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Faculty votes strongly to approve union

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Even though a bill that abolishes the right for most state employees to unionize was passed by the state legislature, signed by Gov. Scott Walker and published by the Legislative Reference Bureau, UW-River Falls faculty members have voted in favor of union representation through AFT-Wisconsin.

Of the faculty who turned out to vote for union representation on March 23 and 24, 90 percent voted in favor.

UWRF is the fifth campus in the system that has had faculty vote in favor of union representation since they were granted that right in June 2009.

Faculty at UW-Superior and UW-Eau Claire voted in May 2010 and faculty at UW-La Crosse and UW-Stout voted in February and March respectively.

UWRF faculty had the second highest

percentage of union supporters, behind UW-Superior that had 94 percent.

The eight other campuses in the UW System are also in the process of unionizing, said an AFT representative speaking on background.

Some campuses are further along in the process, which include UW-Stevens Point that held an election Wednesday and Thursday and UW-Green Bay that recently filed for an election.

Academic staff at UW-Superior filed for an election recently as well, the representative said.

The collective bargaining bill, which is an amended version of the budget repair bill and focuses specifically on stripping most public employees of their collective bargaining rights, passed through the State Senate

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Debbie Gehris, a representative from the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission, administered the vote for the UWRF faculty to gain representation through AFT-Wisconsin.

Jim Madsen, professor, waits to receive his ballot.



UC hosts BINGO for students

Sally King/Student Voice

The University Center hosted BINGO in Pete's Creek. The event was free and open to all UWRF students. It took place on March 30. BINGO is played monthly as a way for students to meet new people and to get away from the stress of college life.

HHP inches closer to new building project

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UW-River Falls got one step closer to getting the \$63.5 million needed to build a new Health and Human Performance facility, after the State Building Commission gave approval on March 16, for "advance enumeration."

To advance enumeration means UWRF has essentially "pre-approval" to do more extensive planning, which can be done while the funding gets approved by the Joint Finance committee and then by the State Legislature, said Blake Fry, special assistant to the chancellor.

The next phase of approval by the finance committee and legislature will take place over the next few months, a process that is expected to go smoothly, Fry said.

He added that rarely does something get rejected by the finance committee or the legislature after it has been approved for advanced enumeration.

"Starting this summer we can do design work," said Fry.

After the preliminary designs for the building are done, the project will be bid out to an architect.

Actual construction of the building is not expected to take place until approximately September 2013.

The whole project is expected to cost \$63.5 million, \$50.5 million of which will come from the state. About \$10 million will come from student segregated fees, and

about \$2 million will come from fundraising and donations.

UWRF has been trying to get the funds approved by the state for twelve years.

The current facilities, Karges and Nelson, are over 50 years old.

They are outdated and sections of the building have had to be closed due to safety.

Examples of problems with the current facilities include: poor ventilation causing temperature upwards of 100 degrees in the summer, ceiling and wall disrepair, lack of adequate space, not enough ceiling height to host regional or national events, and an underlying concrete floor that causes injuries to athletes and users.

The HHP program is one of the largest majors at UWRF, according to the admissions office.

More than 13 percent of the student body is currently pursuing either a major or minor in the HHP program. More than 3,000 students take HHP courses every year.

UWRF also boasts a high involvement rate in intramural sports, with more than 51 percent of the student body participating, according to the HHP building funds information sheet.

The proposed facilities would not only allow more space for HHP classes to be held, they offer modern technology that will enhance learning in the HHP department.

The new HHP center will include many

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Japan quake touches exchange students

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For UW-River Falls and its close exchange program with Japan, the March 11 earthquake failed to cause any harm to the families of the 14 Japanese exchange students currently enrolled.

The 9.0 magnitude earthquake, one of the worse earthquakes in the country's history, caused catastrophic destruction in the northern part of Japan, with less damage south of Tokyo.

Satomi Ito, advisor the International Student Association, said that the students families that are in Japan are doing alright.

"Fortunately, all of Japanese students' family members are not in danger by the earthquake," said Ito.

"However, some of their family members are having inconveniences right now."

Those inconveniences include the basic necessities of water, electricity and food.

Satomi Shinde, professor of education, is originally from Japan and has family south of where the earthquake hit the hardest.

Shinde said that it was a relief that her fam-

ily was not affected, but now that electricity and water are scarce in some areas, she worries about how the after effects will change things.

