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## Repair bill spurs Madison protests

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MADISON -- State Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) wasn't able to show up at 3 p.m. Tuesday for an appointment that UW-River Falls faculty, staff and students claim was scheduled at her office.

The meeting was supposedly set up Friday as a way for UW-RF and other university representatives, along with the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin, to voice concerns about the state's budget repair bill, said lead organizer of AFT-Wisconsin Julie Schmid.

Minutes before the meeting was to begin, an AFT union organizer said he was told by a Harsdorf staff member that the senator did not have a meeting scheduled.

Schmid then led the group down three

flights of stairs to Harsdorf's office to confront her.

There, a senator's aide told the group that Harsdorf was in a Joint Finance Committee meeting and reconfirmed that there was never a meeting scheduled, said AFT-Wisconsin Communications Representative Jill Bakken.

Those within the group that Harsdorf's constituents then delivered handwritten notes with their concerns and complaints.

Several hours later, Harsdorf was not available for comments and her voicemail was full.

On Wednesday morning, a Harsdorf staff member said the senator had been very busy listening to public testimony with the Joint Finance Committee that went from 10 a.m. Tuesday until 3 a.m. Wednesday.

The staffer said Harsdorf was committed to sitting in at the hearing and was honoring

everyone who came to speak on behalf of the budget repair bill. The staffer reaffirmed that there was no scheduled 3 p.m. Tuesday meeting at her office.

The comments among UW-RF faculty and staff about why they wished to speak with Harsdorf varied.

Some were more concerned with Gov. Walker's threat of abolishing collective bargaining rights. Others said they were concerned about suffering from a major cut in take-home pay.

A UW-RF program assistant in the English department, Sheri Fowler, is a constituent of Harsdorf.

Fowler said she was mad Harsdorf reneged on the meeting but delivered a note to a staff member that said, "Please vote no."

Fowler said that if the budget repair bill is

passed, her finances will be hurt.

"There is a wrong assumption that program assistants make lots and lots of money," she said. "That is just not true. After almost 20 years, I am barely making \$16 an hour.

Fowler said that the one of the problem areas with the repair bill is that it doesn't take into account the vast salary scale of state employees.

"The trouble is (that) the governor lumps all state workers together," Fowler said. "He lumps us lowly program assistants at UW-RF in with bigwigs that make \$65 an hour at the Revenue Department."

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### Rally converges at University Center



Sally King/Student Voice

**In a planned rally and walk out against Governor Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill, hundreds of students and faculty protested outside of the University Center at noon on Thursday.**

## UWRF study abroad expands to China

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Responding to campus, national, and global demands, UW-River Falls will be launching a new study abroad center in China for the fall of 2012.

This new international program will be the second center on the program's second continent. Experience China is the proposed name for the program, which will operate similarly to its sister center Wisconsin in Scotland, said Global Connections Director Brent Greene.

"It really is a strategic move for the University," said Greene. "China is the 800 pound gorilla in the global economy."

The Asian countries have also reached out to the United States because they want their students to speak unaccented American English, said Study Abroad Adviser Linda Alvarez.

UWRF students will be attending classes with the partnering university, Zhejiang International Studies University, which is in Hangzhou, said Greene.

This Chinese university is specifically focused on being a college for research and international students, according to the Zhejiang University website.

Kaishan Kong, who teaches Chinese at UWRF and has also taught at Zhanjiang University, said that she thinks that it is great that UWRF is planning this new center.

China has tremendous economic potential, said Kong, the center can therefore serve as a platform for students future career opportunities, Kong said.

The introduction of the center in China also coincides with President Obama's 100,000

Strong Initiative.

UWRF has agreed to participate in the president's plan to double the number of students it sends to China, Greene said.

UWRF is not necessarily behind global education in comparison to other college campuses. It was, however, still written into the campus's strategic plan, which is Living the Promise 2007-2012, said Provost Fernando Delgado.

According to the Living the Promise dashboard, expanding global literacy and engagement has been labeled Goal 3.

Goal 3 is broken up into three University priorities; increasing the number of inbound international students, study abroad students, and internationalizing course curriculum and overall campus life.

UWRF currently has less than 100 inbound international students, said Delgado. Delgado said that professors should consider different ways to engage their students with the rest of the world.

"They should show and provide examples and research that provoke thought about living on a global scale," he said.

Political science professor Wes Chapin, who is responsible for the International Traveling Classroom program, or ITC, said that his area of study is Europe.

"When I go (abroad), I am able to keep myself updated on these current issues and that is helpful for when I prepare courses," said Chapin.

As part of Goal 3, UWRF has set a goal to send 50 percent of its students abroad. These terms are measured by the number of students

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## Club sports benefit from new board

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As of last fall, The Allocable Fees Appropriation Board is no longer apart of the budgeting process for club sports organizations. The responsibility is now under the Club Sports Allocation Board or CSAB, and it has been working out in the club sports' favor.

Board Advisor for CSAB Ryan McCallum said there is a huge difference between AFAB and CSAB.

"AFAB says 'They've requested X amount of dollars. What do we need to cut?'," McCallum said. "CSAB is teaching the student to fundraise with the club itself to ask for half of what they think they need."

McCallum helps to educate the sports club program on decisions with CSAB and to help them create goals to meet. As an advisor for the budgeting process, he met individually with each club sport president to ask them important questions about what they needed for the year and also for the years to come.

"I basically went through the budget line by line," McCallum said. "I asked 'What are your goals for next year?' and 'What are your three-year, five-year, and ten-year goals for this program?'"

Now that CSAB is a decision body for club sports alone, McCallum also said it has helped greatly this past year to help equally distribute out the money each sport needs better than last year.

"It is a huge relief to have what we have, and we are all very appreciative of what we have, said McCallum. "We all know where we have come from to get to this point, and the clubs are very grateful to have what we have now."

Gina Goetzke, President of the Women's Lacrosse Team, said that this year, her team requested \$9632.20. With that requested, the team will receive over half of what they asked for, which is \$5780. Goetzke said that this is the first time this has ever happened in women's lacrosse history.

"Last year, our team received \$1100.00 when we went through AFAB, and that is not enough for us to do much at all this year. I am looking forward to not have to worry about our budget like I am this year," said Goetzke via email.

The sports team that did not get in their budget was the rugby team. Sam Gartmann, a sophomore and vice president of the club, said that there was confusion on the budget, but they have a solution.

"We are planning on multiple fund raising ideas and hoping for sponsorship through Anytime Fitness," said Gartmann.

Tyler Halverson, chair of Sports Allocation Board on the

Student Senate, said that last year under AFAB, they supported all sport clubs, student organizations and Falcon Programs. What happened last year, as Halverson explained, is that they received over \$750,000 of requests with less than \$350,000 to give to each. This year, they have \$50,000 worth of funds to work with CSAB, and there is over \$80,000 of requests.

"We had a lot of heavy cutting last year," Halverson said. "It came back and really hit [AFAB] hard at the end of the year. Ultimately this was a good thing though, because it led to the creation of CSAB."

