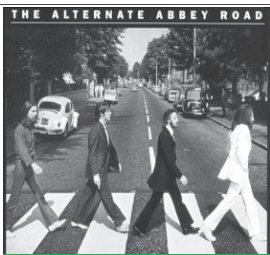




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# STUDENT VOICE

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## 68 UWRF students to travel to Montana for conference

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Sixty eight UW-River Falls students, the largest group to date, are heading to Missoula, Montana for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). Approximately 2000-2500 students participate in this conference from across the nation, according to Bill Campbell, the director of grants and research. The three-day conference, April 15-17, is packed with oral and poster presentations deliv-

ered by students. This conference is where students can showcase their work to a broader audience, according to Campbell. They can also use this as a citation in their resumes when applying to graduate schools. This conference is a major opportunity for students to benchmark themselves to other students throughout the nation, according to Tim Lyden, the faculty advisor for the Society for Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (SURSCA). “This conference has the students

take big risks; they are truly putting themselves out there. It is a pretty heady experience for them. The students come back with a better understanding, they see value in their education,” said Lyden. “They get on the plane as undergraduate students and come off the plane professionals.” NCUR is open to students who submit abstracts from all areas of education. This includes the sciences, social sciences, history, art, criminology, economics, English, etc... Michelle Haring, a McNair

scholar and NCUR participant is presenting her topic entitled “Invasion of Lyme Disease vector Ixodes scapularis and Pathogen Borrelia burgdorferi in Southwestern Michigan.” In other words, Haring will be discussing her experiences this past summer examining the spread of Lyme disease throughout Southwestern Michigan. Haring said she is excited about the conference. “I am looking forward to seeing what other students are presenting and learning new things from

them.” Other 2010 NCUR abstracts include “The Microbiology of Raw Milk: Organic v. Conventional” by Kimberly Altenhofen, “Quaternary Glacial Mapping using Soil Survey Information” by Betsy Oehlke, “Under the Waves: Water Imagery in Virginia Woolf” by Stefanie Otteson and “The Influence of Diabetes Mellitus on Interpersonal and Romantic Relationships” by Rachel Peterson. These are only four of the 53 abstracts listed on the SURSCA See Conference page 3

## UWRF rallies against abuse with ‘Take Back the Night’



*Sally King/Student Voice*  
**Speakers Lauren Evans, Tracey Pollock and Samantha Larson read a piece of poetry during UWRF’s “Take Back the Night” event. For more information on the event, read next week’s edition of the Student Voice.**

## Health care becomes law, affects students

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The Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act that President Obama signed into law on March 20 will affect students in several ways. UW-River Falls Professor Brian Copp explained this bill in simplified terms. “Health insurance should become available to all students who are presently not insured,” Copp said. “In the past, once a student graduated, they fell off their parents family insurance coverage; now a child can remain under their parents plan through age 26 whether they are a student or not.” He explained that this was already law in both Wisconsin and Minnesota for the past couple of years. This new bill doesn’t just affect students’ health insurance, but it also affects student loans and the way the process goes. “The legislation should free up money authorized in spending bills that formerly went to banks in fees and put it directly into aid to the students for which it was intended,” Copp said. Barbara Stinson, director of financial aid, explained how this will affect UWRF students. “It isn’t going to be as pertinent for new students (incoming freshman) because it won’t be a change for them,” Stinson said. “Our audience of concern is the continuing student; I’m not concerned that students will be lost, but they will be the ones that will see change.” Stinson explained what will happen with student debt. “The average student debt in this country is \$23,000,” Stinson said. “In the new law, by the year 2014, student loan repayments will no longer be able to exceed 10% of a student’s income.” She explained that for an undergraduate at River Falls, this shouldn’t be a problem. “What will affect students here at River Falls is that private banks will no longer be the middle man in their loans,” Stinson said. “Private banks have fees for that, and any student who did a loan application for going to school saw that they had to pay fees and they had to choose their own lender.” There will be one main change that students and families need to make sure they complete. “All students need to sign a new Master Promissory Note [MPN] if and when they accept a new Stafford Loan award,” Stinson said. “Detailed directions will be presented to students online as they accept their financial aid awards.” Another change that will be implemented within this new law is that more students will be eligible for the Pell Grant. “The maximum Expected Family Contribution [EFC] for Pell Grant eligibility for the 2010-2011 year is now increased to 5,273 from 4,617 as the maximum EFC for Pell Grant eligibility,” Stinson explained. “In other words, more students will now

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## Campus concerns over bike safety lead to awareness month

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The University of Wisconsin-River Falls safety committee will be raising the awareness of bike safety in the month of April to help inform students of proper bicycling on campus. Connie Smith, the director of risk management at UWRF, said that concerns from those on campus have led to the bike safety awareness. “Given the level of concern, the UWRF Safety Committee will be raising awareness around bicycle safety on campus during the month of April,” she said. “With the help of ideas from residence hall managers, the safety committee will be designing a button, dis-

tributing bike safety information at the UC, and posting signs on campus with ‘rules of the road.’” Smith said the program is designed to help teach bikers that they must always yield to pedestrians while bicycling on campus. “Concern has been expressed to University Police and Risk Management that some bicyclers on campus are not respecting the fact that pedestrians always have the right of way on sidewalks,” she said. Although the University Police are part of the accident reporting process, they declined to comment on the issue. One officer said that it was not his “area of expertise.” According to the UWRF Risk Management Web site, sidewalk biking can

not only be a nuisance, but also illegal. “It is also illegal unless the community has passed an ordinance specifically permitting sidewalk riding. This can be age-restricted, location-restricted or based on the type of property abutting the sidewalk.” A report on bicycle use also said that bikes “are vehicles” and “they belong on the road.” The bike safety movement has come after spring, when bike traffic increases with the warmer weather. Smith said that pedestrian and bike incidents have happened on campus in the past in part due to lack of awareness from bicyclists. “There have been reports that walk-

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*Hannah Lenius/Student Voice*  
**Connie Smith stands by one of the many bicycle racks at UWRF. There are concerns over bicycle safety such as people riding their bikes on sidewalks.**



# Students encouraged to seek internships early

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Eight programs at UW-River Falls call for their students to complete an internship before graduation, and the struggling economy is pushing students to change their search to fill this requirement.

Students majoring in dairy science, theatre, horticulture, conservation, food science, land use planning and communicative disorders (which has an internship that is filled through supervised observation) are all required to complete an internship in order to graduate, according to the majors and academic plans that are listed on the academic programs section of the UWRF Web site.

Students who do not have majors that require internships can also benefit from them. Internships help provide real-world experience, develop professionalism, create networking and ground interns in the reality of the career, said Eric Sanden professor of land use planning.

Steve Dzubay, publisher of the River Falls Journal (as well as the Hudson Star-Observer & New Richmond News), is in charge of putting together the budget for the River Falls Journal. The Journal cut their intern position this year due to lack of funds.

“We typically budget about \$3,500 for intern wages, and this year it was an expense we simply couldn’t afford,” Dzubay said. “We’re looking at performance on a month-to-month basis and if at all possible, the position will be restored. At this

point I’m simply not sure.” Steve Kelm, from the department of animal and food science, said fewer companies are offering internship positions.

“Some students, who do not interview well or who are marginal students, really struggle in placement,” Kelm said.

Sanden said students need to change the way they seek internships by being willing to travel, look further or relocate, possibly complete volunteer internships and be aggressive in seeking internships. Terry Ferriss, director of the CAFES internship program, said employers want to hire students earlier than before and they are filling positions temporarily with internships to fill positions cheaply.