"I feel very lucky that they were okay," Shinde said. "But I know last week, it was very hard to get water and food, and when they needed it, everyone needed to stand in line for a very long time to get anything."

Ellie Satoh, a Japanese exchange student, said that she was very worried at the time of the earthquake because some of her family lives in Sendai and Miyagi, which were two of the worst hit areas by the disaster and there was minimal communication to Japan.

"As a family, we would all watch the news and see how fast the tsunami moved and tons of houses and people were gone," Satoh said.

"After a few days we heard that there was no electricity around Sendai and Miyagi so no one could get a hold of anyone."

Luckily, she found out a few days later that her family was fine.

A report from Worldbank.org estimates the quake's economic toll is currently at \$122 to \$235 billion U.S. , and that the country could

take five years to recover.

The death and missing toll, as of March 25, has reached 27,000 and is expected to rise more.

"Watching the videos on the Internet and seeing the images of the tsunami bury whole towns is like watching a horror movie," said Shinde.

Guy Healy Japan is a program UWRF offers to students who are interested in a teaching program in Japan for the summer.

Its coordinator, Chad Forde, said that the program is still a go because the main office and campus are far south and away from the earthquake zone.

What needs to be taken into account though, as Forde mentioned, is the radiation issue.

"As of right now, it is a waiting game," said Forde in an email.

"Guy Healy will not send the 19 students over if he knows it is not safe."

Also, I could see some applicants dropping out in the next couple months due to fears by them or their parents about traveling to Japan."

The U.S. Red Cross has responded proactively in the help to recover the worst hit areas

of the earthquake. As the devastation is becoming much more apparent, help is wanted from anywhere.

If anyone would like to contribute, go to redcross.org and help, said Satoh.

"I think as a community we just pray and give the people in Japan support by donating money as some countries are already doing," said Satoh.

"Since we can't all go to Japan and help, sending them money is the best solution so they can build new houses, factories, buildings, that was washed away or damaged."

Melting snow threatens to flood parking lot

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As the snow continues to melt and the rain starts to fall, the threat of flooding in the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River near the N parking lot increases, said University Police Officer Steve Nygaard.

N lot, located south of Hawthorn Hall on a floodplain, is the lowest parking lot and usually the only one with flooding issues.

K lot flooded once when a water main broke, but generally the rest are high enough that they will not flood on a normal basis, Nygaard said.

“The floodplains are monitored anytime heavy snowmelt or rain occur. Once it becomes a concern, we continue to monitor it,” Nygaard said.

On March 22 the police and parking office began monitoring the water levels near N lot and the walking path every hour to half hour, Nygaard said.

Around noon on March 22, students parked in N lot received an email from the police and parking office requesting them to move their vehicles to the commuter lot located near Ramer Field. Students were allowed to move their vehicles back to the parking lot at noon on March 24, Nygaard said.

“The water levels became a concern on March 22 when it got close to the bridge level. This means it is close to the point where water will come into the lot,” Nygaard said.

According to the parking website, it is the student’s responsibility to move their vehicles or risk being towed.

According to one section, “It is the responsibility of the vehicle operator to be aware of these weather conditions and to be prepared to move their vehicle if severe conditions should occur.”

Students Justin Stolpe and Will



Sally King/Student Voice

The N parking lot resides near the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River behind Hathorn Hall. Melting snow and seasonal rainfall can cause the river to flood into the lot, forcing students to move their vehicles to avoid getting towed.

Larson said they were upset with the threat the parking office issued in the email, which said the remaining vehicles could be towed.

“I think that we should be able to move them at our own risk. It’s a hassle for us,” Stolpe said.

“Buying a parking permit releases the university from all damages, why should we get threatened to be towed?” Larson asked.

On average, students have to move their car to the commuter lot

once each spring during the snowmelt, but also during extensive rainfall, Nygaard said.

Police and parking generally just ask students to move their vehicles rather than sandbagging the lot because it is the more cost effective measure with the use of time and resources, Nygaard said.

Other students who park in N lot, Claire LeFeure and Jessica Pearce, found the security to be a benefit and a hassle.

“When I got back from class, it said I had to move my car immediately. I don’t use my car that much, but for people who have jobs in Hudson it would be a hassle to move their vehicles because they have to allow time to walk,” LeFeure said.

