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## Senate has yet to fill Presidential position

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UW-River Falls students voted in the 2010 Student Senate elections on April 22-23 allowing 13 new student senators to be seated, but the final results left the new president unannounced.

Nikki Shonoiki lost the vote to Tyler Latz with a final tally of 320-229 in the April elections. However, before the polls closed on the 23rd, Latz officially removed himself from the presidential race, leaving Shonoiki the president-elect by default. According to former Student Senate President Josh Brock, after the ethics complaint against Shonoiki was voted upon, it went to mediation, which failed, then went to arbitration where it was decided to redo the presidential election. Brock said the new elections chair will be appointed Tuesday, May 4, and that representative will then set the official election date for sometime during finals week.

Despite the position of president remaining unfilled, the other positions have been filled and the new representatives were seated at the senate meeting April 27. The position of vice president has been filled by Jason Keck, a sophomore crop and soil science major. Keck, who grew up on a crop and hog farm, said his interests include his family's farm, being outdoors, the UWRF crop judging team, the crop and soil club and Alpha Gamma Rho.

"I ran for Student Senate because I had heard about some issues that they were dealing with and thought that I would like to be involved in how the student body is represented," Keck said.

Keck said that he hopes to help Student Senate with a common sense approach to solving problems and help UWRF be successful in the future.

"Some main issues I see facing UWRF are with student organization budgets and

communication about Student Senate to the student body," Keck said.

He also said one idea he had was about an annual column or article in the Student Voice about the goings-on of Student Senate or a Facebook group for Senate to connect with students. Keck said he also hopes to somehow bring about campus-wide postings of weekly updates about each Senate meeting. Keck said he encourages students to vote in the special election for Student Senate president.

Jordan Harshman has taken the position of the College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) Representative for next year and is currently serving as the interim president of Student Senate. He previously held a position with Student Senate as an at-large representative, and is a senior history education major who is also involved with the College Republicans. As interim president, Harshman said his role is to make sure Student Senate continues to function, without "stepping on the toes" of the new administration.

"I will make sure we can get the appointments process, in particular, going, but I will make no appointments myself," Harshman said.

Harshman said that as the CEPS representative, he will continue to do what he previously did as an at-large representative, such as his involvement with the Allocable Fees Appropriation Board (AFAB). He said one problem he sees facing UWRF is the organization and fairness of AFAB policy.

"I think we had a perfectly fair policy last year with a perfectly fair process," Harshman said. "The organization of the process was, however, a bit lacking, so that's one thing I'd really like to focus on."

He said he also hopes to get word out about who and what AFAB is and does,

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Hannah Lenius/Student Voice

The UWRf Student Senate congregates during a weekly meeting Tuesday March 2. The Senate has recently filled all of its positions with the exception of president. An ethics complaint brought against one candidate has delayed the process.

## Ethics complaint leaves Student Senate in limbo

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Student Senate decided at Tuesday's meeting that the Presidential election redo will occur on May 12 and 13, according to Interim President Jordan Harshman.

The elections are being redone due to an ethics complaint filed by former Student Senate President Josh Brock against current Senate presidential candidate Nikki Shonoiki set off a string of events in the Student Senate offices that has left the body's leadership unclear for several weeks.

According to Brock, Shonoiki campaigned prior to the time allowed by Student Senate bylaws during an interview she did for WRFW.

"I felt [Shonoiki] had campaigned early,"

Brock said.

The complaint, which would've removed Shonoiki from the ballot if fully upheld, was then heard in an ethics meeting held by Student Senate. When the complaint was validated, Brock said, it moved to mediation. When a resolution could not be reached between the two parties, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Greg Heinselmann was called in to act as an arbitrator to make a final decision on the issue.

Heinselmann's final decision was to hold a do-over of the presidential election that Shonoiki won was one that could have been overturned by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate. The appeal to revoke Heinselmann's solution was voted down sharply with no votes to overturn and 11 that concurred

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## UWRf voter percentage ranks low in UW System

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Voter turnout for Student Senate elections at UW-River Falls is incredibly low compared to other UW campuses.

According to the 2010 senate election overall numbers from Greg Van De Mark, developer of the Student Senate online voting system and employee at UWRF Department of Technology Services, a total of 602 students voted in the spring Student Senate election. With approximately 6,500 students attending UWRF, this means that just 9.2% of the entire student population voted.

The breakdown for voting in each college is as follows: College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences - 233 votes, College of Arts and Sciences - 206, College

of Business and Economics - 60, College of Education and Professional Studies - 103.

According to Student Senate bylaws, students cannot campaign more than two weeks before elections. Students at UWRF campaign by chalking on sidewalks and other things.

"I was part of a coalition called Vote 4 Change, and we had a Facebook fan page, Web site, stickers, fliers and a video," Nikki Shonoiki, candidate for Student Senate, said.

She also said that Tyler Latz, her competition for president, had his own group of students called the Greek coalition. Latz and his running mate also created t-shirts that people were wearing around campus.

Some candidates created Facebook groups, and there are also notices on the main page of

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## River Falls' Main Street requires caution, attention



Sally King/Student Voice

A car is towed after an accident in downtown River Falls. Accidents are becoming more common on Main Street in River Falls.

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Main Street in River Falls has become one of the most dangerous streets in Pierce County, with a total of 69 accidents in 2009, according to the River Falls Police Department.

According to the RFPD there have been 538 car accidents in Pierce County in 2009 with 69 of those accidents occurring along a single stretch of Main Street in River Falls.

Main Street stretches across about 2.8 miles in River Falls. The street is lined with several restaurants, antique shops and other store. It is also lined with street parking with old dime meters, sidewalks and a few cross walks for pedestrians.

A car crashed into Beyond Light-

ing on Main Street about four weeks ago, according to April Ingalls, the owner of the building. "This building has been hit three times before," says Ingalls "I see crashes happen all the time from the store window. Its always people trying to park and do U-turns cause problems on this street."

The reason that Main Street has the most car accidents is because of the "volume of traffic and traffic congestion, and the dynamics of many entrances and exits, stoplights and pedestrian movements," River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said, adding that all the variables put demand on his department.

"There is a demand on our resources to respond, investigate and report the accidents," Leque said in an e-mail. "It is also a demand on

other services such as the fire station, emergency medical services, the River Falls hospital, etc... as it relates to road blockage and injuries."

According to Leque, the most common reason for these accidents on this street is rear end accidents that are due to the abrupt stopping of vehicles and inattentive driving.

Gina Rice, a sophomore at UW-River Falls, who was in a car accident last fall at the intersection of Main Street and Division Street, said that she worries about pedestrians crossing the street on the crosswalks along Main Street.

"If a driver can't even see a car every once in a while, it makes me wonder how often we don't notice a

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# Annual sorority event raises money for polio

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After seven months of strategic planning, the fourth annual Rockin' for Robbie concert brought in an admirable amount of money, which will be donated to hospitals in support of play therapy.

Sigma Sigma Sigma raised \$1,041 at the concert, which is more than they raised last year, according to Amy Lonksy, a Sigma Sigma Sigma member. There were approximately 100-120 people at the concert, according to Mandie Lombardo, Sigma Sigma Sigma's philanthropy chairman. The concert featured the bands The Limns and Full Tilt.

Lombardo said the event is important because the proceeds go to a good cause.

"It allows the campus community as well as the River Falls community to help support play therapy for children having a difficult time with severe illnesses while simultaneously enjoying astounding music, winning great prizes and simply taking a moment out of their busy days to relax with friends and family while remembering hospitalized children they may know or remembering the blessing of health in children," Lombardo said.

Planning for this event started back in September 2009, according to Lombardo. Lombardo worked alongside philanthropy Co-Chairman Danielle Boyum and Public Relations Chairman Tina Worm. They worked on booking both bands free of charge, collecting donations from local businesses, working with University employees to make reservations, pamphlets, contracts, and promotional material as well as smaller components such as dinner for the band, selling tickets, decorating and setting up the silent auction, according to Lombardo.

Sigma Sigma Sigma's national philanthropy is the Robbie Page Memorial Fund, according to Lombardo.

In an e-mail interview, Lombardo went into further explanation of the history of Sigma Sigma Sigma's philanthropic history.

"In 1951, the National President of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Mary Hastings Holloway Page, experienced an incredible loss when she lost her son, Robbie Page, to bulbar polio. The untimely death prompted her to establish a memorial fund for polio research. Chapters across the nation rallied behind her goal and together established the Robbie Page Memorial Founda-



Sally King/Student Voice

**Trevor Odeen receives his snow cone at Rockin' for Robbie in the Falcon's Nest of the UC. Sigma Sigma raised \$1,041 from the approximate 120 people who attended the event.**

tion," Lombardo said. "Initial efforts were focused on polio research, including donations to the Sauk Vaccine Trials. With the successful overcome of polio, Sigma Sigma Sigma maintained their philosophy, 'Sigma Serves Children.' The Robbie Page Memorial continued to benefit ill children by supporting play therapy in hospitals."

