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Choir celebrates culture



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

The Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir performed in North Hall Feb. 27. The choir consists of singers with a variety of ethnic backgrounds and vocal experiences. The group celebrates African American religious music. The event was free for UWRF students and \$5 for general admission.

Director shares fresh outlook on residence halls

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Sandi Scott-Duex, the new director of residence life at UW-River Falls, is well known throughout the UW-System as a go getter and a fun person to be around.

“People have been coming up to me saying ‘I’m so jealous you have her working for the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, I wish we had her,’” Jason Neuhaus, area coordinator for residence life, said.

In the fall of 2006, Scott-Duex earned the Robert E. Mosier professional enrichment award from the Upper Midwest Region Association of College and University Housing Officers (UMR-ACUHO).

“They recognized her for her service to new professionals and to professionals within the field of residence life,” Kristie Feist, area coordinator for residence life, said.

How it all started

Scott-Duex grew up in Oconto Falls, Wis., about 35 miles north of Green Bay, and has worked in residence life for the past 22 years.

She attended Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wis. for her undergraduate and grad-

uate careers. As an undergraduate, she majored in special education and minored in philosophy. During her graduate studies she earned a degree in management. She also was Student Senate president and a resident assistant while in college.

After graduating from Cardinal Stritch, Scott-Duex was offered a teaching job from Milwaukee public schools.

“I actually loved being an RA,” Scott-Duex said. “Someone said to me there’s this conference you can go to where they are interviewing people for hall director jobs and my hall director talked to me about it and that was how I got started.”

Scott-Duex decided to interview for the hall director job at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and took the job when it was offered to her.

Scott-Duex lived in residence halls for 17 years.

She met her husband, Kurt, while they were both hall directors. They have been married for 17 years and have two kids; Kyle, 12, and Kelsey, 9, who have grown up on college campuses.

“Even when I no longer had to

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Residence halls update furniture, save money

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Students living in Johnson, Prucha, May, Hathorn West and Crabtree Halls are saving roughly \$100 a year, thanks to updated furniture in those buildings.

Since 2005 the University has been gradually working on replacing outdated beds, dressers, desks and, in some cases, free-standing wardrobes in the dormitories.

The new furniture allows residents to save money by having beds able to be lofted already in the room, rather than having to rent a metal loft from bedloft.com.

“We wanted to give students the best options available,” area coordinator Jason Neuhaus said.

Before the project began, the University invited vendors to set up displays in the basement of Stratton Hall for students to view and vote on. The new room set selected was the one students voted in.

“Right from the start it’s been student-initiated,” Larry Testa, budget director for student affairs, said.

Students are happy with the new furniture.

“It gives the room a nice cozy feeling instead of the jail cell that it is,” freshman Nate Filipiak said.

“I like that we can move [the furniture] around and rearrange our rooms,” freshman Breanna Wessberg said.

Rod Hillskotte, a freshman in Grimm Hall, doesn’t mind that his furniture is outdated.

“It works-looks like crap, but it gets the job done,” he said.

Wessberg is trying to decide which hall to live in next year. Her first consideration is whether or not a hall has been updated, she said.

Hillskotte doesn’t plan to request a hall with updated furniture for next year, but he is happy to see the renovations done.

“It’s nice to see our fees going to something we can use,” he said.

The average cost per room is \$2,000, according to Testa. There are an estimated 1,200 rooms to be refurbished.

Students will not see any increase in fees, however. All costs for the project come from excess monies saved from room rates over the past years.

Students haven’t even seen an increase in room rates, according to Sandi Scott-Deux, director of residence life. A rate increase of 3.7 percent has been proposed for next year, which is below the state threshold for the UW system rate increase.

McMillan, Parker and Hathorn East Halls will be updated this summer, and Grimm, Hathorn Center and Stratton Halls will be updated by the end of summer 2010.

Students blame club for lack of parties

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River Falls wouldn’t be complete without its party houses. The new Rumor Night Club calls itself “a destination spot” for the town. Opened Sept. 4, River Falls’ latest night club consists of a sports bar and grill in the front of a warehouse building and an event center in the back. The club is located at 1107 S. Wasson Lane, about two blocks south of Moody’s car dealership, slightly out of the partying realm of River Falls.

Among a large number of UWRF students, Rumor Night Club is to blame for the end of their mega parties. On Dec. 13, the last Thursday of classes of fall semester, a popular party house was raided by police. With over 100 people in the house, 66 people received underage consumption citations. A resident of the house took the wrap for the other renters with a citation for selling intoxicants without a proper license.

“The cops were there for like five hours. I was hiding on the roof for a long time,” said UWRF student Joe Worwa.

Many rundown college houses across the nation rely on the profit made from the parties for minors hosted in their dwellings to pay the bills and even rent. A sum of \$415 was earned at this party, but was later confiscated by police.

According to a police report by Sgt. Michael Reardon, “The subject who identified himself as Benjamin Michael Leske had called the dispatch center and was complaining about an underage party that is taking business away from him at Rumors Night Club.” One of the residents of the party house, Anthony Brown, said that the police were friendly and cooperative during the incident. After an undercover police officer purchased a \$5 cup and made his way throughout the house, several more police officers arrived and began to conduct alcohol breathalyzer tests. Since the breathalyzer tests were not functioning properly due to the excessive amount of smoke in the house and the cold temperatures outside, many were asked to be processed at the police department. Campus security officers were also called in to assist at the police department.

The police report indicates that a complaint was called in two days prior to the party as well as during the party, by Leske, the owner of Rumor Night Club.

“While I was en route to that location, I received a phone call from an officer who advised me that he had observed a van with the Rumor Night Club logo on it driving around the area,” police said.

The van was seen in the area at the same time that the dispatch requested a River Falls officer call them in regards to a party complaint.

“As soon as the Facebook group went up blaming Ben for making the call, they were worried it would be bad for the business,” said Nick Ascheman, UWRF alumnus and former employee of Rumor.

Even though the issue is no longer pending in court, Leske declined to comment.

Despite the “Anti-Rumor clubs,” the night club is looking forward to the spring season. The new volleyball court and outdoor softball field will be opened for the warm weather months. An outdoor patio will also be opened and available for customers to lounge outside while enjoying alcoholic beverages legally. The event center located in the back is also available for rent to private parties.

Three weeks ago Rumor received its food license and will now be serving food.

“The food will be similar to the style of a Champps Restaurant but at a lower cost,” said Leske.

For the UWRF students living on campus, Wednesday is 18-plus night, and Rumor provides the ride. A free shuttle bus runs from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. to and from campus and the downtown area of River Falls.

Leske, 30, in addition to being owner of the club, is a promoter and disc jockey for Maplewood’s The Myth Night Club.

UWRF Chartwells dining contract up for review

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At the end of this semester, UW-River Falls will be in search of a new dining services contract. Let the bidding begin.

“The existing contract [with Chartwells] ends May 31, 2008,” Jerry Waller, the UWRF director of Dining Services, said.

UWRF has been under the current contract with Chartwells since January of 1995, according to Waller. The expiration of the contract with Chartwells allows the University to take bids and proposals from other food service providers.

“It’s through the UW System

Office of Procurement and what it’s called is a Request Form Proposal (RFP),” Waller said. “Basically we put a notice out that we’re looking for a food service provider and we ask for companies to bid on the service.”

The food service providers that will be putting in contract bids at UWRF will have to abide by specific criteria set up by the University.

“There are things that we’ve established as important to us and we want to consider food quality and variety—it is obviously an important con-



Sally King/Student Voice

UWRF students Cheyenne Mallow and Billy Miller experience Chartwells dining at the University Center Feb. 27.

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VOICE SHORTS

Brass concert to be performed Sunday

At 3 p.m., Sunday, there will be a River Falls Brass Concert in the Abbott Concert Hall. The faculty brass quintet will perform.

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students with their ID.

Concert Choir to perform off campus Sunday

The UWRF Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Jong-Won Park, is performing at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Congregational UCC.

Admission for the concert is free. The Concert Choir has been selected to perform at the North Central American Choral Directors Association Convention in Fargo, North Dakota March 6.

Runway to Success returns to campus

Starting at 8 p.m., March 6, the Runway for Success will be taking place in the Entertainment Complex of the University Center. Students who attend will be able to learn about fashion trends that are appropriate for a work environment. The event is free and put on by Career Services.

Roundtable discussion held at public library

At 6:30 p.m., March 12, the River Falls Public Library will be holding a roundtable discussion titled "World War II in Film: Visual Documents and Modern Interpretations."

They will be using Ken Burns' PBS documentary. More information can be found on the UWRF history department Web site. The event is co-sponsored by the history and philosophy department at the River Falls Public Library.

Pre-Vet Club offers GRE study sessions

On Tuesday evening's this semester the Pre-Vet Club will be having group study sessions for the upcoming GRE exams. The sessions will take place from 7-8 p.m. in the lower level of the University Center, next to the Riverside Commons.

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Corrections

--In the article "Similarities found between book, bill" published Feb. 22, a quote attributed to Professor Geoff Scheurman was actually a statement made by a female student who also attended the presentation.

--In the article "Men's volleyball team makes headway" published Feb. 15, the practice location was incorrectly listed. The article said the team practices at Karges, but they actually practice at Knowles.

The *Student Voice* regrets the errors.

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Friday: "Wisconsin and World Issues," with Ben Plunkett.

SENATE

Budget concerns motivate high turnout at Senate meeting

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Tuesday's Student Senate meeting comprised the largest student turnout of the semester. In attendance were 22 members of the student body. High turnout was in response to an e-mail sent out by President Derek Brandt. He requested student presence and opinion concerning, primarily, two issues. First, increasing the student contribution towards the total cost of the new Health and Human Performance (H&HP) building from an estimated \$3,846,150 up to an amount no more than \$6,173,000. The second issue concerns the student contribution towards the remodeling of Ramer Field. This would allocate an amount from student funds (from segregated fees) not to exceed \$525,000. These student contributions make up about 15 percent of the estimated total project cost. The Motions to allocate funds were introduced today and will be voted upon on the evening of Tuesday, March 4 in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

During the debate concerning Ramer Field, a number of students contributed to the discussion.

"The Ramer project would be a great step forward," student Tyler Graves said.

One senator added that the Ramer project would "give our campus a better face." Following that comment, Krista Hasselquist noted that recruits aren't even shown the field due to its poor condition.

Also of great concern to the students in attendance were the possible revisions of chapters 17 and 18 of the Student Association Student Senate Constitution. These chapters concern the Implementation of Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5). Implementation of this Statute would allow UW-River Falls to impose penalties upon students found guilty of non-academic misconduct

(including off-campus misconduct). These would be in addition to any civil penalties the student might face.