What is next to be done after the budgets have been reviewed and approved is to reflect on the past year and evaluate what they would like to do again next year and what they will do differently next year, McCallum said.

Goetzke was humble to hear about this year's budget success and looks forward to the future with CSAB.

"If CSAB was not formed, I do not believe we would have these results. I hope that CSAB continues and the school can recognize the great things they are doing for sport clubs on campus."



### Voice Shorts

**Murder charges against owner of Bubba’s Fried Chicken**  
The owner of Bubba’s Fried Chicken in River Falls, Hardy White III, was charged Monday with two felonies in the Oct. 4 death of 25-year-old Jack Jenkins of River Falls, according to the River Falls Journal.  
According to court records, White was charged with first-degree reckless homicide and possession with intent to deliver narcotics. White is scheduled to appear March 14 at the Pierce County Courthouse for the initial hearing.

**Column in Voice places third in contest**  
A column about the so-called “Ground Zero mosque” that appeared in the Student Voice last semester has won an award from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) Foundation.  
The column by international studies major Jason Larson, “Gross misunderstandings riddle New York mosque controversy,” placed third in its category in the Better College Newspaper Contest. The award was announced Feb. 11 during the WNA’s annual convention in Appleton.  
“Larson’s column tackles a deeply divisive issue and does it tactfully,” judges wrote, “carefully making his arguments and ending in a surprise that he himself is deploying to Afghanistan, underscoring why the opposition to the mosque could be so dangerous to U.S. troops.”

The Student Voice is a member of the WNA and over the years has won several awards for its reporting and commentary.

**Soul Food Dinner**  
As part of Black History Month, the Black Student Union is putting on the 9th annual Soul Food Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Cultural Dining Journey House. The cost is \$5 for UWRF students with an ID and \$7 for the general public. Carry-out is available for an additional dollar.

### Senate Shorts

From the Tuesday, Feb. 19 Student Senate meeting:  
  
The Student Senate could not conduct a meeting because there were not enough Senators present to vote. 12 members were required, and only 11 were present.

Although the Senate did not meet, Chancellor Dean Van Galen spoke to the collective group regarding the Falcon Promise, which was approved by the Board of Regents, and Gov. Walker’s Budget Repair Bill, which will affect UWRF faculty, staff and ultimately its students.

### Corrections/Clarifications

In the Feb. 4 edition of the Student Voice:

- The proposal for differential tuition was passed by a vote of 18-1-0, not unanimously, in “Senate Shorts” page 2.

# UWRF to ask for scholarship donations from alumni, friends

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UW-River Falls is getting ready to launch its first fundraising campaign, seeking donations to support the university.  
“This will be our first comprehensive fundraising campaign in the university’s history. Charitable support from alumni and friends is becoming more and more important to our future,” said Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “This is especially true in challenging economic times, where our percent of our budget from the state continues to decline. So I am optimistic that this campaign will raise significant dollars for a variety of purposes, including student scholarships, and will support our students for years to come.”

The university has tried a systematic approach to prepare for the fundraising campaign. One of the first steps is determining what the needs are for the money to be raised with the campaign.  
“This past year, we’ve had a series of different listening sessions. We have involved all of the colleges and their department chairs,” said Dan McGinty, executive director of University Advancement and president of the UW-River Falls Foundation.  
“We listened to the external admissions committee and faculty senate, the academic staff councils, along with student senate. We also met with the various non-administrative directors throughout the campus to get their feedback on what should be some of the initiatives on this campus, and what we should be raising money for.”

One of the main focuses of the fundraising campaign will be to obtain scholarships for students.  
“Some of the things that I think are crystal clear that I am hearing are that scholarships will be the first and forefront to the campaign,” said McGinty. “That’s what I’m hearing from just about all of the audiences

“This campaign will be one of our top priorities over the next several years.”

Dean Van Galen,  
Chancellor



Sally King/Student Voice  
**Chancellor Dean Van Galen, who is part of the decision-making process for the fundraising campaign.**

that we’ve met with. And I think that will also resonate quite well with our donors.”  
The campaign will ask alumni and friends of the university to make donations to benefit the university.  
“We have about 38,000 alumni graduates and so we will ask all of them to be a part of this campaign, as well as friends of the university, corporations and businesses that are connected to UW-River Falls,” said Van Galen. “This campaign will be one of our top priorities over the next several years.”  
According to McGinty, because of

the declining resources that the university gets from the state, UWRF needs to look to private resources to help fund a wider array of different initiatives. One way it can do that is through this campaign for private resources.  
“There will be several components to the campaign and certainly will be driven by the needs of the university and the interests of our donors to support those needs,” said Van Galen.  
“When we visit with alumni and friends, many are very excited about provide scholarships and support to students so I think that will be a very large component of the fundraising campaign. And many of our students come from families of modest means and so that scholarship support is needed and will be important to our students.”

## River Falls Police/ UWRF Police Department

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

- Feb. 22**
- John Novotny, 19, cited for underage consumption at Orange Street.
  - Connor Born, 18, cited for underage consumption on Orange Street.
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# China: Study abroad center is affordable option

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that graduate from university, Greene said.

By these standards, the campus currently sends 35 percent of its students abroad, alternatively, almost 400 students, said Greene.

Many students have concerns about the cost of study abroad and therefore inhibits them from experiencing it. Having a study abroad center, like Wisconsin in Scotland or the future China program, is a more affordable alternative created by the University, said Alvarez. With a second center established, Greene said that he hopes to decrease the costs of studying in both centers even further.

Aside from the 300 dollar registration fee, the cost of classes in Scotland reflect the cost of classes taken at UWRF. Accommodation fees are relatively similar to what it costs to stay in a Residence Life dorm, said Jess Nash, who recently returned from the Wisconsin in Scotland program.

Students in Scotland stay in Dalkeith Palace and are taught classes within the UW System, said Delgado. The Palace is about six miles away from the city center in Scotland, which was an inconvenience to students, said Nash.

The students that choose to study in the new China program will stay in a hotel nearby the partnering university. In addition, they will

not be required to know how to speak Mandarin, Greene said.

“We are using China as a foundation to create an international experience,” Greene said.

The international experiences had by students is also dictated by strategic placement of study abroad opportunities, Wisconsin In Scotland Program Coordinator Kelsey McLean.

“We started of being very European based, but things have certainly started to evolve” said McLean.

