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## UWRF holds inauguration for new chancellor

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The inauguration of Dean Van Galen as the new UW-River Falls Chancellor was held on March 26 in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center.

Fifteen minutes prior to the start of the ceremony, the UWRF band performed music. The band also played for the processional, which was led by Professor Nicholas Karolides, the Chief Marshal; Karolides was the chief marshal because he is the longest-serving faculty member on campus.

The UWRF ROTC presented the colors, and this was followed by the singing of America the Beautiful. George Hansen, former UWRF employee, sang the first verse, and the audience was asked to join in on the second verse. Students Jenika Boersma and Josh Pritchett assisted in leading the second verse.

Boyd Huppert, UWRF alumnus and reporter for KARE-11 television, was the master of ceremonies.

“Today we gather to celebrate the inauguration of the 18th Chancellor Dean Van Galen,” Huppert said.

Huppert continued with a welcome and introduced Rod Nilsestuen, who was present on behalf of Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle. Nilsestuen was also a former UWRF student.

“Some of the best friendships I formed here,” Nilsestuen said.

Nilsestuen included his opinion on Van Galen in his speech. “[Van Galen] is a quiet leader who possesses the skills it truly takes,” Nilsestuen said.

Roseanne Bump, the chief executive officer of the River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, next extended her welcome to Van Galen.

“We’ve already been touched and inspired by Chancellor Van Galen,” said Bump.

The next five speakers each presented Van Galen with an individual gift.

Joshua Brock, a representative for the Student Senate, presented Van Galen with their gift first.

“The students of River Falls are happy to present you with this framed image of a falcon,” Brock said.

The image was a representation of the carved falcon in the basement of the University Center. It represents speed and action, persistence and freedom, Brock explained.

“Persistence is what this campus is all about,” Brock said.

Gregory Elliot represented the classified staff and presented Van Galen with a key.

“[It will] open doors for cooperation,” Elliot said.

Gretchen Link represented the academic staff and presented Van Galen with a book entitled “Higher Education for the Public Good” and a piece of glass made by Ben Finley, an art student at UWRF.

David Rainville represented the faculty senate and explained their gift to Van Galen, a sugar maple tree that will be planted in the North Hall lawn as soon as possible.

“[The tree is] a symbol of strength and mentality,” Rainville said.

Mayor of River Falls, Don Richards, represented the alumni.



*Sally King/Student Voice*  
**Chancellor Dean Van Galen delivers a speech at his inauguration ceremony. His speech was entitled “Stewardship of place and promise.” Van Galen also discussed a number of goals he has for the University.**

“[I am] very glad to be representative of 38,000 alumni,” Richards said.

On behalf of the alumni, Richards presented Van Galen with a bronze falcon.

Regent Brent Smith spoke next on behalf of the UW-System Board of Regents about Van Galen.

“With everything we’ve observed since he came to this campus, we feel we made the right choice,” Smith said.

A video was presented that contained messages from UWRF alumni, students who participated in the spring break Destination Program and students who are currently in the Wisconsin in Scotland program.

UW-System President Kevin Reilly explained that he feels Van Galen is well prepared.

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## UWRF music professor leads department, fights cancer

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Associate professor of music Hilree Hamilton has returned home after recently receiving treatment for cancer at the University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview in Minneapolis, Minn.

Hamilton teaches music education methods courses to music education and elementary education majors. Hamilton also teaches world music, class piano, music appreciation, and supervises student teachers, according to the UWRF music department Web site.

Hamilton is a great asset to the music department, according to her colleagues.

“Dr. Hamilton is a wonderful teacher and colleague, and has helped made music education the great major it is and why so many students come here. She has been a driving force here at UWRF,” Gail Olszewski, lecturer of music, said.

“She cares so deeply about her students, and regularly goes above and beyond her job description to help them learn and succeed, and to really prepare them for the challenges of the real world,” Roger McVey, assistant professor of music, said.

“Dr. Hamilton is the point person for the College of Education and creates the bridge between

music and education,” Kristin Tjornehoj, associate professor of music, said. “Most recently Dr. Hamilton led the department to our National Association of Schools of Music accreditation process. Dr. Hamilton is dedicated, diligent and detailed.”



Hamilton

**“She cares so deeply about her students and regularly goes above and beyond her job description to help them learn and succeed..”**

Roger McVey  
Assistant professor of music

ing out new things, whether it’s a dance or a song or a style of music she’s never done before, she

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## Community service activities could inspire, improve diversity

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A study of how adventure-based and community service activities work as diversity education was published by UWRF assistant professor and Outdoor Education Coordinator Paul Shirilla and a few of his colleagues.

The study, “Contact Theory as a Framework for Experiential Activities

as Diversity Education: An Exploratory Study,” was published in the Journal of Experiential Education. Shirilla authored the study along with colleagues Jayson Seaman, Jesse Beightol, and Bart Crawford.

“The goal of the research is to find the effectiveness of contact theory, to prove that bringing people together is the best way to foster diversity,” Shirilla said.

Contact theory is the principle that bringing people together is the best way to foster diversity, according to Shirilla.

The theory will improve people’s attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors toward others, according to the study. The theory consists of four conditions that are necessary for positive change to occur:

(a) participants from different groups must perceive that they have equal status within the situation, (b) they must work interdependently toward common goals, (c) they should have the opportunity to associate and possibly become friends, and (d) they must experience the normative support of authorities.

The four authors split the work up amongst themselves to put together the study. Crawford ran the program in Hart-

ford, Conn., while Seaman and Beightol conducted interviews and surveys for the study. Shirilla was involved with the research and worked on the statistical data with Crawford.

They conducted this study by observ-

ing groups of youth in Hartford from various ethnicities as they did adventure-based and community service activities. The diversity education program’s goals were to promote diversity, develop leadership, and provide community service among urban and suburban youth who otherwise have few opportunities to interact. The program involved 82 black, white, Latino/Latina, and Asian youth,

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VOICE SHORTS

**‘Second Saturday’ barn dance season comes to a close**  
The local old-time string band Poor Benny returns to perform at the final dance for the 2009-10 River Falls “Second Saturday” barn dance series from 7 to 10 p.m. on April 10 at the River Falls Academy (the former Meyer Middle School) on West Maple Street. All dances—ranging from line and circle dances to waltzes and square dances—are taught by a helpful, experienced caller. The barn dances are a joint project of River Falls Community Arts Base and River Falls Parks and Recreation. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

**Air Force ensemble, band to perform**  
The UWRF Music Department presents the Air Force Wind Ensemble/Symphony Band at 7:30 p.m. on April 12 in the William Abbott Concert Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. Concert tickets are free. For more information, contact the Music Department by phone at 425-3183.

**Student Senate to accept applications, petitions**  
Applications to become a member of Student Senate are now available. Individuals applying for president and vice president positions need a minimum of 100 signatures on his or her petition, while a minimum of 50 are required for at-large seats. Election rules can be found at <http://sa.uwrf.edu/student-senate/committee-documents>.

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.