Student Association Student Senate Advisor Gregg Heinselman said that the possible repercussions might include that the misconduct could "become a part of [a student's] academic record."

Heinselman also requested that the Senate form a subcommittee to help address the specifics of this issue.

Student Senate director reports were handled with great efficiency due to the foreseeable length at which the budget and statute issues would be discussed. Shared Governance Director Tyler Halverson discussed Senate clothing and promotional materials in addition to the committee's further inquiry into the Senate Constitution.

He was followed by Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Jenifer Biss reporting that their student survey was completed. Finance Director Jason Meier informed the Senate that the finance committee was looking into the possibility of easing student fees with funds from the Senate reserve account.

Diversity Issues and Womens Initiatives Co-Director Nikki Shonoiki introduced two motions that will be voted on at the next Student Senate meeting. Co-Director Laura Adrian said that the "Take Back the Night" event is now scheduled for April 2. This event will include a live band, three speakers from outside the University as well as yet to be determined member of the UWRF student body.

Parliamentarian/Ethics Chair Nathan McNaughton reported that progress was being made towards the revision of Senate bylaws. Brandt informed the Senate that he would speak later at length about the changes concerning Senate election laws and campaigning rules. Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair Mike Defenbaugh reported that

funding for Greek Life events would be limited to single events rather than a per-semester basis due to the "exclusive" nature of Greek Society.

Hasselquist then introduced details regarding the Senate budget as well as a per student breakdown of specific segregated fees that are to be charged to students in the upcoming semester. The proposed increase of just under \$70 per student will constitute a 7 percent increase in fees.

Two motions were passed Tuesday, the first concerning J-Term stipends for senators and the second concerning name tents and business cards for Senators. Seven motions were introduced to the Student Senate and will be voted upon March 4. The motions to be considered will include funding to send 36 students to the Building Unity Conference in Madison (where students will gain insight into issues concerning minority groups and develop leadership skills). Also included were the aforementioned motions to approve funding for the HHP building and Ramer field. A fourth motion to approve changes to the Student Senate Constitution will be considered. The final two motions to be considered were added to the agenda Tuesday. The first concerns funding to send two senators to Legislative Days, where senators will lobby the Wisconsin state Legislature on issues concerning UWRF. The second motion added to the agenda concerned the student survey. This motion would approve funding to distribute free movie passes to the first 100 students who completed the survey.

Tuesday's Student Senate meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next Student Senate meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 4 in the Willow River Room of the UC. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Magellan Exchange new study abroad opportunity

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On Feb. 18, The International Programs office and the College of Business and Economics announced a new study abroad opportunity for students: the Magellan Exchange.

Founded in 1996 by Marvin Swanson, the Magellan Exchange is a coalition of 23 universities that provide a variety of international exchange programs with the mission of providing "an affordable, educational and cultural experience in a foreign country."

With its inclusion, UW-River Falls joins the ranks of prestigious institutions in 10 countries spanning the U.S., Europe and Mexico.

"We're very excited to have [UWRF] aboard," Tori Patterson, the Magellan Exchange's vice president, said. "We think their programs will be a great addition to our organization."

Barb Nemecek, dean of the College of Business and

Economics, began talks with the Magellan Exchange nearly one year ago with the original intention of creating programs primarily for students in the CBE. Eventually, the ideas expanded to a much broader range of majors and disciplines, Brent Greene, Global Connections director at the International Programs office, said.

Greene said the Magellan program differs from traditional exchange programs that require a one-to-one student transfer ratio between universities.

"All we have to do is plug a student into the system, and they can go to any one of these institutions," Greene said. "We're hoping this process is going to be a lot less labor intensive for the student and for us."

Greene said the flexibility of the program will be a big pull factor not only for students studying abroad, but foreign students hoping to study in the United States.

"One of the biggest issues

we're seeing is greater interest in U.S. students going to Europe, rather than the other way around," Green said. "The internship component compels a larger flow of European students to come to the United States."

Participation in the Magellan program is a positive step for the university because its internships also promote undergraduate research along with developing the repertoire of international programs, two main proponents of Chancellor Don Betz's "Living the Promise 2007-2012" strategic planning initiative, Green said.

According to Greene, 30-40 percent of UWRF students study abroad at some point during their academic career. A large majority choose the shorter study tours during J-Term or spring break over the commitment of a full semester overseas. The goal of the University is to expand this participation to 50 percent within seven years, he said.

Along with concerns about culture shock and language

barriers, Greene said the largest reason students hesitate to study abroad is the cost, which can be substantial for students paying tuition at other universities. With exchange programs like Magellan, however, students pay tuition through their home university, no matter where they study, which can greatly reduce costs.

"This is going to be a very inexpensive way to study abroad," Greene said.

For students interested in a study abroad experience, Greene recommended they speak with their advisor, who can help them choose the options that most suit their interests. From there, students should visit the International Programs office at 102 Hagestad Hall. Even if students are uncertain about their plans, they should at least consider the benefits of a study abroad experience, Greene said.

"You don't have to be sure about anything," he said. "Just start making plans to go somewhere, sometime."

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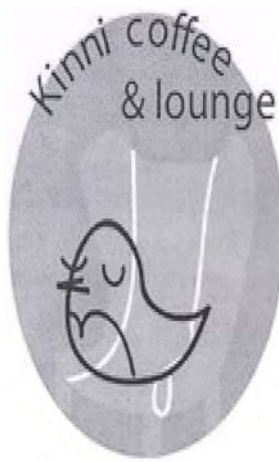
Editor's note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and UW-River Falls Public Safety incident reports.

Feb. 15-
-An iPod valued at \$350 was stolen from the University Center.

Feb. 23-
-Scott L. Hanna, 20, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.
-Bryan L. Larson, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.

-Joseph A. Simonson, 21, was cited \$172 for disorderly conduct.
-Sean M. Wolf, 21, was cited \$172 for disorderly conduct.
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Scott-Duex: Addition to staff focuses on bringing academics, residence life staff together

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live in it for my job, my husband did,” Scott-Duex said.

UW-Whitewater

Scott-Duex spent the last 17 years at UW-Whitewater, where she was adored by her colleagues and the students she served. While at UWW, she was promoted numerous times. She started out as hall director then moved up to coordinator for staff development, coordinator for community development, assistant director for residential education and associate director of residence life.

“Sandi brings a multitude of tools, skills and experience,” Jeff C. Janz, executive director of residence life at UWW said in an e-mail interview. “An organization leader, a knowledgeable expert on the generations of students we serve, a contagious laugh, a sincere passion for student service, and a very strong mentor for young and evolving professionals.”

Throughout her years at UWW

there were many projects that Scott-Duex worked on.

“I worked really hard to add diversity to the staff. Both the professional staff there, as well as just the student leadership,” Scott-Duex said.

She added that when she says diversity, she doesn’t mean just racial diversity. Whitewater has a special mission to serve students with disabilities and there were many students who lived in the halls who were in wheelchairs.

“Sandi was very active with the development of our learning communities, crisis intervention, community service projects and several other areas,” Janz said in an e-mail interview.

The transition to UWRf

“It was funny. I really wasn’t looking; I was very happy at UWW, but in the UW System we are all pretty connected, and I value my other UW System colleagues and their schools a lot,” Scott-Duex said. “When Terry Wilson told me he was retiring, a lot

of my colleagues said ‘I could see you there; I could see you in River Falls.’”

Scott-Duex had visited UWRf before and had a good feeling about it.

“I felt like it was just a great place,” she said. “I felt like this is a program that is in a good place and hopefully my skills and my experience along with the great staff I have, we can take it to another level.”

That’s how her new colleagues feel as well.

“I think we have a great foundation in our organization,” Feist said. “We’re really poised and we do really good work. I think she’ll be able to move us to that great organization status.”

Since Scott-Duex officially started full-time Jan. 1, she has already begun to make a difference in the residence life community. She is working on getting the staffing structure in place.

“Compared to other UW institutions in residence life, we are very under-

staffed. Fortunately, we will be adding two assistant director positions,” Scott-Duex said.

One of those positions will deal mostly with student conduct in the halls, something that has lacked enforcement in the past.

“Students need to understand there are consequences,” she said, “students should feel like they can sleep, study and socialize in their halls and if there is excessive noise and excessive alcohol, they can’t do that.”

Scott-Duex is working on bringing academics and residence life together.

“I’ve seen the value of learning communities where students live together and take some classes together,” Scott-Duex said.

Her ideas go past what happens during the normal school year.

“I think there is a great opportunity to look at ways that we can beef up the summer camp and conference program in the halls,” she said.

“When those youth camps come to campus during the summer, I believe we’re playing a role and five years

down the road they may very well make this their institution of choice because they had a great camp experience here,” she said.

So far, Scott-Duex has had a great experience on the UWRf campus.

“The students here seem very down to earth, not a lot of pretense. I really like them,” she said, “It’s a really great place and I feel like I fit.”

Scott-Duex has been described by her new colleagues as being very outgoing, fun to work with and someone who gets things done.

“She has an upbeat personality and she’s easy to want to spend time with because she’s such a great people person,” Neuhaus said. “We’re really blessed to have her on this campus.”

“She is a go-getter, hard working and she won’t wait if she feels that we can move forward now, there’s no reason not to,” Feist said. “The thing I’ve enjoyed the most about Sandi is her focus on students and their learning.”

Attention Writers and Artists!

Prologue, UWRf's literary and art magazine, is looking for your written and visual pieces for its 2008 publication! Take advantage of the opportunity to have your work published and share your visions with the UWRf community!

Submission forms are available outside the English Office, KFA 241A. Guidelines and rules are posted on the forms.

Questions?

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DEADLINE EXTENDED

Written submissions will be accepted until March 7
Art submissions will be accepted until March 14

Chartwells: Service providers to bid on contract for UWRf dining

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sideration,” Waller said. “It’s a wide-open bid at this point.”

The University does not request certain types of foods to be available in its dining centers.

“We do not spec [inspect] the product line; we do not spec that there is going to be any particular food per se,” Waller said. “We do establish the general direction and goals we’re looking at.”

There are a number of aspects that UWRf is going to have to take into consideration when it comes to selecting a contract with a food service provider. Pricing, meal plans and transfer hours will all be key aspects to consider in a new food contract.

“For people that live on campus, transfers during the day would be nice,” Diana Schueller, a UWRf junior said. “Sometimes the Grab ‘n Go store in the UC doesn’t always have appetizing food options as well.”

The Grab ‘n Go store (Freddy’s C-store) does have transfer hours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, according to the UWRf Student Affairs Web site, but the only other venue that has transfer hours other than the Riverside Commons cafeteria is Coyote Jack’s Grill. Mamma Leone’s, The Roots Café, Mondo Subs and Peregrine Perk have no lunch transfer hours. This limits food options for students who dine on campus.