“We pay \$9 an hour, which is pretty good for an internship, and compared to other positions it is relatively inexpensive for us,” Jeff Epping, director of horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison said. “We get a lot of good labor from interns and give them an educational opportunity,” Epping said.

Theatre major Al Broeffle, who is currently completing his internship at The Jungle Theatre in Minneapolis, was very proactive in his internship hunt.

“Take advantage of the poor economy. You’re free labor that a company cannot get in trouble for hiring,” Broeffle said. “I had a really easy time finding internships. It’s important for people to seek out these experiences. It’s not enough to go online and mass produce your resume. You need to go to businesses and introduce yourself, hand out resumes personally, and give a reason for the company to want you.”

Ferriss, CAFES Internship director, also stressed the importance of being proactive and approaching people.

“Pull together a resume, get assistance from Career Services and advice from advisors,” Ferriss said. “Talk to a faculty co-

ordinator for internships; they offer the best help.”

Career Counselor and Marketing Supervisor McKenna Pfeiffer said students should start searching and inquiring about internships immediately so they can effectively plan their coursework.

“It is very common for students to complete internships between sophomore and junior year as well as junior and senior year,” Pfeiffer said. “Some internships are limited to a summer experience, while others can be completed during the academic year. Starting early will help students identify all of the options that are available and help them effectively pick one that will fit with their schedule.”

Students with a major that requires an internship may need to reconsider their graduation goals as they seek an internship. “I did take a semester off of classes to fulfill my responsibilities in my internship,” Broeffle said. “This was done by my own will. I think that student’s need to rethink their education process. With the economy in a slump the way it is, we should be less interested in completing our degree and put more effort in gaining experience in our field.”

Epping, director of horticulture, encourages students to complete internships while they are still in school and not tied down. “Your salary for your position at your first job should be better based on the fact that you have experience,” Epping said. “So it is an investment, a lot of fun and builds confidence in your knowledge.”

## UWRF professor to attend world reading congress

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UW-River Falls professor of education Margaret Phinney will be attending the next World Congress of the International Reading Association, July 12-15, in Auckland, New Zealand. The theme for the conference will be “Leading & Learning in Literacy.”

The College of Education and Professional Studies named Phinney the 2001-02 Outstanding Faculty Member. She was selected from a number of highly qualified candidates for her contributions in teaching, service and scholarship. This came after Phinney had only been at the University since August 1999. The nominating committee determined that she excelled in all three areas.

“I nominated Margaret Phinney for this award in recognition of her dedication and enthusiasm for her work, her vision in reorganizing the undergraduate and graduate reading programs at UWRF, her ability to work as a leader as well as a team player with her colleagues and the evidence of her respect and support for her students,” said the colleague who nominated her.

With regard to her teaching, the committee said that faculty and students commented on her authentic enthusiasm for both the subject and her students.

“She is extremely knowledgeable, prepared and concise, and models the kind of teaching she expects of pre-service teachers,” they said. “Her reflective statement on teaching is truly inspiring.”

Phinney joined the University in August 1999 as a professor and director for the master’s program in reading in the department of teacher education. She has published a number of professional books and children’s stories; the most recent of which are “City Visit,” to be published this spring by Mondo Publishing, and “Loose Tooth,” published in 2000 by Lee and Low Publishers.

Since 1956, the International Reading Association (IRA) has been a nonprofit, global network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy. According to the IRA’s Web site, the association is more than 70,000 members strong. The association supports literacy professionals through a wide range of resources, advocacy efforts, volunteerism and professional development activities. “Our members promote high levels of literacy for all by: improving the quality of read-



Hannah Lenius/Student Voice  
**Margaret Phinney teaching elementary education at UWRF. Phinney will be attending the next World Congress of the International Reading Association.**

ing instruction, disseminating research and information about reading, and encouraging the lifetime reading habit.”

Locally, nationally, and worldwide, the IRA advocates for policy, curriculum, and education reform that support the best interests of teachers and learners. The IRA’s international initiatives encourage communication and collaboration among professionals across national boundaries. The Association’s awards program includes honors for teaching, service to the profession, research, media coverage of reading and authorship of children’s books. Grants support professional development, graduate studies and research.

The IRA has reached out to educators directly through a network of councils and affiliates. These organizations extend our community to more than 300,000 reading professionals in 99 countries. Special interest groups are available for those interested in specific topics in reading education, and Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society chapters support education students preparing to enter the profession.

## 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 27

- Antonio J. Carillo, 20, was cited for underage consumption on the 900 block of E. Cascae Ave.

### March 28

- Wade W. Guerin, 20, was cited for underage consumption on the 100 block of N. Main St.
- Kelsey M. Thompson, 19, was cited for underage consumption on the 100 block of Vine St.
- Frank S. Arone II, 20, was cited for underage consumption on the 100 block of Vine St.
- Chad B. Bartlett, 20, was cited for underage consumption on the 100 block of Vine St.

**Pick up a Student Voice application for the fall semester outside of 306 North Hall**

### University to hold annual health fair

Student Health Services will host its annual Health Fair from 10 to 2 p.m. on April 14 in the University Center Ballroom. The Health Fair is an interactive event that students, faculty and staff, and community members are encouraged to attend. This year’s theme will be “Put the Spotlight on Your Health.”

The Health Fair will include demonstrations from local businesses and student organizations, door prizes, massages, henna tattoos, hearing screening, HIV testing, blood pressure and heart rate checks, body fat analysis and much more. This event is free to the public.

This year’s Health Fair is sponsored by First National Bank of River Falls and Greg Peters from State Farm Insurance in River Falls. For more information contact Laura Krawczyk at 425-3293 or at [laura.krawczyk@uwrf.edu](mailto:laura.krawczyk@uwrf.edu).

### Pulitzer Prize winning composer to come to UWRF

UW-River Falls will host Pulitzer Prize winning composer Michael Colgrass for a three-day residency on April 27 through April 29. The residency is sponsored by the UWRF

Commissioned Composer Project, a student organization that aims to bring the works of contemporary composers to River Falls’ campus. Colgrass will become the 44th commissioned composer in the Commissioned Composer Project’s historic legacy. The project, which began in 1967 by Professor Emeritus Conrad De Jong, is the longest standing program of its kind within the US, putting a national spotlight on the UWRF Music Department. Every year, the student members of the Commissioned Composer Project select and commission a composer to write a piece of music for the student body and arrange for that composer to come to the campus in the spring to interact with the students and take part in the premier performance of that work.

Michael Colgrass is a highly acclaimed and accomplished composer and percussionist of international renown. He began his musical career as a jazz drummer in Chicago. In 1954, he graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in performance and composition. Since earning his degree, Colgrass worked as both a performer and composer for many years, before deciding to compose full-time. His compositions are extremely diverse and written for a wide variety of instrumen-

tation or ensembles, ranging from percussion ensembles to musical theatre. He has received commissions from individuals and ensembles, including the New York Philharmonic, The Boston Symphony, and the Minnesota Orchestra. He has received numerous awards for his compositions, including the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for music for his piece Déjà vu, which was commissioned and premiered by the New York Philharmonic.

Colgrass will begin his residency at UWRF on April 27 with a workshop called “Excellence in Performance” from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the band room of Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA). The workshop addresses how to manage any form of performance anxiety and is free and open to the public. His visit will conclude with the Commissioned Composer Concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 29 in the William Abbott Concert Hall of KFA. The concert will feature many works by the composer, as well as the world premier of the commissioned work entitled “Zulu-land,” which is also free and open to the public.

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## NEWS RELEASES



# Campus creates plan to foster aesthetics, efficiency

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For anyone who likes, or doesn’t like, the look of the UW-River Falls campus, now is the time to voice their opinion.