**March 25**  
• A wastebasket was lit on fire in the second floor men’s bathroom in Centennial Science Hall.

**March 28**  
• Matthew N. Sage, 19, was cited for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

**March 31**  
• An entrance rug was stolen from the University Center.  
• Graffiti was reported in Hagestad Hall..

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Farm tech days showcases local ag

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The Wisconsin Farm Technology Days committee is seeking out hundreds of UW-River Falls students to volunteer at the event from July 20 to 22, said the head of the University’s agricultural college.  
Last year’s Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, held in Dodge County, brought more than 80,000 people to the event, according to organizers of the Dodge County Farm Technology Days.  
This year, the Pierce County Farm Technology Days’ board is anticipating a similar draw of about 25,000 people each day. This is a tremendous opportunity for the city, campus and community, said Dale Gallenberg, dean of the College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Sciences.  
This event gives people the opportunity to see counties across Wisconsin showcase their own agricultural background, which this year is being held at the Peterson Family Farm about three miles south of River Falls. Students will have the chance to promote the agriculture industry through various committees, where they can further their personal and professional development, said Gallenberg.  
Numerous student organizations will have the opportunity to play a vital role in the event, while representing the UWRF campus community by serving on various committees. Students will also have the opportunity for internships. The Wisconsin Farm Technology Days Board is looking for two interns to work with media coordination, especially on media day, said Danielle Hammer, UWRF student and Wisconsin Farm Technology Days publicity committee member.  
While showcasing advancements in the agriculture industry, the event also serves as a networking tool for UWRF students. The 500 to 800 vendors in Tent City will be on hand to interact with students looking for internships or future jobs within the industry, said David Trechter, UWRF agriculture economics professor and publicity committee member.  
The education committee is anticipating a tour of the Mann Valley Lab Farm throughout the event. The University Center will also host the thank you dinner for local volunteers on the evening of July 19. This dinner will showcase the UC and



Sally King/Student Voice  
**The Farm Technology Days will give counties across Wisconsin an opportunity to present their individual agricultural backgrounds. This year’s event is to be held in Pierce County.**

give volunteers the chance to view the campus if they have not been able to do so, said Gallenberg.  
“Wisconsin Farm Technology Days provides farmers with the opportunity to learn about new agricultural technologies, which can help farmers maximize production,” said Michaela Fox, UWRF student and dairy farmer.  
Agriculture plays a huge role in Pierce County, as it derives 20 percent of its jobs from the agriculture industry and nearly \$300 million in economic activity, according to Pierce County’s Wisconsin Farm Technology Days’ brochure.  
Not only will this event serve as a great way for agriculture to share its story, but it will also be a great economic stimulus for Pierce County. Weather permitting, it is estimated that Wisconsin Farm Technology Days will generate approximately \$600,000 in the Pierce and St. Croix county area during the three-day event, said Trechter.  
“A lot of work is put into showcasing Pierce County agriculture, so take advantage of the event, regardless if you volunteer or not,” said Gallenberg.  
Interested students can visit the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days Web site, at [www.piercefarmtech.com](http://www.piercefarmtech.com), for more information on how to get involved in the various volunteer opportunities.



Sally King/Student Voice  
**The Wisconsin Farm Technology Days will be an excellent opportunity for UWRF students and the River Falls community by playing host to more than 500 vendors, giving agriculture students a novel networking tool. The event is also expected to generate \$600,000 for the Pierce and St. Croix county area during the three-day event.**



<div>WRFW's Spring 2010</div> <div></div> <div>Broadcasting Schedule</div>		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	6 a.m.-1 p.m.	WPR	WPR	WPR	WPR	WPR	WPR	WPR
	1-3 p.m.	Ben Lee Jonathan Hedeem	Aaron Bergman	Jason Kenison	Pat Lynch	Wes Campbell	Brian Wegner	Kyle Bereswill
	3-5 p.m.	Erik Altmann	Brian Wegner	Cory Heaton	Nick Niewinski James Scott	Steven Linzmeier Adam Vircks	Amanda Leeman	Patrick Okan Jeff Schafer
	5-6 p.m.	Erik Altmann	Hip Hop Hourglass	Stay Alive	ACT on AG	Let's Talk	Finally Friday	WPR
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# Van Galen: Campus hosts events in honor of chancellor



Sally King/Student Voice

**Above: Newly inaugurated chancellor Dean Van Galen receives a round of applause from his fellow colleagues. The ceremony concluded the week-long series of events put on by the University to honor the new chancellor.**

**Right: Chancellor Van Galen walks in the ceremony procession. Van Galen is the 18th chancellor at UWRF.**



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“Dean will wear many hats and bear the weight of many expectations,” Reilly said. “I have every confidence that Dean Van Galen is the right choice for these times.”

Reilly bestowed Van Galen with the chancellor’s medalion. This medallion symbolizes the rights, responsibilities and privileges of the chancellor’s leadership position at the University, according to the program given to guests at the inauguration.

Reilly then presented Van Galen to give his address. Van Galen welcomed former chancellors and spouses who were present, including Don Betz, Virgil Nylander and Ann Lydecker’s husband. He thanked his wife, daughter and 91-year-old father for their love and support.

Van Galen’s speech was entitled “Stewardship of place and promise.”

“[We must] step back from issues of the day and realize we

are stewards,” he said.

Van Galen has been on campus since late summer.

“Over the past nine months I’ve enjoyed many conversations with faculty, staff and students,” he said.

Van Galen said he has three goals for his time as chancellor at UWRF. These goals are to commit to teaching and learning, provide educational practices that lead to student success and build bridges and partnerships.

“I am biased, but I believe Wisconsin is a special place,” Van Galen said. “What makes it special is the spirit of its people.”

Van Galen concluded his speech by providing some encouragement and thanking the guests.

“Great things are possible when people work together,” he said. “In the years ahead, please join me in stewarding this place.”

The audience gave Van Galen a standing ovation and Hansen led the pledge song to conclude the inauguration.

Richards explained after the inauguration that he met Van Galen when giving him a tour around the city when Van Galen

was a candidate. He explained that he felt he was the best of the five candidates.

“I think he’ll do just great,” Richards said.

Huppert explained that he just met Van Galen the day of the inauguration, but felt that he was very personable and liked to interact with students.

“He obviously understands Wisconsin, as he grew up here,” Huppert said. “I’m sure he’s excited to be back here.”

Sean Pettinger, an international student from Canada, got a chance to meet Van Galen earlier in the year when Van Galen had international students over to his house for Thanksgiving.

“[He] seems like a real down to earth guy,” Pettinger said. “He’ll do a great job as chancellor.”

Van Galen explained what inauguration week has been like for him.

“This has been a great week to celebrate the University’s traditions, accomplishments and future,” Van Galen said. “I believe it has been an opportunity to reflect on the scope and significance of the work of the University.”

## Diversity: Professor publishes research about community service

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ages 13-19. They lived together for one week at a retreat center just outside of the city, according to the study.

The program began with two half-days of adventure-based team building exercises, followed by four days of community service projects, according to the study. These major program components were interspersed with free time and other structured events such as a talent show, a basketball game, an African drumming concert and a contra dance.

The authors used two instruments to measure the extent to which contact conditions were perceived and predicted program outcomes. They used The School Interracial Climate Survey (SICS) and the Miville-Guzman Universal-Diverse Orientation Scale. These tools allowed them to conclude that these activities were very helpful in promoting diversity awareness among students.

“On a larger scale, we are becoming an increasingly diverse population, and it’s important to be appreciative of other backgrounds,” Shirilla said. “We need to research different theories so we can find a way to make people more aware of diversity.”

## Hamilton: Professor works towards recovery

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has no problems getting up in front of anybody and just going for it,” Patrick O’Keefe, lecturer of music, said. “I’ve seen her do this, and it’s always a joy to behold. We can all learn from that.”

Hamilton is very devoted to her work and takes the time to help her colleagues.