“We need more options for people that don’t go inside of the cafeteria,” Schueller said.

Suggestions for improved dining like the ones mentioned by Schueller have not fallen upon deaf ears. UWRf has a student-led Dining Services Advisory Committee that takes into consideration student dining needs and preferences.

“The committee is made up of a bunch of people from campus; there’s one rep from each of the residence halls, the UCC [University Curriculum Committee] and the Student Senate can have someone there if they choose,” Natasha Sedgwick, the chairperson of the Dining Services Advisory Committee said. “We get together every other week and we talk about things

going on in Dining Services. We also hand out surveys and things like that to try and get student feedback on how things are going in dining services, and what kind of changes they would like to see.”

Eight key observations were made from the student survey data according to a Dec. 2007 UWRf Dining Services Meal Plan Participant Survey Report. Some of the observations showed that students preferred home-style cooking, one fifth of meal plan participants had vegetables with every meal and 44 percent of students with a meal plan were not concerned with nutritional information when selecting a meal plan. The no. 1 concern of students is lack of variety, according to the survey data. Nearly 46 percent of students listed this as their major concern.

UWRf faculty and staff also took part in surveys about dining on campus. They were asked a variety of questions similar to those presented to students. \$4.01-\$5.00 was the price that the majority (38 percent) of faculty and staff said was reasonable for lunch. Faculty and staff were presented with six prices on this particular question ranging from \$3 to over \$8.

One topic that was thoroughly debated in the Dining Service Advisory Committee last semester was whether or not to have mandatory meal plans for freshmen and sophomores living on campus. The committee eventually settled on keeping mandatory meal plans for the aforementioned groups.

“The reasoning for that is that with the RFP we can guarantee more people and this should bring the prices [of food] down a bit,” Sedgwick said.

The food services contract may be expiring with Chartwells, but this doesn’t mean that Chartwells will not continue to be the University food provider.

“I want to make it clear for people that this means we are not necessarily getting rid of Chartwells,” Sedgwick said. “[If the University stays with Chartwells] it will be a new contract. No matter what, things are going to look very different in the fall.”

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EDITORIAL

A little respect goes a long way

A little over 40 years go, Aretha Franklin sang a song about respect. But today, the word is one of which we are still searching for the meaning.

Students who go to the library to study usually go there because they need a little peace and quiet, but they don’t always get it. People leave their dorms to go to the library for a better study environment and they should be greeted with a good place to work on presentations, papers and just plain homework.

Those who are actually trying to study will sometimes encounter students who are just in the library to socialize and don’t care what’s going on.

Everyone knows you’re supposed to be quiet in a library, but sometimes students don’t follow that. Students have loud conversations with their friends who are there and sometimes, on their cell phones, with friends who aren’t.

On one occasion a student trying study encountered a student talking on her cell phone on speakerphone as loud as it could go.

Have a little bit of respect for those around you or learn how to read the signs. There are signs posted in the entry of the library asking patrons to take calls in the lobby and turn your phone on silent or vibrate so you don’t distract others around you.

Earlier this year, the Chalmer Davee Library extended its hours so students would have more time to use it, not abuse it. The addition of the hours came after students had mentioned that more open hours would be useful to all students.

It doesn’t make much sense to spend the money to keep the library open if students aren’t actually able to use the time to study.

Although the Library Web site does have policies listed about computer usage and food in the library, it doesn’t have a policy for library conduct.

The library staff said that they know that this problem has gotten increasingly worse lately and they are doing their best to intervene, but it’s hard.

It’s especially difficult at night when there are more students studying and not as many workers. It’s hard for the workers to get around the entire library and monitor how everyone is behaving.

They shouldn’t have to monitor everyone. We should be able to control how we act. We are in college after all.

If you are at the library and someone is bothering you, try to find the courage to help keep the library quiet. Stand up, and don’t be afraid to ask a noisy person to be quiet.

You just may earn someone’s respect.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student explains political party

The recent *Student Voice* article on the “President’s Day Great Debate” unfortunately did not do an accurate job representing the points embodied by Socialist Alternative.

As one of the members who debates from this organization, I felt the need to clarify the position of Socialist Alternative, especially on the issue of education.

Charter schools and voucher programs are not, as many in both parties of big business proclaim, roads to “choice.”

They are instead backdoors to semi or outright privatization of schools throughout this country.

Socialist Alternative maintains that under-funding, historically and currently, is the major factor negatively influencing the success of public education in America. However, this systematic under-funding extends to the area of all public services.

Currently, a major economic drain on the US economy is the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Any group that takes seriously the campaign to win funding for schools and public services in the United

States must put forward a program that adequately maintains the public schools system financially.

Also, they must call for an end to “our” government’s wars which are of an imperialist capitalist nature. These wars, along with the lack of funding for public services in general are the cause of the crisis of public education which manifests itself most prevalently in low-income areas of the United States.

Capitalism cannot lead the way forward for education in this country. Ultimately, we must get rid of capitalism and replace it with democratic

socialism on an international scale.

This can be done initially through the formation of a working peoples’ party that would include workers from the education sector.

Recently the River Falls Anti-War Coalition has been formed on this campus. This organization has been endorsed by Socialist Alternative.

We see this as a positive step forward in challenging the US government’s policies both foreign and domestic.

Nick Shillingford Student

Freshman advises students to remember home

Home sweet home. As first year students we are required to live on campus. Prior to this year I was somewhat worried about living away from my home.

The first few weeks of second semester were quite different from the first couple of weeks of last semester. Upon move in I wasn’t sure what to expect and will admit that for a while, I really missed my family.

Of course, it’s not the cool thing to say you miss your parents, but living with someone for 18 years of my life and then simply not seeing them for weeks at a time was quite a challenge.

As time went on it became much easier to pull out of the driveway and come back to school. Over the course of the first semester, this big brick building began to feel more and more comforting. Within the first



Linda Abel

month and a half I had made tons of friends and my dorm started to represent my personality.

By mid-November, River Falls had become my home away from home, and leaving for break was somewhat sad. Now that I am back on campus and getting into the swing of my new schedule, forgetting about all I was used to at home is becoming easier.

However, after being home this weekend I have realized that leaving home wasn’t a challenge only for me, but for my parents as well.

As I have stated in previous columns, I am an only child and haven’t had the firsthand experience of a sibling type of relationship. I would be willing to bet that they, too, miss us when we are gone.

This weekend, I went home and spent most of my weekend with my family. I

noticed that they really do miss me and were completely excited to have me home again.

I want to remind all of you first year Falcons to enjoy being here in your college lives, but also to not forget about our families and friends at home.

I have found that having old friends come and stay with us for the weekend or inviting your families to have dinner with us keeps a connection with home and gives them a chance let go as well. As our home away from home, UW-River Falls is a place of which we should be nothing short of proud.

So as the semester continues and everyday life surrounds us, don’t forget to check in with those who are back in your hometown, and try to blend a little of college life with home life.

Linda is double-majoring in marketing communications and business communications with an emphasis in professional organization. In her free time she likes to dance, watch movies, hang out with friends and spend time with family.

Facial hair detracts from first impressions

Mustaches, whiskers, goatees, soul patches, sideburns, beards and scruff. Whatever you call it, it has to go. Facial hair is a thing of the past, plus its simply unattractive. Unless you’re Ron Jeremy, the face pubes are unnecessary.

Don’t get me wrong, not all guys look bad with facial hair but it needs to be groomed, boys.

OK, so you woke up late and didn’t have time to shave before sprinting to class but it should be done the next day.

A week’s worth of growth is not classy, it’s just plain lazy. Women shave their legs at least once a week. Even in the winter, like clockwork, we’re in the shower for an extra 10 minutes diligently scraping four blades up our already dry legs.

Seriously? Is it that hard to

What are you hiding under all that hair? Does your face make babies cry?

bust out the Norelco and give your face the once over? Mustaches are for porn stars and dirty bikers. When was the last time a girl said to you, “Wow, your mustache is really attractive.” Probably never.

The worst part is sharing a meal with a man who sports a mustache. More often than not, he’ll get food stuck in it and then you’re stuck with the task of pointing it out. Do you shampoo that thing? And don’t even get me started about kissing a man with a mustache. It’s like making out with a cat.

Moving on. What is up with the goatee? It’s like a rebel mustache took over your chin. Is it there to catch the food you can’t seem to keep in your mouth? When

they get long you look like a billy goat. That’s an attractive picture. An ornery, gray billy goat chewing a mouthful of grass. Hot.

And what is the point of a soul patch anyway? It just looks like you couldn’t grow a goatee so you decided to keep just the little spot under your lip. It’s like women leaving a tiny spot of hair in between their eyebrows when they get them waxed. Um, no.

Oh sideburns, how men love them so. Let me just say, not all sideburns are unattractive, just the ones that are so far down your face that you can shape them. What are you trying to get us to notice with the pointy corner of your sideburns? Your face? Mission complete. As long as your sideburns are well

groomed, there’s no problem with them.

Ah, the beard. What are you hiding under all that hair? Does your face make babies cry? What is the purpose of a beard? I know guys usually grow one during deer season to cut down on windburn but the last time I checked deer season ended in November.

Get with it guys. Your face is the first thing a girl notices, especially if it looks like a squirrel’s ass.



Megan Leoni

Megan is a senior majoring in marketing communications with a business administration minor. She enjoys making people laugh, spending time with her siblings and drawing Student Voice staff members on the chalkboard. Megan is an avid fan of Falcon hockey and the Facebook bumper sticker application.

Student columnist designs new interrigation ideas

So it's the year 2008, and one of the biggest stories in the news is the debate about whether water boarding—torture or not—should be used against certain prison inmates to extract information.

Everyone should know that the C.I.A. has a long history of using shady methods and questionable techniques to get what they want. And every so often, a few stories about the C.I.A. will start a trend in the news, like what is happening right now.

Truthfully, water boarding doesn't sound that bad. I think the C.I.A. is definitely bailing on us if water boarding is the best questionable method they can think of to replace thumbscrews and breaking wheels. There are all sorts of other, less controversial techniques ready to be used in your friendly neighborhood interrogation chamber.

And actually, I have compiled a short list of my creative ideas. Perhaps some undercover C.I.A. agent will read this and make note of my brilliant innovations. The main goal of torture is to cause the victim enough discomfort that he or she will spill beans containing certain



Joe Hager

truths of great importance.

Discomfort? I'm uncomfortable most of the day. I'm ready and willing to tell anyone all my national secrets. Forget the Judas Chair; the desks in KFA are enough to drive me to treason with their wobbly legs and oh-so-tiny writing surfaces. There's a torture method right there.

