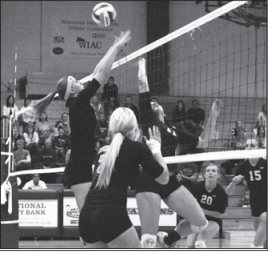




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## University studies turbine feasibility

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A study to explore if wind turbines are feasible for UW-River Falls is nearly half way complete, said Director of Facilities Management Mike Stifter.

Windations, a southern Minnesota company that specializes in small community wind projects is conducting the study. The study, among other things, is looking into the wind resource availability, engineering and permitting requirements for the proposed site at the Mann Valley Laboratory Farm. Located just north of River Falls along St. Croix County Road MM on approximately 475 acres, the lab farm is used for several courses within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

The study is a collaborative effort with several energy companies involved, as well as the state and UW System. If the study finds that wind turbines are efficient and the project is approved, then there could be two 1.5 megawatt turbines installed on top of a hill at the lab farm. Once installed, which could occur in the next year to 18 months, the turbines would produce around 50 percent of the campus' electrical demand, Stifter said.

The turbines would cost around \$7.5 to \$9 million and the money would most likely come from the state in the form of energy funds or the Capital budget, Stifter said. The overhead cost of the turbines would be paid back after 15 years, Stifter said. The typical life

span of a wind turbine is 25 years, so for roughly ten years, UWRF, the state and UW System would profit from the surplus energy that would be produced and sold to an energy company, Stifter said.

That is if the state chooses to pay for the turbines.

If the Sate decides not to invest in utilities, then a third party utility company could fund the turbines, Stifter said.

The real fundamental question going forward will be who will own the turbines, Stifter said.

The study costs \$39,000 and is funded by a Focus of Energy Grant, the Wisconsin Division of State Facilities and campus energy rebate dollars, Stifter said.

If the turbines prove to be a viable project, the next stage in the plan would likely be a series of "town hall" style meetings for the campus, community and township, Stifter said.

The study was initiated because of the commitment UWRF has to reach the goal of going "off-the-grid." In August 2006, Governor Jim Doyle issued a challenge to the UW System, known as his "off-the-grid" challenge. In essence, the challenge called on three or four institutions to make a goal of reaching energy independence by 2012. UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Stevens Point and UW-River Falls were chosen.

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## Facilities replaces concrete



*Sally King/Student Voice*  
**The concrete at the upper south entrance of the Chalmer Davee Library is currently under construction and is tentatively scheduled to be finished in approximately two weeks. When completed, the lower west entry at the library will be the next for Davee's renovation.**

## Organizations prepare for upcoming state elections

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With elections coming up Nov. 2, student organizations on campus have been busy preparing despite a lack of a key election-planning official on Student Senate.

Although Senate was hoping to be more involved with the election process, they are currently lacking a director of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

"I wanted Student Senate to have a larger role in it this year," said Student Senate President Lee Monson. "However, with Director Haifawis' resignation, and a lot of his initiatives unfinished, it just didn't end up working out that way for this election cycle."

Ali Haifawi resigned as the director of Legislative Affairs Committee last month because of other obligations.

"I accepted the position at the beginning of

the semester," said Senator Haifawi. "It was all going well, but at the same time I was getting really stressed out because I had other obligations to commit myself to; some of them I deemed more of my priority, my personal life, also."

Bringing candidates to the University was among the goals the Legislative Affairs Committee had at the beginning of the semester. Although with Haifawis' resignation, the duties of Legislative Affairs fell upon Monson.

"From the Student Senate standpoint, I am the one in charge," Monson said. "Ali was looking to bring some of the candidates to campus, and he passed his information to me not as promptly as I would have liked, but by the time that I had the information and was able to catch up with the legislative duties and presidential duties, it wasn't going to happen."

Although Senate wasn't able to bring legis-

lators to campus, the College Democrats and College Republicans have been involved in informing students about the upcoming elections.

"We have been raising awareness of the elections by holding rallies and running door-to-door canvasses and phone banks," said Co-Chair of College Democrats Matt Stauner said. "We have encouraged students to stay in-tune by hosting debate watch parties."

Russ Feingold was a speaker at one of their rallies that hosted Thursday, Oct. 14 on the University Center patio. According to Stauner, over 100 people attended the event and a number of students voted directly afterward at the City Hall.

Amy Klobuchar will be speaking at 3 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Falcon's Nest. She is coming as an ally to the Wisconsin Democrats, to rally students, faculty and the surrounding communities in preparing for Nov. 2.

Tomorrow there will be a "meet and greet" with Ron Johnson at 10:30 a.m. at Kilkarney Golf Course. Johnson is running for U.S. Senate, challenging incumbent Feingold.

"Next week, we will be going out in the community to help the Pierce and St. Croix County Parties to do a [literature] drop," said Chair of College Republicans Michael Leonard said. "It's kind of like our final push to get the word out to the community."

Although students have been registering to vote, there has been a lack of interest, Stauner said.

"Students have been showing a great deal of apathy toward mid-term elections," Stauner said. "If students can begin to realize the importance of the mid-terms, there will be better results. We are hoping that the turn out will reach 1,000, but that will require a huge push in enthusiasm."

## University Police reports show increase in on-campus thefts



*Hannah Lenius/Student Voice*  
**The Riverside Commons in the University Center is one of the many places that theft happens at UW-River Falls. The UC holds students responsible for their belongings.**

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It has been an active year for thieves at UW-River Falls, as the number of reported thefts on campus has strongly increased since 2009.

In the preceding year, there were 27 reported incidences of theft. With two and a half months remaining in 2010, there has been 49 theft crimes on campus, said Officer Steve Nygaard.

According to the University Police, since Sept. 1, there have been 25 reported thefts on campus.

Nygaard had two explanations as to why these numbers have increased: students could be reporting more stolen items or there is more criminal activity performed by one or multiple individuals.

When a person reports a stolen item, the University Police do devote their efforts towards gathering as much information as possible so they may identify the perpetrator, said Chief of Police Richard Trende.

"We do have active investigations going on,

I cannot say if they are related," Trende said.

Strategically placed cameras across campus have played a crucial role in these efforts. UWRF has video surveillance on the parking lots, sidewalks and the University Center, Nygaard said.

According to University Police reports, some of the crimes committed have occurred at the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Belongings that have been reported missing include bicycles, iPods, and money. Faculty and staff members have made adjustments to secure these buildings further.

The art department has alerted professors on the incidences. They have been warned to close their doors and to dismiss students who are not enrolled in the given class, said Program Assistant Susan Zimmer.

"Recently, people have been coming to us more often about stolen things," said KFA

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**UWRF theatre shows ‘The Man Who Came to Dinner’**  
“The Man Who Came to Dinner” opened Oct. 21, and will be playing at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday. Subsequent shows will be held Oct. 28-30 in the Davis Theatre of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The play was written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart and directed by James A. Zimmerman. It’s the golden age of radio, and the acerbic wit, critic, and radio star Sheridan Whiteside has slipped on the front steps of a provincial Ohio businessman’s home and broken his hip. So, he and his entourage simply take over the house indefinitely! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. For more information call 425-3114.

**Family day brings various events, activities**  
UW-River Falls Family Day will be held on Saturday. The event features a variety of activities including a football game, screening of “Toy Story 3”, ice skating, campus block party and much more. The cost is \$12 per family member. For more information contact First-Year Experience at 425-4444 or fye@uwrf.edu.

**Semester Abroad: Europe holds fall meetings**  
An informational meetings for a Fall 2011 Semester Abroad: Europe study program will be held Nov. 1, in room 152 of the Centennial Science Hall. Contact Magdalena Pala at magdalena.e.pala@uwrf.edu or Dennis Cooper at dennis.p.cooper@uwrf.edu for more information.