“In 2001 Dr. Hamilton and I were the new music faculty,” Barnett said. “As with any new job, getting to know how the system works takes some time. I was always knocking on her office door asking for help. She is an incredibly resourceful person. If she did not know the answer, which I don’t remember ever happening, she would find it out. And the best thing is, she never makes me feel threatened or intimidated by her knowledge, and al-

ways treats me with respect. Believe me, I bug her a lot, and she is always patient with me.”

Hamilton has been a music educator for 38 years. Hamilton started her music career in 1972 as a music teacher at Shawnee Mission Schools in Kansas.

Then in 1974, Hamilton moved to teach at Valley Middle School in Apple Valley, Minn. From 1982 to 1996, she was a music teacher for Chaska Public Schools in Chaska, Minn. During that time she also was an adjunct professor at Hamline University, UW-Eau Claire, State University of New York-Potsdam and the University of Minnesota. From 1993 to 1999 Hamilton was an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas. Hamilton started teaching music at UWRF in 2000. She started off as a lec-

turer and then moved into her current assistant professor position in 2001.

Hamilton has received recognition for her accomplishments in music education. In 1987 she received the District Coordinator of the Year award for her work in coordinating the Very Special Arts Festival in Chaska, Minn. In 1999, Hamilton’s dissertation was nominated for dissertation of the year award at the University of Minnesota. Hamilton has also received many grants for further research and developing programs over the years.

Hamilton is currently continuing in-home medical care. She welcomes calls and visits from friends and colleagues, according to an e-mail sent by David Milne, the music department chair. Hamilton can be contacted at home via her cell phone: 651-336-5336.



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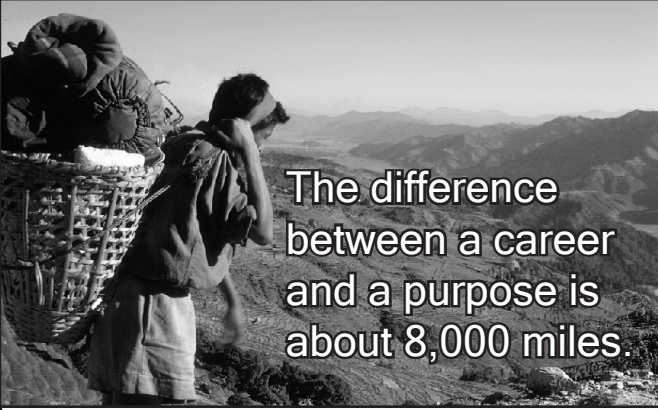
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EDITORIAL

## Financial independence problematic for students

As the Student Voice Editorial Board has pointed out week after week, graduation is approaching quickly, and with its arrival comes a whole slew of responsibilities the newly-graduated seniors will have to tackle. Amongst these are things like finding a career, a place to live, etc. But, more importantly is the abrupt sense of financial responsibility and independence that will ultimately smack every student in the face as they take the big step into the ‘grown-up world.’

A lot of college students are not paying their way through school. A lot of college students are not paying for their cell phones. A lot of college students are not paying for their car insurance. These are just a few examples of the things that are going to go from something that didn’t have to be worried about to things on the forefront of all these newly aged minds. Not to mention, newly graduated students will have six months, just about, to kill before they have to start paying back four years worth of student loans.

It is important for these 20-something-year-olds to start being independent, in the financial sense. Mom and Dad won’t be able to be there for you forever, supplying you with all the necessary funds needed as you take on the ‘real world.’

It is understandable as a freshman to have your parents pay your means, but by the time senior year gets here, there are few excuses as to why parents are paying to put gas in their child’s vehicle.

Becoming financially independent is a scary thing, but the lessons learned, and the maturity developed, are irreplaceable. Starting with something small, like paying a cell phone bill each month, will enable students to start slowly toward the goal of independence. By the time graduation rolls around, there should be no reason for a senior to not be able to know how to balance their checkbook, handle their savings account, budget their paychecks and pay all of their bills.

Parents will always be there to turn to when, for example, rent can’t be made one month because of additional expenses, but relying on them solely is unnecessary and relatively immature. If it’s impossible to pay rent for each month, then perhaps that individual shouldn’t be living off campus, on their own. Responsibility and maturity go hand-in-hand with becoming financially independent.

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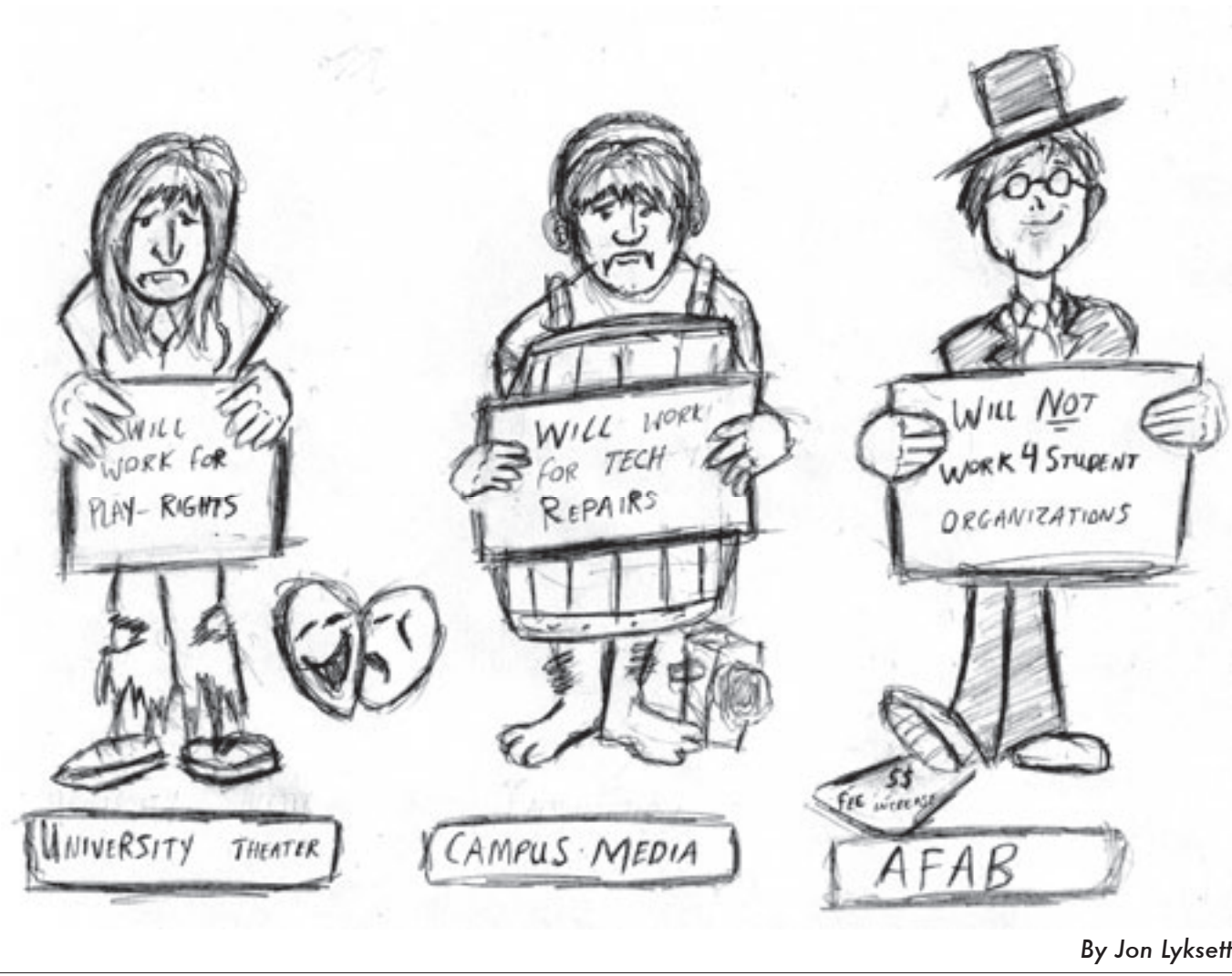
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By Jon Lyksett

## Florida Gators head coach embarrasses organization

Urban Meyer, the coach of the Florida Gators’ football team, put Orlando Sentinel reporter Jeremy Fowler in a hairy predicament after calling him out at a team spring practice for doing his job.