Let's continue with a pretty uncomfortable one. Let's make that terrorist son-of-a-bitch pay for AND consume the entire Variety Big Box Meal from KFC. He'll be checking his pants for at least twenty-four hours, plus he'll stew from the fact that he spent \$8 on deep-fried failure. If that doesn't sway our traitor into spilling those magical beans, perhaps we can strap him or her down, and force them to (what?) while watching a commercial for Girls Gone Wild on eternal loop. Yeah, you think it sounds great now, guys. Just wait until you can hear how much fun the girls are having, for the four billionth time in a row. If I know where any nuclear missiles are kept by then, I'm telling.

Boy, that last sentence officially screwed me if I were ever to run for public office. But until then, I have more torture ideas

for the C.I.A. to steal and tout as their own.

Here's one I would never want to experience: force the victim to play Scrabble against George Bush until the lovable goofball of a president finally wins. Trust me, he won't, especially if you steadfastly—and rightfully—refuse to accept any of his Bushisms as real words. The best part is, he'll never, ever quit. Then the terrorists of Scrabble will have won.

That reminds me—it's a little sad we don't make fun of Bush anymore. Now that the election season has really kicked off, we've lost the old ways of complaining about Bush constantly. I miss it.

Here's the last one: feed them hundreds of pounds of Peeps—those nasty little pastel-yellow turds you get a million of on Easter. Those things gross the hell out of me. After living on Peeps for a few weeks, anyone will be good and willing to spill their darkest, most secretive secrets. Force-feed me four Peeps and I'm done. I bet you never knew how persuasive a few nuggets of poultry-shaped excrement could be, eh?

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

Future graduates cannot hide from unclear futures

There is a five-pound gorilla in my room.

I've carried it around with me for the past four and a half years, from one house to another.

I've tried everything I can do to avoid it. I've stuck it in the corner, covered in the assorted junk that sits around my room. In the end, I've accepted my hairy friend; I've grown to love the responsibility of the gorilla and have adapted to its strange smell.

I've grown so fond of my roommate that I've given him a name: graduation.

I know that the end of February seems to be an odd time to be worrying about graduation, but measured against the four and a half years I've spent here on campus, it seems like an impending disaster.

I've been afraid of graduation since I enrolled at the University. For much of the first few years here I was here the kid from Whitewater.



Joe Eggers

When I was writing for my high school paper, I wrote about embracing high school as long as a student could. Now as I see the end of my college career approaching, I'm having similar feelings. For as nervous as I was entering the University, entering the real world is no different than moving to India.

Most of my apprehension revolves around getting into a career. I'll be graduating with a degree in political science and international studies. I can tell you about the current state of affairs following the Russian parliamentary elections, but is that a marketable talent? Thanks to Career Services, I have a well-rounded resume. It's well-padded and makes me look good, but am I ready for a career?

One of my roommates, Nate, is a fellow graduate of the political science program. He is now selling insurance. I don't begrudge Nate and his insurance selling skills; he'll probably make more money in a year selling insurance than I will in my entire life.

Insurance doesn't excite me the same way international political systems do; maybe I am a nerd. One of my other roommates, Connor, is spending the semester student teaching.

Teaching is a career which has always intrigued me. I know the pay is not stellar, but teachers get off for almost every holiday on the calendar. I was shocked to see Connor on my way to class on President's Day.

President's Day. It's not even on a president's birthday. What do you do on President's Day to celebrate the most powerful man on the face of the earth? I guess you have furniture sales.

The problem with teaching is the mornings. Many of my professors can attest to my daily battles with the clock. To be honest, anything before 10 a.m. is a little hit or miss for me, mostly miss. What is there to do for a poli-sci major?

In "Travels with Charley," John Steinbeck writes about his burning desire that people believed would be cured with age. While I'm not sure that my fear of the next big steps in life will be cured with age, I know that I will enjoy the ride.

College has been the most fun I've had in my life, but it's time to move on. I'm the oldest one in many of my classes, with the exception of the non-traditionals. Many of my fellow classmates weren't even in high school when I graduated five years ago.

The time will come, ready or not, and I'll be done with school. Adulthood and responsibility are things I can't avoid. I think it's finally time I ask my friend the gorilla to leave.

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

Stereotypes show differences between boys' and girls' ideas

"I'm sick of guys; they're so typical." And "girls—they're just so difficult."

He can only devote himself to one thing at a time, whether it's sports, music or taking on new leadership roles. But she handles school, a job, her boyfriend, her problems, painting her nails daily and her friends' problems consistently.

She's usually more poetic than he is, but only because she thinks too much. He only thinks about his one devotion and of course, girls.

She spends her afternoons off watching shows like "The Hills" and getting caught up in Lauren's latest love issues. He occasionally flips to "The Hills" and wishes there were more girls that look like Lauren in River Falls. She reads the preceding line and rids herself of her recently consumed lunch.

He never wants to dirty his shoes. He sometimes keeps them boxed up for months just to be able to break them out once all of the snow and other "mucky stuff" goes away. She has more accessories to worry about than just shoes, and she knows that shoes aren't generally the focal point of her outfit, yet she'll still pay far too much for a pair that can only be worn with that really long pair of Silvers.

She is full of detail and wants to think that everyone will notice the green stitching in her jeans. He bypasses the detail to get to the point: he supports the Twins and nothing else matters.

She reposts chain letters within 380 seconds so she can have a chance to find true love within 24 hours. He doesn't really know what chain letters are... and if he does, it's only because all of the girls in the fifth grade were passing them out like scratch-n-sniff stickers once upon a time in kindergarten.

He is generally easier to hang out with. He doesn't change his mind just to agree with her to avoid a fight. He'll say something if he wants to, and if he doesn't have anything to

say, he won't say anything. She's manipulative, either agreeing with someone to avoid a fight now, but only to disperse catty remarks about her behind her back.

She is obsessed with adding Facebook applications to see which 1950s pin-up girl she is, while he answers questions to solve what kind of drinking song he follows.

She is wonderfully capable of being an inadvertent home-wrecker, understands that it's wrong, but keeps the fling going while expressing to him how sorry she is. He is rewarded for nailing his high school teacher. Suddenly, the heavens open up and he is declared a hero, while she is nothing but a common whore.

A friend recently told me that guys are like algebra and girls are like statistics. With guys it's basic math, really (it's just that sometimes the variables change). His answer is simply the same or different. With girls, all the information is there. You just have to take a step back and look at it from a different viewpoint. But guys aren't to blame for not wanting to do this. No one really likes statistics, anyway.



Abby Maliszewski

Aside from the common stereotypes we're all aware of but keep spreading around to aid in the beginnings of a reality, there are, of course, similarities between them.

Both sexes hate getting sick, are deep-down hopeless romantics, have been told that there's something better out there, worry to the point of anxiety attacks, will have had at least one morning of wondering where all those bruises came from, wish to be a member of the opposite sex for a day and have at least one person of the opposite sex they can tell all their secrets to.

And besides all that, although they may never admit it to your face, they both secretly want bigger, firmer chests.

Abby is a marketing communications major and may have confessed that she is a hopeless romantic.

STUDENT Voices

What do you think of when you hear the word "organic?"



Amanze Omega, freshman
"I think of fruit."



Deepak Reddy, junior
"Something good and healthy for you to eat."



Meghan Huberty, sophomore
"I think of organic food."



Rory Martell, freshman
"Naturally made food."

Organic food not as strange as it sounds

Once you go black, you'll never go back. Once a smoker, always a smoker. Go organic, stay organic.

Some things are just so great that you cannot even consider going back to the old, sucky way of doing things. Eating organically improves taste, is nutritional, better for the environment, more sustainable and it's sexy.

Generalizations about organic foods and personal care products have been noticeably far-fetched.

Organic food does not taste like cardboard. It is not only for vegetarians and it is certainly not just for "hippies." The year is 2008 and these myths are more outdated than Burberry clothes.

The main turnoff of organic foods is the cost. Organic food doesn't always cost more but prices must be adjusted to basic supply and demand rules. Plus, consider the organic farmers that don't

Eating organically improves taste, is nutritional, better for the environment, more sustainable and it's sexy.

receive federal subsidies like most commercial farmers. More labor and intensive management is put into organic farming. The cost of the food reflects the true cost of growing.

Also, most people don't think of the environmental clean up that is necessary from conventional foods that are paid for by taxes. For example, organic farming reduces off-farm pollution.

The "Dead Zone" located in the Gulf of Mexico is caused by an increase of chemical fertilizers. Your organic food is cared for with the highest regard.

Other than reducing the nasty chemicals in our earth's waters, organic farming reduces the toxins in the air, soil and our bodies, which makes our lovely planet and our beautiful bodies healthier.

When it comes to the land, composting builds healthy soil and a natural fertility.

Conventional farming results in a loss of top soil, vitamins and nutrients. Converting land into an organic farm is a thoughtful three-year process.

To know that the product is organic, the USDA Organic seal is found on products.

The seal means that the product is grown without the use of pesticides, synthetic fertilizers or genetically modified organisms.

If I am what I eat, I certainly do not want to be a synthetic fertilizer.

A sense of place is another great benefit of organic foods. Geographically speaking, local foods bring a conscience at ease knowing that it did not have to travel far to get to my appreciative tummy.

Even if it does come from Belize, Italy or Tasmania, the energy put into organic farming is still 30 percent less than conventional farming, and is more than likely to be fair trade as well.

The certification of products' organic worthiness is an elaborate one but assures quality and integrity of the product. To be "certified organic," the Organic Food Production Act of 1990 (OFPA) requires all crops, wild crops, livestock and handling operations to be certified by a certifying agent and the state organic program through a submitted system plan as well as annual inspections.

The system plan, compiled by the farmer, is a detailed description of how an organic operation will be achieved, documented thoroughly and how it will sustain compliance with the OFPA.

It is Wellness Awareness Week. Love your body, love your food. Eat well, be healthy and stay sexy.



Teresa Aviles

Teresa is a journalism major and a geography minor in her senior year. She enjoys kangaroo burgers and creating pretty maps.

Falcon fans need to show their support



Alayne Hockman

As the new sports editor for the Student Voice this semester, I had slightly “cold feet” coming into the job about my own interest in sports and just how well my sports experiences had prepared me for it.

Even though throughout high school I had figure skated, played volleyball and attended many games, I had never had to write about sports before.

Due to my unfamiliarity with sports, and in an effort to acclimate myself to the sports beat, I have decided that I should attend more sporting events here on campus than I have in the past. I think going to more games will help me to better understand the sports themselves and provide some great entertainment.

