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## Biennial budget puts University in bind

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Gov. Scott Walker's 2011-2013 UW- System biennial budget proposal has left UW-River Falls administration, faculty, and students concerned about the future of some academic programs.

Previously, the university had been planning for a 10 percent cut. This percentage has now been risen to an estimated 11 percent, said Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance Joseph Harboun.

Provost Fernando Delgado said he was disappointed to hear Walker's proposed budget.

"It is a difficult time right now," said Chancellor Dean Van Galen.

Besides the biennial budget, the UW System is also dealing with Walker's budget repair bill.

"State funding has been going on a downward spiral," said Delgado.

When UWRF was supporting 1000 less students than it is currently, the state allocated \$21.6 million dollars. By these standards and when calculating inflation, UWRF should have

received a sum closer to \$35 million. Instead, it received a number closer to \$28 million, said Delgado.

Harboun said when the state gives money to the UW- System schools, restrictions, or allocations are set in place as to where and how the money is spent.

UW-Madison has been granted "flexibilities," which is something atypical. The rest of the UW- System schools, including UWRF, are now also requesting flexibilities, said Harboun.

With this request, the Universities are hoping to have more control over how money is spent in areas such as purchasing costs, Harboun added.

Regardless of how the funds are allocated, Van Galen said, there will be significant cuts to some of the university's departmental programs.

"It would be easier to take away an equal amount from everything, but that would not put the university in a good strategic position," said Van Galen.

Van Galen said efficient classroom instruction and mentoring is his highest priority.

"We have reached the point where we can't be all things to all

people," said Teacher Education Chair Teri Crotty, "this current crisis has really brought that to the forefront."

In light of the budget cuts, some programs will be changed and others will be eliminated, said Psychology Chair Cynthia Kernahan.

Sociology major Janae Baggott said the programs with the least amount of students enrolled should be the first removed.

The top 20 percent of the academic programs on the Prioritization Program list, created in the 2009-2010 academic year, will receive priority and, in some cases, enhancement by the University, said Van Galen.

According to the Prioritization list, these programs could include psychology, biology and dairy science.

In preparation for the proposed budget cut, department chairs have been asked to consider a plan for a five to 10 percent reduction in their program's structure.

This request has caused some department chairs to consider radical changes, said Faculty Senate President and Physics Chair Jim Madsen.

"It would mean that we would have to serve the same num-

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**Sally King/Student Voice**  
**Students and faculty present information at the social justice series about women's history. The event took place at the University Center on Wednesday. The series was just one of the many events planned to promote women's history month.**

## Women's history month brings events to campus

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In honor of Women's History Month, the Womens and Gender Committee at UW-River Falls will be hosting events this month around the theme.

"The reason why we do women's history month is because we have a sense that basically, if you open up a history book, what you're going to see is that most of it is going to be about prominent men. So women's history month is kind of an effort to take back history and to notice that there are a lot of women who contribute to big historical events," said Women's and Gender Studies professor Michelle Parkinson.

"That those things are not often talked about in course work, they are not often talked about in history books," said Parkinson.

"I hope that people will participate and realize that there is a lot of stuff that women have done and contributed enormously to our successes as a nation, to families and to all of these levels that are not even acknowledged, added Parkinson.

The first event that was held Thursday, February 24, was "De-veiling the Hijabs and Arab-Muslim Feminisms," presented by speaker Manal Hamzeh, Ph.D.

"The events so far have gone great, when Dr. Hamzeh came we had an almost full auditorium and the talk went really well and the discussion was really fun and it was potentially controversial," said Parkinson.

"But the way she handled it, it was really smart, because she was talking about the veils in Muslim culture and religion," said Parkinson.

"And she was basically saying that there are different ways to read the Quran and that the forcing of making women to wear the veils is essentially a misreading, or one of

many possible readings, of the Quran. So it was a really interesting talk," Parkinson said.

This year, Nikki Shonoiki has been working from her role as the one of the Co-Diversity Programmers on Falcon Programs to work with multiple groups and coordinate publicity for Women's History Month.

"The events so far have been wonderful, although, because we had so many events during the first week of March, right before Spring Break I think attendance began to dwindle due to participant fatigue," said Shonoiki.

Among the events planned for Women's History month was a trivia game show that contained music videos, multiple choice trivia and survey questions.

"I helped manage the event ThinkFast - Trivia Game Show and although there were less than 40 people in attendance the event was amazing and so much fun," said Shonoiki.

The Sociocultural Coordinator Ashley Olson advises programming that occurs via Falcon Programs from her position in the Office of Student Life.

"As I arrived to campus last year, I met Michelle Parkinson and we decided that it would be beneficial for our offices to work together collectively publicize our efforts collectively around Women's History Month," said Olson.

"All of the events have been wonderful and addressed so many different issues. I am excited for the upcoming events, and looking forward to planning events and activities for next year," added Olson.

## Fate of UWRF power plant left to repair bill

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If Gov. Walker's budget repair bill passes, the UW-River Falls central heating plant may be sold to a private company creating additional costs for the university and state, said Heating Plant Operator Bill Girnau.

The bill gives the Department of Administration authority to sell or contract out any state-owned heating, cooling, or power plants to a private company.

According to the bill, the sale can occur without a bidding process and without the approval or certification of the public service commission.

Director of Facilities Management Mike Stifter said it is atypical that a state resource as large and influential as heating plants would be sold without a bidding process.

This is not the first time that an attempt to privatize state heating plants has occurred in

Wisconsin. In 2005, a bill spearheaded by then-State Rep. Scott Jensen that sought to sell state power plants, was vetoed by then Gov. Jim Doyle.

The net profit that the state acquires through the sale will go towards the budget stabilization fund. The state currently faces a \$136.7 million budget deficit for the current fiscal year. Wisconsin's biennial budget deficit will inflate over the next two years to \$3.6 billion, according to the bill.

Although Gov. Walker has implied that selling the states 32 heating and cooling plants will improve the financial situation for the state, Stifter said he thinks it is because of political reasons.

"No one from the UW System, the DOA or from UWRF campus would agree that this is done for financial reasons," Stifter said.