Play therapy rooms are offered at various hospitals. These special rooms allow children to escape their sterile hospital environments and cope with their current situations, according to the Rockin' for Robbie Web site. Play therapy gives children the opportunity to have fun while they are getting better, according to Lonksy. Therapeutic play programs have been shown to aid in a child's recovery both physically and emotionally, according to the Web site.

For outstanding support of Child Life and Play Therapy programs, Sigma Sigma Sigma has been recognized by the National Therapeutic Recreation Society, since contributions from the sorority have benefited many thousands of children, according to Lombardo. Currently, the Robbie Page Memorial Foundation supports the play therapy programs at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C., and the Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

The Rockin' for Robbie concert will more than likely be around for awhile, according to Leila Hirsch, Sigma Sigma Sigma's president, who said the event is "continuing to be a greater success year after year."

# Res. Life policy yields drop in reported offenses

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Since Residence Life adopted their new alcohol policies in 2008, the UW-River Falls Annual Crime Report has shown the number of liquor law violations resulting in either an arrest or offense reduced by approximately 50 percent.

The reduction in citations, however, may not mean less drinking on campus.

The decrease in offenses is a result of a change in Residence Life alcohol policy and the distribution of citations, said representatives from Residence Life and University Police (UP).

The crime report is designed to inform students and their families about campus safety as a part of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or Clery Act, according to the US Department of Education.

The act was first made into law in 1990 after 19-year-old freshman Jeanne Ann Clery was murdered in her residence hall while she was sleeping. Her parents, who, along with their daughter, hadn't known about the history of violent crimes on the campus, and fought for the law so that students and their parents could make informed decisions about safety.

The number of alcohol violations on campus will be reflected differently in the Annual Crime Report because of how Residence Life now manages violations, said Joe Saugstad, Resident Assistant in South Fork Suites.

Saugstad, who has been a member of Residence Life staff for three years, said he believed that underage drinking in the residence halls has not necessarily been less, but it appears that way on the report because only the number of citations issued by UP are counted, not the total number of incidents encountered by RAs in the halls.

The number of liquor law violations cited in the residence halls for 2006, 2007 and 2008 were 146, 163 and 81 respectively, according to the 2008 UWRF Annual Crime Report. However, the number of disciplinary referrals from Residence Life for liquor law violations has remained fairly steady.

Traditionally, an RA confronted with an alcohol related situation was instructed to call UP to resolve the issue and give a citation. The new alcohol policy that took effect in fall 2008 calls for RAs to confront the students who are drinking and resolve the issue within the Department of Residence Life. If certain requirements are not met by the students at the time of the violation such as not providing appropriate identification, the student isn't cooperating or is a danger to themselves or others, the RA may call UP to help with the situation or give a citation.

The situation is very similar to reports of sexual assault, said Assistant Director for Residence Life-Community Development and Education Kristie Feist. There are offenses that happen but are not reported to police.

The total number of sexual offenses (including sexual assault) on or off campus in the past five years is less than 20, according to the crime report. Of the 2,290 people that partici-

pated in the campus climate survey, 42 students reported they felt they were victims of sexual assault according to the survey results released this month.

In order to get an accurate impression of illegal alcohol activity within the halls, Saugstad said, students and parents would need a second source of information.

Chief of police Richard Trende said that the number of events recoded on the crime report could be misleading unless readers had an understanding of the University's policies.

Trende, who had three children go to college, said that as a parent he paid attention to a campus's environment while considering possible universities he would like his children to attend.

"Frankly," he said, "River Falls has a very healthy environment."

Other Residence Life staff said they believed there has been less illegal alcohol activity in the Residence halls, but not a significant amount. Several members of Residence Life staff said that a benefit they saw from the new policies is the stronger relationship between residents and their RAs.

Hall Manager Jenny Phillips said that she thinks the residents feel more comfortable with their RAs and less intimidated as they would by University Police and that this might mean a deeper level of respect for RAs, which could hinder underage drinking.

Tom Lengyel, Stratton hall manager, said he felt the new policy is more conducive to students who have been caught, and said he hopes there would be less recurring incidents as a result.

Feist said the changes brought UWRF's policy closer to the policies of many other Universities across the country. She also said the changes helped improve some of the "perception issues" of their RAs among their residents.

"In the student's mind, it was the RA giving them the ticket," said Feist. "[Now] students are more understanding."

# Online per-credit fee to support technology

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UW-River Falls students who are going to be taking an online course this summer should know they will have to pay an extra \$45 per credit.

UWRF has implemented a new per-credit course fee connected to all online classes that will go into effect this summer. The fee is \$45 per credit for any class outside of the College of Business and Economics (CBE), and \$150 per credit for any course within CBE, according to the University's Web site.

As the University moves towards providing more online classes, "the \$45 fee will help fund the development of those classes," said director of Integrated Planning, Kristen Hendrickson. "The fee will also go towards technology support and a portion of the CBE fee will go to the library for additional online databases."

With the fees generated from this summer's online courses, the CBE will be giving the library around \$6,600, according to Library Director Valerie Malzacher. The decision to allocate money to the library was "a decision they made and I am really grateful that they recognize the need to provide access and seek funds to provide online resources."

The library spends around \$200,000 a year on online resources, said Malzacher. A common business database, Reference USA, cost around \$6,000 a year. Malzacher said she thinks the additional databases will make the online courses stronger and will provide the needed infrastructure for education.

The online course fee was something University officials had been thinking about for some time, said Hendrickson. A group of faculty, which included the dean of the CBE, Glenn Potts, put together a proposal for an online course fee. The recommendation was approved by the vice chancellor of administration and finance and went to the executive cabinet for final approval. The cabinet includes the chancellor, provost, vice chancellor of student affairs and vice chancellor of administration and finance.

As of April 27, there are 78 online courses offered for summer with 870 students enrolled, according to data received from Assistant Registrar Rich Kathan. Excluding the tuition for the summer online courses, the University will bring in around \$111,600 from the per-credit course fee.

Tuition for summer is due June 1 and there will

be no option for a payment plan. As of right now hybrid courses—a combination of a face-to-face course and online—will not be charged the online course fee, said director of Accounts Receivable Brenda Rudberg.

Another way the University is providing support for the online classes is by hiring an instructional designer to help train teachers on how to effectively teach online classes.

Instructional Designer Scott Wojtanowski, who has his Masters in learning technologies from the University of Minnesota, leads a training session that helps teachers through the process of successfully translating their face-to-face course online. By going through this program, teachers will have their course developed and reviewed before students can take the course.

"Once the students are enrolled and the teacher begins the course, a \$1,000 per-credit stipend is offered to the teachers," said Wojtanowski.

CBE online courses not only have the universal \$45 fee but also have an extra \$105 per credit. The online course fee has been \$150 for about two years, said Potts.

"The additional fee helps pay for some of the costs associated with an AACSB accredited business program," said Potts.

UWRF junior Brett LaValley, is taking an online finance class through CBE. LaValley said he wants to finish school in a year and half. If he doesn't take the online finance class it would take him another semester. A native of Detroit, Mich., LaValley will be able to go home and work full time while also taking an online class.

LaValley said he didn't know about the new per-credit fee and thinks the school is ripping him off.

"I like this school because it provides a decent education at a good value. By charging the extra money, it seems the school is ruining what's good about it."

LaValley will be paying around \$1,100 for the three-credit finance class which will amount to "about 30 percent of my semester tuition when I take five courses."

Sixty percent of the students that are currently enrolled in summer classes are taking online courses. In the coming years, that number is likely to increase.

"In the not so distant future, most or all summer and J-Term courses will be offered online, and a number of opportunities during the regular year as well," said Potts.

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# Complaint: Interview with press spurs controversy

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with the resolution. Six senators abstained from voting on the issue, according to Senate records.

Brock said that Heinselman's decision to hold another election was not what he had originally intended, but he would respect the ruling.

"I wanted to make sure the elections were carried out fairly," he said. "The election rules set out the times a candidate can campaign. I just wanted the documents enforced. I'm satisfied with the decision."

Shonoiki said she feels Heinselman's decision solved nothing.

"It slaps a band-aid on the issue," she said. "They never resolved it. It's unfair because I was technically the president. They should have at least ruled on the complaint."

WRFW reporter and show host Jaime Babb conducted the interview that spurred Brock's complaint in early March, Babb said.

"I interviewed Nikki and we talked about a lot of topics because she's in so many student organizations," she said. "I

asked her what else is going on and she mentioned she was thinking about running for Senate president. Of course I'm going to jump all over that."

Article 2, Section A of the Student Senate Election Rules defines campaigning as, "Any activity that is intended to influence voting at an election."