Having been raised in northern Minnesota, I have always had a certain love for watching hockey games. Naturally, I began working on my goal by attending some Falcon hockey games on campus.

The fan attendance at the UW-River Falls men’s hockey games I went to was pretty good at every game, with the greatest number of fans I have seen come out this year at the “White Out” game Feb. 8.

Likewise, the UWRF men’s basketball team played in the “Kram Karges” game Feb. 13, when fans packed the gym for a home-court victory over UW-La Crosse.

But, of course, men’s hockey and men’s basketball are not the only sports the Falcons play.

Therefore, I believe fan attendance should be high for all other sporting events, too. It seems to me that the bigger the crowd is at a game—whether it is for hockey, football, basketball, softball, etc.—the more hyped up the players, coaches and fans become.

If more students could attend more games, meets and matches, I think sports here at UWRF would be even more fun for everyone involved.

And so I challenge you, UWRF students, to attend as many Falcon sporting events as you can.

Alayne is a sophomore majoring in journalism and minoring in French. She is also the sports editor for the Student Voice.

You can check out the Student Voice online at uwrfvoice.com

UWRF dance team prepares for nationals



Amy Bohrer/Student Voice

The UWRF women’s dance team practices their routine at a basketball game for the upcoming competition.

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The UW-River Falls women’s dance team is preparing for a trip to nationals in March, but the road to get there has not been easy.

The season started for the team back in September and won’t be over until the nationals trip concludes.

“[One of the] most challenging things would be the lack of practice space we have,” sophomore captain Beth Johnson said. “We practice in the aerobics room and it’s hard to dodge the huge pillars in the middle of the room.”

However, recognition on campus is another problem the team faces, junior captain Staci Heintz said.

Heintz said that people on campus don’t realize how much work goes into being a member of the dance team.

Although the women face challenges on a daily basis, whether it’s learning a new dance or getting people to respect what they do, being a member of the team is something the members really enjoy.

“The most rewarding part of being a member of the UWRF Dance Team would

have to be the relationships that are built within our team,” Heintz said.

“Each and every one of the girls on the team are amazing, and I don’t know what I would do without them. There seems to be an unexplainable bond that forms every year, and we are all committed to working as a team.”

The nationals competition will be held March 29 at the University of Northern Texas in Denton, Texas.

Normally, the team has to participate in a competition to qualify for nationals in the first place. However, this year is different.

This year, they found the competition in Texas that allows them to compete without qualifying.

UWRF alumna Alison Svenden is a

Hunt, Knowles complex have loaded slate for spring

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Steve Stocker and Ben Fraser are the two men who head up the Knowles and Hunt Complex and they have a number of events planned for these two facilities during the spring semester.

Stocker started as an assistant manager of the Hunt and Knowles Complex in 1997 and by 1998 he was the head director.

“I actually got my start here as a student employee,” Stocker said. “I transferred here from North Dakota in 1992. I ran track and field here and I worked in the Knowles and Hunt facilities.”

Sports have been a lifelong interest for Stocker, and that is what drew him to his profession.

“As a PE, health and coaching student I fell in love with working in sports and rec [recreational] facilities,” Stocker said. “The thing that really drew me to the job was two of my most passionate sports: hockey and track and field. I thought ‘what a great job—I get to come to work everyday and there is a hockey arena and a track.’”

Fraser just started working at UW-River Falls as the Assistant Director of the Hunt and Knowles arenas three months ago and so far the job is treating him well.

“My first year here has been going great,” Fraser said. “I love the campus and I love all the opportunities we have to grow here at River Falls.

Fraser got his undergraduate degree from UW-La Crosse, where he played baseball. He went on to receive his masters from Florida State University.

Fraser’s love of baseball led him to have a say in one of the events that already occurred at Knowles this semester. Knowles played host to a Minnesota Twins baseball camp Feb 10.

“They [put on] a camp for kids 8-18, and the club baseball team [helped] out with that,” Fraser said. “Joe Vavra, the Minnesota Twins hitting coach, and Erik Lovdahl, the Minnesota twins batting practice coach and pitcher, [were there]. Lovdahl is actually a UWRF alumni; he played baseball here when they still had a varsity team and now he’s their batting practice pitcher.”

Along with the baseball camp, Falcon hockey, track and field meets, intramurals and a concert are some events that have happened and will happen in the facilities this spring. “We have all sorts of activities and events planned,”

Fraser said.

On Feb. 8 the UWRF men’s hockey team had their “White Out” hockey game against St. Norbert.

Fans attending the game were encouraged to wear white in order to create a unified and intimidating environment for the No. 1 ranked St. Norbert Green Knights, according to the UW-River Falls Web site.

Knowles is also slated to host a number of high school track and field meets.

“There are six or seven meets planned for the spring,” Stocker said. “Basically, we are one of the only venues in this area where high school track and field programs can compete early.”

Those who enjoy playing sports as much as watching them can partake in many of the intramurals that Knowles and Hunt has to offer. Among the intramurals played there are volleyball, broom-ball, basketball and ultimate frisbee, Fraser said.

Hanna North is one UWRF student that takes part in intramurals at Knowles to stay in shape. She also attends hockey games at Hunt Arena.

“It’s a good arena for recreational and intramural sports, but the college level athletics we have here need more sophisticated facilities,” North said. “Hunt is a little crowded at times for hockey, but the experience is good.”

North’s feelings about the inadequacies of UWRF athletic facilities will most likely be addressed in the not to distant future.

“There are future plans for a new Heath and Human Performance facility that will be located here,” Fraser said. It will be shared by athletics, rec [recreation] and HHP.”

There is no set timeline for when construction on the new HHP facility will start, but UWRF is in the process of selecting an architect, Fraser



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The Hunt and Knowles complex, run by director Steve Stocker and assistant director Ben Fraser, will host many events this spring.

said. Intramurals are part of the backbone of the buildings, but there other events are also hosted there.

“The country music star Craig Morgan will be coming here May 10,” Fraser said. Fans of Morgan may know him for his songs “Tough” and “My Kind of Woman.”

“Originally, Morgan was supposed to perform at the Falcon’s Nest in the UC [University Center], but the crowd was expected to be too large, so his performance was moved to Knowles,” Fraser

volunteer coach for the team this year and has a number of different tasks she helps to accomplish for the team.

“I help the captains with running the practices each week,” she said. “I get the team set up to dance at football and basketball games along with registering them for competitions throughout the season. My job also entails working with the captains in organizing all the behind—the—scenes paperwork.”

The team practices about eight hours a week, and captains and coaches spend extra time putting together routines for the team to perform.

Svenden said she doesn’t choreograph much of the routines, but is always available to help if she’s needed.

“All of our routines are choreographed by members of our team,” Heintz said. “This takes more time and effort than one would think. Not only do you have to create moves that go with the music, but you have to figure a dozen people are all going to move in sync with one another on the gym floor.”

This season, the team has prepared three different dances to perform over the course of the season, Johnson said.

In the fall, the team prepared a high kick dance for the football games. For basketball games, they did a dance that was more fun with a hip-hop vibe. And the competition dance is a lyrical jazz style verses funk.

The team is doing everything they can to fundraise for their trip to nationals. During Valentines Day week they sold roses in the University Center and had a letter writing campaign for donations. The work they did was not only during the school year. Last summer they also worked concessions at baseball tournaments and hosted car washes.

“We do our best to raise enough money so that the girls don’t have to pay out of pocket for costuming and travel beyond their initial team fee,” Svendsen said. “This year’s flower sale made us a profit just over \$600. If anyone is interested in helping out the team through donation they can contact Alison Svendsen, Staci Heintz or Beth Johnson.”

Another event that already took place in Knowles was the Hunger Prevention Day Food Drive, Fraser said. The food drive took place Jan. 8 in order to help feed 250 needy families, according to the Knowles Center newsletter.

For more information on upcoming events at Knowles and Hunt arenas, an event calendar can be obtained at Knowles or it can be viewed on the UWRF Web site.

UWRF softball anticipates record season

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The UW-River Falls softball team is gearing up for a season of record proportions, one which they hope will end with a school record 35 or more wins.

The Falcon faces look familiar as they return 12 players from the 32-12 team that finished third in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) last year and narrowly missed out on a playoff birth.

UWRF seniors and team captains Ashley Bertrand, Brittany Rathbun and Emily Howlett lead the 2008 version that boasts six new freshmen.

Although the team has yet to play a game, All-WIAC pitcher Ashley Bertrand can already see this year’s team is going to play well together.

“We have a lot of returning players from last year who have played together for a few years now,” Bertrand said. “The new players really fit in well and I think they are excited to be apart of our team.”

Freshman infielder Dani Nadeau is one of those new fits. She credits her veteran teammates for developing cohesiveness within the team.

“[The veterans] always are upbeat and very positive,” Nadeau said. “We bond well as a team and everyone picks everyone else up.”

The willingness of the freshman to learn from the upperclassmen is another welcome sight. Senior first baseman/outfielder Amanda Peters shares her experience with the newcomers every chance she gets.

“I explain situations where they may want to do something differently based on what I have done in games,” Peters said. “The [freshmen] have been more than willing to listen and learn from the upperclassmen.”

Most people involved in team athletics stress the importance of team chemistry, which Peters said this team has on and off the field.

“We are such a close knit group,” Peters said. “Most of us have played three or four years together which has allowed us to know exactly what [each player does] in certain situations.”

In order for teams to grow into a cohesive unit, players must acknowledge and accept their roles, as some of the younger Falcons already know.

“Everyone has their own role to play,” freshman utility player Dana Book said. “When we’re needed, we will perform.”

Perhaps the most noticeable change from last year’s team is the departure of long-time head coach Faye Perkins, who is currently the interim dean of the UWRF College of Education and Professional Studies. Interim head coach Jody Gabriel replaced Perkins.

Gabriel, who has been an assistant coach with the Falcons for the past five years, is not a stranger to winning programs. Prior to



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Senior softball pitcher Ashley Bertrand practices at Knowles Wednesday afternoon. Bertrand and the Falcon are looking to win at least 35 games this season.

UWRF, Gabriel coached at St. Mary’s University where the Cardinals were co-MIAC champions in 2001 and placed second in 2002.

Gabriel also knows what it is like to compete athletically on a successful ball club. She played for the Falcons from 1994-1996 and was a member of the 1994 team that won the WIAC title and competed in the NCAA Div. III playoffs.

While it’s too early to compare this team to the championship team of 1994, the 2008 Falcons have the makeup of a team that can go a long way.

“This year’s team lost only one starting position player and we have two strong returning athletes that are ready to step into that position,” Gabriel said. “The team is 18 players strong and I believe they have what it takes to make it to post-season play.”