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**Sally King/Student Voice**  
**The UWRF power plant is under discussion in Gov. Walker's budget repair bill. The state owned plant can be sold if the budget repair bill passes. Heating Plant operator Bill Girnau is worried that this may create additional costs for the university and state.**



# AFAB set to review funding policies

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The Allocable Fee and Appropriations Board, or AFAB, will begin to review their policies for the coming school year, which could give organizations that charge dues, such as sororities and fraternities, the chance to receive AFAB funding for the first time.

At the Feb. 22 meeting of the Student Senate, it was resolved that AFAB needs to review its policy regarding the allocation of funds to dues-charging organizations.

“This simply means AFAB has to review the policy,” said AFAB Chair, Jordan Harshman. “The review means to look at it and consider if it is good or bad for the student body.”

The change could have something to do with the large number of sorority and fraternity members on Student Senate. Currently Phi Mu, Delta Theta Sigma and Alpha Gamma Rho are represented in the group, said Senator and Phi Mu member Jayne Dalton.

“We understand other dues paying organizations could benefit as well,” Dalton said.

Other dues-paying organizations that could benefit would include organizations such as the Association of Women in Agriculture, or AWA, and Agricultural Mechanics Club.

“I find it to be a benefit to have the opportunity to receive funds,” said AWA member Michaela Fox. “There are some opportunities for programming our club would want to do, but simply can’t because we don’t have the necessary funding.”

“It’s a good idea because it gives opportunities to clubs that want to complete community involvement, but don’t have the funds to do. Some club’s dues only cover one big event each year, so it limits other yearly activities,” said Agricultural Mechanics Club member Kelsey Peterson.

Since the formation of AFAB in 2009, dues-charging organizations have not been able to receive the funds from the segregated fees that all students pay into as a part of their tuition, said Student Senator Tyler Halverson.



Sally King/Student Voice

**The Student Senate, above, resolved that AFAB will have to review its policy of denying funds to organizations that charge dues for membership, including sororities and fraternities.**

There are currently four universities in the UW System that allow dues-charging organizations to receive funds from segregated fees. These universities include UW-Whitewater, UW-Superior, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout, said Ben Casper, member of Delta Theta Sigma.

“There is no policy in place that says dues-paying organizations cannot get segregated fee funding. It was a policy implemented by people in the university,” said Casper.

The policy was originally put in place for student inclusivity in the UW-River Falls campus, said Harshman.

“If you want to, as a student, participate in an organization and share ideas, you should be able to get together for free because all students pay \$35.50 to contribute to those funds,” Harshman said.

The discussion is important because it affects how AFAB spends students’ segregated fees, said Charlotte Evans, AFAB committee member.

“It’s going to be a good thing to take the concerns of the constituents into consideration,” Evans said.

The main concern is to see how students can pay into the system and still get something back, Evans said.

“I don’t want students to get dinged twice because organizations

have their own means of funding,” Evans said. He also said that he hopes the changes would allow students to participate with or without paying dues.

Although AFAB does not necessarily need to change their policy, it could eventually allow dues-charging organizations to participate, Halverson said.

“The biggest reason these changes are necessary is because students by and large want it,” Halverson said. “As long as I’ve been on senate, groups have pushed to have the clause removed. Now we have taken steps towards that actually happening.”

Dues-paying organizations contribute a lot to the community, especially the Greek blood drive held two times a year. The Greek Community contributes the money without receiving help from the university, Casper said.

“Students in dues paying organizations are paying into a fund without having access. They need to join a non-dues-charging organization to reap the benefits,” Casper said.

Dues-paying organizations will benefit greatly because there will be an opportunity to fund things such as travel costs, Dalton said.

“The change means more organizations for AFAB to look at and have hearing for. There will be more added to the pool,” Dalton said.

If the policy were to change, it would give organizations the opportunity to charge dues. It has been done with sports clubs and there hasn’t been a problem, said Halverson.

“There is a greater ability to obtain money. Organizations have to go to other places for money if AFAB doesn’t have it,” Halverson said.

The change shouldn’t have an effect on student involvement because students in organizations are generally contributing fully, Dalton said.

“It’s all about what people want to be involved in and what commitment they’re willing to make,” Dalton said.

## Voice Shorts

- Student wins broadcasting award**
- WRFW Sports Director Rob Silvers received a Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Student Excellence Award. He placed first in the Radio Sports Play-by-Play category at the WBA Student Seminar in Middleton, Wis., last weekend.
- The WBA Student Seminar is an annual function sponsored by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association. WCCO-TV journalist Jason DeRusha spoke at the event.
- Data center scheduled to move over spring break**
- The data center move into the lower level of the Davee Library is scheduled for March 11-15. E-mail will be out March 13 and 14. The UWRF website will be down March 13.
- Mill City Serenaders to play barn dance in River Falls**
- The Mill City Serenaders, an old-time string band from Minneapolis, will play at a barn dance at 7 p.m. March 19 in the gym of the River Falls Academy.
- Ever After Gowns gives less fortunate prom experience**
- Ever after gowns will provide high school students a chance for the prom experience. Students will be given gently used prom attire based on financial need. UWRF students can help by bringing gently used prom dresses and accessories to a collection table of the University Center 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower level of the University Center

## Senate Shorts

- From the March 8 Student Senate Meeting:**
- A proposal to have written clarification about the creation of a non-allocable segregated fee was passed. This process was previously viewed as being insufficient in its clarity. The proposal can now be found in Article V of the Student Senate by-laws.
  - An agreement was made that the Legislative Affairs committee would send two letters to select members of the Wisconsin government regarding the recent controversies in Madison. One letter states that the committee was not in support of the elimination of collective bargaining rights. The other letter requested further council on the budget repair bills clause concerning the power plant. Student Senate agreed to sign the letters, rather than the Legislative Affairs committee, therefore giving the committee its full support for the letters.

## 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.

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- Peter James Brudzinski, 19, cited for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.
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# Budget: With less staff, class sizes will grow

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ber of students with less staff,” said Madsen.

With less staff, class sizes will grow. The problem that some chairs are having to consider, however, is the fact that their departments do not have large enough classrooms to fit more students, said Plant and Earth Science Chair Don Taylor.

“Psychology class sizes are basically managed by fire code,” said Kernahan.

Engineering major Jordan Fischer said he is concerned about future receiving individual help in the classroom from professors.

In lab classes, the ideal number of students is 16 and beyond 20 students classroom instruction becomes difficult, said Taylor.

Madsen said to prepare for the budget cuts next year, his department has dropped one basic physics course and replaced it with an art and science course. The first course can support 30 students, while the second can support 90 students.