The elements of the master campus design plan, according to the UWRF self-study Web site, are: building locations, roads, walkways, green spaces, parking, storm water management, utilities and aesthetic qualities. The campus needs this master plan because the Board of Regents will not approve any major projects beyond the HHP and South Fork Suites Phase II without the completed plan. A big part of the master plan is the projected campus enrollment, which is currently set at approximately 8,000 students by 2017, according to the UWRF growth agenda, compared to the current population of approximately 6,500.

JRR, along with Paulien and Associates and River Architects, are the consultants working on the master plan. JRR is the lead on the project. They are a nationally recognized firm, according to Mike Stifter, director of facilities management. A project kick-off meeting was held in early March, with stakeholder interviews held March 22-25. On the afternoon of March 22 the stakeholders were given a tour of the campus. March 23-24 included interviews with stakeholders, students, faculty and staff, with a public meeting and open house held the night of the 23rd. On the 25th the chancellor’s cabinet met with the consultants to hear what had been said by the stakeholders.

The consultants will return in late April to present the preliminary findings regarding the amount of building space and land the

University will need to support the projected population. In September, the master planning consultants will be sharing three concept plans illustrating the organization of the campus - where future buildings could be located, future roadways and sidewalks, plus new parking facilities. The campus will then have to select the best ideas of the three concept plans that will then be consolidated into one “master plan” for the campus. The campus hopes to have a rough draft established around



Braun

Jan. 2011 with a final draft in place one year from now.

This spring and summer, the consultants will spend time in a data gathering phase, reporting out their observations and conclusions at the end of April and Sept. Then, based on that sharing and discussion, they will then form a draft accordingly in December or January, with a final draft expected next spring.

“Their goal is to create a framework for the campus that provides an initial roadmap for the next one to five years with, hopefully, some opportunity for quick success and momentum-building that can then set the stage for years five to 15 and beyond,” Stifter said.

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Mike Stifter  
Director of facilities management

The plan will generally have a 20 year focus since there are some very complex issues to focus on. Stifter said the campus has real potential to be successful in this environment with the right leadership and a good plan.

The parking issue is one that is being addressed in the plan, according to Dale Braun, campus planner.

“We’ve heard loud and clear, and we’ve known it for a long time, that we need more parking,” Braun said.

The needs assessment will be based on a number of things, such as the projected campus populations by time and day of the week, including both resident and commuting students, faculty and staff, visitors, special program participants and athletic and performing arts spectators. According to Braun, the campus is in approximately month three of a 12-18 month process. Braun said this campus hasn’t had a completed master plan since 1968.

“I think it’s time,” Braun said.

With the projected growth of the campus, residence halls will also need to be reviewed. According to Matt Fitzgerald, chair of the UWRF facilities development committee, there will be a push to attract commuting students and those who have unfinished degrees.

Some of the input was pleasing to hear, according to Braun, such as students reporting

that they like the residence halls. Students also said the residential characteristic of the campus should be maintained.

“We also heard that students like the natural feel of the campus,” Braun said. “They wouldn’t want to see us be like an urban campus where you have buildings stacked up on each other.”

One of the main concerns going into the planning process is the need to focus on accessibility

for the physically challenged campus users, according to Braun. That means more accessible parking in the middle of campus, a few more elevators, especially in the residence halls, and paying a little greater attention to basic services in buildings, such as restroom access.

Fitzgerald said one little corner pocket of the plan will be looking at the possibility of organic farming on campus. This would include the buildings, classrooms and equipment needed.

“We’re one of the biggest organic farming states in the nation, so it just seems like a natural fit for our campus,” Fitzgerald said.

There is a Facebook group titled “The Future of the UWRF Campus” for students, faculty, staff and community members to join to voice their input on how the campus should grow and change over the next 10-20 years.

# Health care: Recent bill intends to financially benefit students

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be eligible for the Pell Grant; this is good news for many of our students.”

With the Reconciliation Act, students will no longer have to choose their own lender; they will be set up through the government.

In a video on WhiteHouse.gov/studentaid, Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, explains some of her opinions about the bill.

“No family should have to take on crushing debt to put their kids through college,” Biden said.

She went on to explain some specifics about the bill.

“First, the new law invests more than \$40 billion in Pell Grants, and these awards will increase over time to help keep pace with the rising cost of college,” Biden said. “Beginning in 2014, students can limit their payments to 10 percent of their income, with any remaining balance forgiven after 20 years.”

Biden said that students could visit Studentaid.ed.gov for more information.

According to The Signal News, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the bill will cost \$940 billion in the first 10 years. According to an article on the Web site, “It will help close the deficit by \$130 billion over the first 10 years and \$1.2 trillion over the second 10 years. Other estimates conclude that the bill will save even more over its first two

decades.”

Jeffrey Hoffelt, a graduating senior at UWRF, explained what he knows about the new bill.

“From what I’ve heard about the bill, it sounds like it would have been helpful to have its benefits during my time at River Falls,” Hoffelt said. “Looking for private loans and insurance are unnecessary stresses for student.”

Cortney Cadwell, a freshman at UWRF, will have this opportunity to take out student loans from the government since she will be continuing her education next year.

“I guess it’s a good thing,” Cadwell said. “It’s easier to get a loan and you won’t have to pay extra fees. I don’t really know a lot about it because I don’t have any loans - not yet anyway.”

Mallory Aukes, another graduating senior at UWRF, gave her viewpoints on the bill.

“It would have been nice if the loans were available to me when I started college,” Aukes said. “I have had to take out loans for everything during my college career and will be in a great amount of debt when I am done, but this is what I had planned for.”

Aukes also explained that she is up in the air about the new insurance law.

“I don’t feel like I would have had to or will have to stay on my parents’ health insurance for that long because I hope to find a job within a reasonable time after college that will offer me this benefit,” Aukes said. “I don’t want to be dependent on my

parents once I am done with college and think that I should have the responsibility of finding a job and getting my own health insurance.”

She also explained that she feels it is not necessarily a bad thing to stay on parents’ health insurance.

“I’m not saying it’s a bad thing ... it would be nice to receive all the help I could get, but I just don’t think that it will really have an impact on me either way because I want to find a job that offers health insurance.”

Stinson explained that students really need to know what is going on with this new bill.

“This is more important than ever,” Stinson said, “that students read the fine print that they don’t want to read.”

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Barbara Stinson  
Director of financial aid

# Safety: Biking on sidewalk creates danger

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ers have had to jump out of the way of a bicyclist or have had to stop and wait for them to cross their path because it didn’t look like the bicyclist would slow down,” she said.

With all the awareness, Smith said she does not discourage bike use on campus. She said that bicycle use is a good use of transportation that is not hard on the environment.

“With the focus of sustainability on campus, bike riding and other similar modes of travel are certainly encouraged,” she said. “However, this shouldn’t come at the expense of the safety of people who are walking on campus sidewalks.”

Smith also commented on the amount of accidents reported on campus. Due to circumstances of accidents, campus authorities are sometimes not aware of these accidents.

“While there have been a few reports of people actually getting hit by a bicyclist, very few are documented because people simply don’t report the incident to anyone,” she said. “So far, injuries have been minor but the potential for a more serious injury is always there as bicycle traffic increases during nicer weather.”

More information on bike safety is available at the UWRF risk management Web site, including proper rules for biking on roads with traffic.

# Conference: UWRF sends largest number of students to Montana to showcase work

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blog Web site.