Candidates are not allowed to campaign until the petition date for candidacy has passed, according to the document. The petition date for the election was April 12.

According to Babb, Shonoiki was purposely hesitant to say anything further about her candidacy.

"She did not tell me to vote for her or anyone else," Babb said. "All she did was tell me she might be running and she encouraged other students to get involved in Student Senate. The interview didn't even air."

When then-President Brock and Allocable Fee Appropriation Board Chair Tyler Halverson found out about the interview, they requested a copy of the audio and the subsequent story and Babb obliged.

"I didn't think it was that big of a deal," Babb said. Because of the incident, Shonoiki said the Senate bylaws

will be adjusted if she is elected.

"We're going through and changing the bylaws and election rules to make them less vague," she said. "The new ones will be clear and set-in-stone to avoid this confusion in the future."

Babb said she feels Student Senate officials need to be more familiar with the relationship between the media and government.

"The bottom line is a reporter asked a question and [Shonoiki] answered it. It appeared as if Student Senate was trying to prevent [Shonoiki] from running. [Student Senate officials] didn't understand the media's role and they made it a lot bigger deal than it is."

Shonoiki said she'll be glad when the issue is finally resolved.

"I've gone through the ringer and I don't think any other student should have too," she said. "This whole process has been emotionally draining."

# Election: Senate inducts 13 new senators, awaits president

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as it seemed no one knew about them until something very controversial was brought about. Harshman said he'd like to give students the option to come to the meetings to get their opinions out.

One of the at-large representatives is Jayne Dalton, a sophomore who is double majoring in meat and animal science and political science. She's also involved in the Block and Bridle club, Phi Mu and Alpha Zeta. Dalton served as the Greek Representative for Student Senate over this spring semester. She said her role is that of a regular senator with voting rights, the responsibility of communicating with students and helping with various committees within the Senate.

"We're kicking next year into gear right now, and we'll be applying for appointments to directorships, and hopefully some of us will get them to be able to take on further responsibilities," Dalton said.

Dalton said she hopes to look at re-evaluating the teacher evaluation forms. She said she feels that having only five to eight questions is a bit limited.

"Granted, you can't have an open question type format," Dalton said. "But at the same time, I think there should be a few more questions asked, both for better verification and to help students feel like they're voicing [their opinion] a little bit more."

Parking and housing are two big problems Dalton says she hopes Student Senate works on next year. She said the enrollment goals are great, but when there are not facilities to accommodate the projected increase, it becomes a problem. She said that putting freshman in the Best Western earlier this year was ridiculous. As for parking, Dalton said UWRF is a big commuter school. With the commuters coming in, and even students who live in apartments in River Falls driving to campus in the inclement weather, she said she thinks the campus needs to focus on parking accommodations. Dalton said she found the statistic

about enrollment increasing to 8,000 students published in the Student Voice a couple of weeks ago startling.

"Even if we updated the accommodations to fit the roughly 6,000 students we have now, we'll be right back at square one where we are now," Dalton said. "We need to start building ahead of the curve."

According to Harshman, the election for Student Senate President will be held no sooner than May 10, but no later than May 13 so that the polls may be open for two days. The candidates to appear on the ballot are Nikki Shonoiki and Lee Monson.

Shonoiki is a senior majoring in intercultural communications. She has been involved in Hall Council and the Statewide Student Association, as well as many other student organizations on the UWRF campus. Shonoiki previously served on Student Senate for two years. She said she decided to run for Student Senate President because she realized a lot can be done, while not much was being done. Shonoiki said she felt that Student Senate President was a good position for her to run for.

"The system isn't working for the students, and I think that I can change that system for a better campus and a more student-centered way of life," Shonoiki said.

If elected, Shonoiki said she plans to not run Student Senate the way it has been run in the past.

"I plan on working directly with the student body, not against the student body," she said. "I am more than willing to go out and talk to students in class, on their way to class and do whatever it takes to get their opinion."

Shonoiki said it's really important that Senate reach out to the students rather than have the students hounding Senate just to get in to a conversation about what they need.

"It's our job to go out to them and make sure that conversation is happening," Shonoiki said.

She said she wants a Student Senate that's going to work toward something. Shonoiki

said that as Student Senate President, it would be important to her to help shape the way Student Senate conducts their business, which will always and forever be passionate about helping students on campus. She said some of the main problems she sees facing UWRF is the Cascade Project, which is a project run by the city of River Falls dealing with the installation of roundabouts, the removal of some on-street parking and the renovation of the parking lots near North Hall. Student input was sought out, but not very effectively. Shonoiki said she thinks the students should be involved in the entire process. Campus housing is another issue Shonoiki hopes to face.

"I think it's important for us, as Student Senate, to be the mediation between students and administration, which means looking at both sides and coming to a compromise," Shonoiki said.

Shonoiki said that even if she is not elected as Student Senate President, she will never stop being a part of student leadership on campus.

The other candidate, Lee Monson, is a sophomore majoring in political science. Monson was previously the treasurer of the College Democrats, served with AFAB and for a year, he served as the co-chair for the Gay-Straight Alliance. He said he is running for Student Senate President because he felt that rather than complaining about other candidates, that he should take the healthy approach and try to make a difference himself. Monson said he talked to students and found that three issues repeatedly came up. The first was housing. The current requirement is that students live on campus for their first two years at UWRF.

"When even our extended housing is overflowing into a hotel, something needs to be done," Monson said.

He said his proposal is to remove the sophomore housing requirement, giving more students the opportunity to live off-campus, thus relieving a burden on the school and allowing for a more comfortable living situation on

campus. The second issue was parking. Monson said he is currently talking with city councilman Bob Hughes, who is trying to put forth an alternative to the proposed roundabouts currently being looked at for Cascade, which would take away a lot of parking spaces. Part of the current plan is putting a parking lot by Grimm Hall.

"I believe there's no reason why we can't have both the street parking and the parking lot," Monson said.

The final issue was that of the student organization budgets. Monson said resolving this issue has to do with reforming AFAB's policies to make them more black and white, less ambiguous and easier to interpret. Another aspect of the issue is Falcon Programs, said Monson.

"Out of the \$350,000 we had to allocate, they ended up being allocated about \$160,000," Monson said. "They're a wonderful program and they do a lot for this campus. However, I don't believe they should be qualified as a student organization."

Monson said he would propose that Falcon Programs be moved under Student Life, which would include about a \$25 segregated fee increase, but there would be a lot more money available for student organizations. Monson said that if elected, he would see his role as an intermediary to faculty as well as other senators. He said he doesn't feel it is his role to put forth anything that was not first brought to his attention by students.

"I will certainly work with people on issues that are pointed out to me," Monson said.

The other student senate members are as follows: CAFES representative- Derrek Johnson, CAS representative- Ryan Debner, CBE representative- Andrew Jirele, and at-large representatives- Tyler Latz, Peter Van Dyk, Samuel Tauchen, Russel Sawyer, Tyler Halverson and Patrick Okan. The non-traditional representative is Ali Haifawi.

# Voters: Promoting Senate election increases election turnout

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the UWRF Web site and the events calendar explaining when and where the elections take place.

"Online media is the best way to promote it," Rodney Hillskotter, former Student Senate elections chair, said.

Hillskotter said that there were some issues with promoting the elections this year.

"The new rules [on Student Senate campaigning] say that there should be advertisements that run in the Student Voice," Hillskotter said. "(We were) not able to get advertisements run in the Student Voice."

He explained that he thinks that there needs to be a change both in the rules that govern the entire process as well as the transition from

one election chair to the next.

"Whoever is the new election chair is given a folder and told 'here you go, any questions, just ask,'" Hillskotter said.

He said he feels the issue with that is that previous Student Senate officers should go over specific rules with the new officers so they can be followed properly.

"In this particular instance, the folder was not updated, so the rules that were changed in September were not communicated,

and there are a lot of vague, uncertain definitions and terms," Hillskotter said. "There are a lot of things that could be changed to make it

**"In this particular instance, the folder was not updated, so the rules that were changed in September were not communicated, and there are a lot of vague, uncertain definitions..."**

Rodney Hillskotter  
Former Senate elections chair

more understandable and comprehensive." U W - Stout Organizational Affairs Director Josh Fritz, explained that last year they had 2,000 people vote in their student government elections.

"Last year we had the highest election turnout per capita - around

a quarter of our campus turned out," Fritz said. "Last year we had the referendum for the smoking ban, so that got more people to vote."

This spring, UW-Stout had two different elections: one for senator and one for executive directors. In the senator elections, 662 people voted, and in the executive directors election, 860 people voted. This means 16.8% of the UW-Stout population that voted in the election.

This election also had a referendum on the smoking ban which would make UW-Stout a tobacco free campus, according to Fritz. This referendum passed.

