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## Student Senate denies AFAB’s budget proposal

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The Allocable Fees Appropriation Board (AFAB) was scheduled to meet Thursday night to discuss budget revisions in the wake of its proposed budget being rejected at the March 23 Student Senate meeting. The budget failed in a 12-5 vote with 1 abstention.

“There were quite a few people [at the Senate meeting], around 75-100,” Student Voice Business Manager Ashley Schmeling said. “It was standing room only, some people standing two deep along all the walls. Every org rep there was really passionate about their org getting budget cuts and I think that is why Senate rejected the budget - to see so many people in attendance all so affected by these cuts was hard to ignore.”

The proposed budget cut an average of 51 percent per funding request for the 59 separate UW-River Falls campus organizations that requested money from the organized activities segregated fees fund. Friends of Big Brothers, Big Sisters (FBBBS) saw the lowest percentage budget cut at 7 percent, while University Theater and Dance Theater saw the biggest at 89 percent and 93 percent respectively.

Of the 59 organizations that appear in the budget proposal, 10 have a 100 percent budget cut. While some of these orgs may have simply not reapplied for funding, others requested money but were mistakenly not included in the AFAB budget proposal.

“There were representatives from two or three orgs there that weren’t on the budget proposal at all,” Schmeling said. “They complained that they requested funding but were mysteriously left off the budget proposal.”

According to Senate President Josh Brock, AFAB will need to meet and attempt to restructure the proposal in an effort to appease the affected organizations. One available solution would be to dip into the reserve fund, which is currently over \$100,000 according to the Oct. 20, Senate meeting minutes.

An option that wasn’t discussed at the Senate meeting was raising the segregated fees for full-time UWRF students. Currently, students pay \$59.76 per academic year for organized activities. According to Director of Student Life Paul Shepherd, UWRF has the lowest organized activities segregated fee in the UW-System; the average is \$75.

AFAB will resubmit a new budget proposal to Senate by Tuesday, March 30. If the proposal is again rejected, Chancellor Van Galen may get involved.

**“Two or three orgs weren’t on the budget proposal at all.”**

Ashley Schmeling  
Student Voice

## Dean Van Galen inaugurated as University chancellor



Sally King/Student Voice  
**Dean Van Galen talks to a Student Voice reporter. UWRF inaugurated Van Galen as the University’s 18th chancellor on Friday. In honor of his inauguration, the University held a series of events throughout the week.**

## UWRF holds events in honor of chancellor inauguration

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Dean Van Galen will be inaugurated as the 18th chancellor of UW-River Falls Friday, March 26, in the Riverview Ballroom at 2 p.m.

A Waupun, Wis., native, Van Galen earned his Bachelor of Science degree at UW-Whitewater. He then completed a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at Kansas State University and then went on to a post-doctoral research position at the University of California-Berkeley, according to the winter 2010 issue of Falcon Features. According to the magazine, Van Galen said he took the opportunity to interview for the position of chancellor at UWRF for many reasons, but the main reason was the University’s focus on students.

The University held multiple events leading up to the inauguration, including an executive-in-residence lecture by William T. Boehm, presented by the College of Business and Economics, and sponsored by WESTconsin Credit Union, River Falls. Boehm, a recently retired senior vice president and officer of the Kroger Co. is a graduate of UWRF and Purdue University. Boehm’s lecture addressed the topic “Ethics do Matter.” He addressed three main points. First, the decision making process itself must be fact-based, or at least objective; second, to incorporate a wide range of viewpoints in making a decision; third, good decisions require an ethical foundation.

Data and numbers are a very important part of decision making, according to Boehm, and politics and emotions should be parked at the door.

“Good decision making requires that you understand the consequences of alternative courses of action,” said Boehm.

Another event held to lead up to Van Galen’s inauguration was the 8th Annual Celebration of Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement (CRSCA), held in the Chalmer Davee library on Wednesday afternoon. This celebration is designed to recognize the intellectual and creative achievements of faculty and staff of UWRF by honoring the work that goes on outside of the classroom, according to the CRSCA Web site. Each spring semester the library displays the articles, books, academic posters, fine and performance art, playbills and

other items produced by UWRF faculty and staff during the previous calendar year. All submissions are cited in a CRSCA booklet and the celebration culminates in an annual reception to honor the faculty and staff who submitted work.

Dr. Kristin Tjornehoj was an exhibitor who was noted for three works. She said the event was a huge motivator.

“It’s a wonderful event and motivation to faculty to know that they can share their research, ideas and scholarly activities because we do so much of it, and it does kind of go unnoticed,” said Tjornehoj. “Your own colleagues sometimes aren’t aware of the passions and perhaps the things you’re doing.”

Head of Reference Services Brad Gee said the title of the event was self-explanatory.

“It’s a chance for all faculty and staff to gather together and share what they’ve done over the year,” said Gee.

Van Galen was also presented with a surprise gift of a copy of the first chemistry textbook used at UWRF, which will be filed in the archives in the lower level of the library.

The next event, held Wednesday evening was the first annual “Bowls for Hope,” a charity event for St. Croix Valley charities. Each year, UWRF will work with the community to raise funds for a worthy organization that makes a difference in the St. Croix Valley. This year, the organization was “Our Neighbors’ Place,” an organization founded in 2009, that will provide shelter and support services to families and individuals of Pierce and St. Croix Counties to help people move toward independence and self-sufficiency.

Our Neighbors’ Place had an informational table set up amongst the tables of bowls for attendees to select. One of the volunteers from the day center, Sue Waters, said she attended the first meeting where they talked about having nothing to offer the homeless people of River Falls. Within a years time a day center was opened at 136 River Walk (between Subway and the Falls Theatre). They also offer a transitional house and are working on saving funds to open an actual shelter.

“To be here tonight is awesome,” said Waters. “We’re creating community awareness, raising funds and hopefully getting more volunteers.”

For \$20, attendees could choose a bowl made by ceramic and pottery students at UWRF, River Falls Middle and High

Schools or donated by area artists. Attendees could then sample soup donated and served by area restaurants and vote on their favorite soup of the evening. Soups were donated by Sodexo Dining Services, The Dish & Spoon Café, Junior’s Bar & Grill, Grateful Bread, Perkins Family Restaurant, South Fork Café, West Wind Supper Club, Bo’s ‘N Mine and the Copper Kettle. Entertainment was provided by The Kinni Song Sisters and the Chris Silver and Tom Bentz Acoustic Duo.

“I just think it’s a great opportunity for the community to get together and do something for the community by giving something back,” said Dawn Morrow from the South Fork Café.