**UWRF chancellor to host Broomstick Gala**  
The Broomstick Gala will be held from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Falcon’s Nest of the University Center. Co-hosts include Chancellor Van Galen and River Falls’ Superintendent Tom Westerhaus. Gourmet hors d’oeuvres, door prizes, silent auction and live music will make this a fun night! Tickets are on sale at the Dish and Spoon Cafe, Curves, Lund’s and Earth Angels. This event is being co-sponsored by CEPS and the Renaissance Academy. All proceeds will go to support technology needs of the Renaissance Academy. For more information, contact Faye Perkins at 425-3774 or faye.j.perkins@uwrf.edu.

**Deadlines set for holiday mail to deployed troops**  
Family and friends have just under one month to get those holiday care packages mailed out to ensure they reach deployed service members before Christmas. According to the U.S. Postal Service, Nov. 12 is the recommended deadline for packages addressed to Army/Air Force Post Office and Fleet Post Office ZIP codes, if those packages are sent by regular mail, or parcel post. The deadline extends to Dec. 4 for packages sent by priority mail to APO addresses in contingency areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan, and Dec.11 for all other APO addresses. First-class mail cards and letters must be sent no later than Dec. 18 to be received by Dec. 25. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Jackie Guthrie at 608-242-3050 or 608-516-1777.

**Mock interview day offers help with job search**  
Career Services will have a mock interview day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3 in the Ballroom of the University Center. This event will allow students to polish their interviewing skills by practice interviewing with real employers in their field of interest. The interview will last 30 minutes, which will provide enough time for the employer to ask 10-12 interview questions and provide advice on how to improve for the real thing. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Nancy Pace at 425-3572 or nancy.i.pace@uwrf.edu.

SENATE SHORTS

- Motions Passed at the Oct. 12 meeting:**
- Senate officially condemned the acts of the vandals and shows support for those students threatened by endorsing the programming throughout the month of October in support of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Ally and Two-Spirit community.
  - The Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee fulfilled the duties required of the Elections Committee, as well as its own, so each committee member was awarded a \$75 stipend. The committee dealt with paperwork and other preparations to ensure a smooth election process
  - Ashley Goettl is appointed to the Shared Governance Director position
  - Aaron Bergman is appointed to the Inclusivity and Diversity Issues Director position
  - Anthony Meyer, Megan Williams, Collin O’Brien, Jessica Yost, Alyssa Peoples, Kayla Ellingworth, Nicole Dalbec and Kayla Olson were appointed to the Textbook Services Committee
  - Amber Bakeman, Lindsey Neby and Tyler Latz were appointed to the University Center Committee

- Motions Failed:**
- Senate decided against hearing a motion brought forth by Senator Graham to allocate funds for the Black Student Union to attend a conference in Lincolnshire, Ill.

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Student Senate hosts polling event

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The Student Senate is hosting a polling event Nov. 3 to better understand the needs of UW-River Falls students. The survey will include general questions regarding how students feel about the services offered on campus like academic services and the C-store, according to the Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Jayne Dalton. Also on the survey, there will be questions critiquing the Senate. The Senate wants to know how it is performing through a student’s perspective, Dalton said. “The survey will take about 15 minutes or less to complete,” Dalton said. At the event, there will be a cash bar for those who are 21 or older, food, entertainment provided by the UWRF Glee Club and a raffle drawing for door prizes, Dalton said.

“The participant must be a UWRF student and have their student ID with them. If they are over 21 they also need to bring their driver’s license. There will be a bouncer at the door checking ID’s the entire time,” Dalton said. “We decided to have a cash bar to increase off-campus involvement and have more students participate in this event,” said SAAS Committee Member Tyler Latz. Wristbands will be distributed to signify who is of age for the cash bar that will serve beer and wine, Dalton said. Students can arrive anytime between 7 and 10 p.m. to take the survey. Once a student has completed the survey, they will get a wristband and can go through the food line. They are then also eligible to enter their name into the raffle for door prizes, Dalton said. The Senate did a survey like this last year, said Senate President Lee Mon-

son. Monson noted that the turnout for the event was good but that he could not speak much to what degree the results were utilized. The questions on the 2009 survey asked about everyday campus life, according to Aaron Billingsley’s Oct. 2009 Student Voice article. Questions included: how successful is the campus media in keeping students updated? Is there good circulation? Do students well utilize campus programs, offers and discounts? Monson said that the result from this year’s survey will more help for the spring semester than the fall one since this event is happening late in the semester. “The results will tell us what students want their tuition dollars to go for and support constituents,” Monson said. The event will be held in the Falcon’s Nest at the University Center.

Destination trips offer spring break alternative

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Students who are interested in going somewhere for spring break while making a difference in a community can apply to participate in the 2011 Destination service trip. Destination is a week-long community service trip over spring break. Those who participate will serve as volunteers with organizations working with one of the following service issues: animal welfare, inner city youth, hurricane relief, rural poverty or sustainability. Each of the five Destination service trips is in a different location across the country. The animal welfare service trip is located in Pittsboro, N.C. at the Carolina Tiger Rescue. The Carolina Tiger Rescue provides lifelong homes to wild cats in need of rescue and educates the public about what threatens these animals in the wild, in the pet trade and in the entertainment industry. Some of the things Destination participants might do include learning about and working with some animals at the Carolina Tiger Rescue and providing construction and maintenance assistance for the center. The service trip working with inner city youth is in Kansas City, Missouri at Operation Breakthrough. Operation Breakthrough helps children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing them a safe, loving and educational environment. Some of the things Destination participants might do include holding babies, reading to children, tutoring school age children and various other activities. Hurricane relief is another Destina-

tion service trip opportunity located in New Orleans with an organization called Building Together. Building Together’s mission is to improve the quality of life of low income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled or single head of households with minor children, through home repair and revitalization of New Orleans’ neighborhoods. Destination participants will be helping in various stages of home reconstruction. The rural poverty service trip is in Kincaid, W.Va., at Southern Appalachian School. Kincaid is a poverty stricken area and the mission of SALS is to provide education, research and linkages for working class and disenfranchised peoples in order to promote understanding, empowerment and change. Some service opportunities that Destination participants might experience are rehabilitation and new home construction, weatherization of coal-camp housing for low income home owners and mentoring high school drop-outs and at-risk young adults. The sustainability service trip is in Portland, Oregon at the ReBuilding Center. The ReBuilding Center diverts the region’s largest volume of reusable building and remodeling materials from landfills, using up to eight tons of material per day. Some of the service opportunities include exploring ways to be sustainable, sorting materials, painting, pulling nails, sweeping, measuring doors and working on other community projects. “Destination is a positive life changing program that gets people aware of issues and creates active citizens,” Destination Programmer Christa Hoel said. “It’s a fun way to spend spring break

while making a difference in a community. The name Destination is seen nationwide and looks good on your resume too.” Hoel has been on two Destination spring break trips and is going again this year. Her first service trip was to Atlanta where she worked with inner city youth and education and her second service trip was to Cincinnati where she worked with poverty and homelessness. This year she plans on participating in the trip to New Orleans. “It was so impactful to see all the services available to the people in need,” Hoel said. “And yet there isn’t nearly enough for everyone. You hear about it and see it on the news, but it’s so different being there.” To apply for the 2011 Spring Break Destination program, fill out a participant application form on the Destination page on UWRF’s website by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due with your application. Deposit payments are to be paid at the Involvement Center’s front desk after completing your application. Applicants that are not accepted to the program or choose to withdraw will be reimbursed their \$50 deposit. Each trip costs \$350. Payment of the remaining trip cost will be due Feb. 4. Fees will cover all transportation, lodging, meals during the week, housing fees, service site fees and a t-shirt. Resources for individual fundraising are available if you choose. For more information, visit the Destination page on UWRF’s website. For questions, please contact fpdestination@uwrf.edu.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/  
UWRF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

- Oct. 13**
- A bike was reported stolen at Parker Hall.
- Oct. 15**
- An iPod was reported stolen at the University Center.
  - A vehicle was reported damaged at E-lot.
- Oct. 16**
- Dominic Herubin, 20, was cited for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

- Josh Hanka, 18, was cited for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.
  - Parker Kindom, 18, was cited for possession of marijuana at Johnson Hall.
  - Katelyn Brown, 19, was cited for underage consumption.
- Oct. 18**
- An iPod was reported stolen at Karges Center.