Fowler was in “hot water” with Meyer after he quoted one of the Gator players; wide receiver Deonte Thompson, who said that former superstar Tim Tebow was not a “real quarterback.”

Meyer approached the reporter at the Gators practice facility after March 24, and had a heated discussion. He called Fowler a “bad guy,” and also said that if Thompson was “his son, we would be going at it right now.”



Blaze Fugina

Meyer’s rant on the reporter was extremely unjust, especially considering that Fowler was simply doing his job. Reporting a quote that is accurately taken from the spoken word is a constitutional right that those in the business like to call freedom of the press.

Journalists enjoy this freedom, and use this as their job. Would you approach a school teacher and threaten them after teaching children how to read? Hopefully not.

Meyer not only brought on a problem with sports journalism, but also the responsibility of young adults as well. He said that if Fowler would have reported a quote from his children in similar fashion, that he would have attempted to fight him over the issue. This reminds me of a couple of parents arguing at a little league game.

Thompson is not a little leaguer, however, he is a collegiate football player at arguably the most prestigious program in

the nation. Not only that, but he is a lot older than a youth baseball player as well.

Thompson is a red shirt freshman, who was born Feb 14, 1989. This makes him older than me, yet according to Meyer’s actions, he should not be held accountable for what he said. In that case, who is giving me the right to this column?

After the rant by Meyer, media across the country began the speculation about the hidden meaning behind the incident. Was he really trying to protect the sophomore wide receiver, or was he attempting to protect the beloved Tim Tebow, who has now left the program

for the NFL.

Either way, any of these issues are not just enough to go after a reporter who has written a column that is about a quarterback change. What Meyer did was embarrassing to the players involved, him, and his program. For someone who has been the coach of a large program for five years, you think that he would be used to the media limelight.

Two days after the incident, Meyer apologized to the reporter, though the details of the 20-minute conversation between the two were not released.

Perhaps Fowler was informing him that freedom of press exists in the United States, and if he wants to control the media, they may play football in North Korea.

Blaze Fugina is a journalism major who enjoys covering sporting events here at UW-River Falls. He also greating enjoys taking part in sports, as well.

## St. Croix Animal Friends strives to promote education among pet owners

Once in a while there is something local that will catch my eye, something that sails under the radar until I walk right into it. This time, I walked into something that loves the color purple and cares for animals-right next door to River Falls.

St. Croix Animal Friends is a non-profit organization based out of Hudson, Wis. Also known as SCAF, this organization has a unique proposition printed all over its purple brochures: while it isn’t affiliated with other shelters and does not want to ever be called a shelter, it wishes to construct an animal adoption and education center for St. Croix County. SCAF wants a place to house animals in their time of need and to then find them a permanent home. The organization desires to promote education about pet ownership and create a harmonious balance between animals and people. That is a pretty gracious, immense goal to achieve for such a small organization.

St. Croix Animal Friends has been in existence for five years, formed as an answer to the lack



Laura Krawczyk

of animal shelter and care centers in the area. Since then, it has been raising funds to obtain land and began building an education and adoption refuge. SCAF also has established itself as offering convenient services to pet owners in need, including affordable spay and neuter programs for area animals. SCAF also has a unique sort of food shelter program, one that assists families with pets during difficult times. It accepts donations of cat and dog food, cat litter, treats, and other animal necessities to distribute to local families in need. SCAF’s goal is to insure that these animals are fed appropriately and “would not have to be surrendered to a shelter

because its family could no longer afford it.” This program helps keep pets in a home and out of an overcrowded shelter.

As a non-profit, SCAF holds fundraisers annually to help it reach its goal-and the uniqueness of this organization keeps coming. Every year it hosts the Animal Walk, where participants can pledge miles while walking their (or someone else’s) dog. The 2010 Animal Walk is scheduled for May 1st and offers prizes for top pledges. For the third year in a row, SCAF will also be hosting “Blast from the Past,” a dinner and dance spectacular that takes places this Saturday, the 27th. From themed costume contests and limbo to music ranging from oldies to disco, SCAF manages to throw an interesting party for a good cause.

St. Croix Animal Friends is not a shelter, nor does it wish to be one. It exists to build a place for animal lovers to meet their new best friends, and for animals to find a home while between families. It’s refreshing to find such a humanitarian organization so close to campus. SCAF can be found on Facebook (St. Croix Animal Friends) and also can be visited online at [stcroixanimalfriends.org](http://stcroixanimalfriends.org) for opportunities to become involved. There will also be a table in the University Center Tuesday, March 30th from 12:00 pm to 2 pm for more information on this local organization.

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# New Health Care Bill opens door for superficial arguments

Here at the Student Voice, it seems that a lot of articles, editorials and columns carry a theme of “raising awareness.” That’s not necessarily the point here, though. With the passing of the health care bill very recently and absorbing people’s reactions, I am just more and more convinced that people have no idea what they are talking about, and have absolutely no intentions of forming a structured opinion on the bill itself. Party wise, I don’t even want to say that just “both sides” are being ridiculous, because it’s everybody. People are using the same three to four talking points they read in the New York Times, or hear on Fox News/MSNBC and reiterating them over and over again.

Look at our pathetic two party system over the past months. Each has the other side figured out. For Democrats, they are out of touch with Americans and spend money faster than they can count it. For Republicans, they hate America’s sick and are selfish religious nut jobs. That’s the best way to sum it up, right? With the way both sides of the aisle conduct themselves, I feel like it’s sending out a message of “hey kids, just so you know, the one that can talk louder and say the more outrageous thing will win the argument.”

I would like to congratulate the Obama administration for finally getting some of that “change” done that was promised over, and over...and over again during and after the 2008 presidential election. Most of the articles and videos I’ve watched on people explaining the health care bill are filled with a lot of fluff, but still help us overall in understanding some of the central ideas. Now, how is one to actually get informed on the bill in a non-biased way? If you have the left explain it, they will make it sound like the greatest thing to come along in decades, and if you have someone from the right explain it, they will probably make it sound like the end of the world. It’s the knowledge of things like this that actually make me empathize with those who are so incredibly apathetic. I mean yes, you got the bill signed Democrats. Well done, but now I have to listen to all the Obama fanatics (that I’m pretty sure Barack himself isn’t a fan of) chant “Yes we did!” These are the people that can’t name anything past those three to four talking points about the bill, and will honestly just use the bill being passed as some sort of ammo for an argument without actually caring what the bill will do for those that are really in trouble.