UWRF has been participating in the NCUR conference since 2002 when it was held in Whitewater, Wis. The students who attended the conference that year came back and decided to create SURSCA to encourage future students to attend NCUR and to promote undergraduate research at UWRF, according to Lyden. From 2002 to 2006, SURSCA had trouble providing funding to send students to NCUR. So in 2006, officers of SURSCA petitioned the student senate for funding from differential tuition. The senate voted in favor and so earmarked \$75,000 for a competitive grant program, Falcon Grants, to be established. SURSCA has sent 300 students to the NCUR conference since 2002, according to Lyden.

SURSCA distributes the grant money to students for research, travel and conference expenses, according to Ashley Graef, the treasurer for SURSCA. Each student has to have their abstract reviewed and approved to be able to attend the NCUR conference, according to Lyden. The SURSCA student committee reviews the applications in a non-identifiable way so that there are no conflicts of interest.

“I am very impressed with the student committee. They are very professional. They are sometimes harder critics on the applications than I would be,” said Lyden.

Graef is presenting a poster explaining

SURSCA at the NCUR conference. Currently only UW-Stout and UW-LaCrosse have similar programs to SURSCA.

“I want my presentation to help promote SURSCA to other campuses around the nation,” said Graef. “I want to show what SURSCA has done for promoting undergraduate research at UWRF.”

The students attending the NCUR conference can partake in many activities. Students present their topics then are free to see other students’ presentations, listen to the plenary speakers, the professional speakers, and can go on field trips. Some of these field trips include visiting the National Bison Range Wildlife Refuge, the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge and the Smokejumper Center and Firelab. Students at the NCUR conference will also be blogging about their experiences, according to Lyden. This blog is available at <http://surscawwrf.blogspot.com>.

Other participating schools include Whitewater, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-LaCrosse, UW-Platteville, the University of Minnesota, Hamline University, St. Scholastica and St. John’s/St. Ben’s.

The NCUR conference should be educational for the students, according to Lyden.

“UWRF always comes off very well at this conference,” said Lyden. “People have come to recognize that UWRF is a major player in undergraduate research and is among the best in the nation.”



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EDITORIAL

Job hunting should be top priority for all students

It’s common sense to assume that the odds of landing a job are greater if the number being applied for are greater as well. It’s also common sense to assume that landing a job will be harder if time is taken to apply for two, elite jobs, limited to one geographic area. If these facts appear to be such common knowledge, why do so many students not get it?

Over and over, people’s egos (and resumes) get deflated as a result of the continuous “noes” heard when they apply for internships and/or careers. In fact, these people, the ones that are so crushed when they get turned down, are the same people that are often times only applying for one or two internships; the “perfect” ones. This is unrealistic. If looking for a job or an internship, it’s important to remember to be open-minded, understanding that it won’t be possible to land a job as a sportscaster with ESPN or at General Electric in the accounting office right after graduation or in the summers between semesters in college.

When applying for internships or jobs, it’s important to remember that a ton of other people are potentially looking at the same job, and those people may or may not be better suited for the spot. The Student Voice Editorial Board feels that it’s important for students to remember that they aren’t guaranteed their dream job right off the bat; they, as everyone else looking for a job, regardless of class and age, have to prove that they are worthy of the job they seek. Just because a student completed college with a 3.9 GPA, in less than four years, with a double major, doesn’t mean that they need only apply for one job because, frankly, they haven’t got it in the bag.

Regardless of what qualifications students think they have over other applicants, there will always be someone who is better than them in at least one aspect of their resume. Being humble enough to realize that they must apply for 10, 15 jobs at once (after graduation), hoping to land an interview with a handful is key for newly graduated students to remember when thrusting themselves in the ‘real world.’

Having a loaded resume and a lot of confidence shouldn’t go underrated, however. It’s important to gain as much experience as possible, getting an edge on the crowd. But, remember, you’re not the only applicant. You’re not the only person with relevant experience. You’re not the only person who went to college and did well. You’re not the only person who deserves the position. Remembering to work for recognition is crucial.



By Jon Lyksett

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Easter dining policy leads to frustration, scrounging

Students encouraged to speak out against policies

This past weekend I found myself one of several students staying on campus as my family doesn’t celebrate Easter. I found out on Thursday, via one of those silly little napkin holder flyers in Riverside Commons that nobody actually reads, that to eat over the weekend, starting with dinner on Friday, I would need to buy a five dollar additional meal plan.

No big deal, right? Except the deadline to sign up for said meal plan was Wednesday night. I couldn’t exactly afford to go buy food for the weekend, so I had to rely on leftovers and my very kind boyfriend.

I see a few significant flaws. First of all, students who don’t celebrate Easter were forced to either go home anyway, pay five dollars or scrounge such as myself. Second of all, what about those students who couldn’t go home until Saturday? They had to pay five dollars if they wanted to eat on Friday night.

Finally, and probably the biggest flaw... I would have begrudgingly paid said cash had I known I had to do so to eat. However, as I’ve said, I didn’t find out I needed to do so until AFTER the deadline to sign up. I’ve asked many of my friends who found themselves in a similar situation and also found themselves uninformed. Would it have really been that hard to send an e-mail out? Apparently not, considering the several irrelevant e-mails I receive from the school each week. Maybe I’m blowing the situation out of proportion, but had I not been as lucky as I was, I would have gone almost entirely hungry for two and a half days. Not cool, Dining Services. Not cool.

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Cartoonist’s take on theatre, media budget cuts stirs controversy

The cartoonist’s misconstrued depiction of the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board (AFAB) is just another saddening manifestation of AFAB’s biggest enemy: misinformation. It is for this reason that this otherwise innocent satire now serves as a medium for emotions and logistics to become interchangeable after a seemingly senseless and unfair decision is made. University Theatre got severely cut in the first round of budget deliberations. Campus media groups saw a reduction in what they’re used to getting. Clearly, AFAB doesn’t care about the student organizations they fund, just that they stay within budget.

Although that makes sense from an extremely naive and superficial perspective, dig a little deeper and find that University Theater, through an honest misunderstanding, had incorrectly told the AFAB that their organization violates Financial Paper 50. After the truth came out, the AFAB happily provided the organization with sufficient funds in the second budget deliberations.

Keep researching and find that campus media is the only group that has a seat - a vote - on AFAB reserved specifically and exclusively for them. This



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chair has sadly been vacant all year despite attempts made by the AFAB to get involvement from any of the campus media organizations. Look at the budget and find that even after these outlandish cuts to campus media, they saw cuts approximately half of the average cut to every other student organization.

Lastly, AFAB holds the sign that claims that it will not work for student organizations. Does the AFAB volunteer its time to develop orderly, fair and consistent policies and procedures for their own enjoyment? They realize that this year was a near-impossible budget

situation with a board in its infancy and gladly welcome your criticisms, complaints and concerns.

But for myself (and I imagine this reflects the views of the other members of the AFAB): do not blindly accuse me of apathy. I am not deserving of such an irrational insult.

Jordan Harshman  
Vice Chair of AFAB



# With the correct suggestions, everyone can enjoy The Beatles

I don't know about you, but when I can't focus on something, whether it be prepping for an exam or writing a paper, I usually turn on some tunes to get focused. Three out of four times I do this, I turn to John, Paul, George and Ringo. Everyone knows tunes like "Hey Jude," "Let It Be" and "Yellow Submarine," but few people, I feel, have the chance to really experience their music. Now, I personally believe that The Beatles have created some of the most amazing music that could ever fall upon human ears, but I understand that many people don't share my view on this. I want to give my list of ten Beatles songs that I think once all packaged together, a person can't honestly say that they don't at least appreciate The Beatles. So, here it is my friends, ten Beatles songs you, if you haven't already, need to check out.

