Event strengthens relationship between campus, community



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The River Falls Fire Department routinely responds to fire alarms. Due to a fire at UW-Stout, UWRF Public Safety and the fire department are making an effort to warn students of fire hazards.

Fire incident causes concern

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A fire April 5 at UW-Stout that killed three students at an off-campus housing complex brings the importance of fire safety at UW-River Falls to light.

It is important for students to know their surroundings and be prepared in case of a fire in their residence.

"I think it is really important that a person be aware of what evacuation routes they have," Director of Public Safety Richard Trende said.

Smoke detectors should be checked monthly to make sure they are working correctly. Trende said that he recommends contacting your landlord if your smoke detector is not

"[Public safety] has had cases of having to go in and wake someone because the smoke alarms were off," Trende said.

Trende said that it can be disorienting when a room fills with smoke. That is why it is important to plan out evacuation routes.

"Don't sleep in a room that you don't have two ways out of," River Falls Fire Chief Tom Schwalen said. "Rooms should have two

There are preventative measures that can be taken to lessen the chance of a fire.

"Think through the process of potential emergencies so you are prepared," Trende

Most rental housing complexes have fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. Some are also equipped with sprinkler systems and fire alarm pull stations, "They always

Schwalen said. "I have a sprinkler system that goes all over the place," senior John Carroll said. "I also have renter's insurance

just in case." The most common cause of a fire alarm, both in on-

campus housing and off-campus housing, is burnt food, according to the River Falls Fire Department records.

"Most of what we've had are accidental setoffs like burnt popcorn," Trende said.

The problem is that residents often try to cook food too fast or walk away from the stove after they start cooking the food.

"Kids come home from partying and put food in the oven and then fall asleep,"

respond like it's

real."

Richard Trende,

Overloading electrical outlets and extension cords can also cause fires. Schwalen also recommends not running extension cords under carpeting.

"The biggest issue with fires is making sure that outlets and electrical appliances are safe and that there is not a risk of shorts," Trende said. "Don't overload plug-ins."

The use of candles is another common cause of house fires. Schwalen said to not leave candles unattended, and put them out before you go to sleep.

"I personally don't like can-Director of Public Safety dles," Schwalen said. "I've seen too many fires started by candles left in a room."

> Smokers are encouraged to use metal ashtrays for cigarette butts. Cigarettes can melt through plastic ashtrays and cause a fire," Schwalen said.

Trende said that the he is impressed with the fire departments response to alarms and their professionalism.

"They always respond like it's real," Trende said. "That one time you don't, it could be real."

to deny funding orgs. Teresa Aviles, Joe Engelhardt

LDPB defends decision

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The proposed annual budget from the Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB) was rejected for the first time ever at the Senate meeting April 8.

The budget had denied funding for three organizations, including the Greek organizations.

According to LDPB, the board distributes allocatable funds to organizations for events and follows UW-System policy.

In previous years, the money allocated has been based on travel, according to LDPB chairman, Mike Defenbaugh. Now, there is a new policy.

"The exact words for Greek funding is that we should not be funding any student organization that is deemed a recruitment of members, selection, marketing, or promotion of an individual or group of student organizations," Defenbaugh said.

Since the Greek organizations collect membership dues and hold what are thought to be Greekonly events, they are considered an exclusive organization that does not qualify for funding.

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Students discuss campus issues at **HLC open forum**

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The Higher Learning Council (HLC) for accreditation had an open forum for UW-River Falls students Monday.

The panel, composed of members of the HLC, questioned students about their experiences and perspectives at UWRF.

"What makes you proud to be a student at UWRF?" asked one of the three panel modera-

Among the attending students, "going green" was a popular theme that made students feel proud to be at a "leading university for sustainability in the country."

The Kinnickinnic River Theatre was filled with students as well as

many standing against the back wall. Among the students were Student Senate President Derek Brandt and other Senate members representing the student body.

"I was very happy with the turnout we had. I think it is a good indicator of how engaged students are on this campus," Jennifer Wilis-Rivera, coordinator, promoter and writer of the self-study for the accreditation event,

"I think about 160 people were there, which in itself [was] awesome because it shows student engagement and involvement," student Jenifer Biss said in an e-mail interview. "For a comparison, I believe that Stevens

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Student advocates for victims' rights

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Last week, April 13-19, was National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). UW-River Falls senior Beth Ashton played a large role by raising public awareness about victims' rights and services.

Ashton interns with the St. Croix County Victim/Witness Assistance Program, which is a part of the District Attorney's Office and is responsible for creating local events and activities for the week.

This year, the agency planned to hold a ceremony outside of the Hudson Government Center, but poor weather forced them to abandon the event.

Ashton and her colleagues made up for that by creating an NCVRW display table at the front entrance of the government center. The display included a poster with this year's theme, "Justice for Victims, Justice for All," along with public information brochures with information about domestic violence, restraining orders, resources and contact information. Passers-by could pick up ribbons and bookmarks pertaining to victims' rights.

In collaboration with St. Croix County District Attorney Eric Johnson, the agency sent out a letter to the editors of all St. Croix County newspapers regarding the rights of crime victims in Wisconsin.

Ashton said she believes it is important to get information about crime and victims' rights out to as many people as possible. In fact, this year's NCVRW theme is "Justice for Victims. Justice for All." The theme was chosen to promote a system of justice that inspires equity, according to the St. Croix Valley Alliance Against Family Violence. It declares that justice for all cannot be achieved without justice for victims of crime.

Ashton said the slogan is appropriate because it reinforces an important point.

"Crime is a universal issue that affects many peo-

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Senate Election Results

President: Cindy Bendix Vice President: Casie Kelly **CAFES Senator: Antonette Guider** CAS Senator: Craig Witte **CBE Senator: Jason Meier** At Large Senators: Nikki Shonoiki, Sara Deick, Linda

Abel, Tyler Halverson, Jenifer Biss, Matthew Dale, Nathan McNaughton United Council Referendum: NO Ratification to Article V of Student Senate **Constitution: YES**

Pierce County Reproductive Services faces uncertain future

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A major provider of reproductive health services for UW-River Falls students and Pierce County's working poor faces an uncertain future.

Last fall, the staff at Pierce County Reproductive Health Services learned of county plans to demolish the Ingram Center, the building in which they are housed, last fall, but are not yet sure when and where their office will be relocated.

"If County [Pierce Health Reproductive

Services] closes and they can't find another space in town, that's going to be a major concern," Alice Reilly-Myklebust, UWRF Student Health Services director, said.

Through student fees, UWRF contracts with Pierce County Reproductive Health Services to provide students with certain



Niki Paton/Student Voice

The Pierce County Reproductive Health Services hopes to relocate in the future.

tests and safer-sex supplies.

Students can receive pregnancy and STD tests, pap smears and exams, emergency contraception and genital wart treatment without having to pay out-of- pocket at the time of their visit. The office also offers stu-

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VOICE SHORTS

Director to screen short, indie films

Director and Co-producer Melissa Butts will be showing two of her short films at 2 p.m. April 28 in the University Center's Kinni Theater. The films she is showing are "Sun" and "Mars." A question and answer session will follow showings. The films incorporate images from NASA and information gathered from its rovers "Spirit" and "Opportunity." This event is free and open to the public.

Health Services to hold vaccination clinic

A Vaccination Clinic will be held starting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday from 12:30-2:30. Hepatitis B, Tetanus, MMR, Meningococcal and Hepatitis A vaccines will be available for free or reduced cost to students. Contact Student Health Services for more information at 715-425-3293. This event is going to be held in the Trimbelle River Room on the second floor of the University Center.

CAS hosts Block Party, awards

On May 2, the College of Arts and Sciences will be hosting the 2008 Block Party. Students and staff will gather to recognize and award outstanding faculty and graduating seniors. There will be live music by Gazillion and Chartwells will have concessions. This is a free event on the University Center Mall starting at 3 p.m.