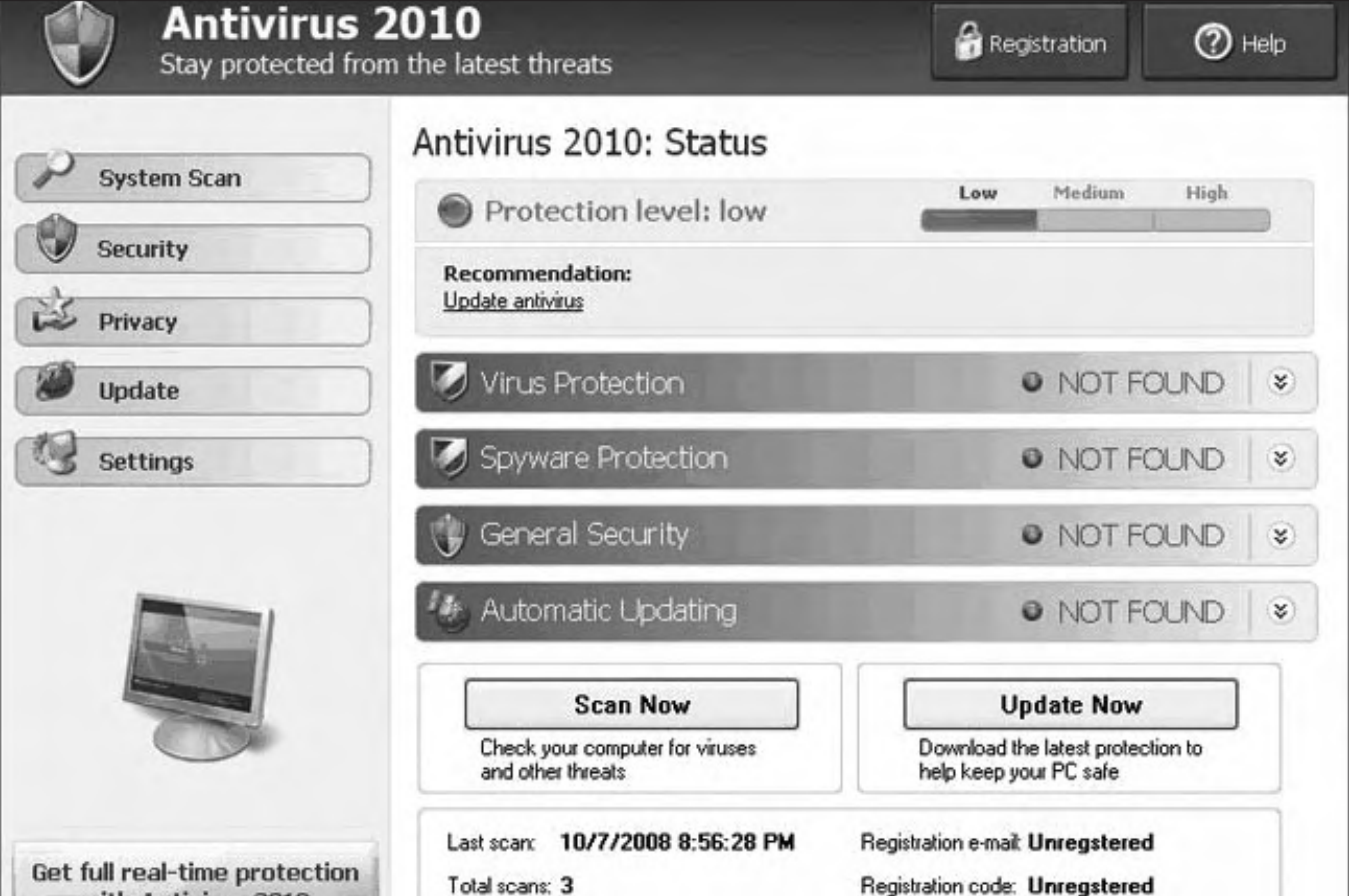
“We’re just very flattered to be included with the group of restaurants and really glad to have any opportunity to support our neighbors, like Our Neighbors’ Place,” said Abbie Testa, who owns the Dish & Spoon Café with her mother, Emily. “We’re very appreciative to be able to give back to them.”



Lezli Weis/Student Voice  
**The University hosts a charity to benefit a local organization called “Bowls of Hope.”**



# Viruses plague students from trusted sites



Screenshot

The WinAntivirus 2010 is the most common virus afflicting student computers at UWRF, according to DoTS.

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H1N1 hasn’t been the only virus infecting campus this winter. Though one wasn’t the feverish, sore throat, coughing type, it could cause just as many headaches.

Computer viruses used to be avoided by monitoring which Web sites were visited on a computer, but it’s no longer that simple, says Student Support Coordinator Steven Meads. On Feb. 22, there were over 25 infected computer reports filed in the Division of Technology Services (DoTS) on campus, and there have been 61 virus cases documented since March 1. The most commonly seen virus lately, said Meads, is WinAntivirus 2010. The virus looks very much like the Windows anti-virus program and is usually clicked because people assume it is from their operating system. The current viruses are being called “drive-by” viruses. According to Meads, a user will be sitting at a machine and a pop-up will appear telling the user the computer is infected with any number of problems.

The pop-up typically imitates a legitimate anti-virus program and gives the user the option—like many pop-ups—to close out, continue or decline the program. These pop-ups, according to Meads, are essentially one clickable link that activates the virus no matter what is clicked on the page. If the user has administrative privileges on the machine, it will install.

In the past, many viruses primarily came from distrusted sites where users would download hacked or illegal software. This string of viruses has been coming from legitimate, typically trusted sites. Meads said that in this case, the Star Tribune site was the main source of the infections. Web sites sometimes rent out advertising space but do not necessarily monitor where the ads are coming from. The advertisements sometimes become infected, bring up the pop-up and pass it on to users.

“Obviously, a lot of people on campus read the Star Tribune online,” Meads said. “And based on the number of incoming calls, we knew we were dealing with something big.”

If a pop-up appears, and a user is not entirely sure it is legitimate, Meads recommends taking your hands off the keyboard and calling DoTS if you’re on campus. A technician can remote in and remove the program if it is caught early enough. People off-campus that are associated with the University can also call DoTS, and a technician can walk them through the steps of removing the program.

The effects of the virus are not always immediately noticeable. Users with personal computers that see the pop-up also have the option of cutting their machine’s power by holding

down the power button for a few seconds, according to Mary-Alice Muraski, manager of Teaching and Learning Technologies.

Removal isn’t as easy as it used to be because it is a game of staying one step ahead, which, according to Meads, is a losing battle. A user may sometimes Google instructions on removing the virus, but the virus is constantly being altered.

“When someone calls in and says there’s something on their computer,” Meads said, “we want to get it removed immediately because it’s possible the virus can spread onto the network.”

Actual removal can potentially take hours if a lot of calls come in and the technicians get backed up. Meads said they try to allow two hours per machine. For someone on campus who is unable to perform their job because of the virus, DoTS has the “Quick Response” team. They also have a handful of technicians working at any given time to respond to calls. Since DoTS is funded through student technology fees, they are not able to take in off-campus students’ computers.

Fortunately, the University’s servers are protected behind multiple firewalls and are monitored. The operating systems are kept up-to-date and patched. A patch covers something such as a flaw or hole in an operating system or browser that allows a hacker to come in—literally “patching” a hole. E-mail “barracudas” are used to filter out about 90 percent or more of the spam and viruses in online messages, according to Muraski.

“We’ll see influxes,” Meads said. “One day we’ll see a spike, then the applications catch up, and it does back down.”

“Barracudas” belong to an international network that is updated every hour to prevent spam from coming through in e-mail.

Muraski recommends keeping browsers and operating systems up to date and using pop-up blockers. A user must be sure to disable pop-up blockers for trusted sites such as D2L and eSIS, as they both use pop-up messages.

Windows Update is another important tool to use on machines to try and stay ahead of viruses. All current students, faculty and staff have access to a free download of McAfee Virus Scan via the DoTS Web site. Meads said most programs are pretty good about letting a user know if something is out of date. Muraski also highly recommends using FalconFile daily to back up their work folders since it is on a protected server. External hard drives are another useful option.

If a user has any questions about computer protection or they see a suspicious pop-up, they are encouraged to call DoTS at extension 3687.

## VOICE SHORTS

### Mock interview deadline approaches

UWRF is offering students a chance to improve their job-seeking skills by participating in a mock interview from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 7 in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center. “The interview will last 30 minutes, which will provide enough time for the employer to ask interview questions and provide advice on how to improve your responses for a real interview,” according to the Career Services home page. Pre-registration is required, so interested students need to sign up by March 30 at Career Services. For additional information, contact Nancy Pace by phone at 425-3572 or by e-mail at nancy.i.pace@uwrf.edu.

## RIVER FALLS POLICE/ UWRF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

### Feb. 23

- Daniel J. Chulla, 19, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in McMillan Hall.