- 1) "Because":  
Off of the masterpiece known as "Abbey Road," this song is a perfect lesson in harmony. The song features three-part harmony, but each voice is overdubbed three times. Now, since we're all mathematicians, we can calculate that creates, yes, nine voices in all, and it sounds amazing. The harpsichord (electric), guitar, and chords used in the song are incredibly entrancing. Something that is pretty cool is that the song was apparently inspired by Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata."
- 2) "Good Day Sunshine"  
Coming from the album "Revolver," this is an ultimate "feel good" song. Quite literally, it makes me want to grab a cane and skip down the street, in a very masculine way of course. The song is simply about how genuinely happy being in love can make you feel, because as Paul says, "I feel good, in a special way. I'm in love and it's a sunny day." The piano track really anchors the song in my opinion, especially the brief, but upbeat, solo.
- 3) "In My Life"  
This, from the album "Rubber Soul," is truly one of the most beautiful, melodic and well-rounded songs I have ever heard. The song was originally written by John Lennon as a sort of "reflection on my childhood" type of song, but McCartney reworked the lyrics with Lennon to create the song that we have today. One notable attribute of this song is the piano solo, written by the "fifth Beatle" George Martin. The piano solo was recorded at half speed, and then doubled to fit the track after the solo written by Martin was apparently too slow for the song. Overall, this song says, in a perfect way, how much one appreciates anyone and everything that has come and gone in their life, among other things.
- 4) "I've Just Seen a Face"  
This song comes from the "Help!" album. The intro guitar track for this song is simply fantastic, and propels you into a magnificent work by The Beatles. This is the perfect



Matthew Torkelson

song to describe that "love at first sight" feeling you may or may not have had.  
5) "Day Tripper"  
Though this song never appeared on an "official" album, it was released as a "Double-A side" single with the song "We Can Work It Out." I love this song just because, well, it's simply awesome. The opening guitar riff immediately gets the listener jacked, and the rest of the song follows through on keeping everything upbeat.

- 6) "I Will"  
Off of "The White Album," this is a very simple and short piece. I love this song simply because I feel that it is the perfect way to tell a woman how much you love them, and what extremes you would go to show that love. "Who knows how long I've loved you, you know I love you still. Will I wait a lonely lifetime? If you want me to, I will."
- 7) "Eleanor Rigby"  
Off of "Revolver," this is a song that most people know. This song, I feel, is a genuine masterpiece, lyrically and musically. The string quartets, arranged once again by George Martin, give this song a deep, moody, and majestic sound. "Eleanor Rigby" is said to be one of the first steps that sent the band into more serious territory. This song deals with the feeling of loneliness, and how truly devastating it can be.
- 8) "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"/ "With a Little Help From My Friends"  
Now, I know the two songs are separate, but they make up, in my opinion, the greatest album introduction I have ever heard. The whole "Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band" album uncovers a part of The Beatles that arguably changed music at the time.
- 9) "Goodnight"  
From the end of "The White Album", this song reminds me a song straight from a Disney movie. This movie can truly be called a lullaby, and if you want a song to send goose bumps every which direction, listen to this song before you fall asleep.
- 10) "Golden Slumbers" (All four songs at the end of Abbey Road)  
The last four songs from "Abbey Road" will put you in a trance. All four songs are different in their own way, but the way they transition from one to the next is simply wonderful. "Golden Slumbers" is my personal favorite of the four, but coupled together, the end of "Abbey Road" can truly be labeled as epic.
- Now if I had my way, I'd get you to buy every Beatles' album ever made and give them a listen straight through, but since that's not plausible, check these tunes out; you'll be glad you did.

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# Rainy day activities keep students occupied inside

The rainy season seems to be upon us, and with it a desperate need for distraction. Almost as bad as being trapped in during the winter, but with the hope of sunnier days. Rainy days are a peaceful time spent inside in which we have the opportunity to do a list of interesting things. Here are a few I've thought up.

**Bake**  
It gives you something to do, and the product is delicious. Totally worth the mess you make in the kitchen. Leave it for another time to clean up; relax and enjoy all of your sugar filled creations. You never can go wrong with a \$1.50 worth of cake mix and an entire evening to indulge in your chocolate coated fantasies.

**StumbleUpon.com**  
I have played with this Web site for hours. Pick your subject preferences (I recommend humor), and you'll spend hours surfing the web at random. It's way better than trying to find all the funny stuff yourself.

**Build a fort**  
You may not be a kid anymore, but this still remains on the top ten list of absolutely fun things to do. Drape a few blankets over chairs and stuff the tent with pillows. Whether you're in there with a book, a movie or a boyfriend, the excitement never ends.

**Learn something new**  
I know we spend a lot of time learning things, but take the time to learn something that has nothing to do with your major. A foreign language, juggling, quarter tosses. You can also enter something of interest to you into Wikipedia and follow the links for hours of learning. It's amazing where random clicking will get you.

**Repeat everything with a French accent**  
High amusment potential, especially within the first few minutes. Repeat everything the T.V., your friends, or your radio says with a French accent. Aside from sounding extremely cool, you will also be developing a skill

useful if you're planning on playing Lancelot in Camelot.

**Have a water-gargling contest**  
See who can gargle water the longest. Extra points awarded to people who make interesting gargling noises. The amusement potential is roughly a half hour to forty-five minutes. Benefits in group inclusion.

**Dress up your pets**  
Find or make clothing that will flatter your pet. If you have henna dye, you could also try and turn them different colors. IF you possess a skill with scissors, I believe puppies look best with a mohawk. Just my opinion, however.

**Document your day in photographs**  
Take pictures of all the simple things you do during your rainy day. Try to exclude things that should remain private. It might be a fun way to learn more about your daily habits, or another pointless album of photos on Facebook.

**Cut out photos, glue them on sticks and perform your very own puppet show.**  
Gather all your roommates and entertain them with your Jeff Dunham impressions.

**Make lists**  
This is what got me through my rainy day. Any random thing you can think of and start listing. The amusement potential is around ten minutes, but afterwards you feel justifiably organized.  
There you go. A list of things you can do to entertain yourself and those around you during the rainy season. These are not all the possibilities however! Feel free to come up with your fun and exciting ways to avoid boredom.

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## STUDENT VOICES

Do you think UW-River Falls should have a baseball team?

**Blake Borchardt, senior**

"Yes, because how are we going to get professional baseball athletes from UWRF if we don't have a team."



**Bayli Maliszewski, sophomore**

"Yes I definitely do. I hear about a lot of interest and I have a lot of friends who would try out."

**Amy Kringle, freshman**

"I don't really care. I think that it would be fine if they did. It would be another opportunity to get people out and active"



## UWRF softball team demonstrates promise this season; students should show support

Spring has arrived here in River Falls, and if you are like most avidsports fans, you too may be feeling the gloom of a busted NCAA basketball bracket, or a lost interest in the NBA for the petty Timberwolves fans.

Well, maybe the Bucks can finish strong. And we all know that for those Cubs and Brewers fans out there, this baseball season might be over before its even started. (Twins fans, on the other hand, have much to look forward too). But while the upsets in the college realm may be done and the NBA forgotten, take the time to look at the local level right here in River Falls for an exciting spring sports season.

During this awesome weather we all might have to set the books aside (and I'm sure a few of us already have, but keep pushing, the end is almost here)! Use this down time and take the time this spring to enjoy the weather and to support your fellow classmates and Falcon athletics. As a member of the UWRF softball team, I am certainly biased, but I highly encourage each and every one of you to come and see what the game of softball is all about.