An online class, which can hold 45 students, has been moved to being taught on campus, therefore, allowing it to support 90 students, added Madsen.

“Our commitment is to keep students on track,” said Mad-

sen.

The goal of keeping students on a four-year track is weighing on departments that service other majors, such as the mathematics department.

A lot of programs need math for prerequisites and classes fill up quickly said, Mathematics Chair Robert Coffman.

There are some classes that students can’t get into or are only offered every other year, said Crotty.

When students take additional classes or credits beyond their major, the additional cost becomes a concern for UWRF, said Delgado.

“Most of our costs are in salaries,” said Delgado. “We have to shrink the number of courses students take because they are taking an extraordinary number of credits.”

Students only need 120 credits to graduate from UWRF.

In the spring of 2010, 65 of the 546 students that graduated with one major, walked away with less than 130 credits. Three single-major students from the music education department graduated with an average of 177.83 credits.

The year before, there were three-single major students from the art education department that graduated with an average of 192.33 credits, said Delgado.

“It’s costing us more money than we can generate at this

point,” said Delgado. “The question students should ask is how much learning can I maximize with 120 credits?”

There are special cases for some students to take additional courses.

For example students are required to student teach which is an additional 12 credits, said Crotty.

Still, departments such as the education department are taking actions to reduce the number of credits needed for education students to graduate, said Crotty.

The cuts and changes currently being made by the University and department chairs are a response to a proposal.

The final decision, however, should not be much different because there is a lot of republican influence led by Walker, said Madsen.

“It’s during these trying times that good leaders emerge, to lead us to a better place,” said Crotty. “We will get there together, the chancellor has shown himself to be an excellent leader in that regard, he has demonstrated care and that is reassuring.”

# Plant: Question of efficiency signal cause for concern

Power plant operator Greg Elliot has worked for the heating plant for 32 years and said he doesn’t understand how the state and the university will benefit if the heating plant is sold to a private company.

There may be a short-term gain with the sale of the plant but it will be a long-term liability to the campus and the taxpayers, said Elliot.

If the heating plant is privatized, the universities goal of sustainability may be severely hampered and the university might see financial setbacks as well, Stifter said.

“From an economics standpoint, we’re also going to be more apt to feel the market pressures from rising fuel costs over time. That is generally buffered now with fuel contracting on a State wide level versus what may be more campus focused going forward,” Stifter said.

Girnau has worked for the heating plant for 32 years and said he runs the plant as economically lean as he can. The pride Girnau has for the plant exudes from him. Sitting in his office that is decorated with hunting memorabilia and pictures that hark back to when he was in the navy in the 1960s, he exclaimed that the plant is his home away from home.

Girnau said he operates the plant under three guidelines: efficiency, reliability and safety.

One way that Girnau said he is reassured that those guidelines are met is through routine maintenance. In the last ten years, the state spent around one million dollars to maintain and renovate the heating plant, Girnau said.

“The plant is ready to go for another 40 years,” added Girnau.

The plant is an integral part of facilities management and they often work together and share resources. The plant uses electricians and plumbers from facilities if a particular job within the plant warrants a specialized skill, said Girnau. There is a lot of flexibility with facilities management and if a private company comes in they would have to bid out those jobs separately incurring an additional cost to the university, said Girnau.

Girnau also questions how a private company can operate the heating plant cheaper and more efficiently than he is.

Currently, the heating plant is exempt from paying taxes but if a private company takes over, the company will have to start paying taxes, said Girnau.

The added costs of taxes along with purchasing fuel will

make it particularly hard for a private company to turn a profit, said Girnau.

The company may look into cutting wages and benefits of the seven full time heating plant employees but the money saved would be marginal, said Girnau.

The moral throughout the heating plant has waned and several of the workers are worried about losing their jobs, Girnau said.

If the plant is privatized, Girnau said he wants the company to run it well and succeed. He said he would like to continue working for the company but doubts that they would keep him on.

The central heating plant was built in 1964 and supplies heat to the entire campus. The plant predominately burns coal and natural gas but can also burn biomass and low sulfur fuel oil. The estimated value of the plant is \$14 million.

The budget repair bill passed through the assembly but is currently stagnate in the Senate. The senate is one democratic senator short of a quorum as a result of 14 democratic senators fleeing the state more than three weeks ago.

# This week in Student Voice history

**March 17, 1926**

**“Nineteen men received football sweaters, and according to president reports, nine men were awarded basketball sweaters. This makes a total of twenty-eight sweaters awarded in the two major athletic activities. This year’s sweaters will be somewhat of a departure from proceeding years. They are red with a red “R” on a white background.”**



Archived Photo

The “R” club, organized in 1925, was an organization composed of members who have won their “R” by representing the college in the major sports.

**March 13, 1936**

**“About four-fifths of the student body left town over the weekend. Buses were crowded from Thursday until Saturday noon. A few returned Sunday evening, but the majority loitered with home folks until Monday.”**

**March 13, 1950**

**“Student Voters last week approved an overwhelming 619-16 count on a sweeping revision of the student senate constitution. The 635 votes counted represent 79 percent of the student enrollment which stood at 801. Major changes which were approved include formation of a new student Advisory Council to advise the senate, provision for a spring quarter rec. day, and a new method of electing the winter carnival chairman.”**

**March 14, 1991**

**“Poet Allen Ginsberg, prophet and idol to a rebel generation, entranced a packed house at North Hall Auditorium Wednesday night. With incense burning at his side and a harmonium in his lap, Ginsberg read poetry and sang songs that followed a “chronological rainbow” through the fifties to the present.”**

**“I never plan on writing. Fortunately, I do not control my mind, I observe it.” Allen Ginsberg**



EDITORIALS

Students show positives amidst trying times

The last several weeks have been particularly difficult for our university. The tumult began Feb.11 when the budget repair bill was announced by Gov. Scott Walker. Although the bill is still stalled in the senate because 14 democratic senators fled the state, the senate rushed through a collective bargaining bill Wednesday night. The bill strips public employees of their collective bargaining rights and increases employee payments in pension and health benefits. The tension and apprehension surrounding the state budget issues has caused several UWRF faculty and staff to consider an early retirement.

On March 1, Gov. Walker announced the 2011-13 biennial budget, bringing a further blow to the university. State funding for the UW System shriveled, forcing the administration to operate on an 11 percent budget reduction.