### March 5

- Brittany J. Servent, 20, was cited for assaultive behavior in Startton Hall.

### March 8

- Michel T. Twining, 18, was cited for disorderly conduct in Hathorn Hall.

### March 10

- Thomas J. Donnan, 19, was cited for misuse of parking services/parking pass in O Lot.

### March 11

- Two evergreen pine trees planted along the east side of Chalmer Davee Library were dug up and stolen.

### March 24

- Two bicycles was reported stolen from outside South Fork Suites.
- A bicycle was reported stolen from outside Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

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# Dance Theatre presents spring performance



Sally King/Student Voice

UWRF’s Dance Theatre program held its spring concert in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The organization kicked off its series of performances Wednesday, March 24, and continue through Saturday, March 27. The performances featured UWRF students who have been working on their pieces for months. Also, the concert highlighted choreography from students, faculty and guests. The event was co-directed by faculty members Karla Zhe and Mari Kline-Kluck.



# UWRF alumnus runs for Wisconsin governor

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UW- River Falls alumnus Mark Neumann is running for governor of Wisconsin on the Republican ticket. Neumann got his masters degree in supervision/instructional leadership at UWRF in 1977 after getting his bachelor’s degree in math education at UW-Whitewater in 1975.

“I’ve been watching the nation and state in trouble from both an economic and political standpoint, and I don’t want my three grandchildren to have to have to deal with these problems,” Neumann said.

Two of Neumann’s main focuses are creating jobs and ensuring the best education possible, according to his campaign Web site.

The Neumann administration will focus on reducing the tax rate in Wisconsin significantly, assuring that Wisconsin children are the best educated in the world, creating the best educated work force in the world, and working to preserve the environment in ways that are not punitive toward businesses, according to his campaign Web site.

The site also mentions that Neumann’s plan for education is

to create an education environment that ensures Wisconsin has the best-educated young people in the world. The idea is that creating a better education system will also create more jobs.

“My first job was teaching at the River Falls High School. My wife worked at the hospital there, and we had our first child there. River Falls is a very important part of our life,” Neumann said.

After teaching mathematics for four years at the high school level Neumann and his wife Sue started their business in the basement of their own home, selling real estate. In 1986, they started building homes in the Janesville/Milton, Wisc., area. Four years later, after nearly failing in the first year, the company had grown to producing 120 homes per year, providing job opportunities for over 240 families in southern Wisconsin. Over the years, Mark’s companies received numerous awards for being some of the fastest growing in America such as Inc. Magazine, Fastest Growing Companies in America, Entrepreneur Magazine, Hot 100 Companies in America, and Future 50 Award, among others.

“I took some classes at Madison after graduating from River Falls and was really intimidated, but found out that the classes weren’t any harder than the ones I took at River Falls,” Neu-

mann said. “The quality of education at River Falls was excellent.”

He is also concerned with fixing the healthcare system. The solutions will be private sector ideas applied on a larger scale to improve the healthcare system for everyone in Wisconsin, according to his Web site.

“The solutions will simultaneously save the taxpayers of our state a significant amount of money. Fixing our healthcare system is not just an issue in Wisconsin, and the actions of the federal government will impact how our state can effectively deal with the problem. As the campaign progresses, there will be more information on this important issue,” according to the Web site.

“My generation had the opportunity to strive for the American dream,” Neumann said. “I want to make sure that younger generations can achieve that too.”

Neumann believes that students that are looking for jobs after college have to work very hard to stand out and find jobs.

“Fill out hundreds of applications, work hard and search for all of your options,” Neumann said. “The people who work the hardest will succeed.”

# Residence Hall Association accepts applications

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The UW-River Falls Residence Hall Association (RHA) is accepting student applications for executive board positions for the 2010-11 school year.

“RHA is a representative body that advocates for the on-campus student population,” said William Larson, the RHA chair.

The executive board positions available include a chairperson, Residence Life relations coordinator, programming coordinator, student issues and improvements coordinator and administrative coordinator. They are also looking for a Student Senate Delegate, but this position is not part of the executive board.

The RHA deals with programming for the residence halls, hears housing appeals and approves purchasing materials and program funding for the halls. The RHA is also an advising body for Residence Life, is a representative body for student issues and concerns of residence hall students and participates in state, regional and national residence life leadership opportunities, according to the RHA responsibilities chart.

Larson said the RHA is beneficial to UWRF students.

“The RHA centralized a lot of tasks that used to be spread

out through other departments,” he said. “Now it is less confusing for students; they only need to go to one place to get their needs or concerns taken care of.”

The RHA has had many accomplishments in their first year on campus, according to Tracy Gerth, residence life area coordinator. They unanimously approved their constitution, hosted two successful events and won several awards at the state and regional conferences. The Highlighter for Life event and Midnight Madness helped raise money for Feed my Starving Children and Multiple Sclerosis. The RHA is also looking forward to another successful event, Lil Siblings weekend (April 16-18), according to Gerth.

The RHA sent 14 delegates to the state Wisconsin United Residence Hall Association (WURHA) leadership conference, according to Gerth. Alissa Baker, the RHA’s current communication coordinator, won the Wisconsin Communication Coordinator of the Year award. UWRF won the large school building block award for its progress with RHA. For the second year in a row, UWRF won the large school of the year award. UWRF also took home the best large school spirit award and the best large school roll call award for their creative skit.

The RHA also won awards at the regional conference, according to Larson. The Great Lakes Affiliate of Colleges and University Residence Halls (GLACURH) conference award-

ed UWRF with best roll call of all the schools present. Roll calls are when each school comes up with a skit or song that introduces them to the other schools at the conference. UWRF also won the program of the year award for UWRF’s iRock program. The iRock program is a living learning community that will be located in May Hall next year. This program will focus on the concepts of personal wellness, connection to the environment and social justice, according to the Housing Preference Choices flyer. The students involved in this community will take two to three courses each semester that incorporate the concepts through team learning, experiential programming, service learning and regular positive interaction with students and staff.

Larson is excited to see what the new executive board will bring to the RHA.

“I hope for more programming from the RHA and for the new executive board to get the name out there and have more of a presence so more students can recognize what the RHA is all about,” he said.

Gerth agrees with Larson adding additional goals for the group’s future.

“I hope the RHA continues to grow in a positive direction, building on new programs and ways to make the residence halls a positive place for students to live,” she said.

Applications for the RHA executive board positions are available at the Information Center desk in the University Center. All applications must be turned in to the Involvement Center desk or to Laurie Cicchese (laurie.cicchese@uwrf.edu).



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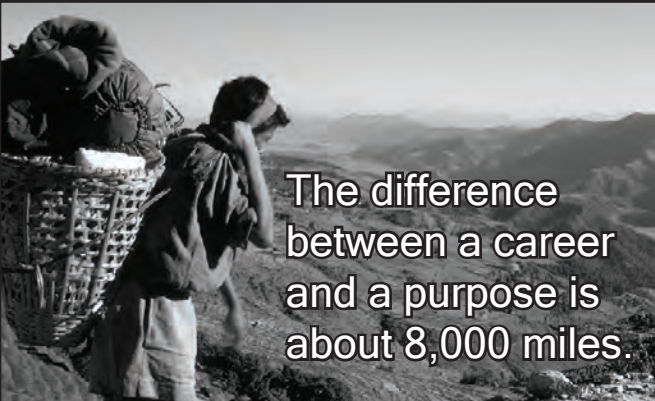
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EDITORIAL

Students lack knowledge on critical UWRF issues

UW-River Falls’ chancellor is Dean Van Galen, and this week he will be inaugurated, with events that started on Tuesday, spanned through Thursday and his inauguration ceremony taking place on Friday. The actual inauguration is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m., and his reception will follow at 3:30 p.m. The campus is doing its best to promote the event, informing students the best they can about the ceremony and its importance.