If the Falcons are to accomplish their goal of 35 wins and make it to the post-season, they’ll have to overcome some tough competition,

which includes a WIAC overflowing with talent teams.

Two of the Falcons biggest conference rivals, UW-Eau Claire (UWEC) and UW-Stevens Point (UWSP), are both nationally ranked. UWEC is tenth and UWST is ranked seventeenth, according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III Top 25 Poll. UWRF and UW- Osh Kosh also received top 25 votes.

The Falcons begin their monumental journey Feb. 29 when they square off in back-to-back games against Northland and St. Scholastica at the Rosemount Dome.

Despite the tough schedule, the Falcons like each other and like their chances.

“We have a lot of [returning players], a lot of new talent and a great coaching staff to bring us to our goal,” Bertrand said. “We just need to stay healthy, keep up with classes, and have a good time.”

Falcons upset by Saints in first round of St. Peter’s Cup playoffs



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

UWRF’s Nolan Craner (18) looks to score against the St. Scholastica Saints Friday night. The Falcons fell short of their quest for the St. Peter’s Cup with a loss and a tie to the Saints.

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The UW-River Falls men’s hockey team fell in the first round of the St. Peter’s Cup playoffs to the visiting St. Scholastica Saints.

The Falcons entered the Feb. 21-22 series as the second seed in the NCHA; while the Saints were sitting at No. 7.

However, the season’s records did not seem to matter as the Falcons lost the first game by a score of 5-2 and the Saints won the series with a 3-3 tie Saturday night.

The Falcons were looking to get

up early on the Saints, but it didn’t seem to happen in the first game.

On Friday night, the Saints took the early lead just 26 seconds into the game with a goal by Neal Sauter. Jordan Chong gave the Saints a 2-0 lead, before Falcon forward Tyler Czuba brought the game to within one. The Saints however would gain a three goal lead before the end of the first period with goals by Simren Sandhu and Matt Stangl.

In the second period, UWRF’s Dustin Norman pulled the Falcons to within two, with his goal, but the Saints Jordan Baird scored in the third period to finish the scoring for the game.

The Falcons had to win Saturday night to stay alive in the playoff picture. Jim Henkemeyer scored in the first period to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead after the end of the period.

However, in the second AJ

Tucker from Scholastica tied the game at one. About midway through the period Falcon junior forward Dustin Norman scored the go-ahead goal and about seven minutes later he added another for good measure.

Going into the third period down by two, the Saints came back with two power-play goals to tie the game, one by Jordan Baird and another by Jeff Gangon.

The game was tied at three going into overtime and that’s how the game ended with the two teams skating to a tie.

The tie sent the Saints to the second round of the Peter’s Cup playoffs and leaves the Falcons waiting to see if they will be extended a bid into the national tournament.

The Saints will be at St. Norbert Saturday night.

“It’s very disappointing,” Freeman said. “It’s certainly a hollow feeling after all the work you did all year.”

The Falcons got the week off from practice this week, but Freeman hopes with their strong regular season they will receive a bid.

Although the early exit in the playoffs left a sour taste in the mouth of some players and fans, good news for the Falcons Wednesday.

Six players were named to the All-WIAC hockey teams and Freeman was named Coach of the Year.

Patrick Borgestad, TJ Dahl, Henkemeyer, Derek Hansberry, Norman and Josh Meyers received those honors.

Borgestad, Dahl, Henkemeyer and Hansberry received a nod to the All WIAC team. Norman and Meyers were honorable mention.

ESPN programming disappoints long-time viewer, columnist



Chris Schad

Just like many of you, I wake up and wonder just where the hell I am. Then I stumble into the shower and wake up, brush my teeth and all of that stuff. Then I promptly turn on ESPN to watch Sportscenter.

Normally, I don’t have a problem with it, but this morning something really rubbed me the wrong way and I came to the conclusion that a lot of people already have. ESPN sucks.

ESPN has been a staple of my life since childhood. It’s actually the reason I went into a broadcast journalism major.

I remember when I was in second grade and I’d get up way too early every morning to watch Sportscenter. I would watch guys like Dan Patrick, Keith Olbermann, Kenny Mayne and Stewart Scott run through highlights with their uncanny wit and catchphrases.

Unfortunately, as I’ve gotten older, the station has lost its luster. ESPN has become a mega power in the sports broadcasting world. The mega power has continued to grow until it lost sight of its main goal: to entertain and inform the casual fan.

I take this Wednesday’s edition as an example. ESPN has created a segment called “Sportscenter Right Now.” This segment gives fans the news as soon as it happens. For example, the morning that Redskins safety Sean Taylor passed away, ESPN cut out the part about Taylor’s condition and ran a segment on his life.

On Wednesday morning, ESPN broadcasted that Boston Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein called out Yankee pitchers Kevin Brown and Mike Mussina on the fact that they hated the trip to Japan that the Yankees took to open the 2002 season. The Red Sox will open against the Oakland Athletics in Japan this year. That’s it. Oh, and Mussina shot back that they won the division.

Is this something that someone in Minnesota or Wisconsin cares about? Sure, there are many bandwagon jumpers all over the country, but the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry is simply two runaway models trying to trip each other in competition ala Zoolander.

ESPN also tends to blow news stories out of proportion, such as the Roger Clemens case. I signed up for ESPN text message alerts for Major League Baseball on my cell phone this winter to see who signed where and who got traded. Instead, I signed up for the Roger Clemens suicide watch update.

I have to be more careful with what I’m signing up for I guess. Every time I get a text now it says, “Roger Clemens called Brian McNamee a pooppy head.” Then I’ll get a text saying, “Brian McNamee responds to Clemens by saying he’s a dorkface.”

Enough already. We get the idea. Roger Clemens took steroids and he has too big of an ego to admit it. I don’t care that he “misremembers” conversations.

I don’t care that his wife took HGH so she could be a he-she. I don’t care that his wife was at Jose Canseco’s 1998 party comparing boob sizes with Canseco’s wife. Enough. Stop this madness. It’s getting as bad as the coverage of Favre Watch after every football season.

Then there’s the fact that ESPN has completely ignored hockey. Granted, hockey isn’t the most popular sport in the United States because of the lockout, but nobody knows anybody outside of Pittsburgh Penguins center Sidney Crosby and Washington Capitals wing Alexander Ovechkin.

We do know, however, about the 12th man on the Los Angeles Lakers bench. The NHL did make a horrible decision after the lockout by broadcasting their games on Versus instead of ESPN.

However, ESPN needs to have more hockey than Barry Melrose dissecting two highlights. Melrose could be the smartest analyst on ESPN right now, which gets me to my final point.

Apparently, to get a job at ESPN you have to meet two of the three following criteria. A) Be a washed up professional athlete. B) Be a lousy columnist. C) Scream as loud as you can.

C has been the most important in the ESPN food chain. Why else would Stephen A. Smith, Woody Page, Sean Salisbury, Jay Marriotti, and Skip Bayless (and his \$5 million Botox bill) still have jobs with the network?

Please, get somebody that doesn’t make my eardrums bleed when I hear that person break down something.

For those who have listened to my show, the Crishad Experience with Ben Quayle, which can be heard Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. on WRFW 88.7 FM, I guess that eliminates me from an ESPN job.

With all of that said, ESPN does do a good job on some things, but they really should take a look back at what made them popular in the first place: covering all sports, and informing the casual fan. I don’t see that happening in the near future.

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Journey House offers fun, understanding

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The Journey House Campus Ministry, the yellow house across the street from Karges, is stocked with everything you'd expect to find in a hangout: a kitchen, comfy couches, a TV, games, bubbles and all of the fun things that don't fit in the average dorm.

The purpose of the Journey House, however, goes beyond merely providing a fun gathering place.

"We're a campus ministry, so our purpose is to be a place for students who have questions about faith," Yvonne Wilken, campus minister at the Journey House, said.

The Journey House welcomes students of all backgrounds and beliefs to visit.

"We don't check your religion badge at the door," Megan Wisbar, one of three student residents at the Journey House, said.

Visitors can stop by the Journey House just to watch TV or play games. Two computers and WiFi technology allow students to work on research and papers, and kitchen facilities offer visitors a place to prepare meals.

"We just ask that you clean up after yourself," Wilken said.

The Journey House also opens its facilities to student groups hosting special events and holds some events of its own.

"It's a lot of fun, but good, clean, parent-approved fun," Wisbar said.

The Black Student Union's annual Soul Food Dinner was held at the Journey House Feb. 27. The event, featuring such fare as cornbread, greens and fried catfish and chicken, was one of several events the BSU organized in honor of Black History Month.

This is the third year the Soul Food Dinner has been held at the Journey House.

"We choose the Journey House because it gives the students and the community a 'home' feeling and an experience of how a real soul food dinner should be," Sanaa Jaman, BSU president and organizer of the dinner, said in an e-mail interview.

At 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, the Journey House serves anyone who shows up "sup-

per for a buck." Different student groups take turns making the dinner with food provided by the Journey House. The Gay-S t r a i g h t Alliance made shrimp stir-fry Feb. 28.

Other events held recently at the Journey House include an Oscar party and a crock-pot cooking demonstration. The next special event that the group has planned is a t-shirt craft night, which will take place 6:30 p.m. March 5 at the Journey House.

Students seeking religion-oriented activities can join Wilken and frequenters of the Journey House for "Coffee and Conversation" 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Lighthouse Coffee on Main Street. The group discusses the theology surrounding a pre-selected topic each week.

"Our only one steadfast rule is that you be open to the conversation," Wilken said.

According to an e-mail newsletter sent out by the Journey House, sex was the topic of discussion Feb. 25.

An 8 p.m. Wednesday night program run by students under Wilken's guidance is the only other overtly religious activity the Journey House offers. "Theology Pub" brings students together to discuss religious issues in a casual environment that includes snacks and soda.

"We're not preaching to them because people don't want that these days," Wisbar said. "They can get that anywhere."

No single denomination is elevated above the others at the religious meetings. Instead, the Journey House welcomes students of all religious backgrounds to join in the conversation.

Wisbar, who is Catholic, finds that showing tolerance and respect to those with different beliefs to be more important



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The Journey House hosts a variety of events for students.

than converting others to her faith.

Living in such an open environment gives Wisbar a lot of chances to be social. She can have her friends over to study or get to know new visitors. However, the Journey House would be more fun if more students would come to the events held there, Wisbar said.

"That's our biggest obstacle is communicating what's happening here at the Journey House with the campus community," Wilken said.

The group notifies students about events via email, posters and the UW-River Falls Web site.

"But it seems like I still hear, 'I didn't come to that because I didn't hear about that,'" Wilken said.

