere in the .800 range against the Twins. Monroe is a .260 hitter with a whopping average over one (look it up, folks.) The Twins disappointed some of their fans with this move and may have elated some of the others. That would be the same group that loved the Rondell White signing.

Suddenly, the Twins actually made a move that fans could get excited about. The wrapping came off and there it was. The Twins traded a top-pitching prospect for a top hitting prospect to jump-start their stagnant offense. Pitcher Matt Garza was traded to Tampa Bay for outfielder Delmon Young. Young does bring some baggage with him, but he also brings a bat. A bat that he once chucked at a minor league umpire, but that’s a minor thing ... maybe. Young had over 90 runs batted in playing for Tampa Bay. The Twins could throw him between Justin Morneau and Joe Mauer (assuming he doesn’t tweak his hamstring in spring training and miss the entire season) and have one of the best lineups in baseball in a couple of years.

Some may say that they’re ticked about Smith’s reluctance to pay Johan Santana, but this may be the way to go to help this team. In 1989, the Twins traded Frank Viola, who eerily has the same stats as Johan Santana (both won Cy Youngs, and both could be traded when they are 29). Viola was traded for five guys, two of which made the Twins. Those two were Kevin Tapani and Rick Aguilera and the Twins won the World Series in 1991. The Twins are looking to ship Santana now, and the offers seem laughable. Nobody wants to trade talent to get talent so there has been a huge delay. Fans may be angered by this situation, but it may be the only way to improve this team in the long run and make it competitive before the new ballpark opens in 2010. The Twins look like they are becoming more aggressive. These moves could help the Twins in the long run, even if it means angering their fans now.

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SPORTS WRAP

Men’s basketball team wins in Stout

The UWRF men’s basketball team earned its first WIAC victory and ended its four game losing streak by beating UW-Stout 79-72 Wednesday night in Menomonie.

RF and UWS battled it out in an evenly match first half, that saw three ties and four lead changes. RF’s biggest lead of the half came when senior guard Courtney Davis hit a jumper at the 14:46 mark that made the score 10-4 in favor of the Falcons.

ST took the lead at 9:26 point in the first half, thanks to an Eric Heisler jumper, and didn’t give it back until the final minute of the half when Davis hit a three and freshman guard Danny Johnson ended the half with a three of his own to give the Falcons a 33-31 lead at the intermission.

Davis led the Falcon attack in the first half with 11 points on 4-7 shooting, including 3-5 from beyond the arc. Senior guard Willie Wright tallied seven rebounds to go along with his three first half points.

The Falcons began the second half right where they left off, pushing their lead to seven on two separate occasions. Sophomore forward Nate Robertson began the second half by scoring the first four Falcon points in the first minute and a half.

RF pushed its lead to 14 with 3:33 to go before finally beating the Blue Devils 79-72. The Falcons iced the game by going 6-8 from the free throw line over the final 1:49.

Webb finished with a game-high 22 points and added two blocks and three steals for the Blue Devils. Stout’s J. Enerson-Matthews finished with a great game by scoring 16 points, grabbing nine rebounds and adding six assists.

RF finished with the edge in rebounds, 45-36, which led to a big difference in the game with the Falcons outscoring UWS 23-13 in second-chance points.

Senior forward Scott Kelly led a group of five Falcons that scored in double figures, with 16 points in 36 minutes. Wright finished with a double-double, recording 13 points and 13 rebounds. Robertson also had a double-double, scoring 12 points and adding 10 rebounds.

The Falcons, now 3-4 overall (1-1 WIAC), travel to UW-Platteville for a WIAC away game. Game time is set for 3 p.m. this Saturday on Bo Ryan Court at Williams Fieldhouse.

Owens named WIAC Player of the Week

Goaltender Tyler Owens had two excellent outings in helping the Falcons pick up four points in WIAC and NCHA play last weekend and has been named the WIAC Player of the Week according to league Sports Information Director, Matt Stanek.

On Saturday he recorded his second shutout of the season in a 5-0 win over UW-Stevens stopping all 42 shots he faced. On Friday, in a 5-3 win over UW-Eau Claire, he stopped 32 shots to get the win. In the two games he had a 1.50 goals against average and a .961 saves percentage.

Currently, he has a save percentage of .907 and a goals against average of 2.72 this season.

Men’s hockey team blanks Pointers, 5-0

Sophomore goaltender Tyler Owens recorded his second shutout of the season, making 42 saves in the victory over the Stevens Point Pointers. Falcons forward Derek Hansberry had two goals and defenseman Jim Henkemeyer had three points.

The games first goal came with just 1:16 left in the first period when forward TJ Dahl scored his second goal of the season. This was the first of five UWRF power-play goals of the night. Dahl was assisted by Henkemeyer and forward Pat Borgestad on the play.