Limited supply at upcoming compost sale

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science is hosting the annual Spring compost sale all day May 3 and May 10. The sale is located at Lab Farm 1. A skid steer is available for large loads for nurseries and landscapers. Due to the relocation of the dairy operation to the Mann Valley Farm, there will be a limited supply. The cost for compost is \$28 per yard.

UWRF students recognized at military ball

The UW-River Falls ROTC recognized 11 students for their achievements at their military ball that was held March 29. Students from UWRF were joined by others from UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout. Students and cadets John Carroll, Kyle Gruber, Andrew Krochalk, Andrew Redd, Ashley Wierzchowski, Michael Brudzinski, Daniel Grove, Jeffry Olson, Issac Ramberg, Peter Moseman and Kristen Glanz all receieved awards.

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Continued debate on Senate budget recommendations

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For the fourth consecutive week, Student Senate engaged in debate over LDPB's Student Segregated Fee Allocation Recommendation at Tuesday's Senate meeting. Two separate points were in contention. First was whether the budget recommendation should be voted on immediately, or if voting should be held for further review during the next week.

"The Issue of Greek funding has still yet to be addressed [properly]," Sen. Matt Dale said. "I want to know what specific policies [apply], where to find them and what can be done."

"[The policy] needs a lot of interpretation," Student Senate adviser Gregg Heinselmann said.

Heinselmann added that the UW System policy alludes to denial of funding for Student Organizations that charge dues, but is not specific. Hinselmann also stated that he had spoken with other schools in the UW System concerning this issue.

"How many weeks are we going to keep [putting this off]?" Mike Pearson, former LDPB chair, asked.

The second matter in contention was whether to pass the budget, assuming a vote took place Tuesday.

"If [students] feel they have been done an injustice, they can use the appeals process," President Derek Brandt said. "We're here to serve students."

Sen. Dan Mahr addressed the urgency of voting so that the "appeals process can be attended to." Mahr said.

A motion to table the vote until next Tuesday was defeated 3-16. The budget recommendations were approved by roll call vote 16-2 with one abstention.

Other Senate News

•Facilities and Fees Board Chair Krista Hasselquist reported that at 1 p.m. on April 28, Facilities Management will be hosting an open forum regarding summer projects. The forum will be held in the Trimbelle Room in the University Center.

Current projects on the list include renovating the ventilation system in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building and adding air conditioning, as well as renovating the entry steps of North Hall.

 Discussion was raised concerning student involvement on the search and screen committee for the next Chancellor of UWRF.

"Duties would start during the summer and continue into fall semester," Brandt said. "It [will] be a lot of work, but it [will] help shape the future of our campus."

The position would give students valubale real-world experience.

"[Students] learn a lot about how to interview [people], how to put together a resume and cover letter ... and a lot of professional prep. I would highly suggest doing this. [The experience] is invaluable," Hasselquist said.

Interested students can submit a cover

letter and resumé to the Involvement Center desk in the University Cente Monday by noonr.

•"We're looking into a system on campus where there would be free bikes that anyone could use," Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Jennifer Biss said during her committee report on Tuesday.

•"[UWRF] had an unbelievable student turnout at the [Higher Learning Commission] open forum," Heinselmann said. "It's a testament to [students'] level of engagement on this campus."

Brandt said that over 150 students showed up for the open forum.

•Heinselmann reported that Pat Brady, senior attorney for the UW System, will be sending guidelines concerning the Open Meeting Law.

•A motion to oppose a merit-based tuition system at UWRF was passed 17-1. A motion to fund the graduation issue of the Student Voice was passed unanimously Tuesday.

Agendas and minutes for Senate meetings are available at the Senate Web site. Senate meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center. Students are encouraged to attend and participate.

Senior recitals underway in KFA

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Music students on campus will be performing senior recitals over the next few weeks in the Abbot Concert Hall.

Students in the broad area music major and the music education major are required to perform a recital as part of the curriculum during their senior year. Music students who take the liberal arts major, as well as music minors, are not required to perform a senior recital but are encouraged to do so.

"Minors can choose to give a recital if they want to," professor Sarah Parks said. "The requirement is much looser."

In addition to their senior recital, music majors must learn six pieces each semester, called Juries, which must be performed in front of faculty members. For vocalists, all juries must be memorized, but instrumentalists can use sheet music.

"Senior recitals are basically taking your repertoire from your freshman year all the way to your senior year," senior Heidi Williams said. "Then you have to perform 30 minutes of music in your recital."

Students often use musical arrangements from their past juries for their senior recital.

"Basically, it's like your final," Williams said. "That's what you use for your senior recital."

Music majors get two credits for performing a senior recital, while music minors get one credit. As part of the senior recital class, students get one-on-one training with the professor from their music discipline. Parks assists the vocalists.

"She is one of the most amazing, inspirational teachers I have ever had," Williams said. "You can tell she loves what she is doing and she puts so much enthusiasm into voice lessons."

Students go through months of practice leading up to their recital. "Some of my pieces I've been working on for a year," senior Maite Oyarbide-Sanchez said. "I wanted mine to showcase some of my greatest talent."

Prior to their recital, students must perform all of their pieces in front of three faculty members who determine if the students are ready for their recital.

"If you don't have your music memorized as a vocalist, they will say come back when you have your music memorized,"

Students are encouraged to include music from several different periods in their recitals. Some of the periods to choose from include Romantic, French Baroque, Renaissance and many oth-

ration, Venezuelan influence, as well as French Baroque," Oyarbide-Sanchez said. The recitals are meant to show off what the students have

"My senior recital showcases contemporary music, jazz inspi-

learned during their time at UW-River Falls. "They're showing different representative works for their

instruments and their competency on those," Parks said. Students must also include at least one ensemble piece that is performed with other students, and are required to advertise their recital on campus.

"I sent [post cards] to all of my friends, and it included my recital information," Oyarbide-Sanchez said.

The recitals are free and open to the public. The recitals are posted on the 'upcoming music events' board in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building as well as on fliers across campus.

Music majors are required to attend eight concerts each semester, and are encouraged to attend the recitals for concert credits.

"It's a short concert, it's free and you get another concert credit out of the way," Williams said.

The recitals will be taking place periodically throughout the next few weeks up until finals.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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

April 14

-- Tristan J. Brodie, 20, was cited \$280.50 for disorderly conduct.

April 17

--Mark E. Lascotte Jr., 21, was cited \$361 for receiving stolen property.

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April 19

-- Rashad B. Momoh, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

--An unknown amount of damage was done to the netting on a batting cage at 1050 Athletic Drive.

April 20

--Austin V. Phillips, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

-- A motorcycle parked in the Johnson Hall parking lot received approximately \$1,200 worth of damage.

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leaves Greek orgs. with questions

HLC: Open forum turnout exceeds expectations

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Point had a turnout of only about 30 students at a similar event."

Students addressed the difficult to fund the requirements to study abroad with the international studies program.

The moderators of the forum asked students what they thought about the diversity on campus. Njia Lawerence-Porter, the McNair Scholars program director, was mentioned by several students for her active voice in diversity on campus. One student recalled UWRF being "a rural school ... needing more cohesiveness," and with that eliminating racism and understanding differences of one another better.

Gay Straight Alliance Chair Willow Gallagher mentioned the University's attempt and carried out actions at correcting the wrong in certain hate crimes.

Other topics that were brought to attention were about parking lots and commuters.

The lack of free or inexpensive parking for commuters raised disagreement from some students in attendance.

Others did not see walking a few blocks away for free to be a big deal.

"One topic that was discussed that I thought was an important one was the various resources available to students to help them succeed academically, such as career services or the academic help center," Biss said.

There was widespread concern about first-year students and transfer students not having access to general information and helpful resources about the University. Resident Assistants were present to represent the residence halls and offer help.