Even though the university is facing adversities financially, the campus community should resist the temptation to remain fixated on the negative and focus instead on the positive things our students are doing.

The scholarly achievements of UWRF students are astounding. This year 85 students are traveling to New York to present at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research at Ithaca College. UWRF is the third largest group of presenters attending the national conference. Students are also involved with non-profit organizations such as Ever After Gowns that provide young women with formal wear, based on financial need, for their high school prom.

The humanitarian pursuits of UWRF students are equally impressive. Over spring break, 40 students will be going to Denver Colo., to clean up a city park through the national non-profit organization, Students Today Leaders Forever. There are also four destination trips planned over spring break. 50 students will go to five different locations across the country to help with rural poverty, disaster relief and other social issues.

We need to remember that a university is a unique institution. By its nature and mission, UWRF is positive. Within the brick and mortar, ideas and knowledge abound, empowering students to think beyond the confines of convention. Outside of the classrooms, knowledge seeps out and travels wherever a student roams. It remains like a capsule, embedded within each student forever, and will remain a vestige of the great university that is UWRF.

Hopefully, after thinking about the positive pursuits and achievements our students are accomplishing, the negative feelings about the current situation facing the university will be eradicated. If you still feel a tinge on anger, worry, or any of those feelings that make the sky seem gray, think about spring break and the approaching warmer weather.

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Stranger at first glance becomes welcome guest



Christopher Pagels  
Columnist

“Ghostscout Summit” with some colorful balloons. I didn’t know the fire number. The most important question you should be asking yourself is not what, or where, but why. Why didn’t I call the person who knew this valuable information, the Ghostscout Leader? Instead, in an act of bold naivety, I assumed that everything would go to plan. The Plan: Hitchhike off the Appalachian Trail July 1, 2010, to Ten Rod Road in Farmington and everything else would fall in place like a new frame of bowling. If there were a prize for naïve person of the year, I would be an excellent candidate.

The Ghostscout Summit is where Ghostcadets and Ghostscouts gather on Huzzy Mountain to form a brain trust to take on awesome projects like drawing cartoons and building forts.

Earlier that day, I was resting at the Hikers’ Welcome Hostel in Glenclyff, N.H., after hiking over 600 miles on the Appalachian Trail. In the morning, I got two hitches, one from an eccentric New England couple and another from an engineering student, and arrived on Ten Rod Road at noon.

This is when I called the Ghostscout Leader, not a couple days prior, not the day before, and especially not that morning, but on the day of that was already half way through. I left a message. I think this is when I realized that I have terrible situational awareness. The locals told me that the road was a manageable five-mile walk. Therefore, as I began my walk in the urban neighborhood the scenery changed to vacant gravel driveways. I mentally photographed shady campsites and ailing barns for points of reference. The clouds graying color threatened me with rain.

A sign loomed into sight: “Hard Times Second Hand Shop.” It was small one-level house with a chicken coop and an unattached garage with two mountain bikes parked in front like a used car dealership. With all of my belongings on my back and a two-month-old beard, there was not much trust going on in my appearance. Yet, when I walked up that driveway, a man appeared from the house.

“Can I help you?”  
“I have traveled over 1,000 miles by train, walked 600 miles on the Appalachian Trail, hitchhiked 75 miles and walked four more miles down this road so I could

At noon, I was walking down Ten Rod road in Farmington, N.H., looking for a phantom driveway, hoping for a sign that said

come to the Hard Times Second Hand Shop and buy one of your bicycles.”

Nothing less than a smile would do with such a disarming compliment. The man, David Tillberg, bought my humor and led me towards the mountain bikes for a closer peek. Together these bikes could have added up to one good bike, but for fifteen dollars I was not much better then a beggar. I chose good gears over good brakes. With the pack hovering inches over the wheel, I left the shop; the swagger of the bike began to wear off as the road quickly turned into a gravel rollercoaster. I gave the Ghostscout Leader another call, this time he answered.

“Hey Dan, this is Christopher Pagels, I’m on Ten Rod

After some introductions, they made me feel like an

old friend of the

family who had left town for awhile.

Road, but I don’t know where the driveway is”  
“What? I’m three hours away in Vermont looking at some land: Hold on, we’ll be there at nine

or ten.”  
“All right meet me at the Hard Times Second Hand Shop; it’s about four miles down the road.”

They seemed like nice enough people to allow me to sit on their lawn for ten hours (see: situational awareness). They let me leave my pack while I ran some errands in town, but as I got back, it started to sprinkle. Theresa, the mother, invited me in out of the rain. After some introductions, they made me feel like an old friend of the family who had left town for awhile. She said I could stay until ten until my friends arrived. After a few hours, I learned everything that I needed to know about Farmington. Like, if you have a fire, you would have better luck dousing it yourself. I was thrown into all those small insignificant fights that families have, the kind where you make fun of each other, but don’t mean it. At one point, Anastasia’s boyfriend said he would stop talking, that didn’t last long. Whenever David would answer the phone, he would say, “Dave’s Whorehouse, how many do you need?”

They invited me to their big pasta family dinner with their three sons, daughter, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, and a friend. During the whole night, not one person was surprised that I was there. After dinner, we played basketball and in the middle of a card game with some ridiculous point system, the Ghostscout Leader and some Ghostscouts drove up. After some hearty thanks, I was finally going to the Summit.

Months after our impromptu meeting, it had become a mutual pastime for us to talk about that fateful day to our friends and family. When they told people, they said they were crazy to let me in. “What if he was an axe-murderer?” That’s just the kind of they people are. For me it was the best day of 2010.

My bicycle with the bad brakes is still in their driveway.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government elections are not a Packer’s game

No matter how the troubles in Madison eventually play out, Governor Walker’s divisive policies will likely create crises far outlasting the current recession.

At a time when all ideas need to be brought to the table, Governor Walker’s imperious refusal to talk with those citizens and groups he has defined as his enemies is ruinous for our state. In his failure to run an inclusive administration respectful of the minority, the Governor has only himself to blame for the massive pushback mobilized against him not only in Madison but around the state and in other parts of the country.

The Governor and the Republican majority in the legislature are evidently more interested in exerting their consolidated power to punish, and humiliate their Democratic opponents than in working in good faith with them to solve the state’s problems.