“I guess I’m okay with moving it if it was actually going to flood. We do what we gotta do,” Pearce said. “Last fall, we only had to move if we wanted to, but it was mandatory this time,” she said.

Pierce County Emergency Management Director Gary Brown said that most of the flooding threats for the area fall near the Mississippi River rather than anywhere near River Falls.

“The only chance would be some issue of flash flooding where we would get lots of rain in a short amount of time, otherwise there is no current threat to the River Falls area,” Brown said.

River Falls Police / UWRF Police Department

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

March 27

- Matthew Blair, 19, cited for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

March 22

- A substance that appeared to be marijuana was found in May Hall.

Voice Shorts

University to hold annual health fair

Student services will host its annual Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m April 6., in the University Center Ballroom. The Health Fair is n interactive event that students, faculty, staff, and community members are encouraged to attend. This year’s theme will be ‘Crazy About Health?’ The Health Fair will include demonstrations from local businesses an student organizations, door prizes, massages, hearing screening, HIV testing, blood pressure and heart rate checks and body fat analysis.

2011-2012 Student Parking Permit Information

Student parking permits for the 2011-2012 academic year will be available for purchase by the following eligibility dates:

- Seniors (90+ credits) Beginning April 11, 2011
- Juniors (60-89 completed credits) Beginning April 18, 2011
- Sophomores (30-59 completed credits) Beginning April 25, 2011
- Returning Freshman (29 or less completed credits) Beginning May 2, 2011
- Incoming Students - Beginning June 20, 2011

For more information or to purchase your permit, visit the parking website at <http://www.uwrf.edu/Parking/>

Student Senate Elections

Vote for the 14 positions on Student Senate April 4 and 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Check your UWRF student email for a link to vote.

Senate Shorts

From the March 29 Student Senate Meeting:

- Brian Richie was appointed as a military representative.
- Funding for “Get to Know Your Student Night” was approved at \$200.
- Funding from the operating budget was approved to invest in digital recording equipment to record future meetings.

Appointments:

- Jennifer Webster was appointed to the Student Senate as a first-year representative.

Assistant professor, students participate in national rose plant research project

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Assistant Professor of Plant and Earth Science David Zlesak, who has been intrigued with breeding roses since he was 13 years old, is the Northern Earth-Kind Rose Trial coordinator for UW-River Falls.

The Earth-Kind project began in the early 1990s at Texas A&M University. The project’s goal is to practice environmentally friendly landscaping methods by limiting the use of fertilizers, pesticides and water.

“People were concerned about the environment, family exposure to pesticides or just wanting to have their yards be environmentally friendly,” Zlesak said. “And there really wasn’t that much research out there in terms of research that’s been done to really support recommendations; people were making recommendations and they were all over the board. But they weren’t necessarily research-based, or consistent or made sense. So that began the opportunity for Earth-Kind.”

The Northern Earth-Kind branch began in 2007. Roses were selected as the first plant to be tested.

“Roses came to the top because they are the national flower, people love them and there is a lot of variability among them,” Zlesak said.

In 2009, around 1,200 plants were donated from locations ranging from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas and the mountains of Colorado.

“Nurseries over the years have wanted to get their roses into the pipelines saying if our rose can get an Earth-Kind designation for our region, that it’s free marketing and great exposure,” Zlesak said. “So over the last few years I’ve gotten a lot of roses. I have gotten 300 on my doorstep just this week from a nursery.”

One of the public Earth-Kind trial gardens can be found in the Mount Saint Benedict Monastery garden in Crookson, Minn.

“There are a variety of roses planted, for a four year trial, that are planted randomly by our cemetery. They are not watered artificially or anything; it’s in a natural setting,” said Sister Carolin Adams, the grounds and garden keeper at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery.



Sally King/Student Voice

Assistant Professor David Zlesak coordinates the Northern Earth-Kind Trial, a project to collect data on naturally grown roses.

“Once a month someone comes to count the blooms and determine disease resistance and which roses are being eaten by the deer that come through.”

Zlesak said that he hopes to continue working with the landscape crew on campus to plant new varieties and to get more publicly accessible spots on campus.

“Its great for the public to come and see them,” Zlesak said. “We have planted roses randomly around in the back plots on campus that were planted last summer, and students helped with that and helped with data collection and management.”

One of the students that helped Zlesak with his research last summer was senior Ryan Grajkowski.