Some of the things that students do to campaign at UW-Stout is to go and talk to organizations, tell them what the candidate wants to do and get their name out.

"Some of us have pretty large networks, so we can talk to people," Fritz said. "People also do Facebook groups, some posters, chalking on sidewalks and yard signs go up on campus."

Lisa Aarli, UW-Madison student, explained that this spring they had the biggest turnout ever for their student government elections.

"[This is] partly because candidates did a ton of campaigning and partly because of a referendum that students felt strongly about," Aarli said. "General advertising for the election is done by the Student Election Commission of Associated Students of Madison."

In the spring 2010 elections, 13,788 students voted. This is 34.5% of the overall student population, according to the election results posted on [www.asm.wisc.edu](http://www.asm.wisc.edu).

# Street: Collaboration between drivers, city could prevent accidents

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pedestrian," she said. "That's dangerous."

When accidents occur along Main Street the police call towing companies to get the cars out of the way. Chad Svoboda, an employee of Swede's towing Service, said he sometimes gets a call from the police telling him to tow the cars away from the site.

"We take the car to their house, the shop or wherever they

want depending on what they plan to do with the car afterwards," Svoboda said. "Most of the accidents that I deal with are fender benders or minor crashes that happen near by."

UWRF junior Joseph Schneider said he had an accident on Main Street and understands that the road can be dangerous.

"I had an accident at the intersection of Main Street and Cascade Avenue last month," Schneider said. "I don't think it's an unsafe road because there are a lot of stop light regulations, although I think it can be a busy road particularly around

4:30 (P.M.) until around 5:30 (P.M.) when it gets really busy and congested with a lot of traffic."

Even though the road is dangerous, Schneider said that he thinks the city should come up with other options to keep vehicles off the dangerous road.

Although the street can be dangerous, Schneider said that it's up to the driver to fix the problem of the number of crashes that happen. "Drivers just need to keep their eyes on the road, and be aware of their surroundings."



## UWRF shows increase in international students

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Ayumi Imuya is a 22 year old international college student from Chiba, Japan, who attends UW-River Falls.

Imuya has been an international student at UWRF for four years. She is majoring in communication studies with a minor in international studies.

"I decided to come to school here to learn English," said Imuya. "I'm surprised with how much I have learned about the United States and I know a lot of people when I'm on campus."

UWRF is currently trying to increase the number of international students here on campus. To do this, International Student Services is advertising UWRF to international students by emphasizing certain aspects of the school. With over 150 student clubs and organizations, a student to teacher ratio of 23:1 and classes that are taught by professors rather than teaching assistants, UWRF makes for a smaller, more intimate learning environment which benefits international students.

"The small classes make it easier for students to ask questions and get extra help if needed. When you're in a country and in a school that is not taught in your first language, having easy access to the professor and other resources make school much easier," Katie Oenga of International Student Services said.

There are currently 6,222 undergraduate students at UWRF, 77 of which are international students. This is a 4 percent increase from last school year when there were 74 international students.

International students come to UWRF from around the world to get an education and experience a different culture and way of life. UWRF currently has international students from Japan, China, Taiwan, Mexico, Finland, India, Germany, Australia, Malaysia, France, South Korea, Kenya, Canada, Nigeria and Turkey.

"International students who come to UWRF develop foreign language skills or pursue unique academic offerings, increase cross-cultural awareness in an environment of increasing globalization, develop independence, self-confidence and a broadened outlook on life and gain firsthand knowledge about another culture while increasing understanding of one's own," according to the International Student Services Web site.

After attending school at UWRF for four years, Imuya graduates this May. After graduation she said she plans to stay in America for at least a few more years.

"I have learned so much and would like to stay longer than a few years, but can't say for sure yet," Imuya said.

For more information on international students at UWRF, you can call the Global Connections Office, located at 102 Hagestad Hall at 425-4891.

## 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.

### April 25

- Grant T Erler, 20, was cited for underage consumption on the 200 block of Fifth St.
- Tyler P. Czuba, 24, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia on the 500 block of Hanson Dr.

### April 26

- Matthew B. Miller, 21, was cited for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence – second offense.
- Grant T. Erler, 20, was cited for damage to property on the 1300 block of W. Division St.

### April 27

- Keysha L. Tarbox, 18, was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at Crabtree Hall.

### April 30

- Meredith Ann Koch, 19, was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at Parker Hall.
- A bicycle was stolen and recovered at the 600 block of S. Third St.

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## Meal plan prices continue to rise

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The price of the 14 weekly meal plan will be increased to \$1065.00 in September 2010. In fall 2008, students were asked to pay \$1011.00, and this year the cost was \$1046.00 for the standard meal plan.

This increased price represents a 5.3 percent increase since 2008, according to data received from Deb Wros, a University services associate.

Increasing meal plan options have students questioning the value of their meal plan, and wondering why the costs are continuing to rise every year.

"I really do think the meals cost a lot. I know they cost so much because you can eat as much food as you want but I don't eat any more or less on a given day so I feel like I am paying for the 280-pound linebackers' thirds and fourths... I don't like paying seven bucks at dinner for my two grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup," sophomore Jordan Cook said.

As of March 4, 2010, there are currently 2,747 students on one of the four meal plans offered by the University.

Since Sodexo contracted with the University in May 2008, the price of the 14 weekly meal plan has increased \$71, approximately 68 cents every day, Jerry Waller, director of Dining Services, said.

When asked in an online interview if any changes have been made in dining services to better suit student needs, Waller said: "The Dining Services Advisory Committee (DSAC student committee) and myself work with Sodexo weekly to evaluate what is working and not. Changes are being implemented on a regular basis."

"In all honesty, I'm not sure what the value of my meal plan is - my parents cover my meal plan costs and I don't really pay attention to the amount they pay," sophomore Jennifer Lambert said in an e-mail interview. "I do know that it is a lot, and I often feel really guilty when I walk into Riverside and suddenly lose my appetite. My parents are paying for me



Sally King/Student Voice  
**Hilary Buelow gathers food in line at the Riverside Commons of the UC. The cost of dinner at the commons for non-meal plan patrons is \$7.94.**

to eat 19 meals every week through Sodexo, but I rarely eat more than eight or nine. I need protein and whole grains, and it's hard to get that from the limited options that are offered to me without eating the same thing meal after meal, day in and day out."

Waller and DSAC will be reviewing comments and surveys this summer to determine any additional adjustments for the fall. You can contact DSAC by e-mail at [diningservices@uwrf.edu](mailto:diningservices@uwrf.edu) or Jerry Waller at [jerry.j.waller@uwrf.edu](mailto:jerry.j.waller@uwrf.edu).

## Survey points toward promising future for graduates

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Ninety percent of UW-River Falls graduates who completed the post-graduate placement survey are currently employed, either full- or part-time, according to the UWRF Research and Development Institute (RDI).

Post-graduate placement statistics used to be collected in a paper format sent to the graduates with their diploma by Career Services. With the switch from Career Services to the RDI, the post-graduate placement surveys are now conducted online and are sent to graduates in the form of e-mail invitations using the program Qualtrics, according to David Trechter, director of the Survey Research Center.

"We sent an electronic invitation to 826 students; 177 started it (meaning they at least clicked on the link) and 128 completed it completely," Trechter said. "Among the 49 who started but didn't complete the survey, I think there are some partial completions that had enough data entered that we kept them."

The post-graduate placement statistics give students an idea of the likelihood of finding a job after graduation, as well as what to expect in terms of pay, Trechter said.

"I actually never looked at too many stats or anything about probability of getting a job or salary," Scott Keeler, UWRF alumnus from 2009, said. "I was always told to make sure that you did something that you loved not just for the money."

"The statistics are entered into a database and reports are generated and then sent to the administration, department chairs, Career Services and several alumni associations, which vary by major, and are also available online. The reports show how many graduates responded, how many have jobs, how many are going to graduate schools, as well as how

many are still looking for employment," Trechter said.

"The department uses it to keep track of demand for graduates," Trechter said, "and what they are getting in terms of salaries, what percent of graduates are employed or going to grad school."

The statistics are also used in recruiting high school students to show the probability of job placement after graduation in each major.

"This data is more complete than in years past," Trechter said. "Data will likely be more sparse in the future as we don't have the time or the funds to contact a lot of grads."

In order to collect data, the RDI sends e-mail reminders every couple of days after the initial contact, as there are currently no incentives for graduates to complete the survey.

First-year student Laura Kleppe, a mathematics- secondary education major, said she picked her major because math is something that she enjoys and she really wants to be a teacher, and didn't use statistics on job placement or salary to determine her major.

"The biggest concern I have is finding a job," Kleppe said. "I hope to find a job around here so I don't have to move away."

Business administration-broad area management major Kelsey Peterson said she also did not determine her major based on the likelihood of having a job after graduation.