Wilken welcomes the small but diverse group of students who do spend time at the Journey House to stop by her office for guidance if the weekly discussion sessions don't help them work through all of their religious questions.

Part of Wilken's job as a minister is to serve as a life coach and spiritual mentor to students struggling to make sense of their beliefs, she said.

The first floor of the Journey House is open to visitors 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Journey House may be open later on days when special events are held there.

Health issues arise during flu season

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Winter months are a common time for the common cold. With coughs, sneezes and fevers running amok on campus, it is vital that there be health awareness for staff, faculty, students and the entire community.

According to the Faculty Senate Handbook, there are only three excuses for not attending class: religious observances, University sponsored activities and special events. The University does not have medical excuses listed in the attendance policy. On the Web site of the UWRF attendance policies is a link at the bottom that reads "Medical Excuses." Unfortunately, the link does not work and simply refreshes the page.

When asked how the lack of valid excuses for medical reasons affected her, UWRF student Destiny Gott said, "I never say anything because it's not a legitimate excuse. It won't really affect anything unless you miss four days and your grade gets docked."

Generally, if students are not sick often or do not have an ongoing illness, then the lack of a medical excuse policy does not affect them, although students feel that they have no choice because of the long-standing policy.

"Students might feel forced to give up because no one will accommodate them. They are of the mentality that they have to go to class or they'll fail them. That may be the cause of so much illness and germs being spread," said UWRF student Beth Ashton.

For the many students that unfortunately did catch the winter chill bug there is a place to go instead of the classroom. Student Health Services offers goodie bags of health aids and a brochure of the clinics in the area for students who are ill. The goodie bag includes a pocket-size package of Kleenex, cough drops, aspirin, moist toilettes, disposable thermometers and an instructional guide on how to cover your cough as well as how to wash your hands. The lobby of Student Health Services is also home to walls plastered with informational pamphlets on a variety of topics such as tips on maintaining health, STD and HPV, psychological issues, career planning and more.

Since funding for student health services is issued from segregated fees that students' tuition covers, the actual clinics that serve UWRF students are the River Falls Medical Clinic and the Pierce County Reproductive Health Services. Both of these clinics

are accessible by the River Falls Taxi Service free of cost for students who may need a ride.

"I think they can't really do a policy because it could be easily exploited. But a valid doctor's note should definitely be accepted. I'm kind of shocked that it isn't a policy," Ashton said. "I see it more as a professor/student issue. Teachers should be able to work with their student if there isn't going to be a policy in place. We accept it for teachers when they're sick."

When professors are sick, they have other things to worry about besides finding a substitute or whether or not their students think they are lying. Students are not the only people on campus that have issues dealing with their health care. During October, UWRF staff and faculty had a health insurance crisis.

The faculty and staff that signed the contract for another year at UWRF in September were unaware of a health insurance change to take place the following month. The battle to retain the proper benefits has been an ongoing process for the Group Insurance Board and all other clients of the health insurance policy through the company Humana Premier West.

"The faculty was the lowest paid in the UW System but had a wonderful health care plan. Now, we have the worst health care plan in the state and are still the lowest paid," Stephen Olsen, UWRF faculty member and chair of Marketing Communications, said.

One of the major issues in the case has been that of which doctors are covered on the health care plan. The plan had changed in favor of Wisconsin doctors and clinics only. Being a far western Wisconsin university, most clients of the health insurance plan reside in Minnesota as well as receive their health care in that state.

On Tuesday and Wednesday a hearing took place in Madison regarding the bills dealing with this legislation. State Rep. Kitty Rhodes sponsored the legislation in the Assembly, and State Senator Shelia Harsdorf is sponsoring it in the Senate. They and Mary Halada, vice chancellor of Administration and Finance, joined the Group Insurance Board in Madison. They testified to the effect that the current change in the health insurance coverage has had on the faculty and staff at UWRF.

"We raised our voices and made ourselves heard. We have become advocates of our own health," Halada said.

Residence halls need to prove they are eco-friendly

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The ECO club has made a challenge to the UW-River Falls campus. They want to create awareness about the amount of energy consumed and how it can be reduced.

There is a contest going on for all the residence halls to compete against each other. Whichever residence hall saves the most energy in the three categories of steam usage, electricity and water consumption, wins. A \$250 prize will be awarded for each category and one dorm could win all three categories. Residence Life will give out the prizes, which can be used in any way, to the winning hall. In the past the prize money has generally been used to fund a party.

"Some easy ways to reduce water consumption are to take shorter showers and to wash full loads of laundry. If there isn't a full load, get together

with your roommate or friend and combine your clothes to create a full load," Rebecca Alexander, treasurer of the ECO Club and Recyclemania Coordinator said. "Even when if it isn't a full load a washer still uses the same amount of water as if it were."

Reducing the amount of energy used by electricity can be effortless. It is as easy as turning off the lights and television when leaving your room. It is also important to turn off the lights in the study lounges and basements when leaving.

"The cell phone charger you have plugged into the outlet is still drawing power even when your cell phone is not charging on it; unplug appliances like hair dryers, curling irons, computers and coffee makers when they are not being used. All these are consuming energy when plugged in," Alexander said.

"I guess a lot of people think if the television is off, it's not

using power," Michelle Weeks, a Stratton Hall resident said. "My cell phone charger is always plugged into the wall."

"This semester, all of the rooms in the residence halls have recycle bins to help promote recycling and conservation," Sarah Knorr, co-president of the ECO Club said.

"With recycling bins in our rooms I recycle everything I can," Weeks said.

This is a convenient way of being reminded of our usage. Students can also do what is called precycle. When shopping, look for products in materials and packaging that can be readily recycled. Fun packaging costs more but adds little or no value to the product, and can do considerable harm to our environment by creating more waste or waste disposal difficulties. "One of the biggest things that help to reduce steam loss is to keep your windows shut,"

Alexander said. "Students are opening windows when their

rooms get too warm. If that is the case, residents should report problems to a residence hall staff member so that maintenance can be contacted to adjust the temperature."

Most buildings have control rooms which regulate the heat. The school has submeters at each building for electricity, water and condensate (steam). The meters are read every month and the numbers are recorded. The school is able to compare a particular month to the previous year or in some cases a five-year average of the particular month. This is the means by which the contest will be measured, according to Mike Stifter, the director of facilities management on campus.

The contest lasts until the last week in March and the winning dorms will be announced during Earth Week, April 21-25.

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UWRF University Theatre to perform ‘Setzuan’

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Evil, selfishness and greed collide on stage with morality and humor thanks to the UW-River Falls University Theatre’s presentation of “The Good Person of Setzuan.” The show opened Feb. 28 and will run periodically through early March, with showings Feb. 29, March 1 and March 7-9. All performances, with the exception of the March 9 matinee show at 2:30 p.m., take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Davis Theater of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building (KFA). Originally written by German playwright Bertolt Brecht, and later adapted by Tony Kushner, “The Good Person of Setzuan” provides an easy-to-follow story with a

significant meaning, guest director Zach Curtis said. “It’s a really simple story that’s really good at its heart,” Curtis said. “[The story] has a lot of resonance.”

“It’s a big show that has a lot of fun performances in it. It’s something that makes you laugh 70 years later.”
Zach Curtis,
guest director

The story begins as three gods set out in search of one kind person in the fictional Chinese province of Setzuan. In their search for shelter, they come across a kind woman who is the only person that will take them in. The action

follows as the good woman of Setzuan strives to survive while maintaining her moral compass in a sinful setting. While the story may appear to have a somber connotation, the play is actually set up to make the audience laugh, stage manger Al Broeffle said. “The story brings forth many different styles of comedy,” Broeffle said. Although the story is nearly 70 years old, audiences can still expect to be entertained by the play’s comedic aspects. “It’s a big show that has a lot of fun performances in it,” Curtis said. “It’s something that makes you laugh 70 years later.” One of the “fun” performances is played by UWRF sophomore Beth Van Kampen, who portrays both female and male characters.

Van Kampen plays Shen Te, the woman struggling to lead a moral life in a world filled with evil. Shen Te’s kindness eventually turns into her biggest weakness, which causes her to invent Shui Ta, a ruthless male alter ego, also played by Van Kampen. Playing male characters is nothing new to Van Kampen, but the challenge of playing both a male and a female in the same play is new. “I’ve played male roles before,” Van Kampen said. “But it’s hard to go back and forth between the two mentalities.” Although the story has been tweaked as some of the original monologues have been shortened, the play runs three hours long. Still, the audience can expect to be engaged from the first scene until the curtains

close. “It’s not the typical play that you see,” Van Kampen said. “It has a lot of twists and turns.” Tickets for “The Good Person of Setzuan” are available at the University box

office located in KFA, which is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and one hour prior to each performance. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$7 for adults.

“The Good Person of Setzuan”

Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
March 1, 7:30 p.m.
March 7-8, 7:30 p.m.
March 9, 2:30 p.m.

All performances held in the Davis Theater in Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA)

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Drive-By Truckers’ new album breaks typical country mold

Let it be known that modern country is not my favorite type of music. Too often it sticks to stale formulas, afraid of its own shadow and of actually coming out of its skin and tossing away the slide guitar. Most times, modern country artists stay the same, narrow path (Kenny Chesney, anyone?), perform great music but terrible lyrics (I’m looking at you Mr. Paisley) or use an accent as a gimmick (shame on you, Miss Twain). So upon hearing Drive-By Truckers’ newest album, “Brighter Than Creations Dark,” I slumped when the honky-tonk piano accompanied upbeat guitar strums and banjo picks. It was when Patterson Hood began to croon that everything perked up. “When he reached the gates of heaven / He didn’t understand / He



Matt Loosbrock

Hood in “The Righteous Path” as he shouts everything he does to keep in the right direction. “I got a couple of big secrets I’d kill to keep hid / I don’t know God but I fear his wrath”. On “Daddy Needs a Drink” we hear the story of a father battling for the sake his family: “Daddy needs a drink to keep the wheels from rubbing / To compensate for nothing or nothing going on”. And the spirit of Johnny Cash lives through “That Man I Shot” as Hood cries out, “That man I shot, I didn’t

know him / I was just doing my job, maybe so was he.” With great lines like these, the music better be able to back it up, and it does with exceptional grace. Like Lynyrd Skynyrd’s artistic

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protégé, Drive-By Truckers excel in laying down good ‘ol country rock. “3 Dimes Down” sounds like it built on the “Gimme Three Steps” riff with dirtier guitar work. “You and

Your Crystal Meth” takes its cue from newer acts like The Kings of Leon, adding echoes and stripping the song to minimalist-scorching guitar work and raw vocals. Even Dolly Parton is captured as bassist/vocalist Shonna Tucker sings “The Purgatory Line.” You can complain about the album’s length (almost an hour and twenty minutes), but I’ll take whatever Drive-By Truckers throw. As said on “The Monument Valley,” “It’s a strong wind blowing on the open range / It’s gonna be beautiful and it’s gonna be strange,” and really, that’s what music, any kind of music, should be. By breaking the mold and taking risks, “Brighter Than Creations Dark” does more than fill your head with sound. It will leave you shaken in your soul.