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# Theft: More students report personal items stolen

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Student Facilities Manager Tracy Meyer. “So, we started locking our closet doors.”

“In the UC we’ve also seen a fair number of thefts. They are concerned about it,” Trende said.

UC director, Cara Rubis said that redirecting some of the cameras towards the locations of higher theft risk is being considered.

According to University Poice reports, individuals have reported instances of theft at the Riverside Commons.

The UC, however, takes no responsibility over an individuals belongings, may they be lost or stolen, Rubis said.

UWRF takes the same position as the UC with regards to who is responsible in guarding a person’s belongings.

Nygaard said that the city of River Falls should be treated more like a large city.

Freshman Nicole Boll said that guarding personal possessions in the dorms is the only place a student should be held responsible.

“I’d rather not leave my belongings outside the eating areas or the book store,” Boll said.

Senior Spencer Gansluckner said that although the duty of protecting their items

belongs to the student, keeping an eye on a peer’s possessions is everyone’s responsibility.

Officer Nygaard agrees that having a neighborhood watch would be a good source of security on campus.

“Most thieves operate on opportunity. If you should see something, report it. Pay close attention to distinctive characteristics and descriptions,” Nygaard said.

If a thief is caught and there is a large enough dollar amount on what has been stolen, the suspect risks being charged with a felony. There are two forms of discipline on

a college campus. When a perpetrator is identified, their crime is brought before the University for disciplinary action and criminal charges are also made, Trende said.

“We all want to be trusting, but we let our guard down a little too often,” Nygaard said.

“By that time, often times it’s too late.”

Trende said that the University police’s concern is stopping the theft that has been happening on campus. UWRF is still one of the safer campuses in the area, and they hope to keep it that way.

## Students to put on fall play



Jens Gunelson/University Communications

**This year’s campus Production, “The Man Who Came to Dinner,” will open at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Davis Theatre. The play, which was written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, is a story about a misplaced radio star and his cast.**

## Turbine: Alternative resource supports 2012 ‘off-grid’ goals

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The state’s current definition of “off-the-grid” calls for a 30 percent reduction in energy use compared to the baseline year of 2005, as well as a 30% participation rate in renewable energy credits and a 30% generation of renewable energy. The remaining 10 percent can then be spread out between three other categories.

According to Stifter, UWRF is currently at about a 20 percent reduction in energy usage and actually leads the UW System schools in electrical energy usage based on btu/gsf. For renewable energy credit participation, UWRF is at about 40 percent.

In terms of renewable energy production, Stifter said there is currently no current production but the turbines could help UWRF reach the goal of 30 percent and maybe beyond.

For several years, UWRF has been forming committees and making plans to become more sustainable. In early 2007, a strategic plan was created under the name Living the Promise. Goal two of that plan is devoted to implementing and exploring sustainable practices. UWRF then created a “watchdog” group, the University Planning Group, to oversee progress of the strategic plan. Also in 2007, the St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development was created to deliberate and demonstrate sustainable community development principles.

Besides producing energy, the turbines could offer educational opportunities for the community and students taking courses pertaining to renewable energy at UWRF.

The turbines would blend in rather seamlessly at the lab farm because of their tall and slender structure, Stifter said. After the initial construction, the land for the cattle, sheep and pigs would not be interrupted, said Stifter.

Front and center on the home page of UWRF’s website is an image of a wind turbine, a symbolic representation of the commitment to sustainability and renewable energy. As the study continues to work out the issues and logistics, wind turbines could potentially be a reality in the not so distant future. Stifter explains how unique wind turbines would be for UWRF.

“Here is the potential to invest in a project that actually pays for itself in the life of the project. Most buildings keep on taking energy and never pay back,” Stifter said. “Here is a project we could actually have tax payers invest in that makes money in time.”

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## Self protection key as campus theft increases

Recent increases in theft prove greed can be more powerful than respect and community. While some of us may come from small towns where we feel we can trust everybody to respect our belongings, our campus is not one of those environments.

It is our personal responsibility to protect ourselves from theft.

Students can protect themselves from theft in several ways that include keeping valuables with them at all times or locked in a secure place. Valuable items should not be left unattended in classrooms or in common areas such as student lounges or outside the Riverside Commons.

Keeping a record of the name, make, model and serial number of belongings such as bicycles, computers, phones, TVs, stereos, mp3 players, etc. can help police easily identify ownership of items if they are stolen. Citizens may also choose to register their bicycles with the River Falls Police Department for a \$2 fee. Engraving belongings is also an easy way to identify personal property and also makes it harder for thieves to pawn or sell those items.

Lock car doors and entrances to living spaces. When locking up cars, make sure not to leave valuable items (GPSs, CDs, wallets, purses, etc.) in plain sight which might tempt a thief to break in. Instead, hide items in the glove-box or trunk.

Let's face it. Stealing stuff on campus is easy. However, if students begin to look out for their own possessions and each other's, we can reduce incidents of campus theft together.

## Free Yorkie Puppies scam revealed

The Student Voice would like to announce that an advertisement for two free Yorkie puppies placed on page three of the Oct. 8 issue of the paper is a scam.

If e-mailed, the contact will request money to pay to ship the puppies from some distant location. Multiple people across the nation have sent hundreds of dollars only to realize that there are no puppies and their money is gone. The Voice would like to apologize for publishing the advertisement in its paper.

As a reminder, deals that seem to good to be true most likely are. If buyers are unsure about the legitimacy of an offer, they can easily check with a fraud detection organization or make a simple online search for scams. Buyers should be especially skeptical of requests for personal or credit card information.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student encourages voting, supports Gregory for Sheriff