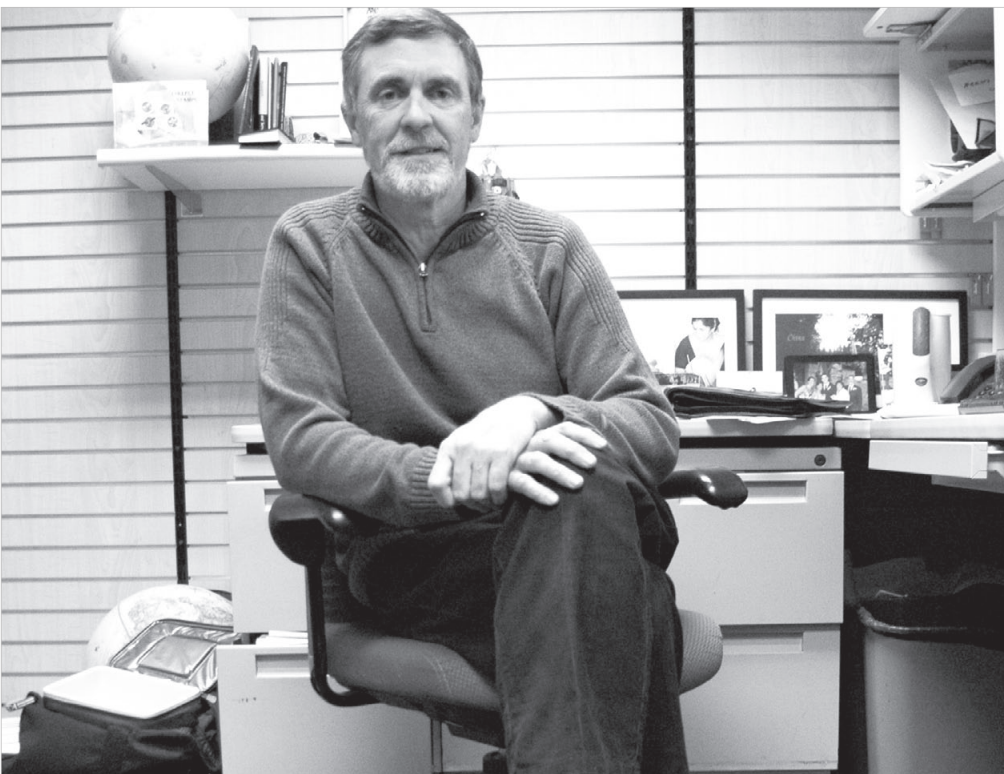
With an agreement established in China, UWRF administrators are looking to find opportunities for students to have stronger relationships with universities in other continents, said Delgado. “We have had conversations with faculty from Latin America, we are considering a program in Chile,” Delgado added.

There has also been interest in creating an ITC program in Central America, said Greene.

Strategy aside, studying abroad is an eye opening experience, that teaches students them a lot about the world and themselves, said Scott Frohwein, who studied in Scotland.

“Studying abroad is hypercritical to students, without it- we are doing them a disservice,” said Greene.

The Study Abroad Fair is taking place 10 a.m. March 9 in the Falcon’s Nest.



Sally King/Student Voice  
**Brent Greene, the Global Connections Director, is part of the plan to bring a new UWRF study abroad center to China.**

# Protesters: State faces looming budget deficits

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Several UW-RF faculty members said that they intend to talk with Harsdorf about the lack of UW System representation in Madison and how the quality of education would be tarnished if collective bargaining rights were made illegal.

UW-RF English Professor Michelle Parkin-

son said if the budget repair bill passed, the university would implode because it would be unable to hire good faculty which in turn would harm the quality of education.

Parkinson said she also finds it threatening and disturbing that Gov. Walker aims to revoke collective bargaining rights.

The repair bill, an attempt to reduce the budget deficit of \$136.7 million for the cur-

rent fiscal year, would increase what all state, school district and municipal employees contribute to their pensions.

The amount of money that state employees pay for their health insurance premiums would also increase by 6%.

According to the bill, the changes within the 2010 state budget will save the state about \$30 million in the remaining months of the

fiscal year.

Walker stated in the bill that the cuts are needed because Wisconsin’s biennial budget deficit that will grow over the next two years to \$3.6 billion.

“The path to long-term financial solvency for our state requires shared sacrifices from everyone,” Walker said.

# UWRF faculty looks at salary adjustment plan

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Faculty at UW-River Falls earn much less than faculty throughout the state and country but a plan that passed through the faculty senate Feb. 4 aims to even out the discrepancy.

The UWRF Faculty Salary Adjustment Plan is a systematic way of evaluating tenured and tenure-track faculty members’ salaries to see how their wages compare to other faculty at UWRF and throughout the country.

Every year, \$100,000 from the universities operational budget will go into a salary adjustment pool. The median distribution will be \$3,000 and will be retroactive to the beginning of the current academic year, according to the plan.

If a faculty member’s salary is still below

the university and national average after receiving compensation, they will be eligible three years after receiving the funds.

According to AAUP 2006-2007 averages, UWRF Assistant Professors earn \$715 above their peer averages; UWRF Associate Professors are \$62 below their peer average and UWRF Full Professors are \$4,735 below their peer averages.

The plan will use data from the College and University Professional Association’s (CUPA) National Faculty Salary Survey for four-year Institutions (NFSS) and by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Faculty Salary Survey to compare the disparities between UWRF salaries and those of peer institutions.

The peer institutions were chosen by former Chancellor Connie Foster because of

their similarity to UWRF in terms of the types of programs and enrollement.

Besides looking at the wage gap to find eligible recipients, the plan also looks at a faculty member’s rank, time in rank and seniority at UWRF.

According to the plan, each year the four colleges on campus will have a minimum of one recipient. Steve Olsen, chair of the Faculty Compensation Committee, said that in the gloom of the current economy, the plan is something positive for UWRF faculty.

Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee and member of the Faculty Senate, Brad Mogen, echoed Olsens comments. “At the end of the day, faculty and the administration worked together to move \$100,000 into the faculty salary line. That’s a good thing,” Mogen said.

The original motion was signed in 2008 by Former Chancellor Don Betz but it lacked a distribution plan.

There needs to be a plan in place so that the money is distributed in a transparent, fair and equitable manner, Mogen added.

According to the plan, the “allocation shall continue at least until UWRF faculty (tenured and tenure- track) salaries at all ranks reach the average of our peer institutions as determined by the AAUP Faculty Salary Survey.”

Even though Wisconsin faces a budget deficit of \$136.7 million, the \$100,000 will be allocated each year, said Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Joseph Harboun.

Unless the campus gets hit with a 10 percent budget cut, the money will be allocated every year, added Harboun.

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EDITORIALS

# Time to repair the University budget

UW-River Falls faculty, staff and students have been protesting for the past several days against Governor Scott Walker’s budget repair bill. The impetus for the bill is the state budget deficit of \$136.7 million dollars.

In an effort to reduce the deficit, the bill would make all state employees— UWRF faculty and staff included— pay more into their pensions and health care premiums. The bill would also take away the right to collective bargain, something UWRF faculty are close to securing.

Walker has stated that if the bill didn’t pass more than 1,500 state government employees would be laid off.

Whether the bill dies in the state legislature our passes, Governor Walker is sending a clear message. Everyone needs to make sacrifices to steer Wisconsin onto the road of financial recovery.

Hopefully when Governor Walker releases the 2011-13 biennial budget Tuesday, the top income earners in the state will also share the burden too in the form of a tax increase on their income.