UWRF started the second period with two goals. The first came from forward Derek Hansberry, with the assists going to Henkemeyer and forward Dustin Norman, just 1:09 in to the period.

The Falcons third goal came just 29 seconds later when defenseman Jim Jensen netted his first goal of the season. Jensen’s one-timer was assisted by Riley Riddell and Jason Usher.

River Falls scored again when Hansberry earned his second goal on the night. He was assisted by Norman, his second of the game and Dahl. Hansberry is ranked third in the NCHA in power-play goals with 5, and is 4th in the NCHA in goals with 10. Dahl is currently ranked third in the NCHA with 19 points (2-17), and is leading the NCHA in assists.

In the second period there were a total of 18 penalties, nine on each team. The majority of the calls came 3:11 in to the period when Falcons forward Wade Harstad and Pointers forward Shane Foster got in to a fight, leading to game misconducts for both players.

The final goal of the game came on a 4 on 3 power-play for the Falcons when Henkemeyer scored his third goal of the season. He was assisted by Hansberry. Henkemeyer is ranked third in the NCHA with 17 points (3-14) and tied for second in assists.

The Falcons will be at Lake Forest at 7:30 p.m. Friday night and at St. Norbert the following night.

Falcons compete in UWRF Invite

The Falcon men’s and women’s swim teams competed in the Falcon Invitational held Friday and Saturday at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

For the women, Martha O’Brien was the top Falcon finisher in three events. She finshed the 200 IM in 2:28.26, the 400 IM in 5:19.05 and the 200 breaststroke in 2:46.69. Tia Felts finished in 1:19.9 in the 100 backstroke and she had a time of 2:30 in the 200 backstroke. Katie Zappa had a time of 58.11 in the 100 freestyle and a time of 2:08.67 in the 200 freestyle. Rachel Westlund was the top Falcon in the 500 freestyle in 5:58 and in the 1,650 freestyle in 21:12.01. Jill Lambach finished the 50 freestyle in 26.2. Angie Kolpanen had a time of 1:27.05 in the 100 breaststroke. Sara Winkler finished the 200 fly in 2:43.63 and Roxie Pingry was the top Falcon in the 100 fly in 1:11.75.

Mark Thoreson led the Falcons as the team’s top finish in three events. He swam a 5:29.18 in the 500 freestyle, a 2:00.61 in the 200 freestyle and a 52.57 in the 100 freestyle. Sean Breneman had a time of 2:24.64 in the 200 IM and a 1:03.14 in the 100 fly. Tyler Ormson was the team’s top finisher in two events - the 50 freestyle in 24.31 and the 100 backstroke in 1:03.53.Tom Fritchen finished in 5:10.18 in the 400 IM and Mike Brudzinski finished in 20:01.95 in the 1,650 freestyle. Mike Keyser swam a 2:19.09 in the 200 backstroke and Anthony Orlando had a time of 2:30.09 in the 200 fly.

On Saturday the Falcon women will swim at Augsburg at 1 p.m. Both teams will be in action Dec. 15 when they host Hamline at 1 p.m.

Sports Wrap courtesy of UW-River Falls Sports Information

Women’s b-ball falls in heartbreaker



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice
Top: Sophomore Krystal Parr attempts to save the ball from going out of bounds during the Falcons 67-66 loss to UW-Stout Wednesday in the Karges Gymnasium. The 5’6” guard finished the game with five points and three assists. Bottom: Senior Caitlin Hunstock throws up a shot in the post during UWRF’s game Wednesday. Hunstock finished the game with 10 points and three steals. The Falcon women are now 2-4 overall and 0-2 in WIAC play. Their next game is Dec. 8 at UW-Platteville

Athletic spirit leaves mark



Lauren Bennett

As a freshman at River Falls, I have spent most of my time trying to meet new people and studying for my tests, oh and going home on the weekends.

I know that we have sports teams here, but I never really considered going to any sporting events because I, being a freshman, knew nothing about where to go, or why I should.

To many of my friends and family from back home, this would be a surprise. When I was in high school I attended almost every football game, and basketball game. Here and there I even went to soccer games. I played tennis and softball and even though I was busy in the spring, I even found time to go to track meets.

Because of my attendance and enthusiasm for the love of the game, I was voted “Most Spirit” in high school.,But in college, I wasn’t living up to

my former title. I wasn’t aware that even though the teams might not win every game, it was still fun.

Coming to UW-River Falls, I knew that the sports weren’t what this university is known for, but it’s not to say that the athletes, coaches and cheer-leaders don’t try.

Homecoming this year was fantastic, or so I heard. I missed the game because I was home that day. Upon my return later that evening, I heard there was a streaker, and that the Falcons kicked Eau Claire’s butt. However, being the young, naive person that I am, I was unaware of how much I truly missed that day.