"One issue that was raised is how well students are connected to these resources. As I see it, at least as far as freshman go, there is a push to inform these students of what is available to them through such programs as SURF and Weeks of Welcome through the FYE [First-Year

Experience] office. I do think that sometimes transfer students can be left out of the puzzle, but I believe that this problem has been identified by the FYE office,"

Computer science students addressed an issue of the education received in the

Students expressed concerns that UWRF is not preparing them for graduate schools and jobs.

The one-hour time block allowed for the open-forum was extended for an additional 15 minutes by the panel because of extensive student discussions.

"I was also very pleased that the moderators were able to extend the question time for the students," Willis-Rivera said.

In this short time remaining, the students spoke of the "amazing" work of professors on this campus.

Brandt had one of the last words as he spoke of growing international programs and the retention of students. He thanked the HLC for coming to the University.

"We're following a strict policy. The budget is handled

responsibly and they want money for rituals and other things they have left undisclosed," Becca Piene, board member of LDPB said.

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The denied requests left Greeks with questions.

Benjamin Casper, the Greek Senator, was in favor of funding the Greeks.

"It's a bunch of crap. Just because we charge dues they think we don't need funding. There are very few organizations on campus that don't charge dues," he said. "We do more than any other organization on campus. We're just as non-profit as any other organization. Most of the money is out of our own pockets. All the money made goes back to the fraternity or the school."

"I find it to be a disheartening issue because it is not about Greek funding, it is about passing this budget," Piene said. "It is disheartening for the board [LDPB] to be turned down."

Casper, of Delta Theta Sigma, is one of three Greek

voting members on the Senate. Piene, among others, believes there is a conflict of interest

within the Senate. "They had their [Greek] letters on the day of the propos-

al," Piene said in support of her

belief in a bias Senate. Defenbaugh said he believed it was handled unethically and that it was personal.

"At 12-6, it still wouldn't have passed if the Greek members didn't vote," Casper said. "There may be a slight conflict of interest but even some non-Greek members think we should be funded."

LDPB has the choice to appeal the budget directly to the Chancellor if they feel that the student senate is incapable of handling such a decision, but they chose not to.

"[LDPB] thought it to be in the student's and the Senate's best interest to consider the Senate's recommendations and keep it at the student level," Piene said.

LDPB's new budget passed Tuesday, which means that the appeal process can now begin. The appeal process involves Senate and LDPB.

Pierce Cty: Students in need of reproductive services will look for new options

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dents birth control in pill, patch or injectable form and over the counter safer-sex supplies like condoms, at a reduced price.

Additionally, women who meet certain criteria can enroll in the Wisconsin Family Planning Waiver Program and receive additional services through that office.

"A lot of female students qualify for the program," Reilly-Myklebust said.

The waiver program helps participating students pay for some services not covered by Student Health Services' contracts with area medical facil-

As one example, the waiver program would cover additional tests needed if a student's pap smear turned up cell abnormalities, Reilly-Myklebust said.

To qualify for the program, women must be between the ages of 15 and 44, with a household income less than or equal to 185 percent of the poverty level as determined by the federal government, according to the Web site of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Planning.

The River Falls Medical Clinic, where students may have to turn for reproductive health care before the new office is set up, offers students most of the same tests at no cost for the visit, and provides qualifying students access to additional services through Wisconsin Family Planning Waiver Program. However, the clinic doesn't offer students discounted birth control or over the counter safer-sex supplies.

"I think the impact will be felt [in the community]," Ellen Butts, a nurse practitioner at Pierce County Reproductive Health Services

Pierce County Reproductive Health Services sees about 2,100 patients for a total of 8,000 visits each year.

Students make up between 35 to 40 percent of the patients. Since the office is run by the county, the rest of the patients tend to have incomes low enough that they qualify for waiver programs or Medicaid to help them pay for their visits. Staff at Pierce County

Reproductive Health Services will keep patients up-to-date on where they can go to receive affordable care before the new facility is ready, Butts said. The county may even be able to arrange for a temporary location so staff can continue administering some of their services while between offices.

No final decision has been made about the new location the Pierce County Reproductive Health Services Office, and no definite timetable for the move is set, Pierce County Public Health director Caralynn Hodgson,

Sophomore Ash Miller said she thinks that it was a "pretty dumb" move on the part of the county to decide to move ahead with the demolition without first having prepared a new office for Pierce County Reproductive Health Services.

Having access to affordable reproductive health services is especially important for students "because college students are very promiscuous," Miller said.

Pierce County Reproductive Health Services had not received a formal eviction notice as of April 15.

Ashton: Senior encourages UWRF students to take action against crime

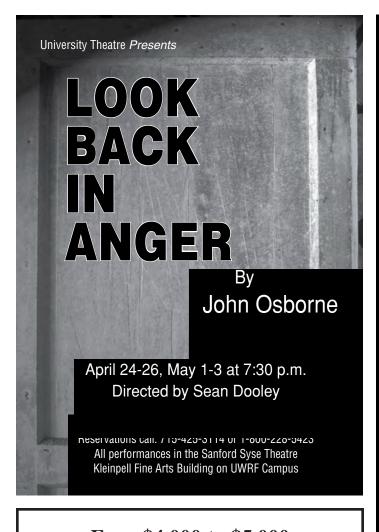
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ple, anyone can be the victim of a crime," Ashton said. "Victims' rights are everyone's rights."

With campus crimes, it is also essential that the campus community gains awareness and take an active role Ashton said.

The work of Ashton and her colleagues is a local piece to a regionally and nationally hispuzzle. In 1980,

Wisconsin became the first state to pass a Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. Since then, every state and the federal government have established statutory rights for victims. To date, 33 states, have passed constitutional amendments that protect those rights, according to the letter sent out by Johnson and Ann Gustafson, Victim/Witness Assistance Program Coordinator.



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EDITORIAL

Chancellor search to include student input

The departure of Chancellor Don Betz leaves big shoes to fill, and the University is responsible for finding someone to fill them.

During Tuesday's Student Senate meeting, it was announced that the next search committee for the chancellor is going to include students.

We believe that students are obviously a crucial element of this University and that their help in the decision process is entirely necessary. We are pleased to hear that students are going to be involved.

Although this was mentioned in the Student Senate recap article this week, more promoting needs to be done by those in charge of picking students for the committee.

Prior to the end of the school year, an e-mail should be sent to students with requirements and applications. Notifications should be posted on the campus TV channels and flyers put up around the school. Give enough notification so students do not go off for summer without knowing anything.

Unfortunately, most of this is going to be happening over the summer when students aren't around. Since many students don't stay in River Falls for the summer, we want to be sure that the opinions of the students are going to be taken seriously in this hiring process.

Make sure students don't get swept under the rug in this whole process. As students, our opinions do matter. A chancellor is the head of a university, and students know very well what they want and who may fit the characteristics for a capable leader of UWRF.

Students should not be used be use as a symbol or just for show. Those in charge of selecting students for the committee should make sure they select a wide variety of students so that many different perspectives and standards are represented.

It wasn't until the mid 1990's that students, staff, faculty and community members helped choose the new chancellor of the University. It used to just be the Board of Regents job, but now there is a screen and search committee who works to choose a new chancellor.

When the decision-making process is over, five names will be given to the Board. One of those names will be chosen as the new chancellor of UWRF.

Students need to be excited about this incredible opportunity that is given to them. Take the responsibility seriously and enjoy your opportunity to impact the future of UWRF.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Candidates liable for acquaintences

In last week's edition of the Student Voice, Mike Pearson wrote a great column regarding campus politics. Although I agree with the general attitude of his column, I find his comment about the "next great American President" irresponsible.

Mr. Pearson says the movie "Black Sheep" has "taught us to look at the candidate and not judge him by the company he keeps." When voting for the President of the United States, are citizens not responsible for ensuring that their candidate supports the interests of all Americans?