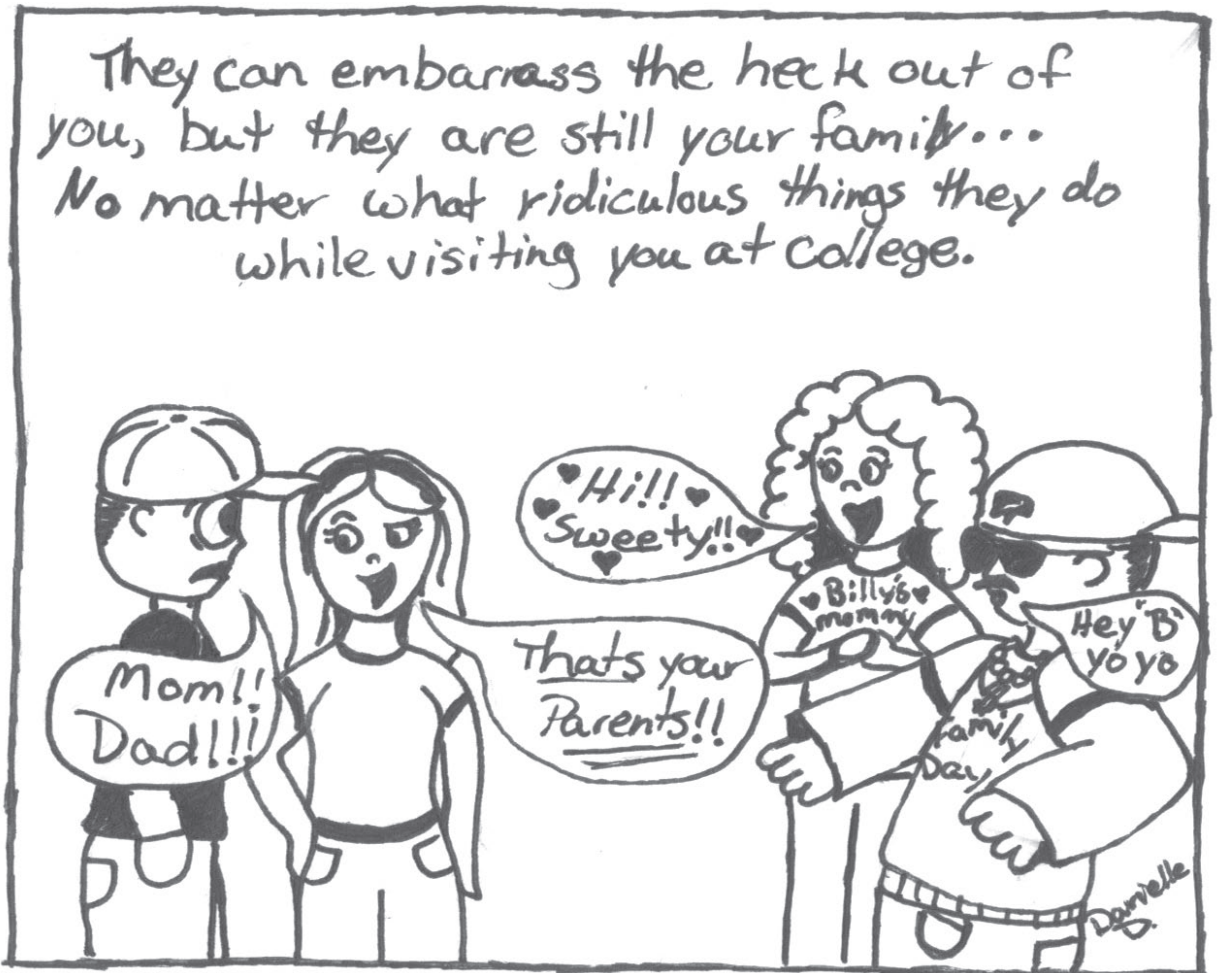
This Nov. 2 will be a big deal for those who plan to make their voices heard. I have been researching candidates for many weeks now in order to make sure that I make the best voting decisions this upcoming election. Nancy Hove, the current incumbent for Pierce County Sheriff will be defending her seat from two other candidates, Tom Gunderson and write in candidate Oake C. Gregory. I have looked at the platforms for all three and to be perfectly honest, I found Oake C. Gregory to be the most promising of the candidates.

I was really impressed to find that Oake C. Gregory plans to "donate 30% of my Sheriff's salary (after taxes, approximately \$20,000 per year) to starting a safe and supportive youth center, especially for at risk teens, to help improve their lives and reduce future crime in the county." This is an idea that is not only refreshing, but necessary considering many of our youth could use such a facility to give them

alternate options for activities.

Oake also emphasizes protecting our Constitutional Rights and putting an end to domestic violence, so that people in Pierce County can have a safe home to go to. If you are interested in getting more information on Mr. Oake C. Gregory, his website is [www.sheriffoake.com](http://www.sheriffoake.com). I plan to Write-In "Oake C. Gregory" for Pierce County Sheriff. I highly encourage each and every one of you readers to read up on the candidates and decide for yourself. Perhaps through your research you will come to find why I have decided to vote for Oake. Regardless of whom you plan to vote for, just vote.

Ali A. Haifawi  
student



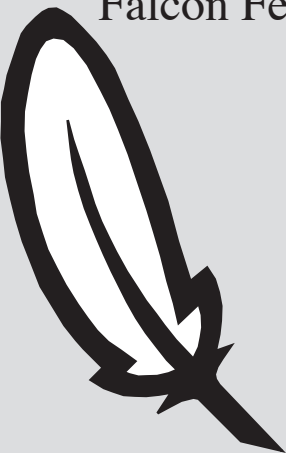
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## Find Freddy's Feather!

Be the first person to find the lost Freddy the Falcon Feather in this issue of the Voice and win two free movie passes!

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Last week's winner: Betsy Oehlke



# Vintage commercials trigger childhood memories



Matthew Torkelson

I was lucky enough to have the experience of watching an old Disney movie taped on VHS the other night. The movie was delightful, yes, but the best part for me personally was the 3 minute commercial blocks and seeing things I absolutely adored as a kid. As these ads would flash before my eyes, my mind would sputter off on countless tangents of being a kid again. Of course, this led to a solid hour on YouTube searching for other commercials of toys and such that brought the biggest smile to my face, and honestly still do. I, as many of you, should thank my parents so much more often for not only letting me have many of these toys, but for putting up with a lot of the noise, clutter and mess they made, some obviously worse than others. I would like to share with you some of the toys and games I stumbled on that maybe you too also enjoyed at one point and time.

### Creepy Crawlers

Ah, yes! Honestly, if I were a parent, this would be my worst nightmare, but man, I loved these things. Creepy Crawlers actually came around in the mid 1960s and stuck around in to the late 1970s. After not being around for over a decade, they resurfaced at the perfect time: 1992. I remember having every tray and “formula” laid all across the countertop with my mom standing behind me biting her nails in worry that I was either going to hurt myself or absolutely destroy her kitchen. What made the Creepy Crawlers of my childhood even more “epic” if I may was that I remember having both Power Ranger and The Mask molds; so awesome.

### Forbidden Bridge

This is a game that I remember opening up on Christmas morning, and my dad did his fatherly sigh of “Oh boy, something with a ton of small pieces that I get to put together.” He was always okay with constructing these kinds of games, because he of course got to play too. Forbidden bridge is a pretty simple game; cross the bridge, get the jewels and try and make it back. After watching the 30 second commercial online, I remember now what sold me on the game was the voice over in the deepest voice imaginable yelling “FOR-BIDDEN” over and over again. Truth be told, we would

often times just put the pieces on the bridge, and shake them through to the bottom rather than play the “right” way.

### 13 Dead End Drive

Now, this isn’t really a “kids” game per se, but I can’t tell you how many times I’ve seen this game on eBay, and how it’s taken every ounce of willpower not to break down and shovel out the usual 30-40 dollar bid price. I mean, just one more time I want to throw someone down the stairs, or tilt someone off of the ladder leaning on the bookshelf. After analyzing the “point” of the game, I guess I’m a little sketchy as to if one should be playing it as young as I did. I mean, the game basically is summarized as kill whoever you can and try and can get the deceased owner’s money. Eesh. Not to mention, the gardener always did creep me out.

### Guess Who

“Can you ‘Guess Who,’ do you have a clue?!” This is the sort of game that I remember logging countless hours on with cousins, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas and of course, mom and dad. When I walked into my buddy’s new apartment last year and he had this game sitting on his shelf, I almost did a back flip (almost). Because of this game, I’ll be able to greatly detail someone’s facial features/attributes if I ever, for some reason, need to. That’s right, crooks, don’t show your face to me, or I’ll be able to tell the Po Po exactly what type and color mustache you had (assuming all crooks have mustaches).

### Super Soaker

The name says it all. I don’t even have to go into more detail.

### It From The Pit

Okay, I couldn’t believe that when I mentioned this to my friends the other day, none of them knew what I was talking about. Is there anyone out there that loved the hell out of this game like I did? Simple enough, you have a few pieces (people) and your job is to get around the circle/

pit. There is a huge electronic spinning monster in the middle that pulls you into the pit. If you lose your pieces, you’re done. If you’re like me, you took other action figures/trinkets from around the house and would have them meet their demise from “It,” too.

Now, I could go on, and on...and on. There are so many amazing games and toys that we had growing up. I could have named dozens of “Nerf” products, or even touched on games like “Chutes and Ladders,” and or even the very badass “Crossfire.” I know we’re all insanely busy with school, but give in to the nostalgia and relive some of these memories. While you’re doing that, I’m going to take a half hour myself and maybe go watch some “Legends of the Hidden Temple” or “Doug.”

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.



Sally King /Student Voice

**Favorite childhood games can provide nostalgic relief to busy students.**



## STUDENT VOICES

Do you feel safe leaving your valuables on campus?