Regardless, the budget deficit is projected to only increase in the coming years. By 2013, the budget is expected to inflate to \$3.6 billion. Productive action can be taken to help make the state’s budget solvent. Not just by the rich and state and public employees, but students can help in the concerted effort to cut state spending.

Nearly all institutions and businesses spend money on things that may be frivolous or inefficient, and UWRF is not exempt. The administration is already doing things to save money, such as urging departments to use fast copy for printing. D2L is also the preferred method for handing out course work and syllabi.

Even though the administration is making an effort to cut spending, they don’t notice everything and the perceptions are skewed by their age, position and background.

The nearly 7,000 students on campus may notice other ways in which money can be saved and so we call on the Student Senate to carry the torch and lead the way.

The Senate is in a unique position: it is the receptacle of student input; it exerts true power and leadership.

The one problem that the Senate is up against is getting students to express their opinions and ideas about ways the university can save money. The senators have offices that are open to the campus community. There needs to be open dialogue in order for true change to happen.

Once the problems are identified, the Senate can write and pass proposals that have the potential to carry true weight.

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# Time for a bucket list of 2011

Christopher Pagels

Mashley and I are doing a bucket list we are calling Fun Firsts of 2011. Some of the activities we wish to do this year include eating at

a restaurant with “proper attire required,” watching the Atomic Bombshells win in a roller derby contest and the crown jewel and riding a hot air balloon (not dying is a pre-requisite).

Although the hot air balloon ride is to be done in the summer months (I don’t have enough gin and tonic to get me through these chilly skies), we were emboldened to go to the “Hot Air Affair” in Hudson in early February to promote our zeal. We awoke to the weather female-dog-slapping us, for the visibility was destroyed earlier that morning by a rebel force of fog. However, since had already woken up at 7 a.m. on the weekend, we thought we might as well go the “Hot Air Affair” anyway. There was little hope between us that the balloons would stain the sky that day.

As Mashley and I tossed around pleasantries and recent events in attempt to warm ourselves, all of the balloons began to swell up like the eyes of an obese person passing by an Old Country Buffet. Maybe these balloonists were undeterred; we thought this showed some grit. Yet, after an hour or so, the balloons were

still glued onto the ground. We could kick around the feces for only so long, before we began to get antsy. Something had to be done. Lest our excitement bow down, I walked up to one of the “air balloon enthusiasts” and asked him what the deal was. The answer made us come to the realization that we were watching “smooth posers” in stagnant action.

Smooth \smüth\ adj.9. Ingratiatingly polite and agreeable.

Pos-er \pō-zər\ n. One who affects a particular attribute, attitude, or identity to impress or influence others.

These “smooth posers” were no different then a high school student with a leather bomber jacket from an army surplus store and a graphic t-shirt of some esoteric phrase, which was undoubtedly a reference from a “funny” Internet video that no one has ever heard of. We get it, your asexuality has no limits, but if I were a betting man, your personality does.

These “smooth posers” were standing around their balloons with chests pumped out with pride while some of their family and friends got into the air balloon baskets, sometimes even letting the rope slip out of their hands to let the basket clear two inches, and then hastily pulling them back to the earth. If you have seen toddlers try to swim, you’ll know what I’m talking about. Yes, I understand that a lot of these people came from afar to participate in this most prodigious event which no doubt was concocted by Hudson Commerce Department years earlier, still one would think that the organizers would have said something about this on their megaphone.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wisconsin protests coincidentally follow crisis in Egypt

Dear Editor,

It’s beyond ironic that the same day Egypt’s Hosni Mubarak stepped down,Wisconsin’s governor Scott Walker announced an aggressively anti-democratic plan to strip state employees of their collective bargaining rights.

In Egypt, Mubarak bowed to the popular demand for democratic reforms, while our governor struck a vicious blow against freedoms democratically secured over five decades ago.

To make matters worse, Governor Walker, surrounded by extra security at the State Capitol, revealed a long-planned contingency to call in the National Guard against state workers in the event of strikes or protests.

The National Guard hasn’t been deployed to suppress American workers since the Memphis sanitation workers’ strike in 1968, a cause with which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was strongly aligned in the days before his assassination. The Guard hasn’t been pitted against Wisconsin workers since the Kohler strike by the UAW in 1934.

Collective bargaining was established to create a peaceful means of resolving labor disputes that were previously violent and had resulted in many deaths over the span of America’s history.

Though these matters don’t get much play in the local press, my friends around the country who read of them in such publications as the New York Times wonder if Wisconsin has lost its values and its mind.

It remains to be seen whether our area’s legislative members, Senator Sheila Harsdorf and Representative Dean Knudson, will show the courage to speak out against Walker’s outrageous power grab.

We need to hold them accountable and hear from them something more than the usual politicians’ self-serving happy-talk.

If they will not stand up for our rights, we should take heart from the peaceful successes of the citizens of Tunisia and Egypt and rise together to do what needs to be done.

Thomas R. Smith

## Protests rage in Madison

It was not easy to wake up and make the 5 a.m. bus to Madison Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, for the Scott Walker Budget Repair Bill protest. I was anticipating a relatively small crowd, but to my surprise, the capitol square was brought to life. All around me, the atmosphere was charged with passionate chants and friendly strangers. The people voiced their concerns over rights that were not only union, but also human; rights that this bill does not support. Many showed their disappointment for threatening of the unions’ power for collective bargaining.

“WE’VE HAD ENOUGH... WE SAY NO. No to unilateral deunionization of the state and its teachers, trash collectors, librarians, nurses and the workers who have devoted themselves to public jobs,” read Sandy’s poster as she played the cowbells. As people carried their signs and synchronized their chants, the crowd grew to tens of thousands.

“If people in Egypt my age can go out and risk their lives for freedom, the least I could do is ... come out

there and fight the bill,” said Miriam, a history major at the UW-Madison.

Christopher, another protester affiliated with the local 48(AFSCME) out of Milwaukee working maintenance for the Shorewood school district, mentioned that the middle class is getting the short end of the stick on this bill. He feels that this will affect people who take care of our school districts.

Ms. Johnson , a licensed childcare provider from Milwaukee and an affiliate of (local 502), spoke about how this could impact children. “We become their second family,” she tells the crowd via the loudspeaker. “A public employee’s job is so much more than being a part of a union... We are your community.”

As I was leaving Madison, I read a sign that read “Walker is no Jedi”, and it made me smile.

Ali Potter-Haifawi student

## ONLINE COMMENTS

Estate Tax Repealing issue

The Estate Tax has been an important source of revenue for the federal government, in one form or another, since 1916.

Once again, the GOP is stepping up its calls to make tax cuts (for the rich) permanent, and are aggressively promoting a repeal of the estate tax. The estate tax, now dubbed the ‘Death Tax’ by neo-conservatives, affects only the very richest of Americans — and then only the heirs of multi-millionaires and billionaires. As if it really matters. The decedent is not affected at all by the estate tax, since he/she is now pushing up daisies— only his/her heirs may be affected by the estate tax.