Apparently Mr. Pearson supports Barack Obama, and the statement in his article must pertain to Obama's relationship with Rev. Wright. I understand we all have the right to our own opinions, and I respect Mr. Pearson for formulating an opinion, but I lose respect for him when he makes comments excusing Obama's spiritual relationship with a man who hates the United States.

Whatever Barack Obama does in his private life should be kept private. However, when he runs for President, the American people deserve to know what kind of company he keeps. Anyone determined enough to serve this country in the highest office should definitely be scrutinized for his or her associations.

Most professors that I've had say that one of the most important lessons learned in college is the ability to think critically. This is one of the easiest examples of thinking critically. Is there such a thing as the 'perfect candidate?' I don't think so.

But should we hold presidential candidates accountable for their actions and the company they keep? Absolutely. It's time to enter the real world and realize there are consequences for bad choices.

Josh Breyer, Student

Democrats destroy election advantages

I felt it was unfortunate that there was not more coverage in the paper of the Rally in the River Valley in the week following the event. However, I was glad to see that Teresa Aviles chose to discuss it in last week's issue.

As a member of Socialist Alternative, I was also glad that Mike Pearson chose to recognize us as an active organization that is willing to stand up for our beliefs.

Although they are out of context, I would also like to repeat the last ten words of his column: "Democrats, stop screwing this up for the rest of

Ben Plunkett may be loud, but it's the pro-corporate Democrats in Washington, currently symbolized by Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton, who are steadily screwing up their party's chances of a November victo-

John McCain runs even with Barack Obama and narrowly leads Hilary Clinton in the most recent Reuters/Zogby poll. America has a sitting Republican president with an approval rating, as recently as February, around 20 percent. Yet the Democrats always manage to destroy any advantage they have in the election.

The Democrats' weakness comes directly from their balancing act between pro-worker rhetoric and a need to pander to big-business. The interests of the working-class and American corporations are contradictory. Short of a revolution, these class contradictions are most sharply brought to the forefront during a

To start the discussion around the issues of organized labor and revitalizing the labor movement in the days leading up to May Day, Socialist Alternative will have a screening of the award-winning documentary "Harlan County USA."

We will be showing the film Sunday at Hot Spot on Main Street. The film will begin at 7:30 p.m. The film and discussion are free and open to all students and community members.

Nick Shillingford, Student

Iraq war is more than signs, chants

Teresa Aviles asked in her column last week: Why the low turnout at the anti-war rally? She indicated that the problem was due to students' lack of education and awareness on the matter.

I contend that it takes much more than signs and chants to ascertain the justifiability of the Iraq war and to become "aware."

It is this bumper-sticker mentality that is degrading the intellect of this generation, rendering these well-meaning people little more than propagandist pawns.

Unlike Vietnam, this time the student body is not attending college to get a pass from the draft. Aviles evaded one important reason for the low

Many students at UW-River Falls are not opposed to the war in Iraq, and are even in favor of it. Aviles isn't the only one guilty of the massive assumption about students' stance on the war; countless professors also maintain a pacifistic agenda across the

I can do better than signs and chants. The Kurds have asked for and deserve our assistance. To allow Saddam Hussein to remain in power would have equaled support for his gruesome attempt at genocide.

After Sept. 11, Hussein directly responded to Bush's warnings by pledging money to the families of suicide

Like Vietnam, if we remove our troops tomorrow, the Kurds will be slaughtered by Al-Qaida. Islamic law allows and encourages jihad (and the oppression, rape, and circumcision of women). The only way to help this end is through the instigation of a Western secularist government.

Without this, it is unlikely that the death toll in Iraq and other theocratic governments will lose momentum. If I could fit that on a sign, I just might get through to the bumper-sticker mentality of our so-called educated elite.

Muriel Montgomery, Student

Viewpoints section disappoints

When the Student Voice comes out, it's obvious. Peering into classrooms, you'll find dozens of heads are buried between the wide, crinkly pages, and for a generation that's used to getting information from a glowing screen, I'd say the Student Voice is widely read. Personally, I like to scan the first page for shocking news then hurry my way over to the Viewpoints section.

I guess what I'm looking for when I turn to this page is educated individuals expressing their opinion on an issue that's important to them, and hopefully to myself as well.

I expect the articles to be well thought-out, professional, and the writers' perspectives to be accurately represented. Why does it seem like we rarely get them?

Many columns are just rants with no clear point, condemning other people or points-ofview with little or no logical reasoning to back their opin-

Not only that, but I don't know how many times I've been reading an article and come across ridiculous spelling errors or sentences that don't make sense. The Student Voice reserves the right to edit any material it publishes; they just don't seem to be doing it.

Don't get me wrong. There are plenty of writers on the Student Voice staff whose articles I really enjoy, but the fact that the Student Voice has writers that actually can professionally and clearly discuss topics seems only to amplify the inadequacies of the articles that can't.

In this past week's Student Voice column "College Democrats need 'Democrats,' more intelligence," guest columnist Mike Pearson "argued" that the College Democrats on campus have been unprofessionally representing the Democratic

Instead of describing why he feels their anti-war protests will not reach this generation of student voters, or that their radical ideals are driving away voters, he resorted to namecalling and generalizations, calling them unintelligent, clove cigarette smoking extremists who should be banned from all campus-wide

What I think Mr. Pearson was trying to get at was that if you can't professionally represent your political party, it would be better if you didn't speak at all. Perhaps he should have taken his own advice before alienating an entire organization that shares many of his political goals, and rambling on about Chris Farley for half the article.

Maybe it's the internet that makes us write this way, ideas flying so quickly there's hardly time to think before you

But this isn't the internet, people. This is a newspaper. Maybe we can get away with rambling, swearing and picking on others in ALL CAPS on blogs or message boards, but

What's really sad is that these articles represent our college, our students and our faculty as a whole. When your opinions are made public, they represent you, your school and your peers. Being unable to spell or write a rational article about important issues is not something our generation needs to be associated with. We've got enough on our hands as it is.

> Chelsea Huppert, Student

Last week, the always-hilarious Comedy Central cartoon "South Park" aired an episode called "Over Logging."

In the episode, the entire town of South Park wakes up to find it no longer has any Internet access. As you can imagine, the city quickly disintegrates into shambles and the citizens rapidly morph into disgraceful and desperate refugees of an Internet-less

Stan's dad Ralph takes his family "... out Californeee way to see if they got some Internet." Slowly, the nation's tech refugees descend upon the coastal regions and quickly suck up whatever little Internet is left.

The episode is a stinging reminder of how overly-reliant we've become on technology

and the Web in the last couple decades.

Though "South Park" treats it as a joke, our relationship with technology has put us in a vulnerable

position to become refugees ourselves if our own internet ever "dries up."

Think about it. When is the last time you drove somewhere new without the help of MapQuest and a cell phone? I personally can't even make it to the end of my street without double-checking my car's GPS navigation system.

When I'm visiting a friend in a new place, I'm on the cell phone every .271 seconds making sure I didn't miss the

Without this constant support from technology, how am I supposed to find anything at all? I've lived with MapQuest for so long, my own crippled and atrophied innate sense of direction even plays victim in this tragedy of technological

tyranny.

If this trend continues, our children won't be able to make it to their own bedrooms without whipping out their iPhone 2s. For shame!

Think about all the obnoxious, character-building crap our parents had to do in those dark and hazy years before the advent of the Web. They even had to socialize in real life.

Now we can do so much on the Web automatically and instantly—everything from banking to college registration to shopping to applying for jobs and a million things

Those things used to be time-consuming, high involved processes. Give us a half hour now and we'll do it all while sitting down—and we don't even have to change our underwear or see another fellow human being.

Joe

Hager

It's so easy I can't help but feel sorry for people in the past. Think of the pain—I mean, our poor folks had to order out of

catalogs,

whatever those are. Terrifying. We've got to face it: ours is a culture stuffed with techstarved wieners suckled on the dangerous conveniences of the modern world.