“It was an excellent experience. If I can do any part to help the horticultural industry to better know what cultivars are well suited for our Wisconsin environments, I’m more than happy to help. I think the best part will be at the end in a couple of years when the research shows what plants are best suitable for our area, hopefully most if not all of them,” Grajkowski said. “Hands-on work is always great and I’m usually game to get my hands dirty and plant some plants.”

HHP: Plan includes a new gymnasium for 3,000

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new assets, such as new classrooms and a human performance laboratory for biomechanics, exercise physiology, and motor development.

The new building will house a new gymnasium designed to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference’s standards to host games, as well as seating for 3,000 spectators.

The new center will also include a wellness center and dance and aerobics studios.

As well as demolishing the old buildings and creating a new building, the plan also includes renovation and beautification of the outside, including additional parking areas being built.



Sarah Hellier/Student Voice

Blake Fry, the special assistant to the chancellor, looks over the plans for the proposed Health and Human performance building. The State Building Commission gave the approval for the plans on March 16 for “advanced enumeration.” Actual construction on the building is expected to take place in September of 2013.

Union: Committee taking steps for drafting constitution

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March 9.

The Assembly passed the bill the following day and Gov. Walker signed it March 11.

The manner in which the bill was passed compelled Dane County District Attorney, Ismael Ozame, to file a lawsuit against some lawmakers claiming they violated the state’s open meetings law.

On March 18, Dane County Circuit Judge Maryann Sunni issued a restraining order against Secretary of State Doug La Follette,

who was set to publish the bill March 25.

Despite all of this, the bill was published by the Legislative Reference Bureau March 25, which said it must publish all laws within 10 days after they are signed.

The drama and confusion surrounding the collective bargaining bill has not quelled UWRF faculty support for unions, said Political Science Professor Wes Chapin.

“When it became clear that the governor’s extremist legislation had nothing to do with balancing the budget and everything to do with denying workers’ rights, UW-River

Falls faculty realized the urgency in this vote, said Chapin. “Together, we stood up, took notice, and turned out to vote.”

Faculty at UWEC voted for union representation in May and already have an approved constitution and formed a negotiation committee, said English Professor Stephanie Turner.

The negotiation committee had begun a survey of the bargaining unit in preparation for drafting a bargaining contract when the bill was approved,” said Turner. “The status of that committee is uncertain at this point.”

Even though the legal issues surrounding collective bargaining are still uncertain, UWRF faculty are moving forward with writing a constitution and electing officers who will campaign for faculty issues such as working conditions and contact time with students, said Geography and Mapping Science Professor John Heppen.

The organizing committee is meeting as early as next week to take the first steps in the process of writing a constitution, said Chapin.

This Week in Student Voice history

April 2 1919

“In the indoor baseball games that were held between the juniors and seniors, the seniors triumphed in both games, due to the fact that many of the juniors had not played the game a great deal before, they were unable to score on the seniors.”

April 1 1925

“The young ladies (also the older ones) of the school may be interested to know that two new beauty aids have been invented. One of these inventions is a mirror that is in a flap on the cuff of the glove that can easily be used for make up purposes while on the street without having to open a handbag or vanity case. The other is false eyelashes on adhesive tape that can be conveniently attached to the eyelid and cannot be detached.”

April 8 1927

“A week ago Saturday night, Prof. Jacobson’s home was the scene of a merry party, in which the members of the physics classes participated. The evening was largely spent playing a progressive series of games suitable to the occasion. After lunch certain individuals showed their remarkable ability to read the minds of the persons present. A great deal of mystery still remains as to how they do it.”

April 8, 1942

“Grand finale to the Senate Stamp Drive will be the all-school MacArthur Day Victory Dance to be held in the North Hall gymnasium Saturday, April 11, at 8:30. Day by day students have watched the thermometer in South Hall which records “money collected” climb from ten cents to the peak of \$1,000. This amount represents intensive student-faculty purchase of bonds and stamps since Monday, March 30.”

April 8, 1942

Ad by Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. maker of Chesterfield cigarettes in the Student Voice.