However, after gathering this week’s ‘Student Voices,’ the Student Voice Editorial Staff realized students on campus have little to no knowledge about Chancellor Van Galen or the responsibilities he has at the University. This is unacceptable. As a member of the student body, it is the responsibility of each person to be informed and knowledgeable, especially about things that are directly affecting them.

Chancellor Van Galen, a Wisconsin native, is the 18th Chancellor at UWRF, and his responsibilities include helping to develop the strategic plan which includes the University’s commitment to sustainability, outreach with the local, regional and global community and striving further in the goal of creating an inclusive campus.

Staying informed about the important figures heading the University is important for each student to do, but the Chancellor is not the only authoritative body that makes significant decisions affecting each student. The Student Senate is an organization whose actions fly under student radar.

The Senate is in charge of making several important decisions that affect every student who attends UWRF. It is important for students to be aware of what Senate is doing. There are several ways to stay informed about what Senate is up to. Their meetings are open; anyone can, and is invited to, attend. There are also logs of agendas and meeting minutes available online. When it comes to staying informed to be a responsible student of the University, there are no excuses.

When the University is inaugurating a new Chancellor, students should know about him, about the ceremony and about the position. It is their personal responsibility to stay in the know. Information about Chancellor Van Galen is available online at the University’s Web site. When Senate is making decisions integral to the welfare of UWRF, students should be informed and eager to learn. These issues influence the campus in its entirety, and it is not unreasonable to chastise those who refuse to get informed.

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By Jon Lyksett

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Director at UWRF shows support for candidate

Joe Boles graduated from UWRF in 1977, earned a law degree, and set up practice in River Falls-today he’s a partner in a local firm. He’s been a friend to the University ever since. He provided free legal advice to students for more than 10 years. He served on the College of Business and Economics Advisory Board and the Chancellor’s Advisory Board, and is current chair of the UWRF Foundation Board.

I’ve known Joe for 20 years. We serve together on the Board of Directors of Kinnick Falls Halfway House and our paths cross regularly.

Now he’s running for judge in Pierce County. He’ll make a good one. He understands the law and is deeply committed to it, but he also understands that societies are composed of individuals, all of whom have different viewpoints which must be heard and balanced. When all is said and done, he’ll issue judicious decisions.

I support him whole-heartedly, and encourage you all to do so as well.

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Professor addresses student cleanliness, hygiene issues

Ah, the aromas of spring, tulips and early barbeques. But there are other aromas, too. Ones that put me in a dilemma. As an instructor, I am told about the body odor of students.

Innocent folks, trying to be helpful, but not having the courage to tell those who sit next to them in class that more showers and stronger deodorant are needed, inform me of the problem. I

guess I am thought to be the person who can best share this knowledge with a student, discretely.

What do I do? I want to be a person that guides students academically and in other ways to help open their future lives and career opportunities, but I never learned about this dilemma in graduate school. Instead I learn to analyze problems. My analysis is this.

When we are at home under our loving parents care, and this problem arises, they can say “Honey, I think you need to shower more.” The message of love comes across along with the suggestion. Or perhaps even more effective is the sibling’s message, “You stink. Literally, you stink!” Not so loving, but not too jarring coming from a sibling. Then we go off to college. For many this is the first time laundry is our sole responsibility. No loving parent or brutally honest sibling is nearby to sound the alarm. Winter is less of a problem. It’s cold and there is less sweat. Then spring comes. Some students haven’t done laundry in months and shower only once a week.

The resulting smell overwhelms the aromas of spring tulips and early barbeques. Well, I’m hoping this letter is good enough to solve my dilemma, to sound the alarm without offending anyone. But of course, there is the dilemma for students. How do you inform a teacher that they have a special spring aroma? Maybe an anonymous note in their mail box? Both dilemmas solved! Then may we all take a deep breath and enjoy spring’s many pleasant aromas.

**Davida Alperin,**  
**Professor,**  
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Candidate encourages students, community to vote in election

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Twins fans celebrate Joe Mauer’s record-breaking contract extension

Joe Mauer is here to stay. On March 21, Mauer signed an eight-year, \$184 million dollar contract to keep him with the Minnesota Twins through 2018. While I personally never thought he would sign with the overpaid villains of New York, I couldn’t help but to bask in the future glory that lies ahead for Mauer and the Twins.

Mauer’s contract is the largest ever for a catcher and ranks fourth all-time. But what this means for the Twins, who have had a hard time keeping stars due to the free-spending teams such as Boston and New York, is that they are committed to building a championship club with Mauer as the face of the organization, by taking big strides to compete with the “big boys.” The Twins have done remarkably well given their small market expenditures and have consistently been in contention, taking pride in the fact that they “play the game the right way.”

Joe Mauer represents all that is good with baseball, and all that is good with the Twins. And so, this column is a tribute to the accomplishments that have already come for the St. Paul native, and the things that surely are to come. According to the Twins Web site, “In his breakout 2006 season, Mauer became the first catcher in major league history to lead the majors in batting average and the first American League catcher to win the batting title, finishing with an average of .347. In 2008, he became the first American League catcher to win the batting title twice when he led the AL with an

average of .328; Mauer also won his first Gold Glove Award. In 2009 Mauer lead the American League in batting average (.365), on-base percentage (.444), slugging percentage (.587), and OPS (1.031). Mauer became the first catcher to lead the league in all four offensive categories in a single season, and the first catcher to win three batting titles. Mauer also won his second consecutive Gold Glove in 2009.

Mauer was also named the American League’s 2009 MVP by a near-unanimous decision (27 out of 28 first place votes).”

His swing has been touted as the sweetest in baseball, and it’s not hard to see why, Mauer has won as many batting titles in a four-year span as all MLB catchers combined. Mauer will be 35 when his contract is up in 2018, and if he keeps doing what he’s been doing, he will turn Minnesota into the land of 10,000 hits (ok maybe not that many).

The Twins open their 2010 campaign on April 5th against the Los Angeles Angles of Anaheim and their first game at Target Field is slated for April 12th against the Boston Red Sox. Whether fans will be wearing hats and mittens to the game or sunglasses and shorts (the Minnesota weather can be as unpredictable as a game of baseball), one thing will remain for years to come: the sideburns and sweat swing of a boy Minnesota can proudly call their own, Joe Mauer.



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# As summer movie season draws near, excitment grows

I'm no Pete Travers, Roger Ebert, or the lovely movie critics we have at the Voice. However, I am an avid movie goer who recently has done less going. In the past seven months, the only movies that I have gone to see in theatres are "Sherlock Holmes," "Inglourious Basterds," "Paranormal Activity," and recently "Alice in Wonderland." Starting with "Clash in the Titans" in April, I fully intend to get back into the swing of things by going to see every epic movie that will come out all the way through August. Let me tell you, my good friends, about some of the flicks that I'm rather jacked about.

Let's start with the lovely month of May. For everyone that saw the awesome original in 2008, you, like me, are beyond excited for the next installment in the "Iron Man" series. "Iron Man 2," coming out May 7th, should be absolutely incredible. Perhaps I'm just saying this because I'll watch and appreciate pretty much anything Robert Downey Jr. does. With the acquisition of Don Cheadle, Mickey Rourke and Scarlett Johansson (purr), "Iron Man 2" should rock audiences with some great storyline, explosive special effects, and great superhero/villain showdowns that Marvel has given us in recent years.

Next on my list to see for the summer is "Gladiator 2!" Ok, not really, but that's pretty much what the new "Robin Hood" trailer looks like. Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe teaming up again? Count me in. Just a week after "Iron Man 2" comes out, "Robin Hood" looks to give movie goers plenty of action. I'm sorry Kevin Costner, I think Mr. Crowe will make a much more badass Robin Hood, and I'm sure the box office numbers will prove that.