Recently, I found myself at a woman’s basketball game, the first sporting event that I have attended this year. Upon entering Karges, from the back parking lot, I found myself unaware of where to go (and I know other freshman feel the exact same way). Once I finally found my way to the gym, I entered and quickly found a spot to sit and watch.

The first thing I did was look around. I saw proud parents, and other adult observers looking on with much interest.

Then I looked to my left and saw a surprisingly high amount

of fans cheering on the girls loud and proud.

The fans were not all I noticed. I noticed the players on the bench. All the players on the bench were cheering on their teammates on the court.

Now, being a softball player, I know that even when you are on the bench, you are supposed to cheer - it’s called team spirit. But it wasn’t like high school; it was better.

Everything about this was more intense than high school. Every player, coach and fan was more involved and committed.

Then I noticed the pep band, which sadly didn’t really play all that much. It was a bit of a disappointment, because I always imagined what a college pep band would be like: loud after every great play, really enthusiastic, which they were. However, they only really played at the half and after the game.

Then I finally decided to settle in and focus on the actual game.

I have never really liked basketball, and therefore never really enjoyed it. Often times when someone doesn’t care for a sport, they don’t understand it, and while that may be a bit true, I know a lot about the

game.

So I decided to try to actually enjoy it, and I did.

The determination that each woman had was incredible. It was so great to see everyone working together and make the plays to bank the points.

The opponent that night was Finlandia University, and you could tell that they had no real team chemistry, whereas UWRF did.

I soon found myself cheering and clapping for the players as if I knew them. I soon found myself actually having team spirit.

Before I knew it, the game was over. River Falls killed Finlandia 86-55 and it was amazing to see how everyone reacted. After the game, many fans and parents flooded the floor to give congrats to the players and coaches. It seemed like every player got a pat on the back.

And as the band began to play, and all the people in the gym wore smiling faces, I realized that it wasn’t so bad after all; I could really learn to like college sports here at UWRF.

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.

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Program to include professional development opportunities

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The early childhood program is seeking approval to add to its program professional development opportunities.

There are over 160 students enrolled in early childhood courses, Gay Ward, associate professor of early childhood and literacy and coordinator of the early childhood program, said.

Some features of these opportunities include online and video conference courses, being able to expand knowledge and experience in educating early childhood, working with children from pre-kindergarten through age eight and emphasizing connecting children with nature through active exploration, according to the UW-River Falls Web site.

The early childhood program already consists of a minor program, which elementary education majors take to teach middle school or early childhood. Communicative disorders and psychology majors can also pick up the early childhood minor as a non-certificate. There is also a program for continuing education for professionals and a collaborative program with UW-Eau Claire in which UWEC students can receive dual licensure in special education and early childhood, and UWRF

students can earn triple licensure, Ward said.

Dana Randall is an elementary education major, with a minor in early childhood. She is also earning special education certification through UWEC.

Expanding the early childhood program is important, Randall said in an e-mail interview.

“With inclusion becoming a big part of classrooms I think it is essential for all teachers to know more information,” she said.

The professional development courses have been approved, but the overall program approval is pending, Ward said, though some of the courses will be taught in the spring.

These courses include TED 325 Diversity in Early Childhood, TED 255 Reading Guidance for Children and TED 451 Integrating Alternative Methodologies of Early Childhood Education, according to the Web site.

Other courses that will be offered include TED 335 Kindergarten Curriculum and Materials, TED 424 Inquiry Learning: Society and Environment Early Elementary and TED 326 Place-based Science for Early Childhood Educators.

It will take a few months for program approval, but Ward hopes the program will be able to begin in the summer.

“It’s a very unique offering,” she said. “ ... that hasn’t been seen elsewhere in the region.”

Grant provides scholarships for multicultural ag students

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A grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides an opportunity for multicultural students to attend UW-River Falls to study agriculture.

The purpose of the grant is to encourage multicultural students to major in agriculture fields and become leaders in those fields, Don Taylor, project director for the multicultural scholars grant, said.

“We’re hoping that they will be good role models for others,” he said. “We really hope that they will be leaders.”

There is a big desire to have a multicultural dynamic in agriculture, he said.

The grant is able to provide up to five scholarships. Ted Cannady, a sophomore, is one recipient of the scholarship.

Cannady learned about the scholarship through a pre-col-

lege program the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) offers to Milwaukee Vincent High School each summer, though the scholarship is not restricted to Vincent High School; the application is sent to other schools as well.

“I was encouraged by several professors such as Don Taylor, Bob Baker, and Dave Trechter,” Cannady said in an e-mail interview.

He switched his major from business administration to agricultural business because of the scholarship opportunity.

The program and the scholarship have been beneficial, and it urges multicultural students who might not have considered majoring in agriculture, and it provides an opportunity to explore and excel in agriculture, Cannady said.

The scholarship provides for activities and work experience, including internships.

“I hope that I will learn more about agriculture and build networks with valuable people,” Cannady said. “I hope to leave here with an adequate education and feeling prepared for the ‘real world.’”