Matthew Torkelson

I feel the same goes with issues like global warming and immigration. You can’t name one damned thing regarding the current policy, but boy are you angry about it! The same goes with the other side. Now I get to hear “No Obamacare” every night on the news covering some sort of twenty-person protest outside a random city park, or something. I want to wrap it up with an example from my own experience that maybe some of you can relate to. Do you have that person you just happen to know, that just wants to fight with you about everything? Well, I do. One of the biggest things this bill has brought into the spotlight again is abortion. Now, I have no shame in saying that I am proudly very, very pro-life. I feel like I have some credibility being given up for adoption when my birth parents were very young, and not selfish. Abortion is the one issue I have the most passion for, and although I’m not going to sit down and shake you until you believe what I believe, I will gladly have a civil argument with the opposition any day. Back to the story. This certain gentleman who shall remain nameless decides to, out of all vehicles, go after me on Facebook chat. Bold. Literally, the first line he threw at me after I told him my stance was something like this “Just because you’re adopted doesn’t make you some sort of (bleep)ing expert. It’s great, because I care much more about the sick waiting to die than some stupid unborn child.” The only response I could muster up is “So you’re the reason why people in opposing views tend to hate each other so much.” He claims the government shouldn’t be involved in deciding whether abortion should be legal or illegal. Funny, because last time I checked the government was involved, and it’s called Roe v Wade. Seems a little hypocritical. “I don’t want the government involved because God forbid, they make a ruling that I disagree with!” Classy.

I’m not going to end this by saying “Hey, empathize and listen to what everyone has to say.” Because honestly, you should already know that’s the adult thing to do. All I’m asking is for you not to be the coward that talks the loudest and continues to make politics look like a pathetic joke.

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# Sarah Palin’s actions have similarities to McCarthyism

Sarah Palin incites violence against health-care proponents. And she’s doing it with avid listeners. Who are the people that can believe the hateful things she says on an almost daily basis? The woman who failed to name a newspaper she read or a Supreme Court ruling she agreed with during her campaign? Consistantly, this model mother of five has been a thorn in the side of reasonable people willing to base their ideas on fact rather than horror film fiction. Idolized, at first and now by few, as a woman of power and middle American pride, she quickly became a running joke. Now, however, the ex-governor is just dangerous.

“Don’t retreat, instead reload!” Were her words on Twitter to discourage voters from supporting the healthcare bill. Using a rifle scope to identify the twenty seats open before the debate on a board.

For seemingly obvious reasons, the mainstream media saw this as inciting violence and she received quite a few criticisms.

“I think people like Sarah and others need to be careful in their tones and not send the wrong message out there,” Alaska Senator Mark Begich said, on Anchorage television station KTVA. “In my case, I probably wouldn’t have said those comments.”

An amazing trend has begun to occur in the land of conservative pundits: fear tactics. As their influence in congress wanes and their objectives are not being met, the conservatives utilize a weapon they have used throughout history. One of the greatest fear tacticians was Wisconsinite Joe McCarthy and conservatives seem to be joining him in his infamy.

Glenn Beck goes as far to state that the president is attempting to destroy white Americans and their culture.

“This president I think has exposed himself over and over again as a guy who has a deep-seated hatred for white people or the white culture....I’m not saying he doesn’t like white people, I’m saying he has a problem. This guy is, I believe, is a racist,” said Beck on President Obama, sparking an advertiser



Chaia Lindberg

exodus from his FOX News show. I’m sorry, but have we failed to learn our lesson? Has the painful experience of McCarthyism left no trace in our memory of what these types of rhetoric can lead to? Where do the conservatives get off using the same sort of threatening method we see in military regimes and jihadist training camps? They just arrested eight Christian Militia members in Michigan for attempting to kill families of police officers. You want to blame someone for that? Blame the people making the government out to be the Anti-Christ.

Like McCarthy, Palin knows how to drive the debate. While McCarthy’s platform was communism, Palin works off the healthcare reform. Like McCarthy, the saddest part is the refusal of her party members to reel her in. Instead they allow people like her and Glenn Beck to flame the frenzy created by scared and apocalyptic Christian extremists. As in the time of McCarthy, Palin is an extreme product of her time and exploits America’s fear of socialism as a conduit to keep herself famous. To that end, she’ll say almost anything. And Fox News gave her a perfect stage. Alongside her terrorizing buddy

Glenn Beck, it seems that nothing can stop the evil spew of fear and hatred that comes from her mouth.

Mercifully the career of McCarthy was short and I can only wish the same for Palin. It’s you that can end fear tactics in politics, by simply thinking for yourself. Don’t let people tell you Armageddon is coming because of the healthcare reform. That would make Palin the voice of God, and that’s something too ridiculous to believe. Right?

Chaia means lifel and she tries to live it to the fullest. Writing is what she loves. Spanish, Hebrew, Portuguese and English are the words she uses. Tel Aviv is where she is inspired

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# STUDENT VOICES

What are your thoughts on the newly passed Health Care Bill?

Logan Wolfe, sophomore

“I think that it’s a bad idea. Within the next six years, there is going to be less doctors wanting to come back to work for less money.”



Matt Karst, sophomore

“I agree! Because the doctors just want to help the people who need it and are not in it for the money.”



Courtney Jo Miller, sophomore

“I agree with it because everyone deserves to have health care.”



Blake Doyle, senior

“I’m happy with the results and even though I have discrepsencies with it, I think it will turn out for the good.”



# Aaron Rodgers traded to Oakland Raiders

The Green Bay Packers announced yesterday that they will be trading quarterback Aaron Rodgers to the Oakland Raiders for two first round picks for the 2011 draft. Rodgers was extremely pleased with the decision as it will take him back to California, the place where he spent his college career, and where he will finally be at ease. Rodgers and general manager Ted Thompson have increasingly been at odds after Thompson pleaded with Rodgers to “be more like Brett,” and that said dismal t failure against division foes and the inexcusable choke in the play-offs was simply enough.

The Packers were also concerned with Rodgers health after he suffered from a severe case of “JaredAllen-Itis,” with symptoms including insomnia after nightmares of an Allen rush attack and severe headaches after being pounded to the ground 69 times. Rodgers, aka the “wannabe,” stated that he was hoping to follow in some bigger footsteps, as he

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has been compared to Lions quarterback Matt Stafford and former Browns starter Brady Quinn.

But, Rodgers is looking to erase the ill-feelings of being associated with a “cheesy” team and has even changed his looks, going from a “were you born in a barn, cave-man look alike” to a Tom Brady-esque styling in hope to move him away from the shadows of the NFL’s Iron Man (aka Brett Favre). They say that time heals all wounds and the green and gold have repeatedly said that they’ve moved on from the glory days of Favre (it is something I will never understand, how Packer fans can hate someone who put

their city on the map), but this is clearly not the case. Thompson and several other Packers officials have already drawn up a plan to woo the 40-year old version of Favre back to the tundra at Lambeau by offering Favre his own recording studio (so he can fine tune his rendition of “Pants on the Ground”), and by pledging to him the “Best of Both Worlds” (for those of you who watched Favre on Jay Leno, you know that Favre took his daughter to the finale of Hannah Montana). Breaking up is hard to do, but it is even tougher to come back, because we all know how hard it is for guys to admit they are wrong, and even more so when your head is made out of cheese.

Besides, I’m fairly positive that Packers head

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coach Mike McCarthy would never offer to pick Favre up in an SUV from the airport. Well, while it was fun to think that the Packers could be that ignorant in trading Rodgers and that they surely must have felt silly with the amazing performance of Favre this season (even though they lost in the NFC championship game, it still was remarkable what Favre and the Vikings accomplished), Packers fans have nothing to fear. Rodgers was never traded (yet) and as far as I’m concerned, the Packers are showing no interest in Favre (although the Vikings will surely take him back). Happy April Fool’s Day Packers fans! We’ve got your cheese (Favre), and we plan on keeping it all the way to Dallas with the Lombardi trophy in hand.