I love the Internet as much as the next American—in fact, I think it's sweet—but I'm afraid that if the Web or the technologies comprising it ever fail on a massive scale, us techno-babies will be so struck with confusion, helplessness and mild anarchy that our tech-less nation will shrivel up into a giant, flaccid husk of its former great self.

And that will be almost as funny as "South Park."

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STUDENT. voices

"What would you do without cell phones and other modern technology?"

> Ben Quayle, iunior

"Become a crab fisherman."





Ashley Kaufman, senior

"I wouldn't be able to function! Although it would force me to plan better and it would be cheaper."

> Abby Pomeroy, sophomore

"I would feel so lost without modern technology, but if I didn't have either I think I would be spending more time with the people I care about.'



Dan Gravl, junior

"It would be really hard to get used to because we've come to depend on technology to communicate with friends.'

> JJ Mosher, senior

"I don't think it would be an issue for people who don't have cell phones, but for those of us that do, it would be extremely hard to live without.



Thirst for technology | Chancellor position requires specific qualities

Tt was with sadness that I heard that LChancellor Don Betz was leaving to return to one of his old haunts. Though in the position for only three years, Betz has brought a great deal of energy and vitality to a campus that sorely needed it. I must say, however, that the relationship must be regarded as unfulfilling, if only because it was too short.

Every person must do what is right for them at any given time, and this means that we must all take into consideration the various factors in our lives and do what we feel is best. Obviously, there will be times when tough calls have to be made.

Chancellor Betz made a call that I'm sure is what he feels is right for him and his family. Now we are left to make a decision that will be best for the UW-River Falls family—namely, who will be the next UWRF chancellor.

I'd like to make some recommendations to the powers that be (or at least the committee that gets chosen to pursue filling this position) about the kind of person I think we need to successfully lead this University.

Having worked at five different colleges, I have some experience with meeting and getting to know the heads of the institutions I taught and coached at, but more importantly, I saw the personalities and the intellects that I felt made these individuals competent or not so competent leaders. So, here are my

recommendations:

1) The new chancellor must truly be committed to being UWRF's leader for at least 10 years. This means settling in, digging in their heels and making a commitment to helping this institution grow and prosper in uncertain times.

This person must be a recognizable face that students, faculty and staff are able to see as someone who has the University's best interests in mind and will continue to pursue those interests for years to come.

2) The person chosen as the new chancellor, though certainly a vocal and forceful representative in Madison of this University, must spend the greatest part of their time as Chancellor right here on campus.

Though there are certainly things to deal with that will require our new leader to leave the cozy confines of River Falls, we have many issues that necessitate the new chancellor spending the majority of their time in North Hall and on campus.

3) Now, this next recommendation is one that I feel Betz was quite good at, and that is being a very good listener.

More than that, he was a very good questioner. On more than one occasion when we spoke, Don took the time to ask my opinions and listen carefully to

my answers (though I wish he would have made this campus a non-smoking campus). My recommendation then is that the new chancellor be a person who asks questions and listens intently to the

4) My final recommendation about the kind of person who should fill the position is that this person should be a keen judge of character and capability, and use this judgment to promote current

faculty/staff or bring in quality newcom-

ers to administrative Faculty positions that are key to column this institution's future.

I'd like to write in closing that I admire and will miss Betz.

I'm betting that the university in Oklahoma that Don is relocating to will prosper under his guidance. I just wish his stay had been a little longer.

Bill

Henderson

Finally, to the powers that be who are still here helping to run this campus, some words of advice: stop meeting so much, make decisions and get things

Don't forget to take a few minutes each day and just breathe.

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Skyrocketing oil prices won't stop plummeting resources

It's not a big surprise, but Exxon Mobile has posted its largest ever earnings.

According to the most recent issue of Fortune magazine, Exxon Mobile made over \$40 billion in profits. How couldn't it? Gas in River Falls has spiked dramatically in the past few weeks.

Currently at a price of around \$3.40 a gallon, gas is projected to reach at least \$4 a gallon by the end of the summer. This presents a financial windfall for the oil companies. Profits will be huge, and there are new oil fields being discovered across the globe.

Good news for oil executives, but is it good news for the rest of us?

Short term, the rising cost of oil is obviously

bad. The price to fill up my car is now over \$40. When I started school a few years ago, I could fill up for around \$25. The cost of oil will mean that the vacation for fun will be more of an expense, especially during the busy summer travel period.

The expense for gas is more

than a matter of a pain in your wallet; it will affect the price of most goods. The shipping price for procucts you buy will be increased. Many smaller transportation corporations will be especially crunched. Any increase in the cost of fuel will be immediately passed on to the consumer—a double pain for your already hurting wallet.

So, is there an upside to this? Well, the truth is, not in the short term. Long term there is hope. There will be an increasing push for more sustainable sources of energy. Initially, there will be a push for more fuel-

Joe

efficient autos. Most car commercials will mention the financing deal Eggers you can get with a new car and then mention the fuel economy.

This is a by-product of the new oil crisis. Unfortunately, making your Honda more fuel efficient is only holding off the problem a little bit longer. Everyone knows you simply can't make more oil.

There is some hope, however. Gas is a commodity that everyone needs to buy.

Regardless of the price, even if it's \$8 a gallon, people will suck up the pain and tears to fill up their hummers and pickup trucks.

It doesn't need to be that

way. The Unfortunately, **United States** making your needs to follow the model Honda more fuel of many other efficient is only countries and holding off the promote public transportaproblem a little tion. There bit longer. needs to be an alternative to **Everyone knows** filling up your vou simply can't tank. make more oil.

Public transportation pro-

vides a cheaper, earth-friendly choice for travel. An improvement in national public transportation would provide many needed jobs—jobs that couldn't be outsourced to foreign countries. The need for affordable,

quality public transportation is not an urban issue. A national railway system, one more reliable and cheaper than Amtrak, would connect cities and communities and provide citizens with the ability to travel quickly between them. The seeds have been sewn on the east coast where rail has been a popular mode

of transportation for many

Our campus has experimented with this in the past. A few years ago, the Student Senate supported busing for

students to travel to the Cities and back on the week-Unfortunately,

the busing program was not used, and was cancelled after only a few weeks of operation. Perhaps now that filling up a gas tank

requires more student loans, a bus going to the Cities will be a more popular choice.

There a several ways Americans can use less oil. A free bus for students going to the Cities is one way to save some gas, some money and little bit of that ozone.

The short term consequences are a little bigger wallet and little less money for the oil companies. Luckily, with \$40 billion they should be set for a little while.

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Questions, power, protests stir up China before Olympic Games

ll it took for the Olympic Games to Abe interesting was a little old-fashioned drama.

Athletes will come and go, they'll win gold and silver medals, then we move on to the next four-year event destination.

Choosing Beijing to host the summer Olympic Games for 2008 brings some spice to the potentially dry news cover-

There is Tibet with The Dalai Lama stirring up international relations by meeting prime ministers and presidents here and there, pissing off China. You've got journalists being questioned excessively about their information gathering and are broadcasting just because they are in China. There's New Zealand recently signing the Free Trade

Agreement with China, potentially opening up more economic powers. And you have the Olympic torch relaying around the world while being protested in most of the cities it has so admirably visited.

I've been on edge to see China's next move. With a tagline like, "One World, One Dream" for the Beijing Olympics, it makes me raise a brow when I continue to learn more about another recent crackdown in Tibet, and the human rights that the People's Republic of China continues

The friendly Kiwis of New Zealand agreed to a no-tariff trade system with China. China gets free kiwi fruit and sheep, New Zealand gets free Fisher Price toys.

But with Western cities like Paris, London and San Francisco displaying protests to the extent of riots, chanting and even extinguishing the sacred Olympic torch in honor of Tibetans and their peaceful leader, what does this say

the US Congressional Gold Medal, the

did it occur to him that the same security guards that are protecting the Olympic torch may very well be the guards that have

a sporting event. OK, but

So you can say it's not a political event, but it just got personal.

physically abused Tibetans?

Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown and German Chancellor Angela Merkel will not attend the event, and other UN officials that have RSVP'd "will not attend due to a boycott."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy is

still considering his attendance, while at the same time apologizing for the Paris incident in which the paraplegic torch bearer was tragically wheeling past the Eiffel Tower with an extinguished torch thanks to a protester. The people of France are urging their president to stay home August 8.

I applaud China for making attempts at rising to economic power. However, their methods are still stuck in the Western 1970's. Come on China, recog-

Teresa

Aviles

nize alternative sources of energy and such things as human rights, religious freedom and peace.

I applaud Prime Minister Brown and Chancellor Merkel for standing up to China so early in the Olympic preparation. If China

wants the world to believe that they are worthy to host the Olympics, they have a lot of work to do.

Besides precious Tibet, how about freeing up the tight security on mass communications so the world can actually view the sporting event on television?

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Men's volleyball has successful season

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The UW-River Falls men's club volleyball teams just capped off their best season in the club's three-year history.

UWRF Team Black, the club's first team, was one of the best teams in the 18-team Northern Intercollegiate Volleyball Conference (NIVC), notching a match record of 15-3, according to the NIVC Web site. The NIVC is composed of teams from upper Midwestern schools such as Bethel University, North Dakota State University and Michigan Technological University. Two years worth of hard work finally paid off this season for

"The first two seasons were a building process for us, so it felt good to finally have a successful season," middle-hitter Kevin Schmidt said.

Team Black was recognized by the NIVC for its outstanding season by having three players named to the NIVC all-conference team. Right-side hitter Damon Liberatore, left side hitter Dan Rusk, and the team's setter Trevor Fletcher, received the "It was nice to finally be recognized, but it would have been nice to have been recognized a couple of years earlier," Liberatore

Liberatore is Team Black's co-captain and one of the club's founding members, along with Team Black's other captain, libero [defensive specialist] Jack Dunn. Liberatore is the team's senior member at 30 years of age, and he said that he felt that he was more in his prime a couple of years ago and would have liked to have been recognized as one of the most outstanding players in the NIVC then.

UWRF's second men's club team, Team Red, also improved on their record from last year.

"I hoped we would have done better than we did, but I'm proud of what we did," Team Red co-captain and middle-hitter Brandon Frank said. "We lost some close matches, but we were able to get some wins."

Team Red posted a 3-10 overall match record in the NIVC, according to the NIVC Web site.

"We had a lot of untapped potential," Frank said. "If we would have had a couple more players it would have helped a lot."

Team Red had problems getting players to commit to the team

for the entire season, and subsequently had to shuffle the lineup over the course of the season, so it took longer for the team to gel, Frank said.

The volleyball club combined members from its two teams to compete in the national tournament in Dallas, Texas April 10-12. The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association [NIRSA] organized the tournament.

"The tournament didn't go as well as we would have hoped, but it was a worthwhile experience nonetheless," Team Black middle hitter Kyle Schaffer said.

This year the team was one of the first teams eliminated from play, but last year the team competed in the same tournament in Austin, Texas and they were champions of their bracket.

The club is always looking for more players, and the need to bring in more players next season is more than evident since the teams have five graduating seniors.

More information for those interested in learning about or joining the club can be found on its Web site: www.uwrf.edu/mvbc/welcome.html.

Falcons attempt to avenge loss to UW-Oshkosh



Ben Brewster/Student Voice

Falcon Emily Howlett slides into home in a winning match-up against UW-Superior April 9.

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The wind just wasn't blowing UW-River Falls' softball team's way on Sunday as they were defeated twice by UW-Oshkosh 5-2 and 7-0.

In the first game, UWRF's two runs were scored on three hits and the Falcons made only

Mindy Rudiger started the game on a high note as she hit a leadoff home run. Later in the fourth inning, Keri Feller hit a homer of her own. The only other UWRF hit was Emily Howlett's two-out double to right field. UWO scored five runs on ten hits and also made one error.

Ashley Bertrand took the loss for UWRF, which brought her record to 13-3 on the season.

The Falcons were shutout for the third time this season in the second game. UWRF managed three hits and all were singles.

The Titans scored seven runs on 14 hits, which was the most hits made by an opponent against the Falcons this season. Brittany Rathburn picked up the loss, making her season record 9-3.

The younger members of the team have contributed to this season immensely. The sophomores and freshmen have

attributed 46 hits and 11 RBIs to this season's statistics.

Jessica Lundgren, a sophomore, has contributed to the team with an impressive .412 batting average. Three of the freshmen, Dana Book, Emily Eriksen and Dani Nadeau, brought with them All-Conference awards from their respective high schools.

With three games left, there is still room for more outstanding softball expected to come from these young players.

UWRF will host two conference games this weekend, UW-Platteville April 26 and 27. Both games begin at noon.

Minnesota teams disappoint fan

Dear Mr. John Madden,

First of all, let me say that I am a huge fan of your work. I know you've been going through some tough times recently with the retirement of Brett Favre, but

hang in there. The fact that you can't drool and say Brett Favre repeatedly will only make you a better broadcaster.

Now, I'm one of the few peo-

ple who know that you're in the Hall of Fame as a coach and broadcaster, so I'm a valued football fan with a great suggestion for your release of Madden 2009.

As we know, the NFL Draft is fast approaching us this weekend, and it's this time of the year when you unveil your cover athlete for the season. With that in mind, I would like to strongly suggest that you do NOT put Adrian Peterson on the cover of your game.

Yes, I know it is silly to refer to the Madden Curse, but you seriously can't do this to the Vikings

and the state of Minnesota.

Chris

Schad

As Minnesotans, we have been tortured repeatedly with our

The Minnesota Twins have won two World Series, but none since

> I've known what the hell is going on in the sports world. The Minnesota Wild have fought to the end like they promised, but only until the end of the first round.

The Minnesota Timberwolves are run by morons

who are going to take a point guard from Greece instead of a point guard from the United States who could become the next Chris Paul (Derek Rose).

Then there are the Vikings. Being a Vikings fan is like stabbing yourself in the face repeatedly with a rusty knife. Not only is it not healthy, but it's very painful.

The Vikings have choked repeatedly over the years and have been screwed often. In the late 1970's, Drew Pearson pushed off on Ahmad Rashad, knocking

what some say was the best Vikings team ever out of the playoffs. In 1998, we went 15-1, led by Randy Moss. Our reward was to watch Gary Anderson miss one kick all season—the one that knocked us out of the playoffs. The list goes on and on.

However, we have hope here in Minnesota. The Vikings went out and grabbed a safety that would look to "Make love in this club," as the word on the

street goes. They also got a receiver who put up good numbers with **REX GROSS-**MAN throwing the ball.

Then we finally got the bloodthirsty defensive end we've always needed in Jared Allen. Assuming he doesn't down a 30 pack and take a ride on I-94, I think we have something here.

Your curse has screwed many football players over. Shawn Alexander got released two years after he was the league's MVP, and coincidentally, he was on the cover the year after.

You've already destroyed one

summer

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Viking superstar in Daunte Culpepper, but he was only good because he had Randy Moss. Then there are the obvious connections such as Mike Vick, Eddie George and Garrison Hearst.

LaDanian Tomlinson was so freaked out by this he turned down the millions of dollars involved to grace the cover.

So if you have an ounce of

is like stabbing

yourself in the face

repeatedly with a

rusty knife.

 mercy in your Being a Vikings fan soul, please refrain from putting the greatest running back in Vikings history on the cover of Madden.

> I know this puts you in a bind, but I

have the perfect solution for you. Let's throw Aaron Rodgers on the cover. I kind of feel sorry for that guy. He had to sit behind your idol for a couple of years and has some big shoes to fill. I think he would look great on the cover.