This year's Falcon squad is made up of one senior, two juniors, five sophomores, and eight freshmen, but have already put forth a steady season with great expectations. Team highlights have included a 4-0 win over 17th ranked Illinois Wesleyan and a home opening sweep of Bethel college by scores of 5-0 and 9-2. UWRF also had a strong showing in the Augustana Tournament in Rock Island, Ill., where they finished 3-1, with their only loss coming to 10th ranked and

host team, Augustana.  
The Falcons will open conference play on April 8th with a doubleheader against 2008 NCAA National Champion UW-Eau Claire starting at 3:00. The WIAC is certainly one of the toughest conferences for Division III college athletics, and softball is no different. Other home games and chances to see the Falcons in action are on April 17th against UW-Platteville starting at 3:00, and then the following day, the 18th against UW-Lacrosse, who is an early pick to finish second in the conference.

The Falcons will also host Ripon college on the 24th at 1:00 and UW-Superior on the 28th with the first pitch being thrown at 3:00. The Falcons close out the regular season WIAC games on May 2nd at UW-Whitewater. The final chance to see the Falcons at home is on May 4th when they host a nonconference doubleheader against St. Mary's. Spring is in the air, and what a better time to come and see the Falcon softball team in action.

So come on over to Ramer Field (the softball field is behind Knowles, next to the tennis courts) to help support Falcon athletics and a team that is young, but hungry for postseason action.

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Ashley Goettl



# Falcon baseball alumni reminisce about seasons past

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Eight years have passed since UW-River Falls last had a competitive varsity baseball team. A sense of bitterness still remains in players of the past and in current students fighting a nearly impossible battle for its reinstatement.

According to the UWRF Area Research Center & University Archives, "The very first baseball game played at River Falls took place in May of 1896."

After several attempts by the Athletic Committee to end it, the baseball program was eventually cut after the 2002 season.

"Cutting baseball was one of the more difficult decisions we have ever faced as an athletic department," UWRF Athletic Director Rick Bowen said in an article written in May 2009.

"Because of the cold weather in the Midwest, the conditions are not good enough until early to mid-April to start play. Sometimes players were required to show up at 10 a.m. for batting practice before a noon doubleheader. The end result is that players were missing too much class trying to squeeze that much playing time into April and May."

According to Bowen, professors complained more about baseball players missing class than all the other sports combined. Adding to the problem, UWRF was unable to bring on a full-time baseball coach and the school had extremely high turnover with part-time coaches.

The head coach for the final 2002 baseball season, Steve Hucke, saw the situation much differently and said he doesn't believe the reasoning was justified.

"There really weren't very solid reasons for ending the program: lack of coaching stability, lack of team success, money and Title IX. I was fully prepared and qualified to be the full time coach, which they never offered. I would have taken it in a heartbeat. The weather was fine for the most part and we made due. I never required anyone to be there if they had class," Hucke said.

Hucke said that there were many reasons why the decisions were unjust.

Being offered part time positions that didn't keep coaches around, the team finishing one game away from conference play-offs its final year and title nine making cause for more female athletes were big reasons, he said

The UWRF alumni baseball players said they hold similar feelings on how the entire situation happened, but still look fondly on their time as Falcon team members.

"The best years of my life so far were playing baseball for the Falcons. Most of my lifelong friends are from those teams. 'Someone' tried to end the program while I was playing, but it held on until 2002. It left a pretty bad taste in my mouth when it finally was terminated," said Nate Stellrecht, who was a 1992-96 team member.

Brian Nadeau, a team member in '94 and '95, said he had similar feelings about his experience playing for the Falcons.

"I pitched in the starting rotation both years, freshman and sophomore, and had to quit due to family reasons. It was an awesome experience... The University should be ashamed of the fact that they can't field a competitive team, considering the budget for baseball is very small compared to other programs," Nadeau said.

Bill Knutson, a team member from 1991-94, holds the record for the most strikeouts in UWRF baseball history. Knutson said he loved playing for the team and being a student-

athlete.

"Playing baseball and attending college at UWRF were some of the best years of my life. Being a student athlete, I earned a quality education while playing the sport that I loved - baseball. As a student-athlete at UWRF, I felt supported and cared for by my peers, faculty and administration. After my senior year of baseball, administration attempted to cut baseball. I was part of a group that refuted the cut and baseball was saved for awhile. Then, a few years later, baseball was cut and there was no chance to refute the decision. I am saddened by the lack of due process the second time baseball was cut. Even though I am thankful and have fond memories of my experience at UWRF, I refuse to give money to the University," said Knutson.

Since 2002, students at the University have attempted to bring a baseball team back to campus. In 2005, a club baseball team was formed on campus. It took until 2007 to finally get into a league.

"Our team was in Div. I the first year and moved to Div. II last year," said Eric Resch, a fifth-year senior at UWRF.

"This year we all decided to take the year off and focus on graduating, and no one really stepped up and took over the team. Hopefully in the future someone can take over again and get it going. It's



Student Voice Archive Photo  
The Falcon baseball team, which was cut from UW-River Falls athletics in 2002, is still being remembered by players from seasons past. The team, which had played on campus since 1896, was a large part of campus sports. A student-lead club team was formed in 2007, but is no longer an organization. Players and coaches at the time said they disagreed with the decision, and today there is still some support for a new varsity baseball team. Seven teams in the WIAC conference have baseball teams.

## Milwaukee Brewers begin new season

Last week, I gave my five storylines of the Minnesota Twins for upcoming 2010 season. This week, I'll give my five storylines for the Milwaukee Brewers.

**Signing Prince Fielder to a contract extension.** Fielder will be eligible for unrestricted free agency after the 2011 season unless the team can sign him to an extension.

The franchise has a couple options with Fielder. The first option is for Fielder to receive a long contract extension. This option would not be cheap for the Brewers. The second option is to trade Fielder for some draft picks. The third option would be to let Fielder test out the free agency market. Fielder could always sign back with the Brewers, but with major markets lurking around, I'm not sure the Brewers could match any offers Fielder receives.

**The pitching rotation.** The team doesn't have a true ace on their staff. Yovani Gallardo got the starting nod, but his numbers clearly don't suggest he should be the number one pitcher on a staff. He went 13-12 last year with an ERA of 3.72. Good numbers for a number two or three pitcher in the rotation, but if the team is to contend,

Gallardo will have to win 15 or more games and have his ERA closer to three, unless one of the other pitchers steps up. The rest of the pitching staff looks very questionable. Besides Gallardo and Randy Wolf, the rest of the staff has not had a dominating year in their career. If this team struggles this year, it could



Derek Johnson

very well be because of their starting five pitching rotation.

**The outfield of the Brewers.** When the team went into spring training this year, the Brewers had a clear answer who their three starters would be in the outfield. It would be Braun in left field, Carlos Gomez in center field, and Corey Hart in right field. After breaking from spring training, the answers were not so clear. After having a down year, Hart struggled in spring training as well. That left the door open for newly-acquired Jim Edmonds to compete for right field. Well, Edmonds succeeded on the depth chart, with Hart backing him up. Another thing to watch for

too hard to run a team when you don't have a local field to practice or play on. We played our home games in Minnesota," Resch said.

Robert Silvers, UWRF club baseball team leader from '07-'08, said he would love to see a team start up again, but doesn't think it's likely.

"With the current economic situation I don't see it starting up any time soon. Minnesota

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in the outfield is the newly-acquired Gomez. He has the potential to be the star in this league, but he needs to mature a bit more and gain some discipline.

**How will Alcides Escobar do in the full-time starter role?** Escobar has become the full-time starting shortstop for the Brewers with the departure of J.J. Hardy. Escobar had 125 plate appearances in 38 games last year. He batted .304 with three doubles, a triple, a home run, 11 RBIs and 18 strikeouts last year and will now be the starting shortstop this year.