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# Women’s hockey uses NCAA tournament as benchmark for season

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The women's hockey team played in the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive season, losing to Gustavus Adolphus College by two goals March 13 in St. Peter, Minn.

The team made the tournament by winning the NCHA conference tournament for the second consecutive year, and earning an automatic bid. The Falcons defeated UW-Superior by one goal on March 6 earn their spot in the tournament.

However, with high team expectations coming into the season, they said that this was not the surprising finish that they were looking for.

Head Coach Joe Cranston, in his 11 season, has had plenty of experience with seasons of high expectation.

"I think this was a year of under-achievement," he said. "It's always tough to come in off a good year like we had in 2009, and not let down a little bit. We've had better years, and we've had worse."

Cranston was also disappointed with the way the team ended the season, by losing on the road in the NCAA tournament.

"I don't mind that we lost to Gustavus; what bothers me is that we played that poorly in March," he said. "That was our worst team effort in years."

At this time last season, the Falcons were experiencing a different tournament run. They made it to the frozen four last season by defeating Gustavus 2-1, and ended up taking fourth in the tournament.

Junior goaltender Cassi Campbell said that this season was different than others in the past with the goals that the team brought in.

"This was the first time that any of us had been the team with the target on our backs as collegiate athletes, and I think that really was a big hurdle for us all season and that we struggled with that expectation all year," she said.

Junior Forward Jessica Thompson said that the team’s effort was not enough to push them past Gustavus.

“Losing the first round NCAA playoffs wasn’t easy,” she said. “The effort was there for our team but we weren’t mentally prepared for the game.”

The expectations were not only teamwide, but nationwide as well.

According to the United States College Hockey Online Web site, the Falcons were ranked fourth in the last Div. III women's poll, with Gustavus ranked sixth.

Gustavus lost their next NCAA tournament game to the eventual Div. III champions Amherst College.

Despite the loss in the NCAA tournament, Campbell said that the team was happy with the impressive run to get into the tournament in the first place.

"Going into the O'Brien Cup Tournament as a 3rd seed, and coming out champions for a second consecutive

year was something not many teams can say they've done," she said. "That was a really big accomplishment for us."

With the completion of the season, the beginning of the offseason brings a look ahead to the next season. Cranston said that this

means optimism for the team, which can use the experience from last season to play better in the next.

"Every returning player knows that they have to be a better player come fall than they are right now," he said. "I don't think we had that mentality last year at this time."

Cranston also said that the team that will skate next season could be better than ever with returning players mixed with new ones.

"I feel good about next year's team, he said. "We have a good mix of returners, along with some really good recruits."

Campbell said that the team next year is optimistic that they



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The women Falcons celebrated at Hunt arena after a season game. After they defeated UW-Superior, they were beat in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

can be one of the better teams in the NCHA, and possibly make a third consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament.

"We've lost three very important and crucial members of our team, but are bringing in some freshmen that can really do some damage," she said. "Our team is very close to one another, and I think that we all look forward to proving that we are the team to beat in not only the NCHA, but also the nation."

Thompson also agrees that the team is optimistic for next season, and will take experiences from this season to the next.

“I feel the team has learned from our faults and can only take those experiences and grow,” she said. “I personally am extremely excited for next season and can only wish for the best.”

# Minnesota Twins come into baseball season with a unique situation

As I am writing this its 70 degrees outside, the sun is shining, the snow has melted away. Spring is in the air, it can only mean one thing; yes, baseball season is right around the corner. Well, technically baseball has started up. High schools in the southern states have kicked off their seasons, colleges across the country are playing games usually in the southern climates, and even the MLB has kicked off their season. Well, their preseason anyway. Preseason wraps up this weekend and the regular season starts on Monday. Teams are preparing game plans and opening day lineups for the start of the season.

One team in this area everyone is talking about is the Minnesota Twins. Being in Wisconsin, but so close to the Twin Cities, everyone is either talking about the Twins or Brewers, and each team has their storylines heading into the regular season. This week I’ll discuss the top five storylines of the Twins and next week I’ll touch on the storylines of the Brewers.

1) **Joe Mauer’s new contract.** Whether Mauer signed an extension or not, his contract was going to be the big news this year. If the Twins were not able to sign him before the season, the big talk would have been whether or not to trade him before the trade deadline in August or wait and see if we could beat the competitors on the open market. Luckily, the hometown hero signed an eight year, \$184 million dollar contract because the team would have lost a huge chunk of their fan base if he were traded. There would have been no way the Twins would have been able to beat out the Yankees, Red Sox, Phillies, Dodgers, Mets and Angels in the open market for him unless Mauer would have taken the hometown discount, which he did.

On the open market, barring a huge injury, Mauer could have seen contract sizes of over \$200 million dollars over a 10 year span. He saw the Twins have made an effort to put a championship team on the field and Mauer took a little dis-

count to stay as the hometown hero.

2) **Opening day payroll of 2010 vs. 2009.** One of the biggest reasons Mauer

stayed a Twin is because of the opening day payroll. Not because the payroll is bigger, but because who they have brought in to make the payroll bigger. Free agents Jim Thome and Orlando Hud-

son did not come at a cheap price, and the trade between the Twins and Brewers this offseason that involved J.J. Hardy and Carlos Gomez increases the payroll for the Twins as Hardy’s contract is larger than Gomez’s. Hardy’s salary for 2009 was \$4,650,000 compared to the salary of Gomez at \$437,500.

3) **Joe Nathan’s season-ending injury.** This may not seem that big of deal considering Nathan is just a closer, but it is. Nathan has 246 career saves over the last six seasons, which is the most in the MLB. When it comes down to it, if the Twins find themselves in a lot of close games, this season could fall apart real fast without a solid closer. The Twins have three solutions.

The first solution is to go out and find a reliable closer, which doesn’t seem to be on the Twins agenda at the moment.

The second solution is to promote from within. An ideal guy for this case would be Jon Rauch. He is the most experienced closer on the team, with 26 career saves. Another option could be Pat Neshek, but that would be more the down the road as he is coming off an elbow injury that made him miss the last two years.


The third solution is closer-by-committee, which is the route the Twins are going at the moment. I don’t agree with this solution. If it were up to me, I’d give Rauch the chance to be the full-time closer for the year as closer-by-committee seems to fail for teams more than help teams.

4) **Twins starting rotation.** The baseball experts on the

major sports Web sites pick the Twins to have a solid starting five in the rotation. Yet I don’t see the staff ace in the starting five or the leader of the group. Everyone will point to Scott Baker being the staff ace and leader for the pitching staff this year, yet he went 15-9 last year with an ERA of 4.37. His career numbers are 43-33 with an ERA of 4.27. These numbers do not look like a staff ace to me. He’ll have to prove it this year , as he is entering his fifth year in the MLB. The other concern from the starting five is last year they proved to not be very durable. The team was grabbing pitchers from their AAA and AA squads every other week it seemed. The team will have to prove they are more consistent, mature and durable this year if the Twins are to contend for the World Series.