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Div. III schools should offer athletic scholarships

It never occurred to me until now that the athletes at this University are being denied one of the most important factors for student athletes athletic scholarships.

It irks me that Div. III schools do not offer scholarships to athletes. I think you will all agree that we have some extraordinary athletes who compete for the Falcons. Why shouldn't those athletes

be rewarded for their athletic successes?

Div. I and II schools provide athletic scholarships for their students

letes in their time.



who excel in sports. In fact, according to www.ncaa.org, nearly \$1 billion in athletic scholarships is awarded to over 126,000 student-athletes each year. I should mention that these scholarships are awarded by each individual institution.

However, Div. III is the largest in the NCAA. It consists of teams from universities and colleges that choose not to provide athletic scholarships to student athletes. Though Divisions I and II are often regarded by the public as the elite, Div. III athletics are competitive and cutthroat, as well.

I think athletic scholarships should be offered by all colleges and universities. They give students an incentive to attend a certain school. They also give students who excel in athletics an opportunity to be recognized for it. The Falcons have seen some seriously good ath-

While I do realize there are awards and recognitions that are given out by athletic organizations and by schools all the time, I feel that those athletes could be given an award that will help them pay tuition.

Smaller colleges and universities like UWRF give out academic scholarships, as do larger colleges and universities. How is academic achievement more deserving than a student-athlete excelling in his or her sport? Both require much effort on the part of the achiever. I think it is important to remember that the stu-

dents who choose to participate in sports are student athletes. The word student comes before the word athlete. Obviously the athletes at all colleges and uni-

versities are students first and athletes second. This signifies that they have to go through the same rigorous courses and schedules as all other students.

Which brings me to my final point: Div. III schools should give out athletic scholarships to those who participate in sports and who also excel academically.

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UW-River Falls archive center provides students, citizens with historical glimpse into area's past

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Deep in a corner of the lower level of the Chalmer Davee Library lies a place with no windows. It's a place on campus that houses some of the most interesting and amazing materials, yet many people on campus have never been there. It's the River Falls Area Research Center University Archives, otherwise known as the UWRF ARC.

The UWRF ARC is composed of two different departments that work in conjunction with each other. University Archives is one entity of the UWRF ARC, the other is the River Falls Area Research Center.

The goal of the University Archives portion is, "to collect and preserve materials that document the history, development, traditions and activities of the University since its 1874," establishment in

according to the UWRF Area Center Research University Archives Web site.

This includes copies of all issues of the Student Voice from when it began in 1916 to the present, photographs of buildings, events, groups, students and faculty from and on the UWRF campus and even an old Freddy the Falcon uniform, just to name a few, Alyson Jones, head of the UWRF ARC, said.

The River Falls Area Research Center portion of the UWRF ARC operates as a branch of the State Historical Society. This unit contains a plethora of information from the four counties in the area: Burnett, Pierce, Polk and St. This collection includes manuscripts, county archives, newspapers dating back to the 1800s, and other historical collections such as

The total collection size of the UWRF ARC spans 2,409

linear feet, according to the UWRF ARC usage statistics from 2006-2007.

Thanks to the relocation of Textbook Services, UWRF ARC will be getting a bigger

"We're moving either late summer or in the fall into the old textbook services center," Jones said.

Some interesting highlights from this collection include a rare book collection with books covered in animal skin dating back to the 1600s, a Ku Klux Klan robe for an adult and child and even citizenship papers from immigrants making Wisconsin their home. Most of these materials have been donated by patrons who made the contribution to the UWRF ARC in order to preserve and record history.

"About half of our patrons are community members, which is unusual for a school department," Jones said.

Jones said that the main rea-

son people visit the UWRF ARC is for genealogical research. The second reason patrons visit the archives is for scholarly research and the third is students working on class projects.

Another interesting characteristic of the UWRF ARC is that even though it only houses materials included in the fourcounty area, materials can be shipped to patrons for research via the statewide ARC network. The network links the 14 different Area Research Centers in the state of Wisconsin and provides the capability for patrons to request information that may not be carried at the UWRF ARC, explained Jones.

"It's a surprise every day," said Danielle Hubing, a senior at UWRF majoring in history and art who has worked at the UWRF ARC for two and a half years. "You pull something out and you never know what you're going to get."

Alpha Sigma Alpha named Greek Week Lip Sync champs



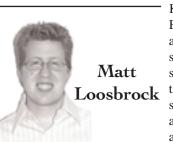
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Alpha Sigma Alpha members Danielle Cochran and Abby Lanoux perform to the Salt-n-Pepa song "Shoop" during the Lip Sync contest Wednesday night in the North Hall auditorium.

R.E.M. adds to impressive resumé with new album 'Accelerate'

Michael Stipe shouts like an apocalyptic gospel on "Living Well is the Best Revenge:" "It's only when your poison spins / Into the life you'd hoped to live / And suddenly you wake up in a shaken panic now." "Living Well is the Best Revenge" is perhaps R.E.M.'s angriest song since, well, ever. "All

your sad and lost apostles," Stipe continues, "Hum my name and flare their nostrils / Choking on the bones you tossed to them." These words, bled from a band who opened a concert with "It's the End of the World as We



Know It" the very same night Bush Jr. was re-elected, are angry, spiteful, mocking and are some of R.E.M.'s very best. Not since 1987's "Document" have they rocked with such finesse and style, clearly making their new album, "Accelerate," a classic in an already impressive track record.

The disc is both dark and humorous. On "Houston," guitarist Peter Bucks brings small eruptions of the classic "Losing My Religion" while Stipe, in perfect irony, chants "If the storm doesn't kill me, the government will / Gotta get that out of my

head / It's a new day today and the coffee is strong, I finally got some rest." The same lightness is applied to "Until the Day is Done:" a folk-like guitar strums along like a campfire ditty, while we're told of a lost battle and a "business first flat earther."

Those are the light ones. "Accelerate" uses guitar feedback like a saw blade, cutting through the air that will ring in your ears long after it's over. "Horse to Water" mimics the Violent Femme's "Country Death Song," invoking familiar feelings of drowning everything loved because you are told to. And I don't know who "Mr. Richards" is, but I wouldn't want to be in his suit as Stipes lectures, "Mr. Richards your conviction / Had us

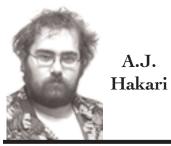
cheering in the kitchen / Now the jury's eating pigeon pie." Ouch.

The album isn't perfect, falling under the shadow of R.E.M. classics like "Out of Time" or "Automatic for the People," as there's almost too much angst ridden in here, but honestly, who can blame them?

"Death is pretty final / I'm collecting vinyl / I'm gonna DJ at the end of the world," R.E.M. claims on the album's final song, "I'm Gonna DJ," a pulsating beat of chaos and clarity. Hey, if the world's going to end, you may as well go out with a bang.

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Chan, Li combine talents for 'The Forbidden Kingdom'



The popularity of old kung ■ fu movies in America is a little puzzling. In their native lands, these flicks represent the stuff of legend—grand cinematic representations of stories handed down across the generations.

On this side of the pond, though, the best examples a lot of people see are a bunch of people in goofy costumes beating the stuffing out of each other. The new fantasy adventure "The Forbidden Kingdom" tries to have its cake and eat it too by attempting to appeal to both sides of this entertainment divide. But in doing so, the flick leaves itself wide open to inconsistencies, and in the end, it doesn't feel so much underwhelming ... the film doesn't

disappoint in

pitting these two guys

(Chan and Li) against

one another ...

as it feels undercooked. Michael Angarano

plays

Jason, a kid in the

Big Apple who spends his days perusing Chinatown shops for bootleg kung fu DVDs. When one of his shopping trips lands him in a skirmish with some young thugs, Jason gets the surprise of his life when he falls off a roof and lands not on the ground, but rather in China—and several centuries prior, at that.