Now, if any of you nerds, like me, have ever played the game growing up, you are excited to see Mr. Donnie Darko, Jake Gyllenhaal, tear it up in "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time." This movie brings up the rear in the month of May coming out on the 28th. The trailer for this movie looks so incredibly stylized, and that's not to say it's a good or bad thing. I swear that everything was crumbling and in slow motion, but I still have some hope for the movie being true to the video games.

Let's head right into the month of June. There are plenty of movies that I will probably go and see on a summer night, but there that I'm really excited about. On June 18th comes the movie that will give Pixar their first trilogy. "Toy Story 3." I'm



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excited because I genuinely love the first two movies, and I feel like going to see this movie will bring me back a good decade or so. There are few movies that captivated me like the first "Toy Story" did.

There are plenty of great flicks that I'm excited about for July. First, "Despicable Me" looks to be very entertaining with one of my favorites, Steve Carell.

This movie should definitely carry itself with its originality. I can't vouch for it until July, but I'm pretty excited about this animated feature.

Next on the list is Christopher Nolan's potential masterpiece "Inception." The trailer itself makes me a little nauseous, but that's what's so intriguing about it. I don't doubt that this movie will have any trouble beating out it's competition that week, in which Nicolas Cage plays a sorcerer...give me a break.

Lastly in July, is a movie you probably haven't even heard about yet. "Dinner for Schmucks" reunites Steve Carell and Paul Rudd for what should be an absolutely fantastic comedy flick. Now, I say "absolutely fantastic" because I'm a bit of a slut for "The Office," and will gladly go see anything Mr. Carell is in, although I'll call him out for abominations like "Evan Almighty."

Lastly, let me wrap it up with August. One movie I've been following for a while that I expect to be pretty decent is "Scott Pilgrim vs. The World." Michael Cera, and the director of "Shaun of the Dead" team up for this movie, and that's a combination that I'll gladly pay eight bucks to see. Lastly, and this is probably rather hypocritical of me since I refuse to see "Cop Out," I'm actually excited about Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg teaming up "The Other Guys." I have faith because "Step Brothers," and "Anchorman" director Adam McKay is heading up the movie. Let's see if he can make it happen.

So, if you weren't already excited for summer, now you have a little guide of but a few movies that you should go and check out during the months of May-August. After spending the day frolicking in the summer weather, spend the night time checking out the latest gold Hollywood has to offer.

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# Mystery graffiti artists on campus lack creativity, skills

I noticed something on my spring break strolls last week. River Falls has fallen captive to the most insidious of all criminals – those damned graffiti people. I don't know what else to call them.

Artists? Psh, the line between graffiti and art - at least in our town - remains broad. Sure, graffiti meets the aesthetic requirements expected of artwork on some exotic dumpsters somewhere. But not here.

Graffiti is often used to communicate a social or political message. I saw one down by the dam in Glen Park. Scribbled on a concrete pillar by the trotting water of the Kinni is the message "Rise Up For Women's Rights." The handwriting is sloppy. Perhaps it was written by a four year old or by someone struck with the drunkard's palsy. The scrawl is unadorned with any artistic flair – just black ink from a spray can. Now the cause I cannot disagree with. After reading Alice Walker's The Color Purple and seeing The Vagina Monologues more times than is necessary for a young man, I wholeheartedly support equal rights and opportunities for women. But vandalizing the natural beauty of the riverside with such a slipshod scratch job is shameful. I don't think it will motivate anyone to rise up for any reason except to leave.

There is similar slapdashery sprayed on a dumpster in the alley behind South Fork Café. This one, with equally slack paintersmanship, simply reads "THINK." It is completely ugly and totally useless save



Joe Hager

for use as an exercise in mockery (read: this article). It doesn't provoke any thought or sew any seeds of growing consciousness. It just further soils an already-soiled dumpster full of chicken giblets and smelly beef.

Another symbol is sprayed near the dam in Glen Park. This one is a classic attempt at the well-known symbol of anarchism – an "A" scrawled over a circle. In the usual symbol, the "A" bursts beyond the circle and represents escape from the bindings of social and political oppression. What's funny about the Glen Park anarchy symbol is the fact that the "A" remains neatly contained within its circular perimeter. It's like it is quite at home and has no desire to escape or break out or anything of the sort. It's a symbol for the slothful anarchist. That guy who claims he's totally for anarchy, man, but would rather skip the rally in the street and just order some Domino's instead. He has a coupon from last time.

So if any of you damned graffiti people read this article, know that I am furious at you for not entertaining me with your vandalism. If you are willing to risk it all on the side of a dumpster to peddle your political and philosophical musings to the populace, please take the time to make it worth it for the rest of us. If you're going to break the law, the least you can do is entertain me in the process. Alright, I guess it's also my duty as a public columnist to say this: uh, don't break the law, please.

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# STUDENT VOICES

What are your first impressions of Chancellor Van Galen?

Kenny Zimmerman, graduate student

"I'm a graduate student, so I'm not on campus very often and don't know very much about him."



Alex Kermes, senior

"That's honestly the first time I've heard his name."

April Knipher, sophomore

"I haven't really heard a whole lot ."



Anna Brozack, senior

"They're pretty good and there's been two switches in the years I've been here, but I've heard good things about him."

Student Voices compiled by – Lezli Weis

# Columnist compares Passover and Easter traditions while explaining little-known facts

While stemming from the traditions of two different religions, Easter and Passover have a lot in common. Here are some facts that you may not have known about these upcoming holidays.

**Passover**  
•Passover is the oldest continuously celebrated Jewish holiday.  
  
•Pesach is the Hebrew word for Passover.

•A Seder is the traditional dinner on the first two days of Passover.  
  
•The word Seder in Hebrew means "order"

•The Haggadah is a book that contains the entire service used for the Passover seder. The central message for Jews in the Haggadah is that God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. In the Haggadah, the name of Moses is mentioned only once, in order to prevent Moses from becoming idolized.

•The Afikomen is the last food eaten at the Passover Seder. It is a hidden matzah that children find after the Seder.  
  
•The Hebrew word for Egypt is "mitz-rah-yim." When Jews talk about being "enslaved in mitzrahyim," they mean not only in Egypt but also in all the times and places where Jews were not free to practice their religion.

**Easter**  
•Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Passover Seder.

•The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.  
  
•The tradition of giving eggs has been traced back to the Egyptians, Persians and Gauls who believed the egg was a symbol of life.  
  
•The date of Passover is variable as it depends on the phases of the moon and thus Easter is also a movable feast.

•Every year on Easter the Pope sends his "Urbi et Orbi" to the world. This is a Papal address to the world also given on Christmas.

•The name Easter comes from Eostre, an ancient Anglo-Saxon goddess of the Sun. In pagan times a festival was held every Spring in her honor.

•The Guinness Book of Records holder for the largest Easter egg ever made is the Belgian chocolate producer Guylian who made the chocolate egg with at least 50.000 bars on behalf of the city of St. Niklaas. The egg measured 8.32 metres high . Twenty-six craftsman worked altogether 525 hours to build the egg. They needed 1950 kg of chocolates.  
  
These are just a few little known facts about two widely celebrated holidays.

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# Proposed Health and Human Performance building to improve campus

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The proposed Health and Human Performance (HHP) building is expected to open in four years, but that hasn't stopped those around campus from thinking about its benefits now.

According to campus officials, the new HHP building is expected to not only help bring in more prospective students, but also to help the recruiting of sports teams as well.

Football Head Coach John O'Grady has been familiar with the campus for a long time, being a student at the school in the 1970s. He said that not much has changed in the almost 40 years since he attended classes in the Emogene A. Nelson Center.

"Those classrooms we used back then have not changed except for the technology capabilities and the grease boards," he said. "The heating systems still make the same noises they did back then and they tend to be too hot in both the winter and the spring."