5) **The rest of the teams in the division.** Every year is unpredictable because no one knows how each team will play in their own division. We can look on paper right now and see the Kansas City Royals are a young team still in development mode. They should be better than in years past, but no where near title contender. The Cleveland Indians are in the same boat as the Royals. They saw their two best pitchers face each other in the World Series last year because they had to trade them away and go into rebuilding mode. The Detroit Tigers had one of the largest payrolls last year, but all that rewarded them for was a sideline seat for the playoffs, as the Twins won the division last year. They will come into this year predicted to finish towards the top, but no one knows their identity. The Chicago White Sox faded down the stretch last year. They made a trade for Jake Peavy last year, hoping when he came back from his injury, he would go back to his staff ace and Cy Young Award-winning self. The White Sox will have to see how big of an impact Peavy can be for this White Sox team who finished under .500 last year.

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# Weekly sports wrap week March 26- April 2

**Softball**  
On March 27 and 28, the Falcon softball team was in Rock Island, Ill., for the Augustana College Tournament. In the first game, UWRF beat Martin Luther, 16-0, in five innings.

The team had 19 hits in the game, including three doubles and two homeruns. Hayley Buchanan finished 2-4 with four RBI. Ashley Goettl knocked in two RBI of her own, going 2-3. Buchanan and Goettl were responsible for both of the Falcon homers.

Jessica Lundgren went 3-3, and she also stole a base. Patty Olson finished 3-3 with three RBI. Jessie Bester and Kelsey Taylor both went 3-4.

Rose Tusa pitched the first two innings, facing six batters, striking out three. Nicole Osmonson worked the fi-

nal three innings, picking up the win.

On the second day of the Tournament, the Falcons were unable to fend off No. 10 ranked Augustana, losing 2-1.

The team had nine hits and two errors in the game, also leaving nine runners on base. Sarah Fern pinch hit in the seventh inning, hitting a solo home run which tied the game. The hit was her second homer of the season.

Lundgren went 3-4, and Olson finished 2-4. Tusa started on the mound, recording the loss. Osmonson worked one-third of an inning.

The outcome of the Tournament puts the Falcons at 7-7 overall.

The team’s first home game was scheduled for Thursday, April 1

against Bethel at 4 p.m. UWRF will face Bethany Lutheran on the road on April 2, at noon, as well.

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# DreamWorks' latest proves classic for children, adults



From directors Dean DeBlois and Chris Sanders (“Lilo and Stitch”), “How to Train Your Dragon” is an animation triumph. Heartfelt, thrilling and visually stunning, it’s near-perfect family entertainment. If you’re in the mood for some good, clean fun this weekend, then this is the film for you.

The plot revolves around a group of Vikings living in a bleak mountain stronghold. King Stoick (voiced by Gerard Butler) is as Viking as they come - he’s strong, fearless and ruthlessly adept at slaying dragons. The only challenge he can’t overcome is deciding what to do with his weakling son Hiccup (Jay Baruchel). Scrawny and awkward, Hiccup is a social outcast. He dreams of one day killing a dragon and proving his worth, but for now he’s stuck on the sidelines.

Hiccup is the ultimate sad sack. He means well and tries hard, but nothing seems to go his way. He finally catches a break when he manages to shoot down a powerful dragon with one of his homemade contraptions. However, when it comes time to deliver the coup

de grace, he can’t bring himself to do it. He chooses to befriend the beast, thus starting a journey of discovery that will shake the very foundations of Viking society.

At its core, “Dragon” is a film about misunderstandings. Stoick and the Vikings are all set in their ways. They kill dragons because they think that dragons are evil - always have been, always will be. They then pass this ideal on to their children. “Our parents’ war is about to become ours,” says America Ferrera as slayer-in-training Astrid. But Hiccup soon finds that there’s more to the dragons than he has been told.

This idea of questioning the status quo is timeless, but it takes on an immediate significance given the cultural conflicts in our world today. It makes you stop and think about who we are and who we want to be.

This is just one of the many positive messages stuffed into this spirited tale. Those looking for an hour and a half of irreverent slapstick will probably feel disappointed. Its moral lessons are occasionally heavy-handed, but they touch on universal truths that will

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resonate with children and adults alike.

But “Dragon” isn’t just about delivering a message. It’s also a thrilling action/adventure story that overflows with creativity. It features close to a dozen unique dragon designs, each one more imaginative than the last.

The visual style of “Dragon” is also quite striking. It takes a different path than most other animated films, trading high gloss and vivid color for natural textures and earth tones. But it’s no less dazzling. The animation is delicious eye-candy from start to finish. When viewed in 3D, it’s the most visually stunning film since “Avatar.”

Also, like “Avatar,” the 3D effects are tasteful and subdued. They rarely feel like a gimmick, and serve only to make the film a more immersive experience. In the debate over the merits of this new wave of 3D filmmaking, “Dragon” is an example of the wondrous possibilities that the technology offers.

Relevant to viewers of all ages, DreamWorks’ “How to Train Your Dragon” is destined to become a family classic. It’s fun, intelligent and simply gorgeous on the big screen. In a word, this film is a blast!

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# Gross humor keeps film entertaining

“Hot Tub Time Machine” is one of those films like “Dude Where’s my Car?” and “Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure,” in the sense that you can’t expect much going into it, especially with a title like that. It wasn’t bad, but then again it wasn’t too great either. If you’re looking for a good laugh, it’s certainly worth seeing, although there is a bit too much gross-out humor for my taste. It’s one of those movies that you can respect, because it doesn’t take itself seriously at all, and it shouldn’t.

It was fun and exciting to watch these outlandish characters embark on an even more outlandish trip through time. Some of the characters and storylines within the film were a bit far fetched, but that didn’t bring it down too much, as the entire concept of the film is far fetched. I found John Cusack’s love interest a little too cheesy, and Rob Corddry’s character was a bit too

disgusting and annoying at times.

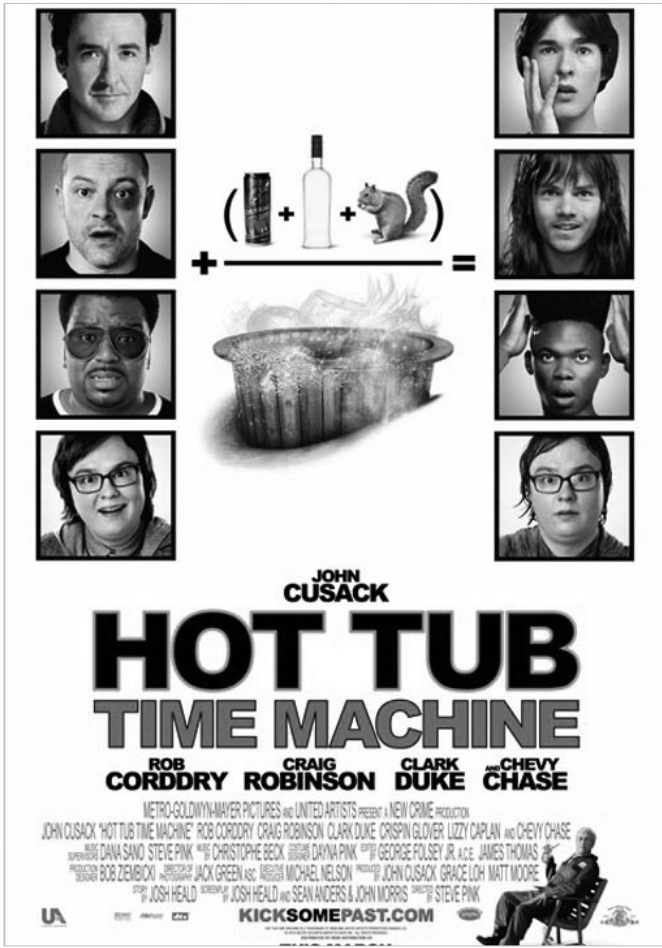
I found most of the film hilarious and entertaining. Crispin Glover was one of my favorite characters, who brought some of the funniest moments in the film without even having a starring role. Clark Duke did well as the one serious character in the film, trying to keep the friends together. I especially enjoyed Chevy Chase’s small appearance as the mysterious hot tub technician.