Nick Dahm, junior

“I feel safe because I keep all of my valuables with me.”



Steven Kennedy, junior

“Yes, because I don’t put anything of value in my backpack.”



Courtney Cadwell, sophomore

“I would feel safer if somebody was watching it a little more closely.”



Dominic Sandmeier, sophomore

“My wallet was stolen, so I don’t feel safe leaving my bag out there.”



Erin Hunter, sophomore

“There has been much more vandalism this year than last. It is very frustrating.”



Student Voices compiled by Hannah Lenius

## Classroom distractions neglect common courtesy, reveal flaws



Ashley Cress

School in Tennessee, flipped out on his 11th grade algebra class. Apparently, he could not deal with the students’ disruptive behavior and decided to cope with his stress by throwing a desk and shattering a window with a chair. Yep, very mature. However ridiculous this incident may sound, it had me thinking about the distractions in class that I have encountered of late.

As a matter of fact, I can sort of understand where Mr. Wood was coming from. A few days ago I was giving a PowerPoint presentation, and right in the middle I heard the soft buzz, buzz, buzz, of a cell phone. Momentarily distracted, I looked up at my audience, looking for a downturned head and that specific blue glow. As fate would have it, the culprit was nowhere to be seen so I resumed my presentation. Minutes later, I again heard the buzz, buzz, buzz. Throughout the whole of my PowerPoint, all I could focus on was that annoying buzz! But I was not so annoyed that I wanted to throw a desk or break a window.

And what about loud texting? Perhaps that sounds persnickety of me, but has this scenario ever happened to you? You’re sitting in your 8 a.m. class, and the girl behind you begins texting; there is no mistaking the clicking noise that is fingernail against plastic. Feeling the dull twinge of annoyance begin to burn behind your eyes, you decide to actually read some of the book you were assigned. Between each printed word on the page you hear three or four clicks. Desperately, you start reading again, but it is too late. Each click, click, click seems louder than the last, exponentially irritating you further. Exasperated, you begin to wonder if the people in the class across the hall can hear the maddening click of her never-ending texts. By now, you can hardly wait for class to start, just so she will put her phone away.

Flipping through the channels last week, I happened across a rather intriguing story on the news. Turns out a math teacher, Donald Wood at McGavock High School in Tennessee, flipped out on his 11th grade algebra class. Apparently, he could not deal with the students’ disruptive behavior and decided to cope with his stress by throwing a desk and shattering a window with a chair. Yep, very mature. However ridiculous this incident may sound, it had me thinking about the distractions in class that I have encountered of late.

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To my immediate dismay, I glanced down into my tote and saw that particular blue glow. Indeed, it was my phone all along. Quickly, I scrambled to silence it and hoped desperately that no one was too annoyed.

Classroom distractions are not just caused by cell phones. How about a classic, like the guy who will not quit kicking the leg of your chair? Realizing that your notes are beginning to resemble a barcode due to your inability to keep your pen from sliding on the paper each time his foot comes in contact with your chair, you decide to scoot up a few inches. Relieved, you finally get a few legible lines down in your notes. Possibly, you even revel at your beautiful handwriting; it is no wonder you were awarded that Thomas Jefferson award for excellent penmanship back in third grade. Suddenly, you feel it again; your pen draws an accidental line up the middle of your notes. You think to yourself, someone should give this guy a football scholarship; his kicking is freaking persistent.

While speaking to a few of my classmates about things that really bother them in class, I heard a few that were expected: smacking gum, clicking retractable pens, whispering, the girl who uses a laptop to take notes but plays “Family Feud” instead, etc. However, I was surprised to hear that the thing that causes them the most anxiety during class happens routinely within the last five minutes or so of class: people who pack up early. And it does make sense; when 35 people slap their notebooks shut, wrestle with their backpack zipper and then cram their notebook inside, it causes quite a commotion. Of course, this is the time when the professor tries to tell the class one last fact like the new due date of this paper, or when they will be handing back that paper, or what things we need to focus on during the reading or when class will be cancelled. This information is

valuable. I will be the first to admit that I am guilty of this one from time to time: we all are. Perhaps that is the lesson of this column; we are all human therefore none of us are perfect.

For example, I mentioned earlier that I was bothered by the buzz of someone’s phone during a presentation of mine. However, I managed to complete it, finding focus once again on my topic. After I finished, I took my seat and as I did I heard that buzz, buzz, and buzz louder than ever. To my immediate dismay, I glanced down into my tote and saw that particular blue glow. Indeed, it was my phone all along. Quickly, I scrambled to silence it and hoped desperately that no one was too annoyed.

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# Disappointing season motivates team

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After a disappointing finish in the NCAA Regional Tournament last season, the UW-River Falls women’s hockey team and Head Coach Joseph Cranston said that they are more motivated than ever.

The Falcons fell in the NCAA Regional Final last season to Gustavus Adolphus in a game that would have sent them to the Frozen Four, which is comprised of final four teams remaining in the country who then compete for a national championship. Last year’s Frozen Four would have been held in River Falls for the first time in the sport’s history.

Cranston said that poor play, both offensively and defensively, and lack of preparation for the game were the deciding factors.

“We just played poorly in that game last year,” Cranston said.“It was a poor effort top to bottom.”

Cranston said that the motivation to wipe that game out and play well day in and day out this season is at the top of the coaching staff’s list.

“We need to put it in their minds that they need to be more prepared to play than they were last year,” Cranston said.

Cranston said that senior leadership is going to play a heavy factor in the success of the team. The Falcons’ roster includes six returning seniors.

“Our senior leadership is going to come through all of them,” Cranston said. “Our captains will be very important to our team this year.”

Senior Captain Jessica Thompson said that she could not be more excited to take on a new season.

“Especially after last season, I’m really looking forward to playing to our full potential this year,” Thompson said. “I think we should be pretty well off, maybe even more so than last year.”

Thompson stressed the importance of team chemistry both on and off of the ice.

“I feel like that is one of the most important things to a successful team,” Thompson said. “So far everyone seems to be getting along really well, even the freshman.”

Thompson said that one of the

challenges facing the team for the upcoming season is bearing the weight of the disappointing end to last year.

Cranston said that the team is ready to pick up where they left off last season. He said he feels confident with the depth and talent that his team brings to the table this season.

“Our greatest strength this year is going to be our depth,” Cranston said. “We have four solid lines, and there is no real difference between one and four.”

Continued offense from last year, a season that saw the team put up 105 goals, will be the signature of the Falcons’ top lines said Cranston.

“We have kids that can really put the puck in the net,” Cranston said. “This year we have some pretty good offensive power.”

New to the Falcons’ lineup this season is freshman Katelyn Batters.

Batters said that she is anxious to start the season.



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**Last season the UWRF women’s hockey team had a dissappointing loss, but this season Coach Joe Cranston said players are more confident and focused.**

“I feel like this year’s team is going to be really good,” Batters said. “Even though it is still early on, I think we will have a lot of fun.”

Batters said that a number of things influenced her to come to UWRF.

“I toured here last year and loved the campus and the town,” she said. “I also knew how good the team

was going to be, so that was a huge part of it.”

The Falcons open their season Oct. 30 when they host the Pembina Valley Hawks in an exhibition game at Hunt Arena. The regular season home-opener is set for Nov. 19 when the Falcons take on Lake Forest College.

# Rodgers receives undeserved praise from fans



Ashley Goettl

On Sunday, the rivalry continues when the Minnesota Vikings travel to Lambeau Field to take on the Green Bay Packers. There is plenty of talk that both teams were considered Super Bowl contenders. While the backlash and trash talking has already started, and both teams are equally at fault, there is one argument that I just simply cannot stand: Aaron Rodgers is the best quarterback in the league.

I hate to break it to you, but let us look at the facts before we place a crown on Mr. Rodgers’s head.