As for the football team, the new building will help them with the training the team does when they are not on the practice field. Currently, the team uses weight lifting equipment the most when not practicing on the field outside.

"With only one gym available to us we really are limited in what we can do," said O'Grady. "Most of our time is spent in the strength and conditioning center and at the Knowles building."

This could change, however, with the new HHP building opening up new facilities on campus.

"Having a new physical education center out at [Hunt Arena and Knowles Center] will make it a lot easier to transition

from the Strength and Conditioning Center to the Knowles for flexibility, speed work and conditioning drills," said O'Grady.

According to the campus report, the building is not set to open until at least four years from now. The building is scheduled to be open starting August of 2014, with the project finally closing out January of 2015.

According to the report, however, it could be as much as six years before the university can occupy the new building.

An alternate plan, which is tentative on budgeting from the State of Wisconsin budget, could delay the completion until Aug. of 2016.

According to the building plans Web site, the HHP building will include some updated versions of much of the buildings already on campus, but will also include some new structures as well.

The new building will include a new gymnasium, a workout gym, racquetball courts, a workout area, offices, classrooms, locker rooms, support spaces and a lobby.

The new building is being planned to be connected to Hunt arena and the Knowles center.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, associate vice chancellor for enrollment services, said he thinks that the new building could reflect positively not only on admissions but the University's image as well.

"Students and their families are very interested in seeing the facilities that are available to our students," he said. "Although the instructor doing the actual teaching is the most important, everyone likes to see the instructors and students in highly functional space."

Tuchtenhagen also said that opening a new building can also help the University's image for students considering attending UWRF, comparing it to the opening of the University Center.

"I feel that, just as the new University Center has had a very positive impact on our institutional image, a new HHP building would do the same," he said.

With the building of the new HHP building connecting to Hunt Arena and the Knowles Center, some of the current campus facilities could be affected, according to the campus report.



HHP Pre-Design Report

**A plan of the layout of campus after the completion of the new Health and Human Performance building. The building numbered four represents the new building to be completed as early as 2014.**

In the report, two different fields used by UWRF athletics could be affected.

According to the report, the softball fields "proximity to existing buildings may warrant relocation."

The plan also states that some of the current practice fields used by the football and soccer teams would also be moved to accommodate parking.

The plan proposes that two fields be moved to the east side of the football fields, where an agricultural area currently stands, while two practice fields will still stand in the same area of their current location, but moved closer to the Kwik Trip Gas Station.

According to the construction, the proposed changes to campus could begin to take form soon, with construction starting March 2012, with an expected completion date of Aug. 2014.

# March Madness stays true to its name with multiple early round tournament upsets

The NCAA Men's basketball tournament delivered the "madness" in March Madness last weekend as the tournament kicked off the first round last Thursday and Friday and the second round on Saturday and Sunday. This year's tournament so far has been filled with upsets and bracket busters as teams like Kansas, Georgetown, and Villanova packed their bags early and went home after the weekend.

The Kansas Jayhawks loss in the second round was the biggest surprise in the tournament. Not because of the team they played, but because they were arguably the favorite

to win the tournament this year or to at least make it to the championship game. According to espn.com, about 98.1% of the people who filled out their brackets on espn.com had Kansas advancing to the sweet sixteen; in fact they were the top vote-getter of any team to make it out of each round of the tournament. The Jayhawks were so heavily favored 42.2% of the people who filled out their brackets on espn.com picked Kansas to win the entire tournament. The next favored team people picked

to win the entire tournament was Kentucky at 21.4%. I'll

do the math for you. It comes out to be a 20.8% difference.

Who was this team that took down the mighty Jayhawks you ask. The Northern Iowa Panthers out of the Missouri Valley Conference; a team where their biggest wins were against Boston College out of the ACC, which was played on a neutral site and against Iowa out of the Big Ten Conference at home, and Iowa State out of the Big 12 Conference on the road. All these wins seem good seeing as a mid-major team was beating teams from the Power

Six Conferences, which are the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10, and SEC, but Boston College finished 8th out of 12 teams in the ACC, Iowa finished 10th out of 11 teams in the Big Ten, and Iowa State finished 10th out of 12 teams in the Big 12.

Even though the Panthers were ranked in the top 25 in the polls this year, the team's biggest wins are against me-

diocre to cellar-dweller teams in the power six conferences.

Don't get me wrong though, Northern Iowa has been one of the best and hottest teams coming into the tournament this year and was one of my teams to watch in this year's

tournament. The Panthers beat up the teams from the Missouri Valley Conference and one their conference tournament. They play an excellent style of defense and have the confidence to play any team in the conference and that was before taking down the favorite to win the tournament this year. The team knows how to win as they went 30-4 this year and 15-3 in conference.

This is a team to watch in the sweet sixteen and could possibly make a run to the final four. Taking down the top seed in the tournament, you're sure to have all the confidence in the world taking on any team they may face for the rest of the tournament.

Northern Iowa wasn't the only team to pull off a major upset in the first and second round of the tournament. The Ohio Bobcats out of the MAC took down Big East powerhouse, Georgetown, in an offensive shoot-out in the first round. The Bobcats finished the season 7-9 in conference and 22-15 overall. The team had no significant wins over the top teams in basketball and the only way they were going to make it to the Big Dance was if they pulled off some upsets to win the MAC Conference tournament. They did just that to receive a 14th seed in the NCAA Tournament and get a first round date against 3rd seed Georgetown. The Hoyas had a down year compared to the last few years, but was expected to take care of 14th seed Ohio easily. The Bobcats took an early lead and the Hoyas could not catch up.

Villanova out of the Big East Conference was quite of a surprise in this year's tournament. After generously receiving a number two seed, even though they lost five out of their last nine games of the regular season and lost in the opening round of their conference tournament, they struggled to beat 15th seed Robert Morris as they won in double overtime. The Wildcats struggled again in the second round to Saint Mary's out of the WCC conference, but this time couldn't get the W and was sent home packing.

Cornell out of the Ivy League was a surprise in this year's tournament. Ivy League teams traditionally don't make it out of the first round and usually get beat up by one of the Power Six Conference teams. This year was different. The Big Red plays solid defensively and even played Kansas tough early in the season. They took care of 5th seed Temple out of the Atlantic 10 Conference in the first round and also 4th seed Wisconsin out of the Big Ten Conference to make it to the sweet sixteen. It's the first sweet sixteen appearance for an Ivy League team since the 1979 NCAA Tournament.

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# New Gorillaz album features ‘pop’ music with substance

The first image that comes to mind when one thinks of the Gorillaz is, of course, the cartoon characters. The animated foursome of 2D, Murdoc Niccals, Noodle and Russel Hobbs have appeared in video games, toured across the globe and even performed at the Grammy’s alongside a gyrating Madonna. However, with all the media attention that the virtual bandmates have received over the past decade, it’s easy to forget that their very existence is a result of a rebellion against