The movie was very fun and colorful as it was a flashback to the 80’s. The characters struggle to reenact the same things, good and terrible, that happened to them. For the most part, they find that, in general, things would end up pretty much the same, regardless of

small changes in their past. But they also make big changes by being brave enough to do things that they wouldn’t do when they were younger. I thought it had a pretty good message, although most of us don’t have the chance to go back in time and change things.

I enjoyed this film, having completely missed the 80’s, but I’m sure people who grew up in the 80’s would’ve certainly appreciated the references and flashback. This is a film that definitely most men would enjoy, and also women with a high-tolerance for gross out humor. It wasn’t amazing and I didn’t expect it to be.

I didn’t expect it to be. “Hot Tub Time Machine” is simply meant to be a fun and hilarious and ridiculous trip through time. Just sit back, relax, and let the hot tub take you away!



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# Sportsfan expresses hate

Since I usually write the weekly music reviews, many of you may not know that I’m an avid and loyal viewer of a number of sports. I am also a giant hater, ergo the focus of this column. Thus, I have assembled a small collection of my personally most-despised sports figures-a Student Voice Player Haters Ball, if you will. This is simply a time for irrational, and hopefully entertaining, venting. Please don’t take anything I write (too) seriously. Rather embrace your inner hater. Let the hate commence.

**Cristiano Ronaldo**

Blessed by the heavens with ungodly speed, deadly rocketing free-kicks and an arsenal of unprecedented and effortless skill moves... he flails, cries and falls down more than an infant. Despite being the world’s best -paid footballer, he spends more time on his back than a hooker. Unfortunately, many Americans hold the gross misconception that soccer is a game for the weak-mostly because they see replays of superstars like him dive all over the pitch like they just got struck by a bullet.

How’s the move away from Manchester United looking now, genius?

**Novak Djokovic**

How’s your sore back doing? Or was it your foot? Or your pinkie? Honestly, I lost track of all of your injuries about three years ago.

I can’t even begin to fathom how hard it is to get booed at the U.S. Open after you win, but congratulations, you pulled it off spectacularly. You epitomize the word “fairy,” and if you got in a fight with Dinara Safina, she would probably eat you. Take your stupid, goofy impressions and go French kiss a buzzsaw, boxhead. While you’re at it, try doing one of your famous “impersonations” of Roger Federer and actually win something important.

On a final note, the fact that even the Maestro can’t ever think of anything nice to say about you must put you in a class of tool all to yourself.

**Kobe Bryant**

On second thought, he’s just way too well-dressed to appear on this list. Forget his personality and the shady happenings in Colorado.

There is simply not a single human being on the planet who looks better in a suit. Now, on with the hate.

**Brett Favre**

Oh my god, where to begin? I am so sick of hearing about this selfish disgrace. “Oh, he’s like a kid out there!” What a vomit-inducing media whore. Despite Peyton Manning going out year after year, performing with class and proving that he’s the greatest quarterback to ever play the game, he gets about 1/10th as much media coverage as this clown. “Favre” might as well be the modern-day synonym for “interception.” 317 picks in over 289 appearances. Real A+ work there, Brett. Try finding any other “elite” quarterback who ever threw more than 1.1 (.1 added for Dan Marino) per game. I don’t care if he goes 40-40 with 900 yards and nine touchdowns. He will never get props from me. If there were any semblance of fairness in the universe, this loser would fade humiliatingly into retirement, taking his hideous Wrangler jeans with him back to his ranch, never to be heard from again.

**Honorable Mention**

There is no one I hate nearly as much as Brett Favre.

Andy Phelps is an English major with a journalism minor. He enjoys gambling and Korean soap operas. He possesses a deeply-rooted dislike for Nickelback.

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“Community service is one sentencing alternative that can help save some of the \$400,000 we are over-budget each year, housing people in other county jails because our jail is full. We have no such program now. It will take hard work to create one, but we can do it - and I will lead the charge!”

~ Bob Loberg

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# IceCube project sends UWRF students to Antarctica

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In November, two UW-River Falls students, Kyle Jero and Drew Anderson, embarked on a trip to Antarctica in participation with an international research coalition group called the IceCube project.

Jero and UW-Rock County student Samantha Jakel departed for Sweden at the beginning of November to help prepare the Russian icebreaker Oden for its trip from Sweden to Uruguay, Jero said prior to their departure.

Anderson was then flown to Sweden and left on the Oden on Nov. 20. Anderson stayed aboard the Oden for three to four weeks as the ship made its way to Uruguay. Once the ship arrived in Uruguay, Jakel took Anderson's place to travel to Argentina. The Oden then made the trip to Antarctica and arrived in February.

Students have been given the opportunity to travel on the Oden to help monitor the tank as well as help with operations on the ship. The trip was to be completed in three legs with Anderson traveling on the first from Sweden to Montivideo, Uruguay. Jakel took over there to accompany the tank to McMurdo Sta-

tion, Antarctica. Finally, Jero would monitor the tank from McMurdo to Punta Arenas, Chile.

The Oden is an icebreaker ship retrofitted to carry out scientific expeditions. Due to its tendency to tilt and sway, meters onboard will monitor the ships, and thus the tank's orientation. Other sensors will measure the barometric pressure, as all of these factors have an impact on the propagation of cosmic rays.

According to the UWRF IceCube Web site, the purpose of IceCube is to collect information regarding extremely high energy bursts of particles called neutrinos, or cosmic rays. These energy bursts can come from the sun or major galactic events such as supernova explosions or black holes.

Information gained from studying the cosmic rays is then applied to theories that help gain a better understanding of the makeup of the universe. This group is a coalition consisting of over 30 educational and research institutions, about half are which based in the U.S.

UWRF contributions to the project include: initial IceCube detector performance analysis, designing and fab-

ricating sunshades for IceTop tanks, deploying IceTop tanks at the South Pole, designing/producing/implementing a muon trigger to characterize IceTop tanks and simulating high energy cosmic rays to study the IceTop detector performance.

The trip is funded primarily by the National Science Foundation, with private contributors from both Sweden and Germany, according to the program's Web site.

"This experience was the most memorable I have ever had the fortune to participate in, and I know that I will remember and talk about it for the rest of my life," Jero said. Jero's blog from the entire journey can be found on the UWRF IceCube Web site. Included are many excerpts and pieces of writing from Jero throughout the entire period of traveling.

Jero has also been selected to present his abstract "The Oden Ice Breaker Calibration Cruise: Extending the IceTop Array for Solar Study" at the 2010 Posters on the Hill event April 12 in Washington, D.C.

In addition to Jero, UWRF physics Professor Jim Madson, Anderson and Jakel will be attending. Each participant's poster contains pages of text, graphs and photographs that will help with the student's oral presentation of their research to members of Congress. Students will participate in an orientation session as well as field trips to various locations throughout Washington, D.C.



above: UWRF students worked with IceCube project at the south pole.  
below: Inside an IceTop tank: The purpose of the IceCube project is to collect information about energy bursts of cosmic rays.



To learn more about the IceCube project including photos and student blogs visit [www.uwrf.edu/icecube/](http://www.uwrf.edu/icecube/)

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