Matt is a senior double majoring in music and creative writing who likes lots of music types, both old and new, especially if it’s good.

Reviewers split over new teen flick ‘Charlie Bartlett’



A.J. Hakari

One of my favorite teen movies has to be 1990’s “Pump Up the Volume.” About a renegade DJ who truly connected with his small town’s angsty youth, the film possessed great amounts of vigor, passion and intelligence—all traits one wouldn’t think to find in a teen movie. “Charlie Bartlett” tries heading down a similar road, trying to fit a healthy dose of classroom commentary into the frame of a comedy riding on “Napoleon Dynamite’s” coattails. But for a film that should come with the ambition and spirit of a “Heathers,” “Charlie Bartlett” feels more like “She’s All That,” serving up bargain-basement morals in such a mediocre manner. Charlie Bartlett (Anton Yelchin) is a wily high schooler with a knack for getting into trouble. After getting booted out of one private academy too many, young Charlie is forced to, horror of horrors, take his chances in public school. His spiffy manner of dress and habit of carrying a briefcase to class make him an all-too-easy target for bullies, but in no time, our hero is formulating a plan that will land him a one-way ticket to popularity. After being prescribed Ritalin, Charlie decides to appoint himself the school’s unofficial psychiatrist, dispensing advice and prescription drugs to a student body tired of being ignored by their

complacent educators. All of a sudden, the entire school is lining up for a session with “Dr. Charlie,” though the consequences of his extracurricular activities threaten to catch up with him once the principal (Robert Downey Jr.) gets wind of Charlie’s on the side enterprise and scrambles to shut it down as soon as possible. There’s no doubt that there’s at least some semblance of intelligence in “Charlie Bartlett,” and that the film-makers have an honorable message in mind to convey. But this is one of those movies that one might mistake for being good just because it’s so easy to watch. The trouble with “Charlie Bartlett” is that it never knows when to play its hand or how hard to play it, resulting in not only ill-placed attempts to say something, but also in being confused about what it wants to say.

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A buddy of mine put it best in saying that whatever conflicts arise during the plot are solved in no time, leaving virtually no room for suspense and giving the viewers little more to do than just wait for the ending credits to arrive. Also, the script never really makes up its mind about how it wants to depict Charlie. Yelchin’s performance isn’t bad, but it’s only as good as the slipshod writing allows it to be. The fact of the matter is that “Charlie Bartlett” isn’t really that funny (save for a few scant, chuckle-inducing moments), nor is it really

inspirational. But the experience of actually watching the film is relatively painless, leaving “Charlie Bartlett” in the awkward position of being all too underwhelming to recommend, yet too much of a breeze to wholly pan.

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Charlie Bartlett” sets itself against the same tired and boring high school backdrop as seen in every other stereotypical portrayal of the worst four years of pubescent life. Thankfully, this clichéd world of cliques and class schedules is presented through the eyes of Charlie Bartlett himself—eyes that view the world through Xanax-colored lenses



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.

as its inhabitants blow bubbles from Ritalin-flavored chewing gum. It’s this sense of medicated forgiveness that gives the movie its undeniable charm. That, and an infectious flaunting of cool from the young Anton Yelchin, who crackles like live wire as he pops electric life into the film. Charlie Bartlett (Yelchin) has made a hobby out of getting expelled from every private school his spaced-out mother (Hope Davis) enrolls him in. Being jolted by the snapping sound of the camel’s back, and being unable to pay a big enough endowment to forgive her son’s transgressions, Mrs. Bartlett catapults Charlie right into the angst-ridden, bully-patrolled borderlands of public high school. After surviving his pledge week of swirlies and initiations by fist, Charlie settles into a comfortable little nook among the tiled hallways. Seeing a chance to ride the express elevator up the popularity ladder, Charlie opens up a slapdash psychiatrist office in the boys bathroom, complete with the school’s toughest hombre as secretary. These restroom indiscretions catch the eye of Principal Gardner (Robert Downey, Jr.), who fights to dethrone this new therapeutic messiah. While the principal tries to bring young Bartlett down, his curvaceous daughter, Susan (Kat Dennings), lifts him up with her own prescription of busty erotic elixir. The narrative woven here may start off a simple pariah’s fairy tale, but this aggressively overused idea quickly takes backseat to a somewhat poignant expose on the false idolizing of role



Ken Weigend

models and the abuse of that artificially granted power. Charlie Bartlett is granted demigod status as he becomes the most popular, and therefore the most powerful, kid in school. Important to note here, though, is that Charlie realizes the danger of this power and thus admonishes it, urging his classmates to think for themselves instead of simply playing follow the leader. It’s in this way that “Charlie Bartlett” reaches down from the screen to deliver a subversive slap in the face to those paying attention; I can almost hear Uncle Ben in the subtext: “with great power comes great responsibility!” The caricatures that populate this amusement may be over-inflated in their emotions and actions, but this exaggeration mirrors a premise that blows itself out of proportion just enough to candidly frame its themes without insulting the intelligence of the viewer. Charlie has lost his father. Out of that loss is spawned a deep-seeded need to help anyone he can, no matter the consequences of his uneducated actions. He plays Jesus Christ to teens 14-18, a savior for those around him who feel unheard. The themes bandied about may appear superficial at first, but after reflecting on the Golden Calf celebrities of today, perhaps “Charlie Bartlett” isn’t just a fable for the adolescents it features.

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Sally King/Student Voice
UW-River Falls journalism professor Pat Berg, a native of Ascov, Minn., will take a sabbatical for the fall 2008 semester to write a book profiling small-town newspapers.



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UW-River Falls journalism agriculture education professor Timothy Buttles will also be on sabbatical for fall 2008. Buttles will be observing secondary education classes.

Professors use sabbaticals to expand knowledge

Journalism department’s Berg will work on novel

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Pat Berg, an associate professor in the journalism department, will be going on sabbatical next fall in order to work on a book profiling small-town newspapers. Small-town papers have always been of special interest to Berg. She especially notes how her hometown paper in Ascov, Minn., made mention of her father’s death, and that that’s something that just wouldn’t show up in a larger newspaper. “They fill a niche that no other media does,” Berg said. She wants to explore the role that rural newspapers play in building community. Berg hopes to complete the first three chapters of her book during fall semester. She plans to focus one chapter on the history of these papers and one chapter on letters to the editor, but for the third chapter she has not made any definite plans. “We’ll see where it takes me,” she said. For the letters to the editor section she has a collection of 125 letters written to the Ascov American by a Minnesota farm woman over a 60-year period. The letters

covered a range of subjects, including the Korean War, McCarthyism and legislation. The letters are a one-of-a-kind look at history, Berg said. She also wants to take a close look at small-town newspaper editors. “Small-town editors are some of the most fascinating people I’ve ever met,” Berg said. “I want to tell [their] stories.” She plans on visiting a number of communities across the country and conducting focus groups to collect stories to find out what community is through the editors’ eyes. The book has appeal in the journalism department as well. “The surveys of small-town newspapers over the past years are especially significant and timely for today’s world where newspapers are grappling with major technological, financial, and social changes,” Colleen Callahan, chair of the journalism department, said in an e-mail. “I’m looking forward to incorporating the results in the Principles of Journalism and History of Mass Communication courses that I teach.” Berg began teaching at UW-River Falls in 1995. She

received her bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota, and worked as a correspondent for the Pioneer Press before graduate school, according to the journalism department Web site. While working in the field Berg realized that she wanted to talk about journalism while she was doing it, and that the rigors of the job were more than she wanted to handle. “Beginning journalism is a young person’s game,” she said. Teaching was a way for her to keep working in the field while escaping the stress. Berg loves the small community here, as well. She is thrilled that being in a smaller school allows her to take the opportunity to explore her interests, and that people are taking an interest in the work she is doing outside of class. That just doesn’t happen in a big city, she said. “Giving voice to the voiceless—those who are not in positions of power or decision-making—has been a primary principle of journalism, and Pat’s research goes straight to the heart of this practice,” Callahan said.

Buttles will continue to teach, observe during leave

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Agricultural Education Professor Timothy Buttles has taught at UW-River Falls for the last seven years, but next fall he will be taking a sabbatical and getting back to basics observing secondary education classes. “Most of what I teach is to future teachers,” Buttles said. “So I think it’s time for me to go back and see what the day-to-day work of a teacher is like.” According to a UWRF press release, there are four professors who have been granted sabbaticals for the fall 2008 semester. Buttles is the only one who will continue to teach and observe teaching during his. “For every discipline, a sabbatical will look different,” Buttles said. “With my role, preparing students to teach, it makes sense for me to go and observe teachers.” Buttles taught high school for five years after graduating college while working on his masters degree. He said some days there’s not that much difference between high

school and college, but the flow is different. “Because high school classes are five days a week, you can take more time to cover things,” Buttles said. “Monday-Wednesday-Friday is less flexible, and if you get off track, its tougher to get back on.” Buttles, who lives near Glenwood City with his wife and two children, will be

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commuting to The Academy for Science and Agriculture in the Twin Cities, Stillwater High School, New Richmond High School and Clear Lake School. Though there is no set schedule for when he will be at each school, Buttles said he plans on starting at the farthest away from his house, so when it gets colder it will be less of a drive. Clear Lake is the only

school he will be visiting that also has middle-aged students as well. “I chose Clear Lake because the component is different, and this will give me a chance to see what middle school is like,” Buttles said. Buttles is still in the preliminary stages of planning his sabbatical. He said that aside from confirming that it will be OK for him to visit the schools, they haven’t gotten into much detail. But even in the preliminary stages, Buttles is still excited about the prospect of observing and teaching with peers. “I am looking forward to going back after being here,” Buttles said. “It will be interesting to see if it is different or if I’m just thinking it’s different.” Buttles will be back at UWRF in the spring of 2009 teaching college students, but his 2008 fall certainly stands to embody one aspect of teaching he loves. “What I like about teaching is that it’s different; it’s not the same thing day after day.”

In the weeks to come, check the *Student Voice* for profiles on the other UW-River Falls professors going on sabbatical for the fall semester during the 2008-09 school year:

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(chemistry)

Kenneth Stofferahn
(CSTA)