The most alarming statistic is his performance in the clutch. Many analysts will agree that in order to be considered the “best” you have to perform well in the clutch, lead your team to that unforeseen victory and, ultimately to prevail in the end. This is where Rodgers fails.

As a starter, Rodgers is 0-5 in overtime performances and 1-11 in games that have been decided by four points or fewer in his 39 starts, including 0-2 and 1-3, respectively, this season. His only playoff appearance started and ended with his mistakes.

He lacks the leadership and the strength to come up with the big plays. According to the Green Bay Post-Gazette, “what has to bother

[Rodgers] and the Packers [more] is the three overtime losses starting with the NFC wildcard game at Arizona last year. In all three, including at Washington and against Miami the last two weeks, the Packers had the ball in overtime but failed to gain even a first down. That’s when good quarterbacks and offenses have to come through.”

Yes, I know you cannot blame a game on just the quarterback alone, but what truly bothers me is the praise and glory Packer fans are giving to a mediocre quarterback. Thus far, in 2010, Rodgers has a passer rating of 89.7, which ranks 13th in the league.

I understand that the Packers are facing numerous injuries. However, this just strengthens my case even more. When you take away talented players like Jermichael Finley, Rodgers’s struggles immensely, meaning that he

needs good wide receivers and tight ends to make himself look good, and that without them, he never will be great.

This Sunday will be a pivotal moment not only for Rodgers, but also for the entire Packers season. If Rodgers comes up short again, as he did last year, there is no doubt in my mind that Rodgers is, at best, average.

Time will only tell how good Rodgers can be. But until he wins a playoff game, heck, until he wins an overtime game, please don’t claim that he is the best. Peyton Manning, Drew Brees, Brett Favre and Tom Brady are all known for one thing: Winning. Aaron Rodgers is known for coming up short when his name is called.

Ashley is a sophomore double majoring in journalism and digital film and television with a political science minor. She enjoys watching the Twins and Vikings, and she is a member of UW-River Falls’ softball team.

# Open coach position has benefits for Brewster to consider



Robert Silvers

team. Prior to the Gophers, Brewster had been a tight end coach and assistant head coach, but never had he been coordinator of the offense or defense. With the tight end mentality, it is apparent that Brewster’s focus was on the offense.

During Brewster’s tenure, Quarterback Adam Weber has set passing records at Minnesota, including most yards which currently sits at 9,900. Although offense can be exciting, the Gophers have proved that in the Big Ten you need defense to

win games, and with only six conference wins in three plus years, it was time for the Gophers and Brewster to part ways.

So what is next for Brewster?

Maybe he should think about coaching the UW-River Falls Falcons. Prior to the 2010 season, long-time Head Football-Coach John O’Grady announced his retirement. The athletic department is conducting a nation-wide search looking for a new coach, and now they have a guy in their own back yard.

Brewster has a few reasons to be interested in the Falcons. They already run a pro style offense which he is accustomed to. His son Eric played his senior year at River Falls and is still attending the University. Finally Brewster has reached an age where most people — especially coaches — are looking to settle down.

He also would be taking over a program that could only improve in his tenure, and if he shows the same passion at this level that he did with the Gophers, then the Falcons will improve.

This move would also benefit the Falcons in that it would

bring in a high profile coach to a Division III school. Brewster brings with him a fairly good recruiting record from his days in North Carolina and Texas and recruiting is key at UWRF. With only a full-time staff of three, the Falcons send out fewer coaches to recruit than any team in the WIAC.

When you need to recruit across the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, it becomes pretty hard to cover all that territory with just three coaches but that’s what the Falcons. Having the big name coach in Brewster would definitely help the recruiting process.

Another avenue that would benefit the Falcons by hiring Brewster is Brewster’s friends. A long-time Division I and NFL coach, Brewster has some contacts, friends and former colleagues that may be able to help bring money into the Ramer Field renovation project. A few phone calls could be all it would take to bring a project that has dragged on for at least four years to fruition.

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## Weekly Sports Wrap

**Volleyball**  
The Falcons are hosting their annual Trick or Treat Classic on Oct. 29-30. The Falcons will have four matches in the tournament. beginning 4 p.m. Friday against Waldorf College  
Matches can be heard on 88.7 FM WRFW and seen on cable channel 19.

**Football**  
The Falcons host the UW-Whitewater Warhawks, 3 p.m Saturday. The Warhawks are the defending national champion. River Falls enters the game 0-6 on the season and is 21-29-2 all-time against Whitewater. The game can be heard on 88.7 FM WRFW.

**Hockey**  
The Falcons hockey team opens their season on the road Saturday night in Milwaukee against Concordia-Wisconsin. The home opener for the Falcons is Friday, Oct. 29 as they play host to UW-Superior. The Superior game can be heard on 88.7 FM WRFW.

**Soccer**  
The Falcons shutout Bethany Luthern Tuesday afternoon 2-0 behind goals from Riki Donfeld and Janae Baron. Rachel Thompson also recorded her fifth shutout of the season in the net stopping both shots attempted by the visiting Vikings.

### WIAC Standings

Football		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Whitewater	3-0	6-0
UW-Platteville	2-1	4-2
UW-Stevens Point	2-1	4-2
UW-Oshkosh	2-1	3-3
UW-Eau Claire	1-2	3-3
UW-Stout	1-2	3-3
UW-La Crosse	1-2	1-5
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>0-6</b>

Women’s Soccer		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Stevens Point	6-0	13-1
UW-Eau Claire	5-0-1	11-4-1
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>10-6</b>
UW-Whitewater	4-1	7-6
UW-Platteville	3-3-1	10-7-1
UW-La Crosse	1-3-2	7-4-2
UW-Oshkosh	1-4-1	6-7-1
UW-Stout	0-5-1	6-8-1
UW-Superior	0-5	2-13

Volleyball		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Whitewater	6-1	22-6
UW-Oshkosh	6-1	21-5
UW-Eau Claire	6-1	15-7
UW-Platteville	4-2	19-3
UW-Stevens Point	3-4	16-11
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>15-9</b>
UW-La Crosse	3-4	9-11
UW-Superior	0-7	8-17
UW-Stout	0-7	2-20
Gustavus Adolphus	0-0	0-1

Women’s Tennis		
School	WIAC	Overall
UW-Whitewater	6-0	10-1
UW-La Crosse	5-1	10-2
UW-Eau Claire	4-2	6-4
UW-Oshkosh	3-3	7-3
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>3-9</b>
UW-Stevens Point	1-5	4-7
UW-Stout	0-6	3-9

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CIA film takes romantic twist



Michael Brun

The previews for “Red” make it out to be an action/comedy. What they do not tell you is that it is more accurately a romantic action/ comedy. Those are a lot of genres for a single

movie to cover-so what works? The action is solid. The comedy is mildly amusing. The romance is plain awful. I can see why it was left out of the previews.

From what I gathered of the plot of the comic book, it sounds like movie version of “Red” waters down the best parts in order to transform the story into a shallow star vehicle. The title “Red” is an acronym for “retired extremely dangerous;” a title given to long-toothed CIA agents who have been forced out of the business. Frank Moses (Bruce Willis), once an all-star in the world of contract killing and government toppling, now lives alone in his quiet suburban home. The only excitement in his life is talking to Sarah (Mary-Louise Parker), the cute woman at the pension office. After some hitmen make an attempt on Moses’ life, he seeks Sarah out - afraid that they might use her to get to him.

Willis plays himself in this movie, which is basically what he has been doing throughout much of his career. His Moses character is the same sarcastic tough guy we have seen in movies like “Die Hard” and this year’s “Cop Out.” Few actors can get away with recycling the same performance like that, but there is just something about him that is hard to hate. His wise-cracking shenanigans can make even a junk movie like “Live Free or Die Hard” worth watching. The same cannot be said of co-star Parker. Her performance

as Willis’ love interest is more irritating than entertaining. Her character shares Willis’ sarcastic wit, but Parker overplays the quirki-ness to the point of annoyance. She spends much of the movie acting clueless or falling down hills at inopportune times. Parker’s coupling with Willis is one of the least believable and most cringe-worthy screen romances in years.