"I chose my major because I want to run my own business some day," Peterson said. Peterson said her biggest concern is if she has chosen the right major and what she will do before starting her own business.

"I actually would encourage people entering college to look at the statistics a little more than I did," Keeler said. "But I would also encourage them to look for information about their desired field outside of information from college."

## NEWS RELEASES

### Education center to open in Hudson, Wis.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is set to open a Hudson-based educational facility that will serve the St. Croix Valley in the fall of 2010, according to University Communications.

The Hudson Center will include technology-enabled classrooms and meeting spaces. The center will also serve as a base for UWRF to strengthen relationships with the area business community to meet economic development and workforce needs.

The center also supports the UW System's "More Graduates for Wisconsin" initiative, and the UW System will provide start-up funding for the center.

"As part of the UW System's Growth Agenda for Wisconsin, we're asking campuses to serve more students in new and creative ways, with a goal of stimulating a more vibrant state economy," said UW System President Kevin Reilly. "The Hudson Center is a great example of how UW-River Falls is embracing this challenge and improving the university's service to the entire region. I applaud Chancellor Van Galen and his team for their leadership and forward thinking."

For more information, contact Blake Fry, UWRF special assistant to the chancellor, at 425-3711, or Tracy Habisch-Ahlin, Hudson School District communications specialist, at 377-3795.

### CBE program designed reduce degree deficit

UW-River Falls' new Adult Degree Completion program in the College of Business and Economics will be coordinated by North Hennepin Community College's former Director of Continuing Education and Customized Training Michael Bilden.

The Adult Degree Completion program, a new initiative on campus, is designed to reduce the bachelor's degree deficit in the state since the population of Wisconsin has fewer degree holding adults than neighboring states.

Prospective students in the program can take courses located on campus during the evenings and weekends as well as online and hybrid (combination of online and face-to-face) courses. Bilden will be counseling them during the admissions process and assisting in their academic programs.

Bilden's position also includes marketing, outreach to the regional corporate community and recruiting students. For more information on the program, call Bilden at 425-3335 or visit <http://bit.ly/aTMk3y>.

### Madison ranked in 'America's Top 10 Party Schools'

UW-Madison ranks third in Playboy magazine's "America's Top 10 Party Schools," featured in the May issue, according to Playboy magazine's Web site.

The rankings were determined by Playboy's editors, with the magazine's campus representatives, models, photographers, online voters and student readers giving their input.

Playboy will host two parties sponsored by Playboy Franchises for Men. The parties will be held at a bar near the campuses and will feature Playmates, Playboy models, giveaways, magazines and a special award that praises each school's partying.

The magazine's first list, Top 40 Party Colleges, appeared in the January 1987 issue with California State University-Chico taking the top spot. Party school rankings have also appeared in the magazine's November 2002 and May 2006 issues. More information can be found at Playboy magazine's Web site <http://www.playboy.com/partyschools>.



EDITORIAL

## Students should capture summer's fleeting essence

As the semester winds down and students begin mentally checking out, the Student Voice Editorial Board thinks it's important for students to remember that although it may be called "summer vacation," the three months off from classes, lectures and stuffy dorm rooms is not a time to forget to stay active.

Not only are internships and jobs important for students to have during the summer months to keep the money coming in, but they are also crucial for students who wish to boost their resume. It is important to remember, however, even though internships and job experiences are good for future employment opportunities, that opportunities to volunteer are equally significant. Not only do these experiences add to humility and personal character, they also help get a better perspective of the world. Volunteering time at homeless shelters, humane societies, nursing homes and the like are all great ways to better perceptions of the world and to open up to new experiences.

So, although the issue of getting as many internships and jobs under your belt has been beaten to death, by both The Student Voice and the world, there are other important activities students should keep in the back of their minds to fill their time in the summer, as well - activities that are just plain fun!

It's not really apparent until the student is about to graduate college, start a career and kiss all their summer vacations goodbye forever (unless, of course, this student is going to be a teacher, which might, in this context, be wise), that filling summertime with as many fun, random, "never-gonna-happen-again" activities as they can is crucial. Going tubing down the Apple River, hitting up Valley Fair or Six Flags, going to every county fair in a 75-miles radius - these are things that shouldn't be taken for granted.

While students still have the opportunity to live up their college-aged days, they should. Utilize the summer free from classes and fill it with memories you may never have the opportunity to experience again. Ask yourself the kind of person you want to be, imagine the activities you feel reflect the most your desired character, and do all those things. Past generations always tell us that these are the best days of our lives and lament that life is wasted on the young. Prove them wrong. Carpe diem. For it is one of life's cruelest realities, that these days will be gone before you know it.

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By Jon Lyksett

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Regardless of outcome, students need to hold Senate President accountable

If you walked around campus at all a couple weeks ago, there's no doubt that you noticed plenty of sidewalk chalk in preparation for the upcoming Student Senate elections. If you read the Voice last week, you probably saw the front page headline regarding the new Presidential election. But besides these things, when do you as a student ever hear about what Student Senate does for you?

The answer - hardly ever; except of course when there are elections or when Senate has done something wrong. Don't take this to mean that I think the Student Voice should print articles praising the work of Senate, because in all honesty Student Senate hasn't done much in the past few years to earn praise. I as a senator have had to come to terms with this and place some of the blame on myself, but blame must also be placed on the entire Senate.

Student Senate has been woefully unfocused this past year, and has been more apt to conceal itself in its office in the Involvement Center and play Risk (the board game) than to actually work towards issues that matter to students. And when the opportunity came for students to get a direct vote in the matter - the elections - the Senate managed to bungle that opportunity as well by a total lack of advertisement for the elections (the candidates were required to do all advertisement for the event) and by holding the elections weeks too late. Then we had a situation where a candidate was very nearly kicked out of the election because of minor misunderstandings, badly written rules and personal vendettas. All this leads to one conclusion - changes need to be made.

So, whoever wins this new presidential election has a big job ahead of them - make the Senate accountable to the students again, make the students aware of what Senate has done and is doing, and actually make the Senate do what the students want it to do. This means more than just chalking one week out of the year, or setting up Facebook groups, or coming up with catchy campaign slogans; it means doing actual work. The students need a Student Senate that works for them, which is something that has been lacking at WRF.

I encourage you, as students, to hold the Student Senate and its president, whomever is elected, accountable, so that your Senate does the work you want it to do, and so that your voice within the university is as loud and clear as possible.

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#### Professors' hard work deserves students' appreciation, acknowledgement

As students attend their last week of regular classes before finals, they should realize one thing: They are not the only ones on campus that are busy and stressed out. The faculty has just as much work to do, and most aren't even thanked or acknowledged for their effort.

Teachers work harder than most other professions and often take their work home with them. During the economic downturn that our country is experiencing, they also have to take several furlough days throughout the academic year.

It is conventional knowledge that teachers are underpaid for their work and this is certainly true for faculty at UW-River Falls. "In 2008-09, UW System faculty salaries were 11.42 percent lower than faculty salaries at comparable peer universities" according to the UW board of regents April meeting agenda. The faculty is most likely not going to see a raise anytime soon.

"It is estimated that faculty average salaries will be 11.10 percent behind peer median salaries by the end of the 2009-11 biennium and 17.9 percent by 2011-13." Even though we have grown out of the stage of giving our teachers a present at the end of the school year, a thank you goes a long way. So before rushing out the classroom after finishing your final exams and projects, please say thank you to your teachers, for they are changing your life whether you realize it now or not.

Chancellor Dean Van Galen reiterates this opinion on acknowledging teachers. "It is important to thank those in our lives, including educators, who make a difference."

**Jordan Langer**  
Student

## Reckless behavior in WRFW studio leaves many disappointed, upset

WRFW-FM is the campus radio station. You may have heard of it. We've brought you music, news, talk and sports radio for over 40 years. Every day, students enter our studios to bring creativity, pride, knowledge and humor to the airwaves. They genuinely love being on-air. For seven semesters now, I have had the honor of being the station's program director and student leader. After this year, I'll be off to other things, as will many of our seniors who are graduating. This week and finals week were supposed to be the exclamation points on hard work, determination and devotion to the station and to the community it serves. Unfortunately, the carelessness of a few impacts the many.

This past week, WRFW was taken off the air by a simple can of Coca-Cola. This Coke was spilt on our control room board, ruining it. The station's rules clearly state that food and drink are not allowed in any of our studios. However, the disk jockeys are allowed to keep their beverages five feet away from them outside the door. Now, that doesn't seem

to say goodbye to a place that has been so good to me. Now it can't happen the way I pictured it. There are a dozen seniors who had similar visions of their own shows. There is a possibility of a back-up plan, but that isn't the point.