It's not long before our confused hero encounters Lu Yan (Jackie Chan), a drunken scholar who informs him that the antique staff that apparently sent him back in time belongs to the Monkey King

(Jet Li), a warrior turned into a statue by the vicious Jade Warlord (Collin Chou).

Tasked with delivering the staff to the Monkey King and freeing him from his stone prison, Jason sets about acquainting himself with the martial arts in order to do battle with the Jade Warlord's armies, with the help of not just Lu Yan but also a stoic monk (also Jet Li) assigned to make sure the staff gets back to its rightful owner.

It's no secret that the biggest selling point of "The Forbidden Kingdom" is the long-awaited team-up of martial arts legends Jackie Chan and Jet Li. While I completely agree with those who say that this meeting of the minds (not to mention fists) would have been even better had it taken place a decade ago, it should be noted that the film doesn't disappoint in pitting these two guys against one another. Their very first encounter, which swiftly leads into a gravity-defying brawl, is nothing short of cin-

ematic gold—the kung fu equivalent of seeing Pacino and De Niro duke it out. But some-

times, "The Forbidden Kingdom" simply doesn't know what direction to head in, saddling viewers with such "wink, wink" moments like a female sidekick who randomly refers to herself in the third person, while often telling a story that takes itself way too seriously.

As tantalizing as the idea of Jackie and Jet teaming up sounds, "The Forbidden Kingdom" is nowhere close to

delivering on the hype. Overall, it's an entertaining enough action flick, but those hoping for a battle royale will be disappointed when the flick they're presented with is a royale with cheese.

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Tt only took a combined total **L**of 127 movies and 72 years of film experience to finally pair Jackie Chan and Jet Li together. The outcome, hyped and hypothesized for years, falls woefully short of expectations, landing somewhere between ignorant and absurd.

More goofball-flavored corniness than serious attempt at martial arts, "The Forbidden Kingdom" chroni-



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.

cles the unlikely adventure of Jason Tripitikis (Michael Angarano), a kung fuobsessed hermit of a teen.

While browsing through a local pawn shop, Jason discovers a mythical staff that sends him hurtling back in time to feudal China. There he must learn to embrace his destiny as the fabled 'Seeker of the Staff,' and help lead a small team of archetypal martial arts masters (Chan, Li and Yifei Liu) to free the imprisoned Monkey King and defeat the tyrannous Jade Emperor.

"Kingdom" doesn't exactly revolutionize the martial arts genre-it doesn't even add anything new, original or exciting—but it does manage to successfully pervert classic Chinese mythos in a vain attempt at narcissistic Westernization.

Director Rob Minkoff has fabricated a live-action Saturday morning cartoon hero quest aimed at teaching us all to find the courage within ourselves to do the right thing; and when that wet noodle of a morality lesson doesn't stick, the film puts all its eggs in the Chan/Li basket, milking their very presence as a cheap, used-car salesman's trick.

And therein lies the real gimmick "Kingdom" prides itself on. Minkoff appears to be suffering too much hero worship as the two golden calves he's raised up have consumed his eyes, blinding him from any real sense of focus or vision. He, along with screenwriter John Fusco, ignore their responsibilities towards the art form, pushing out a bastardized cinematic stillborn.

The Chan/Li pair-up is a



kung fu wet dream come true, and certified cash cow, but their manufactured involvement for the sake of profits leaves the audience dismembered by the shards of a broken script green-lit for the sake of greenbacks.

Minkoff idolizes his two stars, framing Chan and Li's first encounter against a sprawling temple piled high with altars, symbolic of the duo's near God-like status. But this reverence is shortlived; murdered moments after conception, the temple is a crumbled, forgotten relic mocking the deserved honor these two are fiercely denied.

Choreographer Woo-Ping Yuen (the guy who made Keanu Reeves and Hugo Weaving look cool in "The Matrix" trilogy and brought "Kill Bill" its geysered flair) adds little with his uninspired Hong Kong Phooey action stalemates.

An early scene of the Monkey King fighting atop cloudy mountain peaks looks so amateurishly ridiculous and fake, I had to fight to contain my laughter-it's funny at first, until you sit back and realize this is what is passing for modern cinema.

At one point in the film, the band of travelers is described as "misfits leading misfits." I can't help but feel that the audience is the misfit, led by a misfit content in being a Chan/Li welfare baby.



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Niki Paton/Student Voice

Unity in the Community participants Maili Yang, Kong Xiong, Lee Xiong and Marie Mova experienced the fun of the Indian festival of Holi, the festival of colors. Holi participants were recognizable by the brightly colored powder covering their clothes and body. Unity in the Community was an all-day event on campus April 15.

COMMUNITIES UNITE AT 15TH ANNUAL CAMPUS EVENT

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A lot has changed at UW-River Falls over the last 15 years. Droves of new students have come and gone, and a new state-of-the-art University Center now stands in the same spot where five years ago, students and faculty walked the halls of the old Ames building. One constant, however, has remained: an institution serving the campus community every year since its induction.

Unity in the Community day started in 1993, although its roots date back a year earlier to 1992 when a white UWRF student decided to write "KKK" in masking tape on the residence hall door of some African-American students. Multicultural Services Advisor Linda Alvarez said she recalls

what happened that day. "When [former UWRF] Chancellor [Gary Thibodeau heard about it that same day, he said, 'we will simply not tolerate bias and hate speech on this campus," Alvarez said.

Thibodeau wanted it known that UW-River Falls was as an institution where all students could achieve their maximum in a welcoming, safe environment, Alvarez said.

Alvarez said that over 600 students met the next evening at various places around campus to discuss strategies to increase diversity awareness on campus. At a huge followup gathering, a young African American student named Curtis Bickham gave an impassioned speech and ended it by saying that 'we must have unity in our community.' Everyone cheered his sentiments and thus the first Unity in the Community was initiat-

"[Chancellor Thibodeau 's] words are as true today as they were then," Alvarez said. "We gather with the River Falls city community to reaffirm our belief that this is a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for all."

Wednesday marked the 2008 version of Unity in the Community. Hundreds of people, including UWRF students and faculty, gathered throughout the day on the University Center mall to enjoy food and festivities. The on-campus portion of the event began at 10 a.m. and ran until 2 p.m., while the community event took place at 5:30 p.m. at Veteran's Park in downtown River Falls.

Students and faculty attend-

ing the campus event were treated to a wide variety of cultural and ethnic related activities including break dance and other diverse dance performances, a poetry recital, a Pow Wow presented by the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and a jazz performance by the UWRF Jazz

Karyn Wells is in her second

year UWRF Event Coordinator and said the event is one of the most anticipated of the year because it's for everyone. "It's an

Ensemble.

opportunity to celebrate our differences on with other bits of our own background," Wells said.

This year's

Awareness Committee (DAC), which has been busy planning since September.

"The committee spent hours discussing ideas for this year's Unity," DAC Chair Brad Kerschner said.

Along with the performances, the event featured a wide array of different activities for students and faculty to take part in. Different student organizations also set up tables and distributed information for people who attended.

While the event didn't go exactly as planned, it still ran smoothly and served its pur-

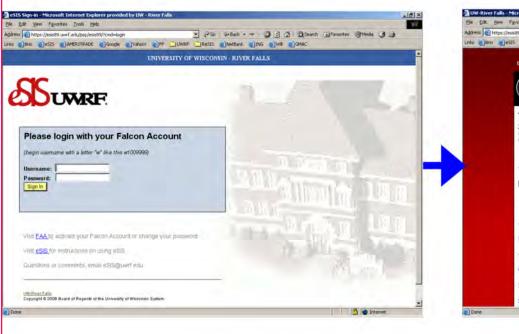
"I think Unity was very successful," Kerschner said. "You just need to accept that things will go differently, ... it was a relaxed and fun day."





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