There are still some undecided areas of the program, Taylor said, including whether or not to attend a national meeting in the spring. There is a possibility of providing programs and activities, but they have not yet been decided.

Cannady would like to work with numbers for a food distribution company after graduating.

Opportunities still exist for the scholarship to be filled. It provides \$4,500 per year, plus an additional \$1,500 from a matching fund. There are currently only three multi-cultural agriculture scholarships filled.

Students receive assistance for studying abroad

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The College of Arts and Sciences offered students stipends to help eliminate some of the costs for participating in the study abroad program.

One of the unique opportunities that UW-River Falls offers students is the chance to expand their education and cultural experiences by studying overseas.

Each student applying for the stipend had the option of requesting up to \$1,000 of aid through the college. The final stipend amounts were decided upon by a committee who reviewed the overall cost of the trip as well and the student’s financial aid situation.

The money for the stipends for this program came from donations to the College of Arts and Sciences from alumni.

In order to be eligible for the stipends, students had to apply to the college by means of a written essay stating where they were going, why they wanted to study abroad there, and what they hoped to gain out of the experience and how it will further themselves toward their goals at UWRF.

Senior Nathaniel Wagner was one of the students who were award-

ed the stipend for the international study abroad program. Wagner is a political science and international studies major.

“I want to study abroad because I love learning about the cultures and history of other countries,” Wagner said.

Wagner will be traveling to Germany to study in the spring and was awarded a stipend of \$500 to help with the expenses of the program.

“I hope to work abroad after college and would like to have prior experience before I go,” Wagner said.

Jayne Argall is another senior who will be traveling abroad during J-term and received a stipend of \$600 to help in the expenses. Argall will be traveling to Mexico to study, and has previous experience in the study abroad program.

“I already spent a semester in Spain and have been itching to go somewhere else ever since I got back,” Argall said.

Argall is majoring in Spanish with a minor in international studies, which will be heavily implemented in this upcoming trip.

“In the future I plan on working for a non-profit organization that works to either improve conditions in Latin America or to protect the rights of Hispanic Americans in the United States,” Argall said.

“For this reason, experience in Mexico will be very valuable.”

Argall expressed feelings on the importance of the study abroad program especially for those who plan on working in an environment where other cultures and dealing with foreign situations might become a factor.

“I can hardly try and improve conditions somewhere if I have never been there or don’t have an understanding of different cultural aspects,” Argall said.

Argall will be gaining experience and be able to put learned class materials to use in real world situations to study another culture and gain insight into future endeavors working with the Latin culture.

“It will be very interesting to actually see in person many of the things that I have already learned about, such as the ancient city of Teotihuacan,” Argall said. “It is one thing to read about something and see pictures of it in a text book; it is a whole other thing to actually see it in person.”

The international study abroad program offers a wide variety of opportunities for students to travel and study in different countries around the world and offer students help in the financial aspect of the trips. More information on the University’s international study abroad program can be found at www.uwrf.edu/globalconnections/handbook.htm.

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Grant allows UWRF professor to study in China

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Professor Marina Onken, of the College of Business and Economics (CBE), will be furthering her business knowledge by studying business practices in China over J-term. Professor Onken was selected to receive a Center for International Business Education and Research [CIBER] grant to study in China. She is one of only two UW System faculty members to receive the grant. “The grant went to UW-Madison, to their CIBER,” according to a CBE press release. “It’s a federally funded program and part of their responsibility is to help interna-

tionalize business programs, not only for UW-Madison, but for other also for others in the state.” CIBER grants are serving as a way for business professionals to learn about foreign business practices that are possibly unfamiliar to them. “Congress created CIBERS in the late 1980s to help strengthen the competitiveness of U.S. business internationally and enhance international business-related teaching and research,” according to the CIBER Web site. Onken will be spending 12 days in China in January, and the trip will focus on business in Hong Kong, China’s Pearl River Delta and Shanghai, according to the CBE press release.

There will be a class taught by Onken about Chinese business next semester. “I’m teaching a course, students will benefit, business executives will benefit, and the college of business and economics will benefit,” Onken said. The exact name of the course will be Business Environment in China, Onken said. Students may profit from the knowledge and experience that Onken will be bringing back with her from China. “I believe that it’s a pretty cool thing that we have a professor that is so active in our academic careers,” Sean Reinbold, one of Onken’s former students, said. “Expanding the students ability [to learn] by going to other countries is a pretty cool thing;

it makes you want to take her classes.” Professors are encouraged to take opportunities like the one allotted to Onken to study in foreign countries, but they are not required to do so by the University. “I give her a lot of credit for being so ambitious, and I think China is a good place to go because a lot can be learned from their business structure,” UWRF senior and accounting student Jessie Swanson said. “It seems like the Chinese would have a different take on [business] than we do in