The Governor seems oblivious of the fact that the essence of democratic rule is compromise, give and take, bargaining with one’s political opponents. There is no place in a democracy for No negotiation.

Everything must be subject to negotiation in the democratic process.

Once a candidate is elected, he or she becomes a representative not only of those who supported them but of all constituents. Thomas Jefferson said that if democracy ended with an election, we would still have a king.

The Governor mistakenly thinks the elections handed him a mandate to push through a radical right wing agenda. As a continuation of the democratic process, the many demonstrations going on around the state indicate otherwise.

I sometimes wonder if the Republicans have come to mistake politics for sporting events in which the winner takes all. Contrary to what Governor Walker may believe, an election is not a Packers game.

Thomas R. Smith

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# Twitter brings social media into the real world of online business



Elwood Brehmer  
Columnist

Last week I ended my column with #fishnerds. To those of you on Twitter, that was just an odd placement of a hashtag. To those of you

who are not it was just ugly grammar. To those who are not on Twitter, particularly the readers in or soon to be in the job hunt, get on it. Twitter is constantly compared to Facebook because both fall under the social media realm. Yet just a mild comparison of the two brings some stark differences to the surface. Facebook allows anyone to display his or her life on the web, such as interests, photos, and employment. On Facebook people become “friends.” A Facebook page really has the feel of a socially acceptable personal ad. Twitter, on the other hand, takes what Facebook did for the students’ social life and expands it to the real world, to business. I admit, I’m as guilty as anyone of

tweeting the preposterous or ironic simply for comedic relief. However, when used for a legitimate purpose, Twitter is the single most influential marketing, public relations, and networking tool the world has ever seen. No longer do those with a product to sell have to hope and pray customers find their website. It allows a business to get directly to its clientele without a middleman, without delay. All it takes is one diligent employer to do a simple search and pick out the individuals on Twitter who are tweeting about something relevant to his or her business. This is especially effective for small, specialized businesses with a focused customer base. Let’s look at an artisanal cheese factory, for instance (because who doesn’t love artisanal cheese?). Someone from the hypothetical Shredded Cheese Co. punches “cheese” or “cheddar” or “curds” into the Who To Follow bar and results pop up of anyone on Twitter, anyone in the world, who has recently used these words in a tweet. A quick scan allows the Shredded Cheese

Just a mild comparison of the two brings some stark differences to the surface.

employee to pick out prospective customers. Shredded Cheese Co. then follows those individuals. If those followed are interested in cheese, which their tweets have indicated they probably are, they will in turn follow Shredded Cheese Co. In five minutes Shredded Cheese Co. has exposed itself to a limitless number of prospective customers. Add the fact that Twitter allows for the posting of links and Shredded Cheese Co. has just announced to the world it has a new provolone without relying on people walking in the door or searching for its homepage. Serious Twitter doesn’t care about your relationship status; it cares about what you buy and what you sell. And for those of you still curious about the hashtag, start tweeting and find out.

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David Recine/Student Voice

STUDENT

Voices

What are you doing next week for Spring Break?

Ashley Elumba, junior

"I am working at Nordstrom every-day except Saturday and Sunday."

Michael Goo, freshman

"I'm going to Panama City, Florida. One of the biggest, fratiest vacation spots ever. See you there."

Kyle Harger, junior

"I'm going to Florida and, for once, I'm not going to do homework."

Heather Schenck, sophomore

"I'm sleeping in... yeah, that's it."

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Blaire Benecke, junior

"I'm traveling to the East Coast WHEN the women's hockey team makes the Frozen Four."

Bri Klaras, senior

"I'm going to New Orleans with UWRF Destination programs."

Emma Wagner, junior

"I'm not really going anywhere, just possibly going to a couple museums."

Alex Wynveen, sophomore

"I'm going to Door County- the 'Thumb' of Wisconsin."



# Women’s hockey opens NCAA tourney

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The UW-River Falls women’s hockey team has received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament after losing for the first time in the O’Brien Cup Championship.

Last weekend began with the Falcons owning a perfect record. By weekend’s end, the Falcons saw that record slip away to Adrian College 4-3 in overtime of the conference championship game.

The loss ended the Falcons quest for perfection, however head coach Joe Cranston said that the goal of the entire season was still alive.

“The ultimate goal of this season for our team is to win a national championship,” Cranston said.

While Cranston said that the team was focused on winning each game, he added that once the undefeated record came into discussion, it was not the focus of the team.

“We really don’t even talk about winning games,” Cranston said. “It’s all about playing hockey the way that we want to play it.”

Highlighting the tournament for the Falcons were Katie Flanagan , who finished with six goals and an assist and kait Mason who added six goals and two assists.

Flanagan, who netted a hat-trick in the victory over St. Norbert’s, said that to be in a position fortunate enough to have an undefeated record and a number one ranking is something that the team does not take for granted.

“I think its something that we all need to really take in,” Flanagan said. “Some of us have been there before, so we know what it takes.”

Senior forward Jamie Briski said that the loss was disappointing, but to make the NCAA tournament is something that the team has been working hard for the

whole season.

“I think once we got up in that game we just thought that we had it won,” Briski said. “We outplayed them in over-time but just got the bad bounce that ended up costing us.”

Briski added that the emotions of playing at least one more game for the Falcons is something that has been weighing heavy on her mind.

“When I thought that Saturday could have been my last game, I did not even think it was real,” Briski said. “After playing hockey for 18 straight years, it is going to take forever to sink in.”

The Falcons, now 24-1-4 overall, will host Gustavus Adolphus in a first round game of the NCAA tournament at 7:05 p.m. March 11 at Hunt Arena.

The two teams played early in the season, with the Falcons winning a tight contest by a final score of 4-2 at Hunt Arena.

Briski said that with the O’Brien Cup behind them, all eyes are set on a national championship.

“Now we are just focused on having intense practices and hopefully those will carry over to Friday,” Briski said. “We have been given a great opportunity here and we need to come together as a team and get a win.”

With the at-large bid going to the Falcons, the team secured one of two such spots given in the country. The other is Norwich University, who received a first round bye.

Locations for semifinal and finals action are pending results of first round games. If the Falcons defeat Gustavus Adolphus they will play the Norwich University Cadets March 18 in the NCAA semifinals, with the championship game set for March 19.