I said before that the shortfalls of a few affect the many. This is a classic example of such an event. I know that some people don't care about what goes on at the station. Some people don't even know the station exists. But we have always been here, and we're not going anywhere. Come fall semester, check out our shows. There are some special people on the

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airwaves at WRFW 88.7 FM. I have spent five glorious years as one of them and I'm lucky to say it. I can vouch for them all.

I'm not writing this for everyone to feel sorry for us. But consider the situation about something you care about. Your last game, graduation day or the last event you planned. It's the end of an era for us. Now, I urge you to consider one thing. The next time you think of breaking a small rule, as miniscule as it may seem, consider the effects. Consider the outcome. Consider other people. You never know who it could hurt. Think of the seniors at WRFW-FM.

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#### This past week, WRFW was taken off the air by a simple can a Coca-Cola.

too far to go now does it? Due to a blatant disregard of the rules, I had to cancel shows for the first time in my seven semesters as program director. Those graduating seniors will more than likely miss out on their last opportunities to be on-air.

I had a tremendous last show planned for next Wednesday. My show, the River Falls Renegades, has been my baby. Once a week, for five years this show has been me. It has been my chance to showcase my love for radio, entertain people, crank some great tunes and have some fun. I had this grand plan for my final show. This was my opportunity



Adam Lee



## Summer-time fun emanates from social gatherings, not money spent

“Sometimes I wonder what I’m gonna do, cuz there aint no cure for the summertime blues.” Summer is literally right around the corner, and I couldn’t be happier. For many, it’s bittersweet; the end of an era, and yet a beginning of something new. Ok, I know that sounded like it belonged in a graduation speech. There are a lot of great people leaving UWRP after next week. I



Matthew Torkelson

capture the flag where the only light we have is a full moon, or swimming at 1 a.m.

Lucky for me, I just got certified for bartending in the state of Wisconsin. So, this summer will be a lot of reverse rolls in that aspect. According to the test given to those aspiring to be bartenders, there were a lot of ‘rules’ that I wasn’t aware of. I think I can handle babysitting a few drunk people, especially considering that a lot of those people just might be many close friends. I just hope that when someone orders a bloody mary that I actually make it right.

So, besides hanging out in a bar, or hanging out in the woods, what else is there to do in a mid central Wisconsin town in the summer? I’m sure you could have guessed that I was going to say ‘hanging out on the Wisconsin River.’ I’m lucky enough to live out on “Lake Alexander,” which is actually a part the Wisconsin River, but it’s cut off by a dam on one end of the river, and “Bill Cross Rapids” on the other. Almost nothing makes me happier than having a few people out to cruise down the river. I can sit out on the water quite literally all day and night.

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Whether we decide to go fishing, or each of us enjoy our “make your own six packs,” the Wisconsin River is always a sure thing for a relaxing summer afternoon.

I will leave you with the most important part of summers. I feel that it is at the top of the “to-do list” for most people on the average summer weekend. I’m talking about, of course, bonfires. There is no need for an explanation, bonfires are just awesome. It’s a simple equation. Friends + copious amounts of firewood + a guitar + beer = a bonfire night.

So please, my good friends of UWRP, enjoy your summer as much as possible. You don’t need a ton of money to enjoy yourself, just rely on those closest to you.

*Matt is a marketing communications major in his senior year. He enjoys listening to The Beatles, and playing piano whenever he has some free time.*

## Over the past academic year, Minnesota sports has entertained

Another school year is coming quickly to a close. But over the course of the year there have been many memorable moments in the world of Minnesota sports. But where do I begin?

During the first week of September the Minnesota Twins were seven games out of the division lead. A few days later, they would lose former AL MVP and All-Star first basemen Justin Morneau to a back injury. The season seemed all but over, but



Ashley Goettl

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The Metrodome had a little magic still left in it, and when it was all said and done, the Twins ended the 162-game regular season tied with the Detroit Tigers, forcing a one-game playoff. This made the Twins the first major league team ever to play in a tie-breaker two years in a row (they lost to the Chicago White Sox in 2008). But this time, the underdog Twins (they had never led the division throughout the entire season) won the thriller, 6-5, in 12 innings on Alexi

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Casilla’s game-winning hit scoring Carlos Gomez in one of the best games ever played in Twins’ history. Although the Twins would go on to be swept by the New York Yankees in the ALDS, it was a fitting end for the aged Metrodome or as Fox Sports North called it a “September to remember.”

But maybe the biggest story in the world of Minnesota sports was the arrival of Brett Favre and the magnificent run by the Minnesota Vikings. I can still remember the day when I “officially” became a Favre fan (it was when he threw the last second touch-

down in the win over the San Francisco 49ers). The Vikings started the season 6-0 and went on to win a consecutive division

title. But boy did they have a season to remember!

Watching them play and pull off extraordinary wins over the enemies across the border, not once, but twice (how many sacks did Jared Allen have again?), made the Vikings faithful believe that maybe

this was our year. It truly was a remarkable season that ended bitterly in an overtime loss to the eventual Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints. And we will gladly take Favre back to take us to Super Bowl XLV. But what may excite me the most about my Minnesota sports, is that this year both teams look to contend for the playoffs. With another year of experience under their belts and a bad taste from last year, we the fans can expect

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much of the same success if not more!

The greatest joy from the profound success of the Minnesota teams, come from the fact that our main rivals (the Packers, White Sox, Bears, Tigers, or whomever) have done absolutely nothing and could only watch in pain as the Twins and Vikings moved on while they stayed at home. Sure the Packers fans found pleasure in watching the Vikings fall, but that’s only because they wished their beloved team would’ve been in the Vikings position. With Minnesota sports you sure get your handful of heartbreaks, but the thrilling rides and game-changing memories make it all worth the while!

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## STUDENT VOICES

What was your favorite memory of the past academic year?

**Michelle LeGrange, sophomore**

“All the little events that are held on campus were great.”



**Amanda Mollner, senior**

“Building professionalism within my field of interest.”



**Hannah Mrotek, senior**

“Probably the rodeo for sure.”



**Eric Lonetti, junior**

“I just transferred here, so I’m liking this school a lot better than my other school. I made the right decision in transferring.”



Andris Straumanis/Student Voice  
The spring 2009-2010 Student Voice staff. First row: Ken Weigend, Renee Thony. Second Row: Matt Torkelson, Jenna Nelson, Kevin Duzynski. Third Row: Kirsten Blake, Sally King, Blaze Fugina. Not pictured: Andy Phelps, Priya Kailash



# Falcons look back on 2009-2010 athletics

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The 2009-10 athletic season of UW-River Falls is scheduled to conclude in May, with track and field and softball expected to compete in their conference finals and for a chance at an NCAA berth.

The fall sports season at UWRF was the busiest time for athletics, with parts of seven seasons being held over this time. Perhaps one of the most controversial seasons was that of swimming and diving.

The team, which competed October through February, almost had their season cut short due to the failure of the Karges pool on campus, according to an October Student Voice article. After a recommendation by Athletic Director Rick Bowen to end the team, the decision was ultimately made to keep the team as a varsity sport. The uncertainty was still a distraction to the team throughout the season, said Head Swim Coach Bill Henderson.

"The recommended suspension of the swim team by Rick Bowen did, indeed, have an effect on the swimmers, myself and our supporters," he said. "I know the swimmers were distracted somewhat, and they were certainly worried about their swimming future."

Despite the distractions, the team said they had a relatively normal season. Both the men and women's teams finished sixth out of six teams in the WIAC.

"The season went very well, especially considering having to fight the suspension of the team through nine weeks of the start of the season," Henderson said. "We hosted the third annual Falcon Invite, the largest collegiate invitational in the na-

tion at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center."

The football team once again did not have a winning season, turning in their ninth consecutive losing season. Head Coach John O'Grady said that this season was not quite what he expected from his team.

"Losing stinks, and nobody should ever feel good about a losing season," he said. "I thought we were close to turning this program back in the right direction, but losing two of three overtime games set us back."

Falcon volleyball had a winning season, finishing in a three-way tie for third in the WIAC. Head Coach Patti Ford said she was impressed with the season that her team had.

"Volleyball had a very solid season. After an 0-7 start, the Falcons went on to a 20-15 overall record and 5-3 in the WIAC," she said.

The Falcon women's soccer team also had a good season, finishing third in the league with a record of 5-3-0 in the conference.

Winter sports for the Falcons was also a busy time, with winning seasons from both of UWRF's hockey teams, as well as the women's hockey team making it to the NCAA tournament.

The women's hockey team made the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive season, by winning the NCHA playoffs. The tournament berth was short lived, however, as the Falcons lost to Gustavus Adolphus College in the first round.

Coach Joe Cranston said the team did not quite meet expectations, and he hopes to make it further in the NCAA tournament next season.

"The biggest disappointment was the ending game in the first round of the NCAA's against Gustavus," he said. "We will step the program up next year."

The men's hockey team also had a winning season, coming within one game of making the NCAA tournament. The Falcons made it to the NCHA finals, playing St. Norbert for an automatic bid. They lost 7-1, however, ending their season.