I’m not so sure the overwhelming majority of Americans have any interest in perpetuating what has become an aristocracy of overwhelming wealth, power and influence. So, one might ask, “Why tax inheritors of large fortunes?” Because it’s still an important source of federal revenue.

Conservatives deceitfully portray the estate tax

as a ‘death tax’ on small family-owned businesses. The fact of the matter is that less than 1% of the people that inherit an estate pay any estate tax at all, and half of the revenue from that tax comes from estates valued at \$10 million or more. As the estate tax law is now constituted, only an individual inheriting more than \$5 million dollars (couples, \$10 million dollars) will pay the estate tax. The current inheritance tax on estates is 35%, but only on the amount exceeding \$5 million dollars (\$10 million for couples). The consequence of repealing the estate tax is this: the loss in federal revenue would be staggering -- an estimated \$680 billion dollars over the next decade. This loss of revenue, combined with the tax reductions on unearned income, is going to bring us to the point of no return; adding further to our national debt is unsustainable. We may have already reached that point of no return.

Paul Jaehnert



# Wisconsin government controversy rises throughout UWRF campus

Elwood  
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all the teachers that called in so they could have their voices heard at the capitol. Democracy is in play, but what for?

Debate, negotiation, give-and-take, however you want to describe it, is extremely necessary when tackling such large issues and figures. Peaceful protest is a great way to grow one’s voice, but before it dissolves into a temper-tantrum, humor me for a moment. Think of government as a business in a strictly economic sense. When Gov. Scott Walker was elected in November, the voting public, i.e. the investors, said they had invested enough tax money and the state would have to survive on its current rations. Because of that, our state business faces a \$3.6 billion budget deficit, which must be rectified over the next two years. So unless we as investors want our business to go the way of Denny Hecker, something has got to give.

Last week Wisconsin CEO, Walker, disclosed his plan to get us out of the red. Much to the dismay of

Campus is abuzz with talk of unruly gov-ernment, protest and workers’ rights. Madison closed its public schools Wednes-day because it couldn’t replace

**Most teachers earn their salary and often warrant more, but pay goes far beyond take-home wages.**

his employees, the focal points of Walker’s plan call for employee concessions on retirement and health care benefits as well as temporarily freezing pay increases beyond inflationary adjustments. Under normal cir-cumstances these requests would in-cense the masses. However, Walker went one step further and boldly proposed a substantial cut in his employee’s union power by asking for an end to collective bargaining on non-salary issues.

Much thought has been put into educators’ pay and whether it is deserving of their hard work.

I agree that most teachers earn their salary and often warrant more, but pay goes far be-yond take-home wages. It’s long been understood that government employees, Wisconsin included, receive benefit packages most people in other busi-ness ventures could only dream of. Business economics falls far from my realm of expertise, but finding another multi-billion dollar per year business with fully comped retirement and health insurance would be difficult, if not already impossible.

I understand the benefit cuts are a separate is-sue from what has truly infuriated the masses, an end to most collective bargaining. Unions have done fantas-tic things. They have improved job safety, wages and working conditions. They have given the “little man” a voice against big business. However, what many of

the unionized fail to realize is that obese unions can harm the very workers they try to protect by mak-ing profitable business impossible. The United Auto Workers demands decimated Detroit. The National Hockey League was forced to forgo its 2004-2005 season because of a strike between the players union and the league, which was hemorrhag-ing money. After gaining a salary cap concession from the players, the NHL is again making money. Power-hungry unions can have as much of a negative impact on business as power-hungry moguls can, and government employee unions have become some of the most powerful around.

Earlier this week, a professor of mine called a balanced state budget a “draconian idea.” I nearly left the class. To keep a business viable, its budget must be balanced, at minimum. This is what we should all be fighting for because the business of Wisconsin is no dif-ferent. To the state employee: before you go on wailing about your own situation, please remember that tax is what really separates government from private busi-ness. The origin of your pay and your plight is often inversely related to the plight of the people. It’s time for the government pendulum to swing back, even if just a little.

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David Recine/Student Voice

## STUDENT VOICES

What do you think of Governor Scott Walker’s budget reduction plan and the reactions to it?

**Amara Treuenfels,**



“It’s going to drastically hurt not only the people in the positions effected but also the people that benefit from those people like students and foster kids.”

**Bug Fumia,**



““I think that it’s very unfortunate but I’m behind on my reading so I hope teachers go on strike... to support their jobs.”

**Jackie Engen,**



“Obviously, it’s not a good thing. I don’t know that much but I’m interested in learning more.”

**Jamie Dalluge,**



“I’m going to school to be a teacher and this has made a direct effect on me. Honestly, it makes me not want to teach in Wisconsin.”

**Jamie Hansen,**



“I think it sucks but the reality is, things have to get cut. But he needs to stop being biased about where he cuts.”

**Joanna Schanno,**



“I hope the protest and rallies show him that people wont put up with being pushed around.”

**Phuong Le,**



“Our education system is going to go downhill because we’re going to lose valuable teachers or any state workers that contribute greatly to our education.”

**Rhianna Leach,**



“Since I’m going into education I know it will have a high effect on my career. And my education could also be hindered... So now I’ll just drop out of school and be a full time alco-holic.”

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# Recruiting integral to athletic success

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Athletic recruiting at UW-River Falls is a process that takes different approaches depending on the sport according to coaches in the university’s athletic department.

Whether recruiting a lineman for the football team or a goal-tender for the hockey team, specific steps are taken, many of which occur before the athlete is made an offer.

Men’s ice hockey coach Steve Freeman said that the recruiting process is something that starts long before a potential player is near the collegiate ranks.

“We try to keep track of kids, but we mostly look at the junior players,” Freeman said. “We can keep track of a kid throughout his couple years of junior hockey and then really start to recruit him.”

Freeman said that once the coaching staff expresses interest in a player, they will keep a close watch over him over the course of a season.

“We try to watch those guys play between seven and eight times over the course of the year,” Freeman said. “Once we see that, we can decide where he fits into our program.”

Freeman said that various tools are used to draw an athlete to campus during the recruiting process, most notably the pride and tradition of the Falcons.

“The best sell for hockey here is the tradition,” Freeman said. “Everybody across the nation pretty much knows River Falls hockey.”

Freeman noted that past success of the team as well as specific players who attended UWRF in the recent past add to the reputation of the program.

Freeman, in his fifteenth season as the head coach of the Falcons, said that recruiting has changed a lot over the years.

“We were almost strictly Minnesota kids when I started here,” Freeman said. “Now we are just looking for the best hockey players.”

The current Falcons roster includes players from 15 different states, including Oklahoma and Texas.

So how does recruiting differ from one sport to the next? Is there really that much of a difference?

Men’s Football coach Matt Walker said that the difference in athletic recruiting between sports is surprisingly different.

“The thing that is unique about football is the recommendation from the high school coaches,” Walker said. “The high school coaches are where the majority of our names come from.”