America.” This is Onken’s first study trip abroad as a UWRF professor, but she has other international experience as well. “I have had direct experiences in other global ventures, including working on a USAID project in Honduras, coordinating imports when I was working with Target Corporation, and teaching a study abroad program in Belgium,” Onken said in her CIBER grant application letter. Onken will be visiting an array of places during her trip to China. A steel company, the Shanghai GM plant, the Pearl

River Piano Company, Shanghai University, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange are all on the docket, along with some other sites, according to Onken’s tentative itinerary. UW System faculty are not the only people going on the trip to China. “It’s actually UC-Denver that we’re working with because they are the ones that organized the trip to China,” Onken said. There will be people from all over the country going on the business trip to China, Onken said. For more information on the CIBER grant their the CIBER Web site: www.bus.wisc.edu/ciber/home/home.asp.

Junk Science’s hip-hop beats, weak vocals don’t mesh well on new album



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Sometimes, things are better together: peanut butter and jelly, Abbot and Costello, movies and popcorn. Music has always been pioneered by pairs; Lennon and McCartney have written some of the best songs ever to grace our ears, Jonny Greenwood and Ed O’Brian have redefined what a guitar is, hell, even Milli Vanilli revealed the dark side of lip synching. On *Gran’Dad’s Nerve Tonic*, the hip-hop duo known as Junk Science reveal the uglier side of what happens when to artists attempt to blend, but fail to collide. Part one of Junk Science is mixer/beat master DJ Snafu. The Brooklyn mastermind has skills. Using low-fi sounds (you can hear the crackles and scratches) and bluesy melodies, this guy can make feet bounce. Not only that (hip-hop better make you move), but you’ll care about what he has crafted. You’ll dig the open-string pops of the guitar riffs. The snare drum rolls will wake your senses, and the string arrangements he melts together will trick you to believe you’re in Oz. Not since Kanye West has mixing been this creative and thought provoking. If nothing else, listen to these guys for the instrumentals. Part two of Junk Science is where *Gran’Dad’s Nerve Tonic* trips and stumbles. Emcee Baje One

is the weak link in the pair. As you groove along “Slojo,” Baje One will interrupt and start preaching about the war in Iraq. Not that it isn’t noble to speak your mind, but it’s all been done before. Telling Bush to send his own sons into duty was said years back and everything else mentioned feels very 2003. It doesn’t get any better after that. On “Woodchucks,” Baje asks us the classic and thought-pondering question of how much wood a woodchuck can actually chuck. Only he never gives us an answer to this stumping situation, in turn making us question our trust in him. At least give us something to care about. Nope, instead he spends most of the time saying he’s going to take a shit (not kidding) or trying to spark interest (saying “fuck” forty times in a song was controversial in, like, ‘88) and droning on about Jerry McGuire or whoever in dullness and bland variety. There’s something underneath the surface. Baje has good intentions, he just can’t get his point made, especially when DJ Snafu is creating instrumental bliss behind him. Furthermore, each song is muddled with skits and nonsense speaking that should have been left out, as they are distracting and long. *Gran’Dad’s Nerve Tonic* is essentially a bittersweet outing. The production values are there, but the vocals are still yearning. The result is like ketchup on scrambled eggs: some may like it, but for most, they just don’t mix well.

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Reviewers praise Coen Brothers’ ‘No Country for Old Men’



A.J. Hakari

Sometimes I really hate being restricted to 500 words to review a movie. Case and point, “No Country for Old Men,” the latest project from filmmaking maestros Joel and Ethan Coen. Described in mere words, the story resembles the basis of every stupid action movie and their mothers. But seen up close and personal, “No Country for Old Men” possesses an almost primal cinematic darkness that’s near-genius in its simplicity. Set in 1980s Texas, “No Country” centers around three principal figures. Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin) is a small-town nobody who stumbles upon a drug deal gone horribly wrong - as well as a satchel filled with millions in cash. It’s not long after he absconds with the dough that Moss finds himself being hunted down by various unsavory types, including Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem), a mysterious killer whose weapon of choice is a pneumatic air cannon. As the body count begins to rise, also pulled into the fray is Ed Tom Bell (Tommy Lee Jones), an aging sheriff who’s not sure he can muster up the strength to take this daunting investigation head-on. Despite the complex nature of the screenplay and the characters within it, “No Country for Old Men” has a very simple message at its core: Evil exists in the world, and it can’t neces-