**How will the Brewers do compared to the rest of the N.L. Central?** The N.L. Central has usually been dominated by the St. Louis Cardinals or the Chicago Cubs. The Brewers seem to be in the mix with those two teams, but usually end up finishing right below them. This year looks to be another year where the Cardinals are the favorites, and the teams that typically finish near the bottom are picked to finish there once again like the Pittsburgh Pirates and Houston Astros. My prediction is St. Louis will win the division, with the Brewers, Cincinnati and Chicago in a three-team race for a possible wild card berth.

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# Sportsfan continues hateful rant against popular fads, athletes

Since there is simply too much hate to go around in the sports world to be confined to 500 words, I proudly present part two of my Student Voice Player Hater’s Ball.

I hate that its become fashionable to wear hideous looking Yankee hats even if you’re not a fan of their team.

And what in god’s name is up with hip-hop culture embracing this crap? Yeah nothing says “gangsta” to me like a sport played predominantly by white men who wear tight fitting uniforms, chew tobacco, and slap each other’s asses.

You know how every now and then you’ll see some old television



Andy Phelps

footage from 10-20 years ago and you just can’t believe some of the fashion from back then? Do you idiots not realize that this is, without a doubt, going to happen with these hats? It completely baffles me that some morons think it looks good to leave your brim straight and the sticker still on....why on earth can’t they just have a small tag inside of the hat which tells them which size it is? Do you really need an oversized sticker to announce to the world that you have an enormous cranium?

And on top of all of that, people apparently feel the need to match their outfits with their hats now. So instead of just having some ugly

neon green/pink/orange/whatever other ridiculous color hat, you now have to have that color in your entire outfit so that you look like a stoplight. I’d tell you to burn these ugly looking hats, but considering the personality of the people who wear this garbage, I think we’d all be better off if they just jumped into the furnace themselves.

**Floyd Mayweather Jr.**

This guy is seriously one of the biggest douchebags I’ve ever seen in professional boxing, which is quite a statement. He talks trash nonstop, calls himself “money” and “pretty boy,” and continues to cowardly dodge Manny Pacquaio. That’s not really all that baffling, considering he’s a professional boxer, but he fights like a creampuff too.

I hate his punk-ass jab and run style. If you’re going to fight like that, then don’t run your mouth for god’s sake—you don’t have the right. I really hope Mosley knocks his arrogant, bankrupt head off,

but because he’s so good that’s just not going to happen, which is what makes it so completely enraging.

**Apolo Anton Ohno**

Congratulations, you grinning idiot. In some magical way, you have convinced the TV networks, the Olympics Committee, and most of the American public that you’re actually good at your sport. Every one of your medals is a complete joke, and it’s an insult to Michael Phelps (who, unlike you, is capable of winning gold instead being gifted bronze) that your names are for whatever reason linked together by the clueless sports media.

Short track is an extremely high-variance competition, but the way

Apolo repeatedly luckboxes over infinitely more talented competition is nothing short of astounding. However, I’ve noticed that smug, self-satisfied grin disappears pretty fast when things don’t go his way. In Vancouver (after he was rightly disqualified), he freezes up and finds nothing better to do than blame the “biased” Canadian referee. Epitome of class...hope you enjoyed your DQ

Blizzard, loser. In the meantime, keep growing your the god-awful soul patch—it seemingly gets more repulsive every four years—and being “alternative” and “chill” with your badass bandanna. I hope the South Korean skaters eat your dogs.

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“...he’s a professional boxer, but he fights like a creampuff, too.”

# Disasterous 3D effects, dull acting ruin 1981 cult-classic

A remake of the 1981 cult-classic, “Clash of the Titans” is a colossal waste of time. Although the original had a clunky story and cheesy special effects, it was also campy and fun. The remake is just as clunky and its special effects are just as cheesy, but the experience is altogether tedious. It’s too long, too serious and too boring to be any fun.

Last week I praised “How to Train Your Dragon” for its spectacular 3D effects. It’s a shining example of just how stunning and immersive a 3D film can be. In comparison, “Clash of the Titans” is a gloomy example of how atrocious 3D can be. The effects are unnecessary at best, and headache-inducing at worst. I had to take the glasses off several times due to eyestrain.

“Clash of the Titans” is an important experiment for studios betting on the continued success of 3D. Whereas movies like “Avatar” and “Dragon” were shot in 3D from the beginning, “Clash” is among the first wave of retro-fitted 3D films. Shot entirely in 2D, its 3D effects were added via computers during the editing process.

This form of post-production 3D conversion is garnering buzz by offering



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the prospect of re-releasing classic films in a new dimension. “Titanic” and the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy are just a couple of the big-name titles being considered for a 3D re-release. However, if “Clash” is any indication of the quality we can expect from these films, then I predict a major flop for the studios. A few more bombs like this and the 3D craze will die just as quickly as it got started.

But looks aren’t everything - the rest of “Clash” is just as awful.

The story follows Greek demi-god Perseus and his quest to save Princess Andromeda from being sacrificed to the Kraken, an unreasonably powerful sea creature that can lay waste entire cities. The only way to defeat the Kraken is to cut off the head of Medusa and use it to turn the beast into stone.

There’s nothing wrong with this premise, but its execution fails on almost all levels. The finished product is an unholy mess of monsters and set pieces. One minute our hero is fighting a demon in a forest, while the

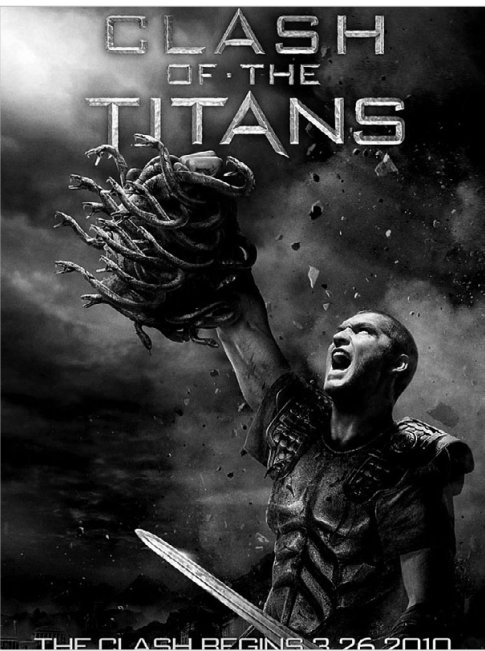
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next he’s grappling with giant scorpions in a desert. It feels like the producers had a list of scenes that they wanted to bring over from the original, and just started checking them off as they went along.

“Avatar” star Sam Worthington plays the leading role in this version, proving once again that he’s one of the least exciting actors in the business today. He’s competent enough at his craft, and certainly has the physique to be an action hero, but his lack of charisma and screen presence prevents him from being anything more than just adequate.

The film’s only saving grace are the unintentionally hilarious performances by Liam Neeson and Ralph Fiennes. Neeson’s Zeus parades around Mount Olympus in a glowing suit of armor, barking orders like “Release the Kraken!” with absolute seriousness. In contrast, Fiennes’ Hades slinks around with a hunched back, forcing out his lines with a raspy voice that sounds more like a bad case of bronchitis than wickedness.

When the Kraken finally did get released, I was so detached from the experience that I didn’t even care. In what should have been the most exhilarating scene of the film, I was busy trying to decide what I was going to eat



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for dinner.

I’m not sure who would enjoy this film, or if it even can be enjoyed. If you have your heart set on seeing it, do yourself a favor and at least go to a 2D showing. You’ll save yourself a few bucks and a massive headache.

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# Romance expands Cyrus’ career

Hannah Montana gone punk pianist brat would be one way to sum up “The Last Song,” or at least Miley Cyrus’ character in the film. I spent a good part of the film in either disbelief of Hannah Montana being a punk or a general dislike of her snotty character. Fortunately, it eventually gets better.