Head Coach Steve Freeman said he felt positive about the season, but is looking forward to improvement.

"Our team was very young, so we didn't know how long it would take us to get on the same page, get comfortable with our systems and understand the expectations for our program," he said. "It was an outstanding year, but we want to improve and be in the hunt for a National Championship every year."

The Falcon women's basketball team also had a positive season. Despite losing the first playoff game of the season to UW-Stout on the road in the first round of the WIAC tournament, the team finished tied for third in the WIAC with a 10-6 record in the conference, and 18-7 overall.

The men's team had a different type of season. The team went 3-13 in the WIAC, and 9-16 overall.

Spring sports at UWRF are still in progress, with track and field gearing up for the NCAA tournament, and the softball team finishing up their regular season. The softball team is currently 8-4 in the conference, and 24-14 on the season. The team is sixth in the WIAC and is scheduled to begin the post-season May 7 at Oshkosh.

**"The biggest disappointment was the ending game in the first round of the NCAA's against Gustavus."**  
Joe Cranston  
Women's hockey coach



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The 2009-10 Falcon varsity athletic season, made up of 13 team schedules, will conclude in May following the end of the softball and track and field seasons.

# Twins start off season well in new Target Field

After completing a three game sweep over the Detroit Tigers Wednesday afternoon, the Twins improved their home record to 9-3. They are one of four teams that have lost three games or fewer at home this season, and to no surprise, all four teams are in the top five in terms of best record in baseball.

I know it's still early in the season, but, we do have a one-month sample of how teams are looking so far this year. The eight teams that would make it to the playoffs if the season ended today all rank in the top eleven teams with the best home records. Ironically, the Tampa Bay Rays are the only team that doesn't fit this scenario as they have the eleventh-best home record, yet have the best overall record in baseball thanks to their 10-1 away record.

Back to the Twins though. They have posted this home record while breaking in a new ballpark. So, the big question here is, is it the team has so much talent that it doesn't matter where they play, or have the Twins found early home-field advantage where they have the edge over visiting teams? I believe it's a combination of both. This team has one of the most complete starting lineups in baseball, with their only question mark at third base. The Twins pitching staff ranks



Derek Johnson

fifth in the American League and ninth in the MLB. We also have to remember this team has played only twelve games at home, and nine of the twelve games have been against teams under .500. The only team they have played that has a winning record at the moment is the Detroit Tigers.

A team with new a ballpark isn't uncommon in this era; 28 of the 30 teams have ballparks that have been built between 1962 and 2010. The only two teams that have ballparks that were built before 1962: the Boston Red Sox who play at Fenway Park, which was built in 1912, and the Chicago Cubs, who play at Wrigley Field and built in 1914. Old Yankee Stadium was built in 1923 and was used until the 2008 season, when the Yankees moved into their new ballpark for the 2009 season.

Determining whether the team has found comfort in their new ballpark early or if the team is just that good is hit or miss. In 2004 the San Diego Padres opened up their new ballpark, Petco Park. On May 5th, 2004 the Padres posted an 11-5 record at home. By the end of the season, the Padres finished third in NL West with an 87-75 record and actually had a better away record than home record. On the contrary,

the New York Yankees posted a 6-5 home record on May 5th, 2009 yet finished with baseball's best home record and won the World Series. There are times when teams start out hot with their new ballpark and stay that way. The St. Louis Cardinals opened up Busch Stadium in 2006. By May 5th, 2006, the Cardinals were 12-4. By the end of the year the Cardinals had the fifth best home record in baseball and won the World Series. On the contrary, the Cincinnati Reds opened up Great American Ball Park in 2003. The Reds posted an 8-8 record on May 5th, 2003. By the end of the year, the Reds had one of the worst records in best ballpark and finished eleven games under .500 at their new home.

Now the teams could have just been that bad or that good to begin with and had nothing to do with the ballparks. But just maybe some teams can break in their new ballpark quicker than others. The question now: will the Twins fade as the season goes on like the 04' Padres, or will they have late-season success like the 06' Cardinals and 09' Yankees?

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# UWRF football looks to improve recruiting

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In what is traditionally a program prided on winning and excellence, the UWRF men's football team has not had a winning season since 2000.

The Falcons have been under the command of Head Coach John O'Grady since 1989. O'Grady has led the Falcons to a career record of 101-75 since the start of his coaching reign. Recent slips in the winning department are attributed to a select number of major factors, according to O'Grady.

"The bottom line in athletics, the most important thing, is recruiting," O'Grady said. "You can't maintain dominance in any athletic program or sport without having great players across the board."

Recruiting has become more of an issue recently than it has been in the past. High school athletes looking to move on to the next level are looking for winning programs. With this in mind, recruiting top athletes from the surrounding area has become increasingly difficult.

"We've changed our philosophy a little bit in the past few years," O'Grady said. "We're trying to recruit the Twin Cities area, the larger schools, more than we ever have."

A major issue in the recruiting department has been drawing student-athletes, specifically Wisconsin residents, all the way to River Falls.

"It's very difficult to get kids to come this far, especially when they have to literally drive past Eau Claire, Stout, Point and obviously, Whitewater; every other school in the conference is closer," O'Grady said.

In order to draw more student athletes from the eastern portion of Wisconsin, as well as from larger schools in the Twin Cities, O'Grady has assigned two members of his three man staff to heavily recruit in specific areas.

"There's no question in my mind that we need more players from big high school programs in order to compete in our conference," O'Grady said.

With the Falcons slipping into a losing pattern that has nearly become a trademark of the program, O'Grady and his staff are determined to get the team back on track. O'Grady insists that programs and conferences alike go through phases.

"If you go back and look at our record, there was a period of six years from 1995 to 2001 where we went 5-1 against Whitewater," he said. "So things do evolve and change in our conference. Right now, they are on top."

Scheduled upgrades to Ramer Field will bear a clear impact on the program. Much like any new facility, fields and academic buildings are a recruiting tool. Understanding this, O'Grady says he believes the future will only get better.

"Buildings like the UC [University Center] are great, he said. "It gives the kids something to look forward to. It's new, it's fresh and it's clean."

Division I athletic programs are represented through the numerous individuals that comprise the staff of a team. The Falcons, a Division III program, simply do not have the staff

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John O'Grady  
football coach



Sally King/Student Voice

**The Falcons finished the 2009 season at 3-7. The eight consecutive season where the Football team finished with a seven loss season. The team looks to better their record by improving coaching and recruiting.**

power to muster a competitive team on a yearly basis.

UW-Whitewater is one of the elite Division III football programs in the country. According to the athletics page on the

Whitewater Web site, 14 members staff the football program. This staff includes a head coach, a defensive and offensive coordinator, six assistant coaches, a director of football operations, as well as four student assistants.

"With a three-man full time staff, two of those guys are our offensive and defensive coordinators," O'Grady said, "and a lot of the time they are the ones recruiting our big schools."

Admission at UWRF has increased in the past years. However, when asked, students said that they believe the success of an athletic team on campus does have an impact on attendance choice.

"I think that kids will look at a sports team, especially football, and base part of their decision on attending a school on the success of that team," freshman Kelly Elledge said. "I don't think it will be the whole choice, but it has to play some sort of role."

Football players around campus say they believe the coaching and collegiate atmosphere is what draws players to the program and to the University.

"I came here and met a group of good guys and a good coaching staff," said sophomore running back Taylor Edwards.

Recruiting, a short staff, and facilities in desperate need of improvement, have contributed to the recent slip-up of the Falcon football program. Coach O'Grady boils down all of these factors by simply blaming himself.

"We have got to coach better," O'Grady said. "You can lay the blame on so many things but when it comes down to it, we as a staff have to coach better."

**"I came here and met a group of good guys and a good coaching staff."**

Taylor Edwards  
running back

# Falcons softball to begin WIAC tournament

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The UW-River Falls' softball team begins WIAC Tournament play against UW-La Crosse on Friday, May 7. The tournament runs through May 9 and is being hosted at UW-Oshkosh.

The Falcons are ranked as the number six seed in the tournament after losing a coin toss for the number five seed with UW-Oshkosh.

The UWRF Falcons, who are 24-14 overall this season, are 9-7 in WIAC play.

The UWRF softball team has won the WIAC Tournament three times, the last time being in 1994. However, this year poses quite the initial challenge for the Falcons.

UWLC finished the WIAC season with a perfect record of 16-0, and is the number one seed in the tournament. In regular season play, the UWLC Eagles beat the Falcons twice in River Falls. The first game was 4-3, and the second 4-1. The Eagles are 32-6 overall and are ranked 21 on the NFCA poll.