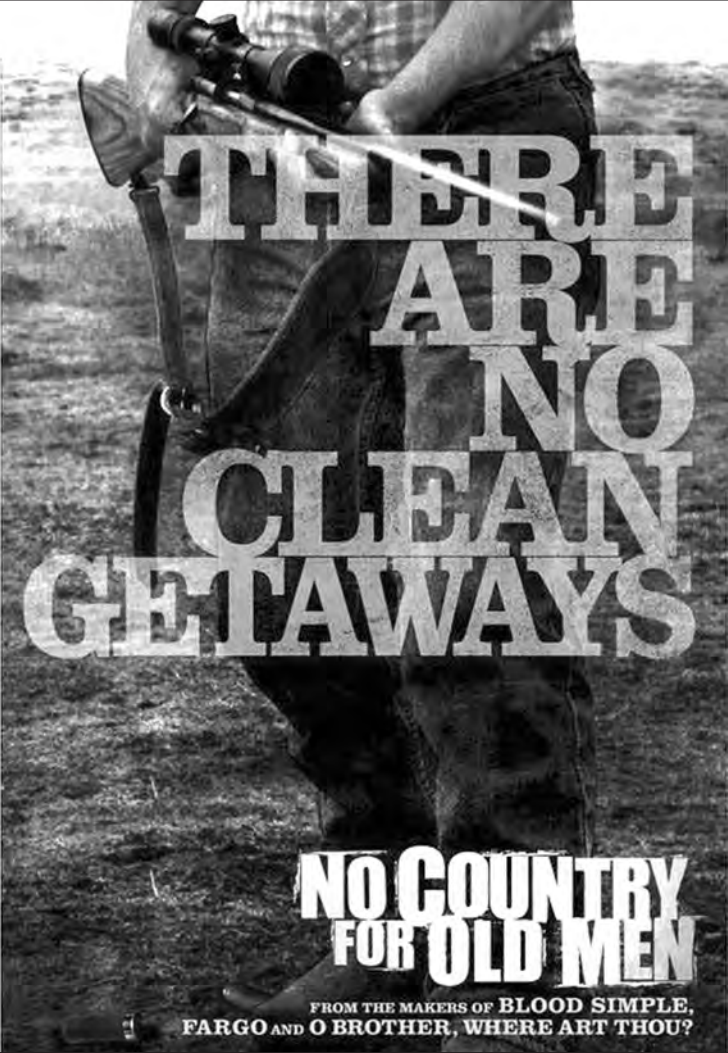
sarily be stopped whenever we want. Pessimistic? Perhaps, but it’s more so realistic, as the Coens present not a doom-and-gloom festival of unfiltered depression, but rather one of the most quietly intense chase films in many a year. The idea behind “No Country for Old Men” is darkly compelling, but the film’s true power lies in the journey more than the destination. After positioning its three leads as symbols for something (Bell as pure good, Chigurh as pure evil and Moss as that gray area most of us inhabit), the Coens set the stage for a fascinating struggle amongst this trifecta. The suspense here makes for some of the most compelling cinema of the year, the lack of a consistent musical score only enhancing the dread and thrills generated by such scenes as a nighttime game of cat-and-mouse between Moss and Chigurh. Indeed, the Coens have added yet another dark, quirky little masterpiece

to a résumé filled with similar titles, but just as vital a part of the picture’s success is its rock-solid cast. Brolin makes for a sympathetic lead as the in-way-over-his-head Moss, Jones heartbreakingly delivers a handful of the script’s memorable monologues, and for his downright scary turn as the frighteningly relaxed Chigurh, the Academy should just give Bardem the Oscar now. For those expecting two hours of constant gun battles and dialogue that consists of screaming boneheaded catchphrases, “No Country for Old Men” isn’t for you. This is a very deliberately paced film that does have its share of

flaws (specifically one character’s anticlimactic fate). But those willing to stop and examine it more closely are in for one of the year’s most enriching slices of cinematic goodness. A.J. is a senior year journalism student. He enjoys all genres, but he digs horror and documentaries the most.