Walker said that with the advancement of athletic recruiting agencies, whether they are print or web-based, recruiting has become a different ball game.

The recruiting agencies that Walker referred to are essentially large databases of names, statistics, pros and cons of potential athletes.

Walker said that dealing with so many names and so many details can be a challenge for coaches to take on.

“There is so much of that third party action going on right now,” Walker said. “It’s a little overwhelming to actually trust all of that information.”

Similar to hockey, Walker said that tradition and a passion for hard work are essential to the recruiting pitch.

“The history and tradition of our athletic department is something that I talk a lot about,”

Walker said. “Clearly with football in particular, nobody is happy with what has happened in the last few years, but I think it’s important to know that not very long ago, we were winning.”

Unlike hockey, Walker made a point that recruiting for football is more of a local job.

“If you look at our roster, most of our kids are from 100-150 miles of here,” Walker said.

Walker added that a major selling point of the university is the college feel and experience that one feels when walking through campus.

“I like the fact that when kids walk through our campus, it looks, smells and feels like college is supposed to be,” Walker said.

Athletic Director Roger Ternes said that his role in athletic recruiting at UWRF is not what most people may think.

“The role of the athletic director in recruiting primarily, would be the oversight of compliance with NCAA regulations,” Ternes said. “It is my job to make sure that our staff knows what they can and cannot do in terms of recruiting.

Similar to Freeman and Walker, Ternes said that UWRF is a great draw for athletes for various reasons.

“I think our setting is number one,” Ternes said. “I think when they [a potential student-athlete] visit the campus, they



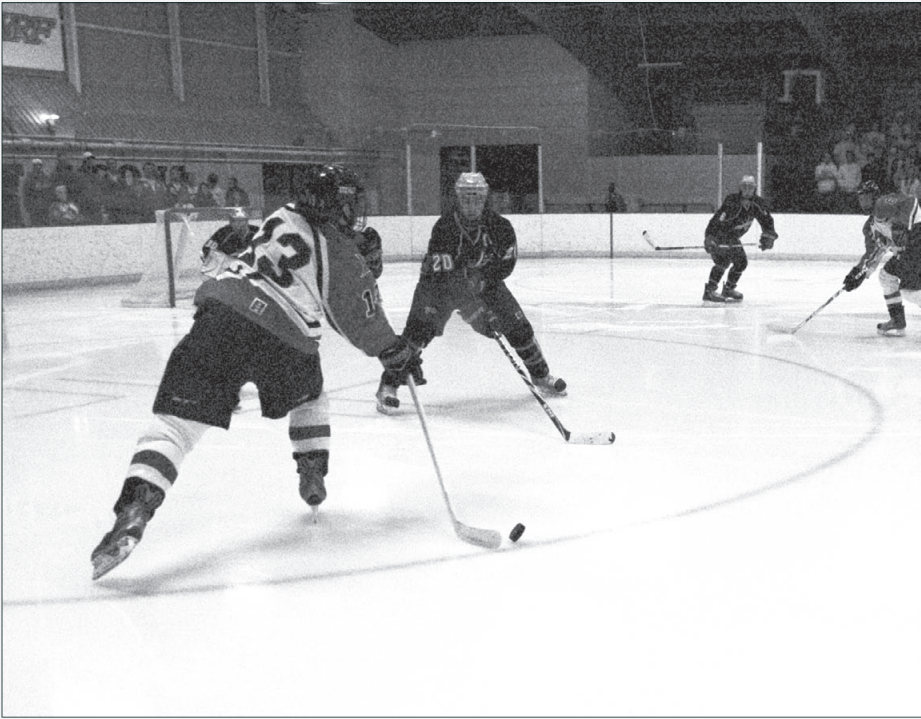
Sally King/Student Voice  
Falcon men’s hockey coach Steve Freeman observes the play of the Falcons during their 1-1 tie vs UW-Stevens Point Feb. 12.

get a very good feel about River Falls.”

Ternes made one strikingly clear point regarding recruiting; it is a gigantic part of athletics.

“Recruiting is the life-blood of athletics,” Ternes said. “You could have great facilities and coaches that you think can do a good job, but if they can’t recruit, then it’s really not going to make a difference.”

## Sixth seed Falcons will travel to Stout in NCHA playoffs Feb. 18-19



Sally King/Student Voice  
The Falcons Josh Calleja (13) attempts a pass for Jon Schreiner (6) past UW-Stevens Point player Garret Suter (20) during the Falcons 1-1 tie with the Pointers.

## Women’s hockey ranked #1



Ashley Goettl

In case you have not noticed, the women’s hockey team is kind of a big deal. Actually, they are a really big deal. They are ranked No. 1 in the country. According to the UW-River Falls athletic website, “This is the first time the Falcons have been the top ranked team in the nation. The Falcons have been ranked nationally in the USCHO.com poll for 38 straight weeks.”

The Falcons come in to their final regular season series at Marian College with an overall record of 20-0-3, a National Collegiate Hockey Association record of 15-0-3, a three game winning streak, and a 13-0-1 record at Hunt Arena. They have clinched the NCHA title for the third time in school history. The other titles came in 2003 and 2009. Not to mention they are currently in the midst of a 23-game unbeaten streak. That is an impressive resume to boast and the Falcons are just getting better as the season progresses.

The Falcons set a school record for most goals in a game in a 12-0 win over Finlandia Feb. 13. But what has truly been the most impressive feature of the team’s components is just how balanced and deep the team is. The Falcons are third in the nation in goals scored per game at 4.43. 18 different Falcons have scored at least one goal throughout the season. Aiding the Falcon attack is how strong the Falcons are in spreading the puck around. 22 Falcons have recorded an assist- a statistic

that will help the Falcons outskate and outperform teams down the stretch.

Freshman Kait Mason leads the Falcons in points with 25. She has scored 10 goals and has 15 assists. Fellow freshmen Katie Batters and Brook Story are tied for the lead in goals with 11.

But on the other end of the ice the Falcons are just as dominant. Senior Cassi Campbell leads the Falcons with an 8-0-1 record and a 1.48 goals against average. In 12 games she has allowed a mere 14 goals. Junior Melissa Deardorff also has been a brick wall between the pipes. She is 6-0 on the year and has a 1.80 goals against average in nine games played. She has allowed 12 goals in all.

Another advantage the Falcons have is in coaching strength. Head Coach Joe Cranston is in his twelfth season leading the Falcons. During his tenure, he has had 11 winning seasons with at least a .520 win percentage. Also during that run, the Falcons have finished in the top three in the conference for 11 straight years. Cranston came into this season with a 170-100-26 record.

So whether it is a balanced and powerful offense that improves week by week, a defense that is nearly impenetrable, and a coaching staff filled with leadership and experience, the Falcons are poised to make a deep postseason run.

The Falcons will open NCHA play-offs Feb. 25 at home at Hunt Arena. The opponent and game time is yet to be determined.