**The Falcon softball team will begin WIAC tournament play May 7, with UW-Oshkosh hosting the tournament. The Falcons are scheduled to begin the first round of the tournament playing UW-La Crosse, who is ranked 20 in the country, according to the NCAA Web site. The Falcons concluded the season going 24-14 overall, and 9-7 in the WIAC. This put the Falcons at fifth overall in the conference. The Falcons finished out May defeating St. Mary's 9-8 and 8-0 on May 4. This was preceded by a series sweep by Whitewater, 4-0 and 3-0. The WIAC tournament concludes May 8, with the winner of the tournament earning and automatic bid for the NCAA tournament.**

**"We have the talent and drive to win the WIAC tournament, and the team has made that our goal."**

Jody Gabriel  
softball coach

This year, the Falcons hold a record of 8-4 at home, and 16-10 on the road.

Sarah Fern leads the team this year in home runs with eight. Jessica Lundgren leads the team with a .455 batting average and 61 hits. Rose Tusa has been leading the way at pitcher with an ERA of 1.67 and a record of 14-8.

The Falcons have been on a roll as of late and it's come at the perfect time. The team had won 13 out of their last 17 games before losing two games to UW-Whitewater.

Head Coach Jody Gabriel believes the team has done very well this season and has high hopes going into the WIAC Tournament.

"We have the talent and drive to win the WIAC tournament, and the team has made that our goal," Gabriel said.

If the Falcons win, they will play the loser of the UW-Whitewater vs. UW-Superior game. If the Falcons lose, they will play the loser of the UW-Eau Claire vs. UW-Oshkosh game.





# Visually-stunning horror remake divides reviewers

Thrilling, frightening and even a little bit funny...is how I would describe the previews before "A Nightmare on Elm Street." The only thing dragging them down was the the heartless, predictable and entirely unnecessary film that proceeded them.

Jason Voorhees, it's safe to say that most Americans have at least a basic



Michael Brun

"Nightmare" is the latest film from Platinum Dunes, the production company hellbent on remaking as many 70s and 80s horror franchises as they can get their hands on. Their films follow the same basic formula: take an established series, amp up the visuals and fill out the cast with beautiful 20-somethings. What they end up with are films that look cleaner and more polished than their low-budget counterparts.

But as a consequence of smoothing out the rough edges, the Platinum Dunes remakes feel almost universally soulless. It's like slapping a fresh coat of paint on a rustic old building - sure it looks nice, but where's the heart?

That's what I kept asking myself as a sat through the drudgery that is "Nightmare on Elm Street" remake. This is workhorse horror - it does exactly what it needs to do, but it does so without even a hint of fun or flair.

This "Nightmare" leaves the plot of the original largely unchanged. It's all about Freddy Krueger (Jackie Earle Haley), a vengeful spirit who kills teenagers by haunting their dreams. If you die in your dreams, you die for real... yadda, yadda, yadda.

Even if your only experience with Freddy is through a "Simpsons" parody or his crossover with

understanding of his origin and methods. Unfortunately, "Nightmare" approaches the material as if we are all newcomers to the story.

The first half of the film is spent trying to solve the mystery of how these kids are dying in their sleep. But, of course, we already know how. We even know why. This leaves the film feeling dreadfully uninteresting for large chunks of time.

The only time "Nightmare" doesn't feel boring is during the surreal dream sequences. Aided by fancy new cameras and CGI technology, Freddy's nightmares provide for some truly stunning visuals. The computer graphics allowed the filmmakers to create effects that simply would not have been possible in the 80s.

On the flip side, the scares in the "Nightmare" remake pale in comparison to the original. This film is almost completely devoid of any real tension. The horror elements rely on cheap tricks and jump scares - neither of which are frightening in the least.

The film also introduces the concept of "micro naps," in which the sleep-deprived characters begin to dream without even knowing it.

It's an interesting idea, but wasted on a director that only uses it to provide even more opportunities for stuff to jump out at you unexpectedly.

I say this about most remakes, but in this case I really mean it: what's the point? If you're going to tell the same story, only not as well, then why bother? If by the off chance you have no idea who Freddy Krueger is, then by all means go see it. Or, better yet, rent the far-superior original film. It even has Johnny Depp. For everyone else, skip this unnecessary money grab.

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One thing that definitely can be said about the remake of "Nightmare on Elm Street" is that it's visually stunning. The film uses the new technology to its advantage in updating the 1984 classic. This film delivers visually stunning thrills and chills that leave you on the edge of your seat. Like most horror movies the acting wasn't too special, but it isn't expected to be.

This movie definitely gave me a flashback to the times of Jason, the old Freddy, and even the "Scream" movies. Back then the premise was pretty simple. There was one killer, brutally and violently killing victims without mercy. Lately

there have been a lot more complex horror films and psychological thrillers, so



Natalie Conrad

this kind of a film seemed a little out of place, but was well updated.

The camaraderie between the characters made me think of the "Final Destination" films. The film was centered on a group of teens with a forgotten past that connects them to Freddy himself. I liked the mystery of the film as the characters tried to piece together their past and make the connection.

The violence and gore is brought to a whole new level in the remake that would've never been possible in the original. Victims being tossed through the air and brutally chopped to pieces seem a lot more real with the new technology and special effects. The transitions between the real and dream worlds are helped by this as well.

I find it strange that this movie got such bad reviews, when it did exactly what a remake is supposed to do. It updated the classic for the current time and added some new, but not transformative elements to keep things interesting. It was clear that

this film was directed at today's teenagers and not so much the former teens that enjoyed the original, although I doubt they would be too bothered by this remake.

Faithful viewers of the original might have a hard time adjusting to a new and slightly less grotesque Freddy. The new Freddy, Jackie Earle Haley, looks like an actual burn victim and less like a fictional monster. Haley's deep throaty voice haunts viewers as he makes snide comments like, "Why are you screaming? I haven't even

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cut you yet!" The new Freddy has a few funny one-liners, but isn't quite as savagely funny as the original. This film is the rebirth of a classic for the sake of a new generation that

would be more likely to laugh at the ancient special effects of the original than to scream. In the new film, the teens have cell phones and use video blogs and the internet to figure out why they're being tormented by a vengeful burn victim. The teens in the original certainly wouldn't have had access to that kind of technology.

There weren't many significant flaws in what the film was trying to do. The remake simply takes the original and updates it for a new generation that needs to be impressed by the special effects that new technology allows. The acting wasn't great, but then again, this is a horror movie. This is the nightmare to frighten a new generation.

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## Canadian group produces a variety of albums

The Canadian supergroup The New Pornographers seem to have the incredible knack for exploring new

musical avenues, always crafting and re-working a mix of bouncy

melodies and quirky hooks so that no album sounds exactly the same as their last. "Together," the band's fifth installment, is filled with psychedelic riffs, topsy-turvy piano and all-around, multi-instrumentalist talent to showcase.

The New Pornographers are headed by Carl "A.C." Newman, who is backed up by, among others, Neko Case and Dan Bejar of Destroyer. These three lead-

ing members have released more than 20 studio albums under their names. Here, we see them combine to explore

a number of new questions about life, and the answers they come to are interesting. Filled with

trademark bright and frantic rhythms—featuring elements of chamber pop and prog-rock—the overall tone of "Together" is somewhat more muted than in years past. "Your Hands Together" illustrates this with it's somber mood—Newman and Catherine Calder sing a duet in which they explore family relations, musing about the relationship between "togetherness" and mortality.

From start to finish,

the vocals are complex, emotionally-charged, never lacking in creativity or authenticity.

"My Shepard," features a slow, haunting guitar twang in the background, which compliments Case's silky crooning flawlessly. The French-Canadian influence can also be seen here by the mixed-language line, "Pas de rock and roll pour moi."

"Valkyrie In The Roller Disco," features an interesting mix of dueling banjos and pianos. The whirlwind of voices and instrumentals is extremely inviting—a progressive rock number that builds steadily for some time, but never really fully accelerates. The highlight of the album is undoubtedly the lead-single, "Crash Years," in which Newman and Case's voices collide to form a memorable chorus, with guitar backing reminis-

cent of George Harrison.

At times, "Together" may feel like a smorgasbord of separate sounds that, collectively, never really add up to anything noteworthy. However, this may be both the Pornos' most difficult and ear-pleasing album to date—no easy feat. Due to the diverse range of musical tastes sampled here (not to mention the surprising number of musicians involved), "Together" may be an LP best appreciated after multiple listens.

Some will look at "Together" as a disappointment after the peaks of their previous two releases, "Mass Romantic" and "Twin Cinema," but it offers an interesting new look into the minds of the acclaimed group.

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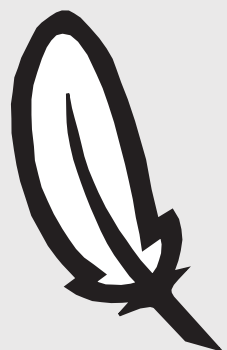


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