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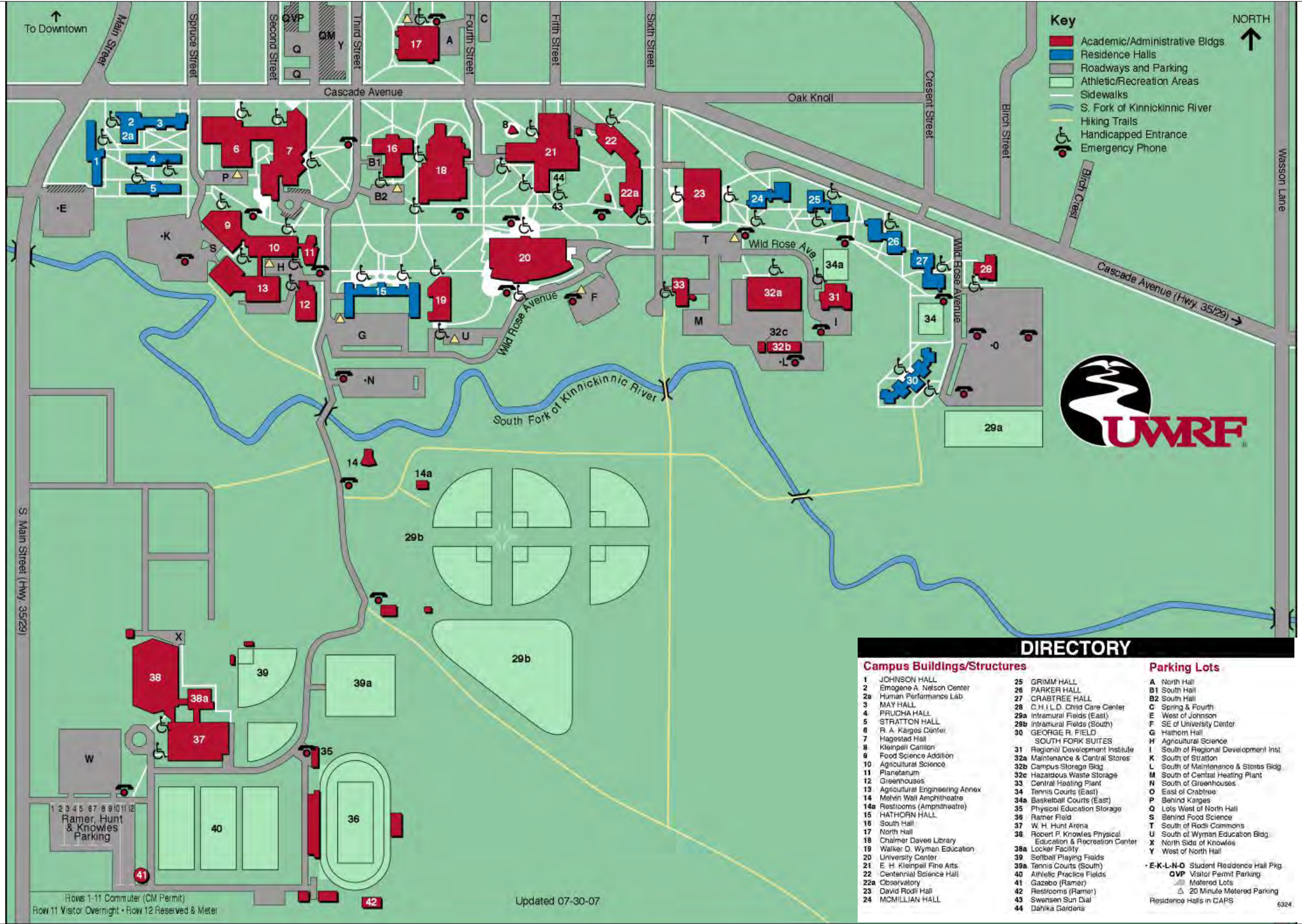
Ratings for movies are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores five stars is worth seeing at least once. A film that scores one star is horribly acted or directed, with no substance.

The Coen Brothers learned at a young age the old adage “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” Taking the words to heart, modern cinema’s dynamic duo have prided themselves on crafting taught suspenseful crime mysteries that are both engaging and metaphoric in nature. Continually setting the bar higher and higher, the Coen Brothers never have come closer to the cinematic peak of perfection than with “No Country for Old Men.” Set in 1980 Texas, “No Country” doesn’t feel like a typical Coen flick; gone are the quirky characters that float between quasi-dark scenes of criminal intent. In its place, the audience is confronted by a cynical present-day western brooding in its own dark nature, happily blowing out every candle of hope it can find. While hunting, Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin) stumbles upon a drug deal gone wrong and a satchel of over \$2 million hard cash. After stealing the cash, Moss executes his fatal flaw: he returns to the scene of the crime mere hours later. Spotted by Mexicans who stood to profit from the busted deal, Moss is thrust into a cat-and-mouse game he barely understands. Sent out after him is twisted and insane hit man Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem). Caught in the cross-fire is nearly retired Sheriff Ed Tom Bell (Tommy Lee Jones). Brolin excels under the careful tutelage of the Coen Brothers. He brings an air of calm to his otherwise frenzied flee, always maintaining poise as he scrambles to survive, constantly one step behind. The real star here, however, is Bardem. His cold calculating “ultimate bad-ass”

motif is perhaps one of the scariest men seen on film since Hannibal Lecter. It is rare to see anybody survive after sharing the screen with this sadistic psychopath who enjoys flipping a coin to decide who lives and dies. Bardem manages to pull in and harness an elusive power only a few have ever tamed, speaking more with his eyes and expressions than he ever does with his mouth. A quick X-ray of “No Country” would reveal a harsh truth: the film is a simple chase sequence with some brutality thrown in. But if one has the patience to look deeper, they would find a complex, almost subconscious soul engrained in the film’s essence. The message of the film is that hope is hidden within choice. Always questioning how and why we got here while reflecting on the desperate thought that humanity will never allow evil to die, the film offers a single ray of sunshine. We can always choose between right and wrong. “You don’t have to do this!” A phrase often repeated in the film becomes its battle cry. The majesty of this film is that all the players in it become symbols of these moralistic choices. Bardem’s hit man is pure evil incarnate while Jones’s wise and learned sheriff embodies absolute good. Brolin’s man-on-the-run emerges as a paradox of the two, slipping further and further into darkness as he desperately tries to do good. The Coen Brothers have done something truly special. They have created a modern masterpiece in weaving together a story that has been done before but is itself completely original.