For 38 weeks the Falcons have been ranked among the nation’s best. Now, they have become the team to beat. Go Falcons!

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### NCHA conference standings and men’s playoffs Feb. 18-19

#### NCHA Men’s Hockey

School	NCHA	Overall
2 St. Norbert	14-3-1	20-4-1
Superior	10-8-0	13-12-1
Stout	10-8-0	15-10-0
Stevens Point	8-9-1	12-12-1
Eau Claire	8-9-1	14-10-1
River Falls	7-10-1	11-12-2
St. Scholastica	4-14-0	9-15-1

#### Friday, Feb. 18 & Saturday, Feb. 19

Eau Claire @ Stevens Point, 7 p.m.  
St. Scholastica @ Superior, 7:05 p.m.  
River Falls @ Stout, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Norbert-bye

#### NCHA Women’s Hockey

School	NCHA	Overall
1 River Falls	15-0-3	20-0-3
Adrian	12-3-3	14-6-3
10 Superior	10-3-7	12-6-7
Eau Claire	9-6-3	12-7-4
Concordia-Wis.	9-6-3	11-9-3
Stevens Point	9-7-2	13-8-2
St. Norbert	8-7-3	11-9-3
Lake Forest	7-8-3	11-8-3
St. Scholastica	5-12-1	7-15-1
Marian	1-17-0	1-21-1
Finlandia	1-17-0	1-21-0

### WIAC Conference Standings/Playoff Schedule

#### WIAC Men’s Basketball

School	WIAC	Overall
x-6 Stevens Point	13-2	21-3
12 River Falls	12-3	19-5
Whitewater	9-6	16-8
La Crosse	9-6	14-10
Platteville	8-7	15-9
Superior	6-9	14-10
Oshkosh	5-11	10-14
Eau Claire	3-12	9-15
Stout	3-12	9-15
x-clinched WIAC regular season title		

#### Tuesday, Feb. 22

#6 Superior @ #3 seed, 7 p.m.  
#5 seed @ #4 seed, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Feb. 24

Lowest Seed @ #1 Stevens Point, 7 p.m.  
Highest Seed @ #2 River Falls, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 26

Semifinals Winners @ Highest Seed, 3 p.m.

#### WIAC Women’s Basketball

School	WIAC	Overall
x-4 Stevens Point	15-0	22-2
La Crosse	12-3	19-5
22 Whitewater	11-4	19-5
Eau Claire	8-7	14-10
River Falls	7-8	15-9
Oshkosh	7-9	12-13
Stout	5-10	10-14
Superior	2-13	8-16
Platteville	1-14	5-19
x-clinched WIAC regular season title		

#### Wednesday, Feb. 23

#6 seed @ #3 seed, 7 p.m.  
#5 seed @ #4 seed, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, Feb. 25

Lowest Seed @ #1 Stevens Point, 7 p.m.  
Highest Seed @ #2 seed, 7 p.m.

#### Sunday, Feb. 27

Semifinals Winners @ Highest Seed, 2 p.m.

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# Tribute to The White Stripes in light of their recent break up



Ryen Kleiser

Looking back on the last 15 years of rock ‘n’ roll in today’s modern music industry, it is surprisingly difficult to find many true standout bands and musicians. With a music industry heavily dominated by

rap and hip hop, it seems that rock ‘n’ roll had been left in the background and nearly dismissed as what seemed to be part of music’s past.

Yet, a glimmer of hope existed with The White Stripes when they came out of the heart of the midwest (Detroit) and began their ravenous tenure on the ‘depleted’ music industry.

In my mind, for the music industry to continue to grow, it needs to build in order upon what it has done well, and not simply stray away from it or leave it behind as part of its tumultuous past (rock, blues, folk music). Don’t get me wrong, rap and hip hop are great musical genres but by no means are they as whole-hearted, rich and pure as rock ‘n’ roll. Rock ‘n’ roll resonates with just about everyone and without it, today’s music would undoubtedly differ quite greatly.

The White Stripes offered a glimpse back into the roots of the music industry, playing music lively and powerful enough to jump start anyone’s interest in rock ‘n’ roll. This task is amazingly difficult now and no easy feat! Boy bands, American Idol stars, and rap/hip hop musicians have made their way through the music industry successfully and

skewed the perspective of popular music. As mentioned before, exceptions certainly do exist where there will be standout groups/musicians in the “fad” genres when it comes down to the nitty gritty of things, how many of these boy bands, American idol stars, and even rappers will be remembered for their musical talents and accomplishments 25 years down the line? The truth of the matter is, very, very few. I am not trying to say that these musicians are talentless, I am simply saying, generally speaking, the precedents that they set for future musicians are not very high.

It is frustrating that our generation’s music has been dominated by these “fad” genres of ubiquitous bands, all predominately blending together, with standout musicians/bands going the way of the polar bear, and becoming extremely difficult to find.

The White Stripes were the much needed needle in the haystack; they had gobs of talent, a interesting story behind their uprising and focused on the fundamentals of rock n’ roll in playing pure kick ass songs with epic guitar solos. One guitar, one drummer; a simple enough idea. And here, 14 years later, an impression left upon the music industry not soon to be forgotten. Album after album, the White Stripes seemed to pick up steam and found themselves quickly becoming the most talked about homegrown rock band our generation has known. Stardom and fame, quickly followed suit with the Detroit duo as it seemed these two were unstoppable. Or so we thought.

No doubt, touring has to take a toll on any musician but for Meg White (the drummer) it seemed to eventually become too much, and in the heart of the White Stripes US tour celebrating the album “Get Behind Me Satan” they canceled

the remainder of the tour, citing Meg White’s health as major concern if the tour continued. Shortly after this happened, Jack White (the guitarist/vocalist) went on to join together with another group of musicians forming a fantastic band called “The Raconteurs.”

Finally, a crack in the White Stripes once impermeable armor arose. As Meg White rested and got better, Jack White went on to tour and further enshrined himself as a rock ‘n’ roll God for our generation.

Despite this hiccup for the White Stripes, not terribly long afterwards, Jack and Meg White were back at work in the studio, and out came the album “Icky Thump”. Winning a Grammy for the best alternative music album, “Icky Thump” was another massive triumph for the White Stripes.

Regardless of the critical acclaim, the White Stripes remained absent from touring within the U.S., an absence still felt to this day. Moreover, in 2010, a live album “Under the Northern Lights” was released by the duo, offering a glimpse at their most recent tour in Canada. For US White Stripes fans, this was as close to the real thing you could get.

Sure enough on Feb. 2, 2011, the White Stripes posted a letter on their website, stating “their band has officially ended.” This marked the end of an era. The best U.S. rock ‘n’ roll band of our generation is over. They came and changed the music industry by revitalizing modern rock. They offered a faint light of hope for pure rock ‘n’ roll fans like myself and inspired modern musicians to strive to become legends. They are The White Stripes. They are rock.

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# UW-River Falls professor promotes awareness of crisis in Egypt

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“People said, ‘Egypt is going to have a revolution’, and it ended up that way,” said trip participant and fine arts major, Liz Novak.