Andy Phelps

diluted and meaningless pop music. Brit-pop icon Damon Albarn and comic book artist Jamie Hewlett formed the group in 1998 after being nauseated by the bland and counterfeit content they found all too commonplace in the music videos that looped endlessly on television. “If you watch MTV for too long, it’s a bit like hell—there’s nothing of substance there,” Hewlett said. On Plastic Beach, the latest Gorillaz LP, Albarn

has once again formed a collection of capable and diverse guest artists—this time delivering a series of environmentally-conscious tracks—warning of a future dystopia in which everything has become disposable. The end result is the most “real” Gorillaz release to date. The album kicks off in somewhat uneven fashion; “Orchestral Intro,” performed by the Lebanese National Orchestra for Oriental Arabic Music, is enthralling and entrancing, but over seemingly in the blink of an eye. “Welcome to the World of the Plastic Beach,” which follows, is a trippy and psychedelic track that achieves the near-impossible feat of making Snoop Dogg (an ironic guest

choice, considering his MTV reality show fame) tolerable. It’s also perhaps the first instance in which Snoop goes an entire three minutes without once referencing himself. “White Flag” sees U.K. rappers Kano and Bashy covering a wide array of topics, including religion and war, over a faint Mideastern backdrop. “There’s no bomb here, there’s no war cause / I can break out of jail with a lighter / So is there any point in making laws, blood?” Bashy asks in the opening verse, revealing himself to be more thoughtful than the typical grime MC. Though Albarn claims that Plastic Beach is the Gorillaz’ most characteristically pop album yet—the lack of a

big hit single is glaring. By no means does the record need an overly catchy, top-40 track, but the lack of a “Feel Good Inc.” or “Clint Eastwood” is immediately apparent. However, “Stylo” features a howling Bobby Womack and Mos Def on an interesting space-disco journey. The record isn’t without failures. “Superfast Jellyfish” tries to push the creative and artistic envelope, but simply comes off as incredibly annoying and confusing—somewhat shocking, considering it is performed by De La Soul who was also responsible for “Feel Good

Inc.” We can clearly see Albarn evolving as a composer—if this can truly be considered a “pop record,” it goes to show what a distorted view Albarn has of the genre. With all the unique synths, hypnotic beats and vocals that occasionally fail to register completely, it occasionally feels that the final product is simply too much. At times, it can feel quite lonely. Plastic Beach isn’t perfect, but it is extremely forward-thinking and damn entertaining.

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# Action saves romantic comedy Gore mars action movie



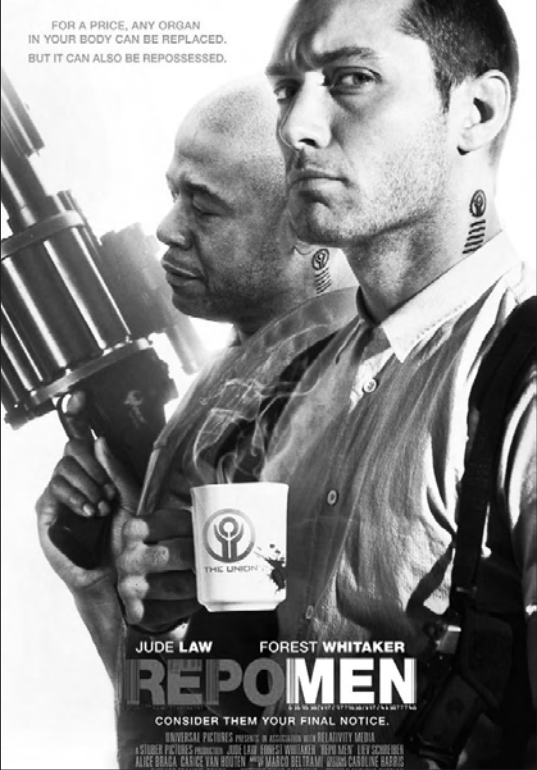
Natalie Conrad

I want to start out by stating that I had no interest in seeing this film and I am not a fan of romantic comedies, but I have to admit compared with most of the romantic comedies that I’ve seen, this film had a unique twist. The love story didn’t interest me much-no surprise-but the action-filled plot made things a lot more interesting. It didn’t help that I don’t particularly care for Jennifer Aniston or Gerard Butler (can’t they ever let him use his Scottish accent?). The love story was as disgustingly predictable and uninteresting as always in romantic comedies. There was nothing spectacular about the acting by the two main stars. The most interesting and entertaining characters were the supporting actors and minor roles. Christine Baranski was uniquely delightful as Aniston’s philandering showgirl mother and SNL actor Jason Sudeikis is painstakingly memorable as the poor guy swooning over an extremely uninterested and uninteresting Aniston. I was not impressed with Aniston’s portrayal of a journalist; although I may be a bit more critical as I am a journalism major, I don’t think she fooled many into thinking she was a reporter. Butler was reasonably convincing as a pathetic, disgruntled cop-turned-bounty hunter, but that still didn’t make the character particularly compelling. Nonetheless, the plot was actually pretty interesting. Butler, a bounty hunter with a large amount of debt from a gambling addiction, is sent to find his ex-wife, Aniston, and bring her to jail for skipping bail on a petty criminal offense. Aniston misses her court hearing because she was preoccupied with a mysterious and conspicuous suicide case. The film is a wild goose chase of Butler running after



Aniston, Aniston running after clues, and Butler being chased by the respective villains in the film. The film is rampant with action-filled sequences that distract from the boring romance. If you like romantic comedies you might like this film, but you are just as likely to not like it. The romance is very typical of most romantic comedies, but in some ways it’s even worse than the typical film. If you like action movies, you might appreciate the wild and crazy romp of the film, but even that isn’t too groundbreaking. If you appreciate fast-paced action romances you might enjoy this film as well. It doesn’t really offer anything too different, except combining the two genres. It’s certainly not a must see, but if you fit any of the criteria above, or are simply bored out of your mind and have nothing else to do, it’s worth renting (for a very low price).

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If you have a strong aversion to watching open heart surgery, then you’ll probably want to avoid “Repo Men.” Along with showing several graphic surgical procedures, it also contains a nauseatingly high level of violence. The bloodshed reaches its demented climax during a twisted fusion of sex and exploratory surgery, at one point leaving the actors literally elbow-deep in each others’ torso. Set in the not too distant future, “Repo Men” follows the lives of buddies Remy (Jude Law) and Jake (Forest Whitaker). As repossession agents for a bio-medical megacorporation called the Union, it’s their job to reclaim merchandise from customers who have fallen behind on payments for their artificial organs - usually by breaking into their home, shooting them with a stun gun and cutting them open with a scalpel. It should be obvious by now that “Repo Men” is not for the faint of heart. Although it’s being billed as a dark comedy, it’s heavy on the dark and light on the comedy. Not since “Hostel” has a film so openly relished in the eww factor. I thought that I was pretty well desensitized to movie violence, but even I found myself cringing through much of it. Belonging to the cyberpunk subgenre



Michael Brun

of science fiction (think “Blade Runner” meets “RoboCop”), “Repo Men” focuses on the plight of the common man in a world dominated by cybernetics and greedy corporations. Remy is the typical cyberpunk protagonist. Once a merciless corporate goon, an on the job injury transforms him into a lone crusader against injustice. It’s not until he receives an artificial heart that he discovers his humanity - a sort of reverse Tin Man, I suppose. It’s important that you don’t take “Repo Men” at face value. This is high-concept sci-fi, more concerned with making a point than presenting a believable future. The basic premise of the film is completely absurd, but intentionally so. Its timely plot satirizes the current health care debate by showing us the horrors on the extreme end of privatized medicine. The ideas behind the film are interesting, but something in their execution seems off. “Repo Men” suffers from an identity crisis, jumping haphazardly between quirky satire and stylized action. It feels like the kind of story that would be better in book form. It might have worked in the hands of an experienced filmmaker like Paul Verhoeven, but I think “Repo Men” was just too much for director Miguel Sapochnik’s big-screen debut. When it comes down to it, “Repo Men” is little more than an average genre flick. It will appeal to serious science fiction fans, but its tone is simply too dark for the mainstream. Unless you enjoy watching surgery shows on The Learning Channel, its entertainment value is questionable.