This is Cyrus’ first leading big screen role outside of the popular Hannah Montana franchise, and it shows. Like any Nicholas Sparks film, it gives the viewer exactly what they’re expecting: a cheesy romance and some sad sobbing moments. At first it’s almost too hard to believe Cyrus as a troubled teen with a nose ring, but as the film went on, I begin to accept her as the character. The stigma of her role of Ronnie, a rebellious teen, stems from the general viewers’ inability to separate her from her much loved pop star role and does not necessarily discredit her acting abilities.

I really didn’t care for the love story or the love interest played by Cyrus’ real life beau Liam Hemsworth, but I liked the way her character opens up to her family as her feelings for him grow. Hemsworth’s character was so disgustingly predictable that I found myself hoping that she didn’t end up with him in the end. It also doesn’t give much support to either of the actors acting abilities, as they’re dating in real life.

The scenery of the film is gorgeous, as it takes place on the Georgia Coast, where Ronnie’s father has



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a house located right on the beach. Greg Kinnear is delightful as always, as Ronnie’s estranged father, whom her brother and her are forced to stay with for the summer. Her little brother was extremely adorable and one of my favorite characters in the film, well played by young actor Bobby Coleman.

I hate to admit it, but Cyrus’ character grew on me after a while. As the film went on, her character developed and became more likable, and it probably helped that as the film went on it became easier to separate her from Hannah Montana. Once the movie got rolling it really wasn’t nearly as awful as I had initially expected it to be.


This isn’t really a film for little fans of Hannah Montana. I don’t think the under-12 audience would really get this movie or be able to grasp their favorite pop star in a more dark and serious role. This movie was reasonably enjoyable and unique to some extent, although it took many familiar things and threw them together. This film certainly isn’t a must-see by any means, and I would almost encourage waiting for it to come out on DVD. But if you can find a cheap matinee and enjoy Nicholas Sparks, then it’s worth it. If nothing else, this movie will give you a newfound respect for Miley Cyrus for stepping away from the bubbly pop star character that has granted her so much success.

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# Campus survey brings to light views on climate change

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UW-River Falls political science department lecturer Erick Highum led a group of three students in the fall in conducting a survey to discover what students’ views on global climate change were.

“Climate change is an issue that is argued to affect many large segments of our economy and society, has very divergent and strongly-held political views associated with it, and is the subject of ongoing international research and negotiations at the United Nations, such that students ought to be aware of the issue and surrounding debate,” Highum said.

The students involved are Cory Heaton, Jonathan Lyksett and Jennifer Haug - each of whom helped create the survey and gathered responses from more than 350 students. The purpose was to determine if students thought that global climate change and human industrial activities are important issues and to compare various countries global climate policies in the wake of the Kyoto Protocol.

Highum helped write most of the questions and Cory Heaton, Jennifer Haug and Jonathan Lyksett distributed the surveys across campus in different classes. It was a 50-question survey that was based on various stances that world governments and the UN have on global warming, and the solutions to it. They used these questions first to see whether or not River Falls students believe that global warming exists, then wanted to see if their ideas about global warming align with countries like the United States, China, Brazil, Russia, as well as organizations like the United Nations



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**UWRF students Jonathan Lyksett (left), Cory Heaton (right) and Jennifer Haug (not pictured) assisted in conducting a survey of UWRF students’ views on climate change.**

and the European Union, according to Lyksett.

The results of the survey found that most students agree that global warming is real, the result of human industrial activities and that individuals can make a difference in preventing future global climate change, but are unsure of the reliability of climate change models and whether global climate change is less important than having a strong economy.

“I thought that it was really refreshing to see that University students are concerned about global warming. Not only that, but they feel that the United States should be involved in measures to promote

clean energy and conservation,” Lyksett said.

The survey also found that most students are in strong agreement that industrialized countries should try to stabilize greenhouse gas emissions, and that there is a heavier burden on industrialized developed nations to find a solution for climate change than developing nations. This finding supports the policies of leading developing states such as India, Brazil and China, and is surprising given the strength or level of support for this policy position, according to Highum.

Most students had mixed support for the principal provisions

of the United Nations’ Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change. Specifically, UWRF students surveyed do not support an emissions trading scheme that allows countries with little or no emissions to sell emissions to countries that are over their targets, according to the survey results.

This finding runs counter to many current legislative initiatives in Congress on the climate change issue, according to Highum.

“I was quite surprised by some of the findings, especially the fact that many students agreed with China’s policy and thoughts from the Kyoto Protocol,” Haug said. “There were some students who did not believe

in global warming, but most agreed that if global warming is occurring, humans can make the difference by the way we consume and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, for example.”

The team will be traveling to the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research at the University of Montana, April 15-17 to present their research.

“I look forward to meeting and speaking with students and professors about climate change and hearing their arguments and ideas,” Haug said. “I learn the most from those who play devil’s advocate; I also look forward to seeing the research done by those across the United States.”

The three students split up their research they submitted into overall results, gender and political leaning. They will construct a large poster and display graphs and all of their results for all to see, and talk to those interested about their process and results, according to Haug.

“I am excited to be around other students who have created a project about something they are passionate about. People from all fields will be there, and I am really looking forward to seeing their work,” Lyksett said.

“It is important for students to be aware of global climate change because it’s always happening,” Haug said. “The climate is always changing, but human activity is surpassing the world’s limit of how much change it can deal with at once. We live in a global society; everything is connected, therefore all those in this world should be aware of what is happening and what is changing. How we consume and live our lives affects those across the seas; I hope students at least understand that.”

## Baseball: Varsity team cut after 2002 season

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biggest states for adult baseball in the nation with their amateur leagues. Minnesota is by far the most organized and largest amateur baseball in the nation with just under 300 teams playing in 3 different classes in the state’s largest baseball organization, the Minnesota Baseball Association. Wisconsin is the second biggest in the nation, and for a school that sits on the border of these states to not have a team is a shame,” Silvers said.

Baseball has become a missed thing on campus to even those who are more interested in being fans than athletes.

“I think it’s a real travesty that this University doesn’t have a baseball team. Baseball is, after all, America’s pastime. However, with all of the recent budget cuts, the odds of us getting a team anytime in the near future are about as good as us getting an Olympic sized swimming pool. Unfortunately, I just don’t see it happening,” said Jim Cipera, UWRF junior and baseball fan said.

When the decision to cut the baseball program was made in 2002, the reasoning behind it came out on the UW System Administration Web site: “New (2002-2003) WIAC rules require more games to be played on weekends. This significantly increases the program costs. The inability to recruit and retain coaches, with seven changes in 15 years, also played a role in the decision.”

At the time Hucke said he thought that the

University gave the baseball program enough support, but that there was a hidden agenda then entire way.

“I never ran into resistance for equipment, meal money, bus travel or hotels. Had I of known that baseball was even being considered for elimination, I would have taken measures to show that we were cutting costs,” Hucke said.

In order to try and save the team, Hucke even attempted to rally financial support from alumni and set up funding programs for the team.

“I had five alumni committed to a five-year plan of around \$5,000 dollars each year. I wanted to start a booster club and was told that I would not be able to. The whole situation was handled very unprofessionally. They called me on my cell phone to tell me the team was cut. They didn’t even have the professionalism to call me into the office to tell me face-to-face. The committee was very tight lipped about everything,” Hucke said.

According to Hucke, if the team continued into 2003 it would have had seven starting position players returning and 24 newcomers joining a team that missed the playoffs by one game in 2002. The ‘01-’02 varsity baseball team finished with a record of 14 wins and 25 losses.

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