We all heard people say the president has it coming, Novak said.

Eleven UW-River Falls students traveled together, on Jan.10, to Egypt along with Steven Derfler, a professor in the art department. The trip has been run by Derfler and UWRF for nearly 10 years. The students returned home on Jan. 22, prior to the protests.

Egypt has been in a state of emergency law for the past 29 years because Hosni Mubarak has served as president this whole time, Derfler said.

“There have always been clues something like this would happen,” Derfler said. “Egypt is domestically repressive and unsettling. They have artificial price control and an artificial economy. People don’t earn the salaries they should. The protest came out of the blue in terms of speed and spontaneity.”

After 18 days of protesting, Mubarak resigned from his position on Feb. 12.

While on the trip, other Middle Eastern countries were experiencing some turmoil, said trip participant and theater major, Abbi Bennett.

“While we were there, there were things going on in Tunisia. And in Egypt, people talked about how they didn’t like their president,” Bennett said.

However, the protests being experienced in north Africa and the Middle East have not started out in traditional ways, as youth have been using social media outlets, said Marwa Mohamed, a journalism major with family in Egypt.

“My friends have been hearing about it on Facebook,” Mohamed said. “It is not a normal revolution. They are creating event invitations to make everyone aware.”

The contacts that the students have developed in Egypt are a fine, just emotionally and physically strung out, said Derfler.

“The internet and mobile phones were shut down for four days,” Derfler said. “This was truly a social network revolution via Facebook and Twitter. The Egyptian people’s livelihoods and economic situation are in shambles, as least in Cairo.”

On Feb. 6, the banks reopened, shops and schools followed suit and slowly people are venturing out into the streets, Derfler said.

Although other Middle Eastern countries have attempted to create protests, none have been comparable to Egypt, Derfler said.

“There have been demonstrations and protests in Yemen. There have also been limited demonstrations in Jordan, but King Abdullah II is loved by his country, listens to his people, and disbanded his parliament to bring in new to address the concerns of the people. The Day of Rage in Syria didn’t materialize and was to a lesser degree elsewhere.”

Although the uprising in the Middle East was beginning during the UWRF trip, students never felt unsafe, Derfler said.

“This was my 42nd trip and it was at ease and as comfortable as any other trip I’ve directed,” Derfler said.

“I would say while we were there at no point in time did I not feel safe. Everything that was happening in Tunisia was going to be happening because people were expressing their opinions and everything they said was very serious,” Novak said.

The Egypt study abroad students are all hoping for the best for the Egyptian people and hoping something gets resolved soon, Bennett said.

“I hope they can have a democracy and not be so governmentally controlled. I hope it gets resolved, but it’s hard to say because people are so passionate about what they believe,” said Jenna Schultz, an art education major and trip participant.

“My Egyptian friends are just saying, ‘We want Egypt back for the people,’” Novak said.

The Egyptian population in the Twin Cities is doing their part to help the people in Egypt, Mohamed said.

“We’ve been protesting at Ramsey Courthouse to fight with the people in Egypt to get the word across. We are also trying to connect with people in Egypt to get them food, medical help, and organize blood drives,” Mohamed said.

What is next in Egypt is still unclear because a situation like this takes time. Egypt needs time to adjust to the changes ahead because they want to make Egypt better especially after being under the rule of Mubarak for nearly 30 years, Novak said.

“I personally feel things will have sorted themselves out in a few weeks for the better for the Egyptian people and the international community,” Derfler said.

Students truly enjoyed the experience and are hoping to go back in the future, Bennett said.

“Students shouldn’t be scared off by the situation because it is temporary,” Novak said.

“We need to keep the Egyptian people in our hearts and minds as they move towards their first truly democratic society in roughly 30 years. They need our support that will bring change as swiftly as possible, so we can go back next January,” Derfler said.

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# Protests in Wisconsin

Protests around Wisconsin began Monday after the announcement last week of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill, which seeks to fill a \$137 million gap in the current fiscal year.

Provisions of the bill include higher pension and health insurance contributions from state employees. The bill also would deny University of Wisconsin faculty and academic staff the right to unionize.

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance on Wednesday night approved an amended version of the bill. It was scheduled for a vote Thursday in the Senate, after which the General Assembly would consider the legislation.

Faculty, staff and students from UW-River Falls joined thousands of protesters from around the state in Madison on Tuesday and Wednesday. They also held a rally on the River Falls campus Wednesday afternoon and staged a walkout Thursday.



Photo for the Student Voice by Paul Bartlett  
**A protester in Madison shows her displeasure with Gov. Scott Walker's proposed budget repair bill.**



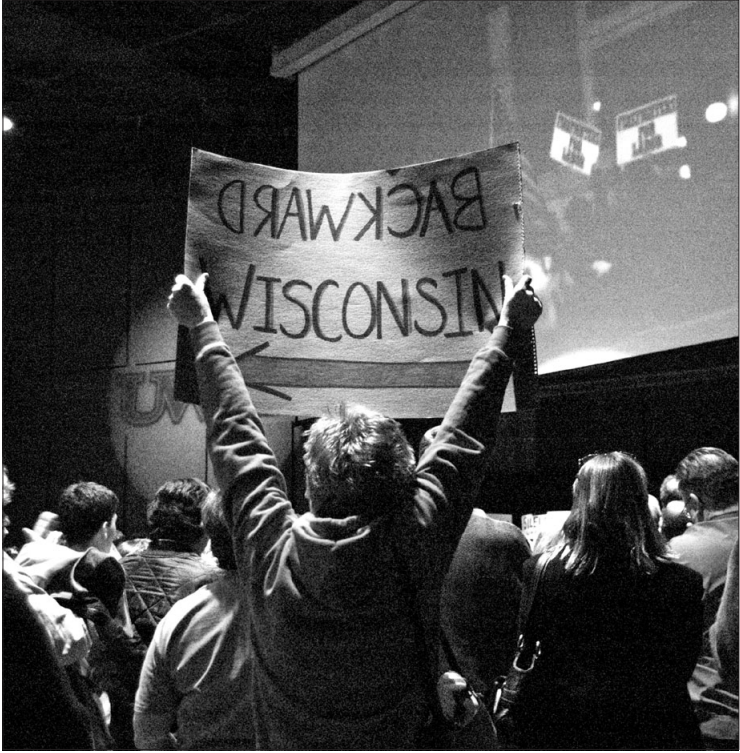
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**Hundreds of people crowded into the Falcon's Nest of the University Center Wednesday. Speakers expressed discontent among cries of "kill the bill."**



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**Angry protesters gather outside the State Capitol for a noon rally Tuesday. Estimates were that up to 10,000 people showed up at the Capitol.**



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**Up to 3,000 protesters demonstrate Tuesday inside the State Capitol rotunda in Madison.**



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**A protester holds up a sign during the rally in the University Center. The rally took place Wednesday afternoon in the Falcon's Nest.**