The rest of the veteran cast follows Willis’ lead by not straying far from their established image. Morgan Freeman is the oldest and wisest of the bunch, while Helen Mirren is the prim and proper English lady. The wild

card is, of course, John Malkovich, whose un-hinged performance is what we have come to expect from the eccentric actor.

Along with “Red,” Wil- lis was also featured in this summer’s big-name actioner “The Expendables.” While the latter is the superior movie, “Red” offers viewers a more light- hearted experi- ence. With its PG-13 rating, most of the violence is relatively tame.

There are still a lot of

bullets being exchanged, but the shootouts play out like an old “GI Joe” cartoon: There is plenty of shooting, but not many people getting hit.

As far as the comedy goes, it relies mostly on variations of a bad guy calling our heroes old before getting smacked around or blown up. You won’t be rolling in the aisle with laughter, but there are enough chuckles to stave off disappointment. Also, kudos to the writers for avoiding a lazy Viagra joke.

“Red” is not a particularly memorable movie. What we have here is an afternoon diversion that you could very well do with- out. It will make a great rental if you still remember it in a few months when it comes out on DVD.

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Movie uncovers Lennon’s life



Anthony Orlando

A good movie is like a ninja, and a bad movie is like that toolbag in your history class who answers every question really mat- ter of factly because he’s desperate to show everyone that he’s super cool or smart.

Good movies will distract you with what’s hap- pening on screen, then silently sneak up from behind and plant an idea or emotional stim- ulus in your brain without you even noticing. With a bad movie, you become painfully aware of how hard it’s trying to make you think that it’s totally awesome, meanwhile you’re praying for time to go a little faster and eyeing up the hottie sit- ting two seats to your left. This week’s movie fell somewhere in between these two ex- tremes.

“Nowhere Boy” takes on the daunting task of putting part of the life of one of the world’s most iconic rock ‘n’ roll figures on the silver screen. The film follows a teenage John Lennon through the parental trials and tribulations he faced while growing up in a suburb of Liverpool in the 40s and 50s.

The focus is on Lennon’s relationship with his aunt Mimi (Kirstin Scott Thomas) and his biological mother (Anne-Marie Duff).

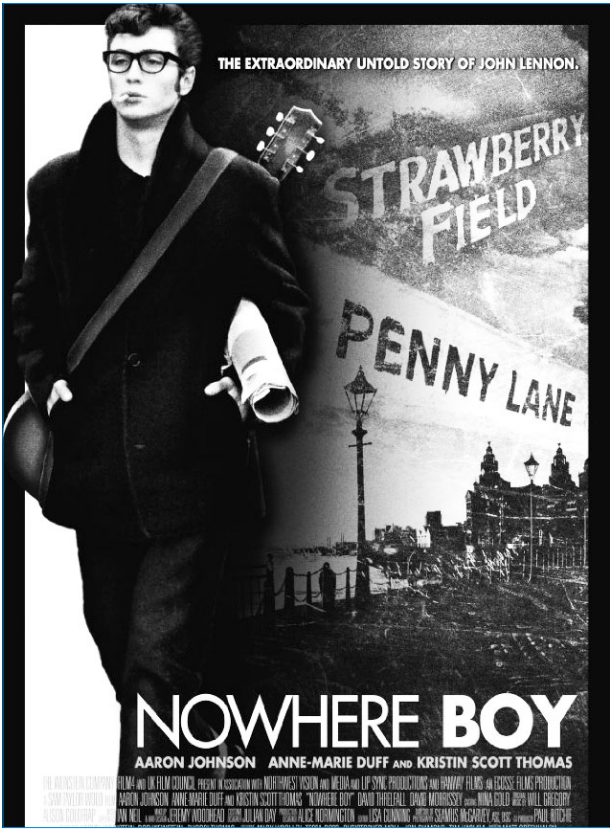
The teenage Lennon is portrayed as the classic “rebel without a cause” type bad boy who steals from record stores, thinks school is for squares and goes around exposing himself to girls (...wait, what?).

The strain of the unanswered questions about his being raised by his aunt instead of his mother comes to a head at the climax of the film, leading to some violin-accompa- nied, emotional outbursts, regrettable bloody

noses and smashed instruments, which are followed by a round of hugs for everyone.

John’s internal reactions to his predicament are presented in the form of some cryptic dream sequences he has throughout the mov- ie. While the film depicts John’s introduction to Paul McCartney and George Harrison, and even the formation of The Beatles first incar- nation as “The Quarrymen,” this is definitely not a “Beatles movie.” In fact, the word “Beatles” is never even mentioned, and there isn’t a single Beatles song on the soundtrack. This is one of the handful of good calls that the writers made, as that would undoubtedly

have lead to a “rock star” type scenario, which nobody really wants. Much of the first half of the movie feels like it’s spent with the history class kid, as the focus is on John’s bad boy antics, how everybody thinks he’s a good for nothing, and how he really needs to take his future seri- ously and blah blah blah. But about halfway through, just as you’ve had about enough of the history class kid, the film takes an upturn, and the good movie



ninja drops from the ceiling axe-kicks you in the back of the head. The focus shifts to a little bit of a deeper level of emotional strain and the consequences of that strain. Again, this is not a “Beatles” movie. It’s a movie about familial love and what happens when that love that many of us take for granted is suddenly questioned.

Overall, the quality of the acting, writing, direction and whole production of the thing is maybe a step above something you might see on the Hallmark Channel.

Was it among the better movies I’ve ever seen? Not really.

Did it make me want to start a rock ‘n’ roll band? Kinda.

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Powerful female vocalist draws inspiration from past



Jon Lyksett

I love female vocalists, especially when they are in rock ensembles. From better known artists like Joan Jett or the more obscure Vincent Shadow. “Truth or Dare” is Automatic Loveletter’s second studio album, and it is an impressive one. Twenty-four year old, Juliet Simms has one of the best voices in rock. Period. She is on key, she can hold some impressively long notes, and she

has a passion in her voice that hasn’t been heard since the power ballads from Melissa Etheridge. There is a rough, gritty, and sexy edge to Simms’ vocal talents that sent shivers up my spine. For a rock singer, it is obvious that Simms has had plenty of training. This album is all about Simms. Juliet wrote ten of the twelve songs on the album. In the liner notes, she jokes and says “Thanks to...my cat Emma, and to all my ex-boyfriends for their inspiration.” From track to track she can jump from quiet and reserved, only to then belt out some amazing vocals.

The track “Hush,” is a perfect example of this. The first half of the song is deceptively relaxed, and almost shy. There is a dramatic shift in the song after the first 45 seconds, and a vocal beast is unleashed! A once quiet vocal set is suddenly driving and intense.

The lyrics on some of the songs are a bit weak, for example the chorus for the first track, “Heart Song”, is simply “That’s when you shot through the heart, You had me right from the start, a critical shot to the heart.” Some of the tracks have some stronger, more creative lyrics, but my only complaint about “Truth or Dare” is its lack of lyrical depth.


The more I listen to the album, I realize that the members of Automatic Loveletter understand that the Simms’ vocal talent is the focal point of the music.

If you listen closely, you can hear that Simms sings all the parts in the various har- monies throughout the album. Just one more example of what a talented singer this young woman is. Although the grinding guitars, and thumping drums help on some tracks, again, this album is about Juliet Simms, and

by listening, you can tell the guys in the band realize that. You just won’t be hearing a ton of solos from anyone other than Juliet, so if you are looking for strong instrumentation, you’d be best to look elsewhere. I’m not say- ing that the other guys are not good drummer Dean Butterworth, keyboard player Oligee and guitarist/bassist Jessie Owen Astin can hold their own on this album, but the fact remains, they just aren’t as impressive as Ms. Simms.