Blaze Fugina/Student Voice  
Top: Lauren Conrad (24) and goaltender Cassi Cambell watch play in the corner during the O’Brien Cup Final. Bottom: Kait Mason (16) skates during the 4-3 loss to Adrian College.

# Columnist gives insight into March Madness



Ashley  
Goettl  
Columnist

How many of you fill out a tournament bracket for the NCAA Division I basketball tournament?

For most of us the answer is an obvious yes, and for some of us, we fill out multiple. There are also many strategies for filling out those brackets. Some pick solely based on their favorite teams, while others go strictly by seeding, and still others have no rhyme or reason behind their pickings.

As a person of reason, you try to pick the number of games that you will get correct. While I myself am guilty of it too, if it came down to sense and sensibility, chances are, we as humans, would never even fill out a bracket to begin with, due to the high percentage of failure. The odds of filling out a correct bracket that has 68 teams (this number is new for 2011), the chances are 2^67 or 147,573,952,589,676,412,928

(147.57 quintillion) possibilities. With this is mind, I believe that you would have to start now and fill out a bracket every single minute of every single day up until the tournament begins- so good luck!

However, have no fear; there are some statistics to help increase your odds. For example, the No. 1 seed is 104-0 against the No. 16 seed since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985. Nevertheless, since the NCAA started seeding teams in 1979 only once have all No. 1 seeds made it to the Final Four. That happened in 2008 when Kansas, North Carolina, UCLA, and Memphis made it. However, being seeded No. 1 is not a terrible thing. In fact, only twice, in 1980 and 2006, were there no No. 1 seeds in the Final Four.

It may seem as common sense (the better the seed the better your odds are of winning) but 2009 marked the first time in tournament history that all 12 of the 1, 2, and 3 seeds made it to the Sweet 16. It is also worth noting that the No. 9 seed fares better against the No. 8 seed. Historically, the No. 8 seed is 48-56 against the No. 9 seed (46.15%).

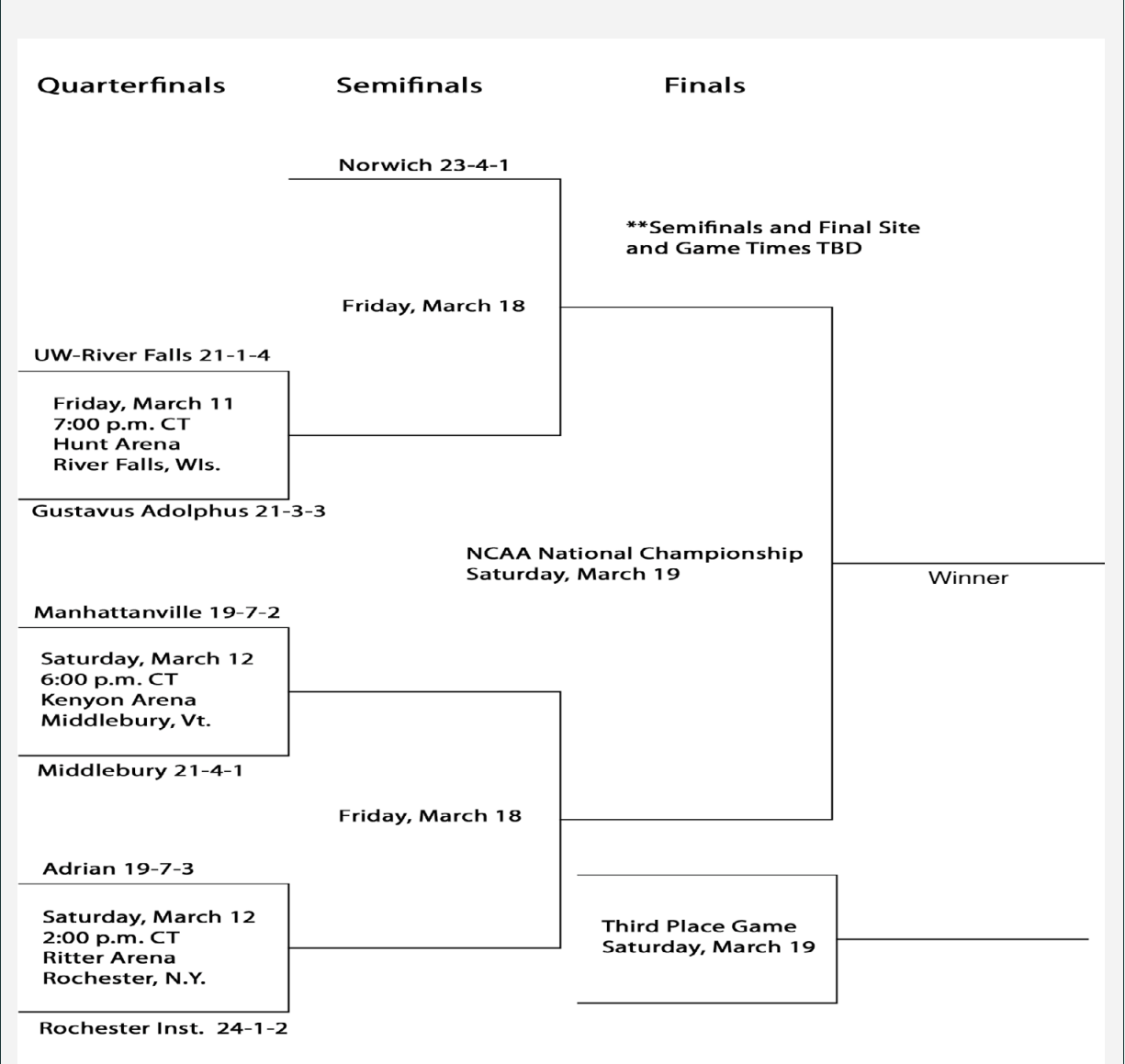
While eyes and ears are tuned to the TV sets during the madness, it is the underdog stories that make the tournament

exciting and completely unpredictable. Nevertheless, if you want to have the best chance at succeeding, do not pick any seed lower than eight to win the tournament. Only Villanova in 1985 won the title as the No. 8 seed, the lowest seed ever in tournament history.