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A map of the UW-River Falls campus. A group of approximately 25 people gathered at the University Center Nov. 27 and were given maps to take with them on the annual Safety Walk, sponsored by UWRF and the Student Senate. The people split into three groups and covered different areas on campus, each assessing various safety concerns.

Issues, concerns arise at annual campus Safety Walk

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Despite temperatures below freezing, a group of UW-River Falls students, faculty and community members joined together to assess safety concerns on campus as part of a yearly Campus Safety Walk Nov. 27.

The walk, sponsored in part by Student Senate, has become an annual tradition to give students a chance to voice their concerns about areas of campus they believe are unsafe and give suggestions as to how they can be improved.

Bundled in winter clothes, the group of nearly 25 gathered in the University Center to receive maps, instructions, and be split into three groups, each led by a senator. The first covered the East side of campus and was led by Diversity and Women’s Issues director Nikki Shonoiki; the second covered the South side of campus and was led by at-large senator Melody Reimer and the third, led by CAFES Representative Laura Adrian, covered the West side of campus.

The groups were charged with the task of following a course on the map and assessing safety concerns, such as poor lighting, locations of the blue emergency call stations, and the positioning and condition of crosswalks and sidewalks.

After walking set paths, all groups reconvened in the Falls Room of the University Center to make a list of observations while warming up with cookies and coffee.

While concerns ranged from burned out streetlights to overgrown vegetation that posed potential threats, some of the more prevalent concerns related to the condition of the emergency call phones.

The “blue phones” or “blue lights,” as they are commonly referred to, can be found in 20 locations throughout campus, according to Public Safety’s Web site. Each has a direct link to the Pierce County

While the placement of the lights didn’t seem to be an issue, many were concerned with the condition of the blue lights. Out of five lights tested on the East side of campus, four were broken or malfunctioning.

Sheriff’s dispatch center and the theory goes that when standing at any particular blue light, another light should be clearly visible.

While the placement of lights didn’t seem to be an issue, many were concerned with the condition of the blue lights. Out of five lights tested on the East side of campus, four were broken or malfunctioning, Shared Governance director Cindy Bendix said.

“That doesn’t exactly make me feel safe walking around campus,” Bendix said.

Safety along the back paths were a primary concern as well; in particular, the lack of lights along the South Fork Trail seemed to bother many students. Regardless of the fact that the trail was not originally designed for students to use at night, it is currently being used - this means that lighting and warning signs need to be seriously considered, Chancellor Don Betz said.

“Of particular interest ... are ways to ensure safety on the South Fork Trail,” Betz said.

Suggestions for improvement were entertained along with concerns, ranging from simply repainting crosswalks and trimming vegetation to installing new technology, such as LED lights that signify to a driver that they’re approaching a crosswalk.

However, while the idea of increased lighting may seem attractive to students walking on campus at night, competing factors such as energy concerns must be taken in consideration, Campus Planner Dale Braun said.

“I know it’s nice to walk at night on a brightly lit campus; it helps make us feel safer ... but that lighting consumes a lot of energy, even when people aren’t around,” Braun said. “My hope is that in the future we could look at retrofitting at least some of our lights on

campus with pedestrian sensors to come on when people are around, and either stay off or dimmed when people aren’t around, to reduce energy consumption and yield less light pollution.”

While campus does provide some safety programs, such as providing escorts to students walking on campus late at night, the Campus Safety Walk did a good job of giving faculty an even better idea of what needs attention on campus, Mike Stifter, Director of Student Life Facilities, said.

“Student Senate did a good job of involving some key staff and administrators from around campus ... Students, too, were well represented,” Stifter said. “We will be interested in reviewing the notes once they are summarized and doing what we can to maintain a safe campus.”

The annual Safety Walk is definitely something that will be continued each year, as it continues to be “informative and useful each year,” Betz said.

“There was definitely engaged and vocal student representation,” Betz said. “This is an important tradition here at UW-River Falls that reaps benefits each year.”



In a *Student Voice* online poll, readers were asked if they feel safe on campus. As of Dec. 6, the results were:

Yes: 85% (41)
No: 15% (7)



Left: An emergency light near the University Center is one of 20 on campus. Each light has a direct link to the Pierce County Sheriff’s dispatch center. Right: The bridge by the South Fork Suites and the lack of lights along the South Fork Trail were a primary concern of students and staff during the Nov. 27 Safety Walk.

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