“Truth or Dare” is a fun and fresh album, and if you are a fan of female vocalists, definitely check this one out. I think you’ll agree with me after listening to a few tracks, she has one of the most original and daring voices in rock.

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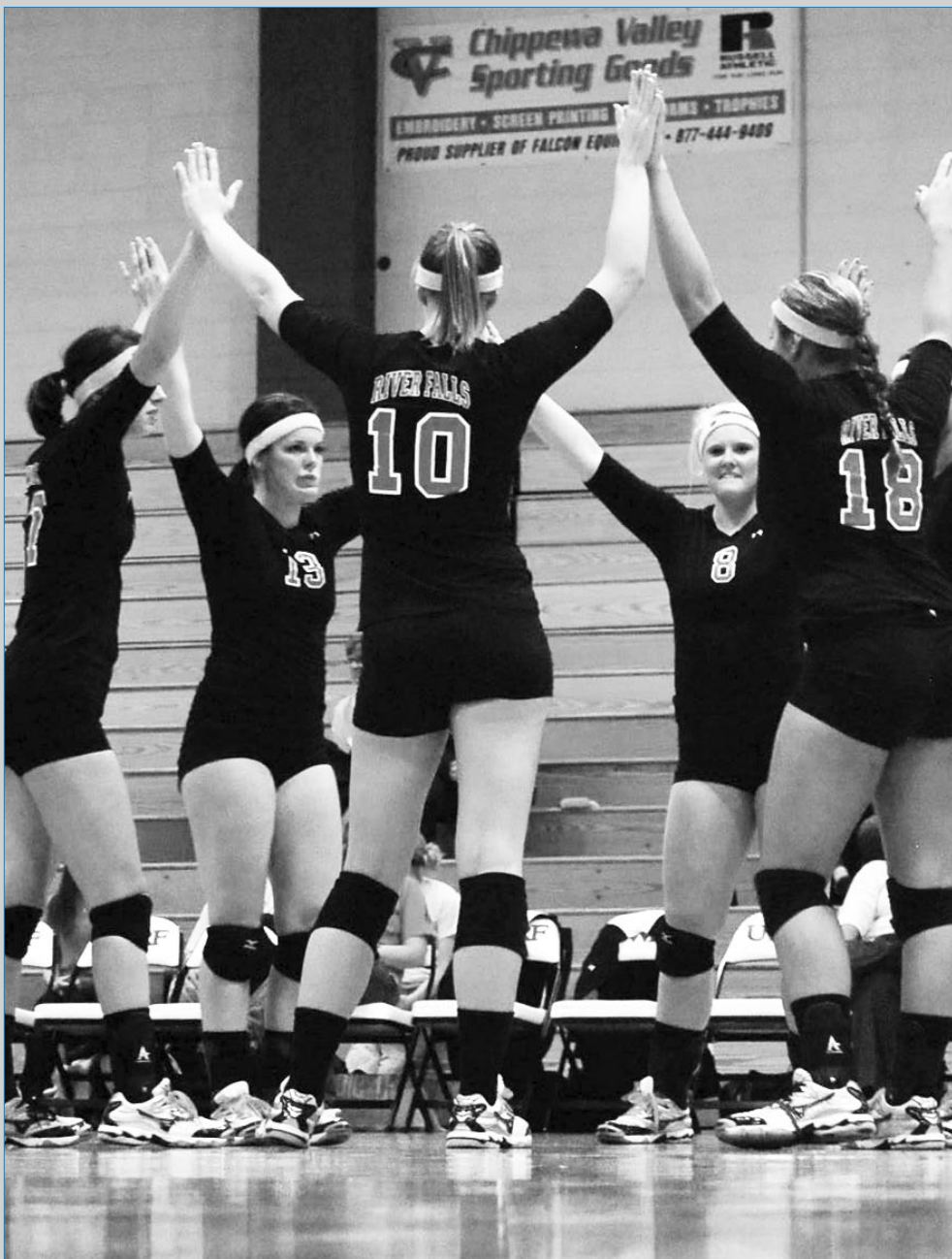
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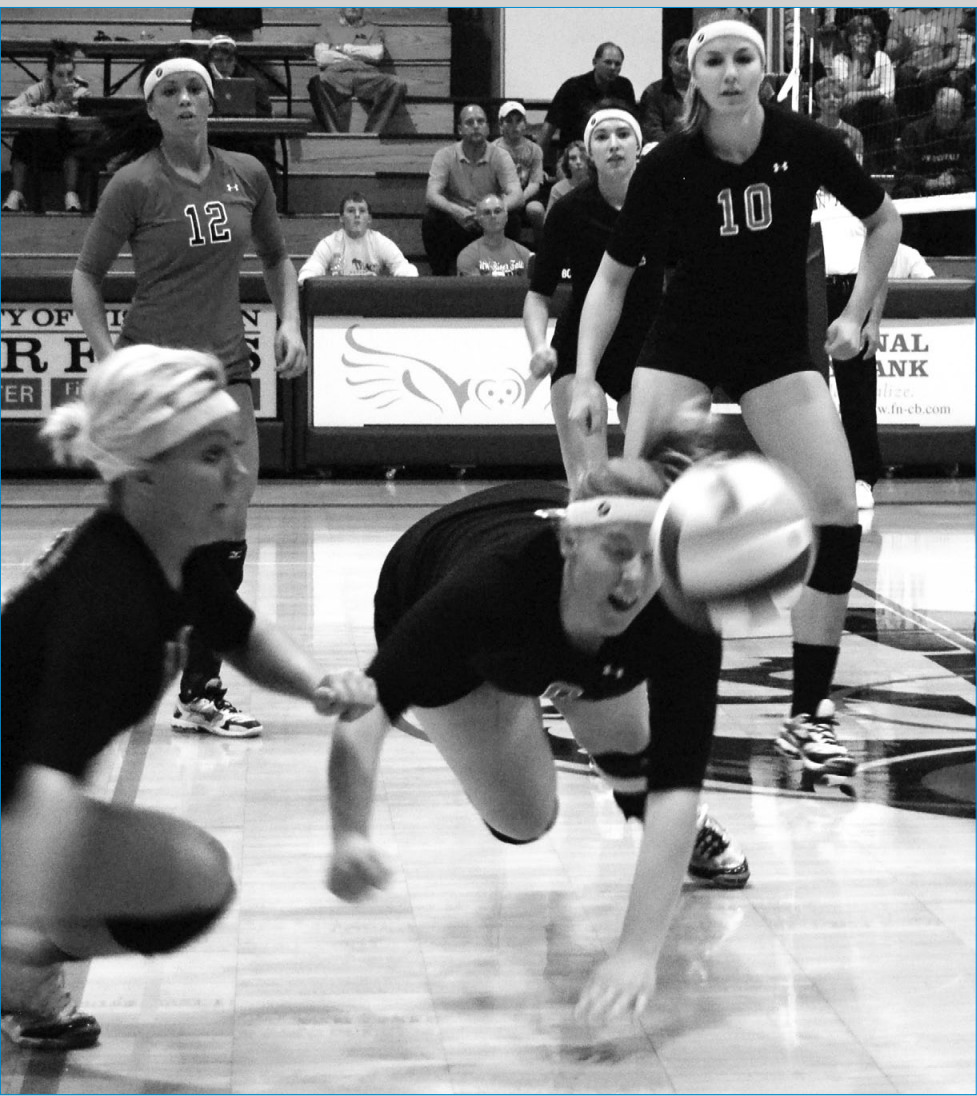


Sally King/Student Voice  
The UWRf volleyball team hosted their third annual Dig for the Cure event. The game raised money for breast cancer awareness and research for finding a cure.

Above: The UWRf volleyball team huddles before taking the court at Karges.

Top Right: Falcon volleyball player Hayley Buchanan digs a ball during the match.

Bottom Right: Freddy the Falcon gets fans fired up before the volleyball match on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Fans packed the stands to see the Falcons take on Eau Claire.



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