As for me, I use a few methods to pick my teams. One, is that I never pick Duke to go past the Final Four because you can’t pick a team whose coach looks like the mascot. Two, is that I do not pick rival schools among the Big Ten. This may seem silly as Ohio State is likely to be a No. 1 seed, but if you cannot picture yourself cheering for a team in the regular season, why cheer for them in the postseason? And besides, cheering for rivals is against anything a true sports fan would believe in! But this is why they call the tournament “madness” because no matter your theory or reason, you can be completely right, or completely wrong. Let the madness begin!

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# NCAA women’s ice hockey bracket



## Falcon Sports Wrap

### Men’s Track and Field

The Falcon men’s indoor track and field season culminates March 11-12, with six athletes competing at the Men’s NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

All of the athletes attending the championship qualified at the Pointer Qualifier in Stevens Point March 5. The Falcons will be represented in three events, the high jump, 55-meter hurdles and the 4x400 relay.

Junior Clai Catto qualified for the high jump Saturday with a 6 8 3/4 jump. His jump was among the top half of qualifiers for the championship field. There will be 17 competing in the event that begins at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

Sophomore James Butler had his best run of the year at the Pointer Qualifier with a time of 7.69 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles. Bulter will compete in a field of 13 beginning at 6:05 p.m. Friday.

The 4x400 relay team qualified for the championships with a time of 3 minutes, 18.3 seconds, their best of the year. The relay team consists of freshman Scott Jensen, junior Indy Liljevall, senior Lucas Mueller and senior Nick Zeien. The Falcons relay team will run at 7:40 p.m. Saturday in the finals.

### Men’s Basketball

The Falcon men’s basketball team went one and done in their

first ever trip to the NCAA DIII Men’s Basketball Championship March 4. The Falcons fell by a score of 83-76 to the Titans of Illinois Wesleyan. The Falcons, who had one of their best season in team history played in both the WIAC Champions and NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. River Falls ended the season with a 17-8 record. The Falcons had four players named to the All-Conference teams including three seniors in Jake Voeltz, Jontae Koonkaew and Danny Johnson.



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# Australian band storms music scene with ‘Zonoscope’



Ryen Klierer

Upon hearing the likes of Australia being in the music forefront in America, one may laugh heartily in response. But in all honesty, quite a few predominant bands in the music industry have recently made it to the Ameri-

can music scene directly from Australia and have released fantastic music for us to enjoy. The biggest two Australian bands on the American scene must be Empire of the Sun and most certainly Cut Copy.

Cut Copy is a rare Australian band that has officially “made it” here in the underground indie/electronic music field, having shown a steady progression throughout their albums, and have become known for stellar electronic/dance pop music.

Just recently, Cut Copy released their fourth album known simply as “Zonoscope.” Those of you readers out there not entirely familiar with Cut Copy really owe it to yourselves to give them a chance to entice you.

With this new release, I was not really sure what to fully expect of these guys; as their last album, “In Ghost Colours,” was such a masterpiece, it appeared it would be quite difficult to follow up. Yet, after hearing “Zonoscope,” my first impressions are great and feel that Cut Copy successfully made a great follow up album.

As with all of Cut Copy’s albums, a dance/indie/pop oriented musical vibe was the mantra. “Zonoscope” reaches and

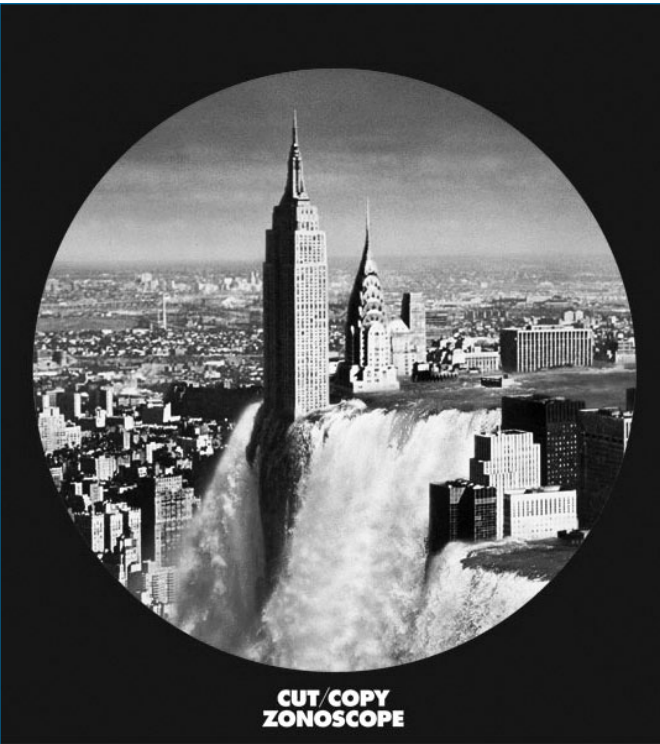
surpasses this with producing almost what seems to be a blast from the past, having several songs feeling a bit misplaced in our current music industry, feeling better suited for the musical greatness that was the 80s.

“Zonoscope” is highlighted with songs such as “Take Me Over,” “Where I’m Going,” and “Hanging Onto Every Heartbeat.” All of these songs tend to get the listener grooving and singing along to the mystifying and overwhelming pop sensation songs Cut Copy does just right. “Take Me Over” sounds like the product of a modern synth-based dance song mixed with the likes of the 80s one-hit wonders Men At Work’s classic lyrics and delightfulness. “Where I’m Going” and “Hanging Onto Every Heartbeat” offer a different, more relaxed melodic approach that cannot help but to float about in the listener’s head for days on end.

That said, all of these songs really deserve some air time and promotion throughout the U.S., particularly within the Twin Cities. Regardless of this fact, the overall likelihood of hearing much Cut Copy within the current music scene in the Twin Cities is rather unlikely, aside from quite possibly 89.3 The Current or our college radio station WRFW 88.7 FM.

Take some time and give them a listen, get a taste for music unknown, and have the audacity to embrace a fantastic foreign bands take on music. Cut Copy is one of Australia’s best when it comes to electronic/dance/pop music, and offers a refreshing perspective in the rather bland electronic/dance music industry that Americans have grown to accept, but could really be so much more.

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# Madison Board of Regents approves Falcon Promise

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After being approved by the Board of Regents in Madison last month, the Falcon Promise will now be implemented within the 2011-2012 school year. The Promise includes differential tuition, which will cause an increase in tuition.