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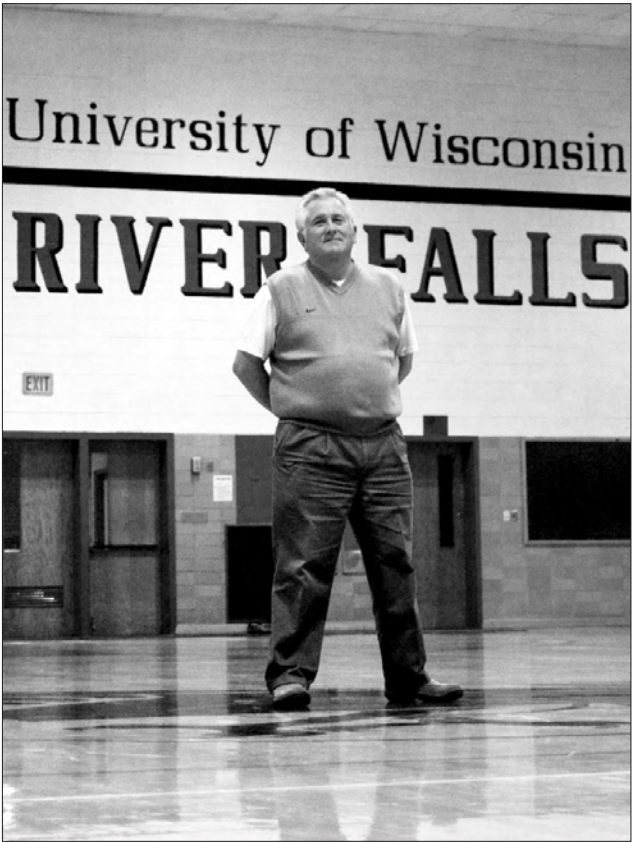
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# UWRF Athletic Director Rick Bowen retires



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**above: Rick Bowen, now athletic director, plans to retire in June.**

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**left: Bowen began coaching men's basketball at UWRF during the 1986-87 academic year.**

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Rick Bowen has been at UW-River Falls for 23 years, working as a basketball coach and also as an athletic director.

"I came to UWRF from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I was an assistant [basketball] coach," Bowen said. Working at UWRF was his first head coaching job, which he began during the 1986-87 academic year.

Before coming to UWRF,

Bowen worked as an assistant basketball coach at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., as well as working in Madison.

"Prior to that, I coached high school basketball in Indiana for 12 years," Bowen said. "I was in the Army as a combat medic in Vietnam all of 1968."

At 65 years old, Bowen has been working in this field since he graduated from Indiana University in 1966, a total of 44 years. He explained that he thinks it is time for someone with new energy

and enthusiasm to take his job.

"I am a little tired," Bowen said. "[I am] still not old, but still not young."

He explained that it is not an eight-to-five job, and that it requires energy that he no longer has.

After retiring, he explained that he has some plans for his personal life.

"I plan on working my very large garden, cultivating the orchard I've planted, building a woodshop, and helping my son at Bemidji State University where he is the head basketball coach,"

Bowen said.

He also said he plans to help Jeff Berkhof, Bowen's replacement as UWRF basketball coach, with whatever Berkhof asks him to do.

Bowen is leaving UWRF with some very fond memories, he explained.

"This has been the best job I've ever had [and] in the best community," Bowen said. "I would have to say that my favorite memory is of winning the WIAC (Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) basketball championship in 2003-04 and the awards it brought."

He also explained that being inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame was a distinct honor.

"I've had some great assistant coaches that have put up with me," Bowen said.

After retiring, Bowen explained that he plans on staying in the area.

Sports Information Director Jim Thies explained that no interviews have been conducted yet for the replacement of Bowen. Chancellor Dean Van Galen has set a plan in place.

"We will move forward in a timely manner with a national search to identify his successor," Van Galen said.

Thies explained further what the plan is to hire Bowen's replacement.

"A search and screen committee will be put together," Thies said. "It will be the committee's responsibility to post the position, interview candidates and finally make a recommendation to the chancellor."

Dori Holter worked at UWRF from 1963-68, took time off to raise her family, and then returned to campus in 2001, when Bowen was the men's basketball coach and an instructor.

"When Rick became athletic director, the athletic department was operating in the

red," Holter said. "Today, as a result of Rick's hard work, dedication and determination, we are operating in the black, and have been for quite some time now."

Holter explained that Bowen has accomplished a great deal in his years at UWRF.

"Rick has gained the respect of those he serves and makes this task seem like a piece of cake," Holter said. "Rick was also able to acquire an office complex for athletics, which now houses all the coaching staff in one place."

John O'Grady, a co-worker of Bowen's, explained his favorite memory of Bowen.

"The moment immediately following the [conference title] win at home and the elation that he and his players displayed was fantastic!" O'Grady said. "It had been a long time since UWRF captured that crown, and everyone present at that game was going crazy!"

Holter explained a few things that she will miss about working with Bowen.

"I will miss his friendliness, kindness and gentleness when dealing with others that are great qualities possessed by Rick," Holter said. "I will miss his compassion for his job, the University and all students as evidenced by his dedication."

Holter reflected on her years of work with Bowen and explained she believes he will be missed.

"Rick has been a great asset to UWRF and more specifically the athletics department," Holter said. "He will be deeply missed."

# Finances for new stadium will not impact student tuition

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UW-River Falls is set to begin the construction of a \$4 million facility on the south end of campus this year. The facility will include new lighting, new field turf, a new press box area, as well as specialty box seating for alumni.

Student concern over the financial funding of the stadium has been eased in the past year. Funding for the stadium has been provided by two primary sources: The First National Bank of River Falls and the student body.

"The students funded \$500,000 for the project," Rick Bowen, athletic director of the University, said. "This will allow for the football field to be used for IM purposes."

The student-funded \$500,000 did not come in one piece but rather in small portions designed to build a sufficient total over time.

"The student senate created a bond of \$500,000," Larry Testa, who handles student affairs at the University, said. "We have based our projections on a 20 year basis."

The Student Senate proposed the bond two years ago, setting specific limitations and

rules regarding the boundaries of the bond.

"There were clauses stating that the student funding would not exceed 15 percent of the total project and that the amount of student money must not exceed \$525,000," Tyler Halverson, allocable fee appropriation board chair, said.

The student bond is set up to minimally impact tuition fees and other expenses on campus. A yearly charge of \$4 was implemented at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. The fee increases annually by \$4.

"Students should not be worried about an impact on their tuition fees," Testa said.

The amount raised by the student body is only one-eighth of the estimated total needed for the completion of the stadium. With such a significant amount of money still missing, one of the leading donors in the River Falls area stepped up.

The David Smith family, owners of the First National Bank of River Falls, contributed a lead gift of \$500,000 to the University.

The bank, which has a mission statement that pledges to "improve our communities through service and involvement," is heavily involved in the River Falls community.

"If we have an employer or customer, we give to them," said Sandy Wurm, bank director and member of the Smith family, said.

With a steady financial plan in place, and growing support from the River Falls community, student concerns over distribution of financial assets has eased.

"I am more OK with it now than I was when I first heard about it," Jen Sandberg, freshman, said. "It's better than some of the charges and fees that they put on us."

Still, some students do not agree with the fee, saying it is something that they knew nothing about and that they feel offended by being charged for something that they are not involved in.

"I think it's sort of ridiculous that the student body as a whole is being charged for something that they may not have an interest in," Jake Cabak, freshman, said. "We already

pay enough as it is."

University officials justify the re-construction of the stadium by explaining the past, as well as their hopes for the future.

"If one will look at the other stadiums in the WIAC, (Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) they have all made significant upgrades in the past 10 years," Bowen said. "Ramer Field has been basically untouched since 1967."

A closer look at the facilities around the WIAC reveal just how far behind the times UWRF is. The installation of new field turf will place UWRF in the same ranks as UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-Whitewater and other schools around the conference.

The re-construction of the stadium will be a slow process, however the value the project provides will justify the cost and the wait.

"It is a necessary project if we want to give our students the opportunity they deserve to be competitive in the strongest league in the country," Bowen said. "Our students benefit, the community will benefit and the athletic program will benefit. "We've got to find a way to complete this project."

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