The Falcon Promise was created last fall by the university and will fund programs in four different areas. The four initiatives includes tutoring, undergraduate research opportunities, increased student scholarships into the Falcon Scholars Challenge and enhanced learning spaces. For this to remain effective, UW-River Falls Administration needs to make sure that the campus as a whole are willing to support this Promise.

Chancellor Dean Van Galen said that the Falcon Promise will greatly benefit the whole student body.

“We will have more students engaged in undergraduate research, scholarships and creative activity. We will also have more students who have the opportunity to study abroad and be able to better recruit and support students through the scholarship program,” said Van Galen.

Ashley Goettl, Student Senate Vice President, said that many students are most excited about the scholarship opportunities. The scholarship opportunities that will be offered to students will provide assistance to those who need it the most.

After the Student Senate and Board of Regents approved of this, the Falcon Promise states that the student campus is mainly from families of “modest means.” The Falcon Scholar Challenge states it will motivate alumni and friends to provide scholarship support that will “attract and retain students,” reducing the need for students to pursue off-

campus jobs.

The Student Senate went through a long process of getting student input and what Van Galen said was it had a very significant role in shaping the proposal and made some very significant changes to it.

Paul Shepherd, Student Senate advisor, explained that it was essential to have the Student Senate involved.

“It needed students’ voices in order for the Falcon Promise to be approved,” said Shepherd.

Shepherd also said that with these key initiatives in place for students, there will be an increase in student retention and success.

Goettl mentioned that as all students benefit from these initiatives.

“It essentially says that each student will put in a little and get twice as much back,” said Goettl.

Since it is a differential tuition initiative, there will be a slight increase in tuition over the next three years, Van Galen said. Currently, there is a \$72 charge to every full-time student which includes library services, additional undergraduate research and scholarly activity experiences and a centralized testing and tutoring center. Once it is fully implemented, there will be an additional charge of \$88 per


year for full-time students, which will generate \$554,440 per year to use for the four initiatives.

Van Galen said that once this is fully underway, students and faculty will see a significant change in the education system here at UWRF.


“Not every student will benefit in the same way, from the Falcon Promise,” said Van Galen. “But I think overall, it will raise the academic achievement level of the University in a very significant way.”

“It essentially says that each student will put in a little and get twice as much back.”  
Ashley Goettl  
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# Columnist offers advice on latest fashion trends

Anna Gushue

Columnist

Wednesday in Paris, dazzling the world with the Autumn/ Winter 2011 collections.

Designers this season showed many looks that are actually applicable in a UW-River Falls student’s current wardrobe. So step out of the sweats and add some of these fun fashion favorites that ruled the runway and make it your way.

While many lust-worthy items seen on the catwalk will break the typical student’s bank account, there are three minor touches that can easily be found and achieved with only simple updates to the wardrobe.

The three that instantly caught my eye were tights, nude lips and statement coats, and all will enhance your look easily without putting a dent in your wallet.

**Tights.**

With spring just around the corner, the sidewalks are now clearer and the idea of being able to wear summery sundresses has inhabited the minds of many. But with snow still on the ground and the warmer weather still weeks away, dresses, skirts, and shorts get left behind until the weather cooperates. Yet with the addition of tights, these garments can come out to play.

Some designers went all out with Anna Sui sending wild

printed tights down her runway, and Betsey Johnson going in the direction of Leopard print tights, solid color tights are the more affordable and simple option for students.

Emanuel Ungaro paired shiny opaque black tights with contrasting colored shoes, which is a great way to show off those cute spring shoes while it is still a little chilly. Badgley Mischka sent opaque black tights and also deep charcoal pairs down the runway, both which added instant glam to the outfit.

Instead of tossing on the same jeans or sweats before running to class bring out some spring clothes by putting opaque tights on underneath to keep your legs warm.

**Nude Lips.**

The fall shows usually experiment with bold lip colors, but this season there was a little surprise. Christian Dior and Roksanda Ilinic still kept deep red lips in their makeup kit, pairing them with loose glossy waves and it was beyond incredibly chic. But the color that kept editors and stylists on their toes this year was in fact no color.

Nude lips were spotted at numerous shows including Oscar de la Renta, Alexander Wang, and Carolina Herrera, all with the intention of bringing the focus to other striking features on the model. Oscar de la Renta kept clean eyes and lips to show off bold brows instead.

Decadent smokey eyes were found at Alexander Wang and when he paired with nude lips, the effect was absolutely lust-worthy. This look is easy to achieve if you are running to class because after doing up your eyes in a subtle smokey look just swipe on either some nude lipstick or even just a touch of matte lip balm to let your natural lip color shine through.

Another easy update, and beyond gorgeous look that is simple to do before running off to class was shown by

Carolina Herrera. Eyes were wing tipped with black liquid liner, which had a sixties feel when alone, but then with the addition of the nude lips, the final product was modern and very minimalistic.

**Statement Coat.**

Coats, coats, coats! They were seen on every runway this season in so many different ways and colors it was apparent that coming this fall, a statement coat is the way to stand out and a definite must have. I am currently lusting after a Andrew Gn gleaming navy trench that was ridiculously glam along with the crisp white coats Elie Tahari sent down the runway.

Since it unfortunately is still a little chilly, wearing a coat is the smart idea, but with all the sales right now, you can pick up an inexpensive one that is still incredibly glam. Then when fall rolls around, you will have a coat that is a declaration of your fashionable sense by being right on trend. If you are looking for ideas, many designers had beyond amazing coats that will practically make you want fall to arrive sooner than you previously thought.

Burberry of course showcased a plethora of dreamy trenches, that made me swoon, along with Anna Sui, who sent the most cozy, patterned bombers down the runway that had adorable fur trimmed hoods. Emilio Pucci had a completely breathtaking navy embroidered swing jacket, that was so fantastic it might even make me save my pennies so it can be added to my closet.

What’s great is that right now coats are on sale because stores are bringing in all the new spring merchandise. So by picking up an inexpensive coat, you can go for style and keep the more functional coat for those uber cold days.



## Intramural Championships

Photos by Sally King/Student Voice

The winter Intramural Season concluded with championship games played at Hunt Arena and the Knowles Center March 10. The Intramural broomball championship concluded with team Chubby Chasers defeating You’re 5-Hole is Showing 1-0. In basketball, the Men’s competitive team Prestige Worldwide, men’s recreational Snappin’ Necks, Cashin’ Checks, women’s basketball Shotfaced and co-rec Prestige Worldwide all won championships.

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