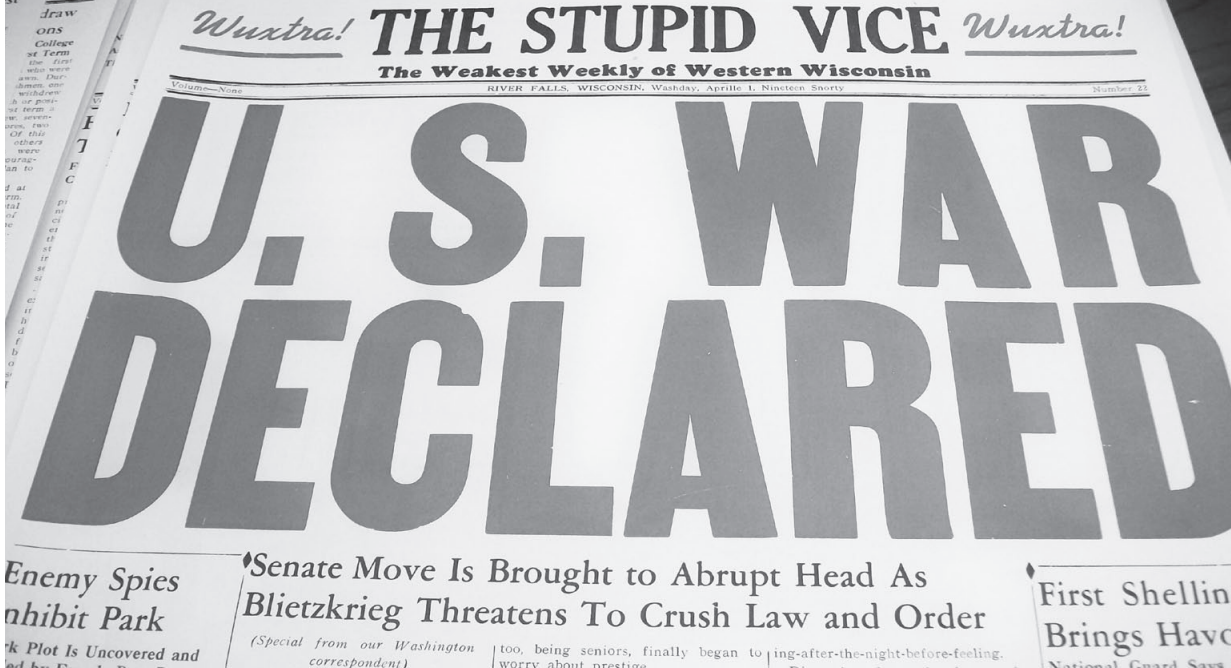
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April 1, 1976

“UW-River Falls students may soon be able to see a concert at UW-Eau Claire at student prices, use UW-LaCrosse’s gameroom at student rates or have something professionally printed at UW-Stout for a reduced student cost. These and many other services may be possible if a finalized ID policy is enacted between the UW campuses at Eau Claire, LaCrosse, Stout and River Falls. This policy would allow an exchange of ID privileges in several areas of student activities.”

April 1, 1977

“An 18 per cent reduction in electricity usage for January and February at UW-River Falls residence halls has been reported by Mary Halada, administrative assistant for Auxiliary Services. This reduction is a result of the campus energy conservation program which began in January. Perhaps the biggest project of the program has been an energy savings contest between the residence halls. A grand prize of \$500 will go to the hall which uses the least amount of kilowatts per resident as compared to the same months of 1976. Second place will receive \$300, and third place will receive \$200.”



Top: The April 11, 1940 issue of the Student Voice exemplifies the trend to fool readers on April fools day.

Left: An ad by Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., makers of Chesterfield cigarettes, flaunts contributions to the war effort in the April 8, 1942 issue of the Student Voice.

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EDITORIALS

Students need to vote to support senators

Most college students understand their responsibilities as a member of academia. One has to attend class regularly, study, read and take tests and write papers that reflect and prove that one absorbed that knowledge. There is another very important duty that students in the 21st century seem to be absent-minded about; voting for their fellow students into the senate.

The lethargy and disinterest in actively participating in student senate elections among most college students at UWRF can be explained several ways.

Some students may think that the senate is just a façade that portrays itself as being important but really has no significance upon this campus.

Others may think that the senate is only a forum for political science majors to boast about their political knowledge and understanding, while again, getting nothing done.

This type of outlook on senate obviously affects student voter turnout. The presidential re-election last fall only drew 311 voters, which was around half the amount of voters that turned out during the regular election last spring.

This lackadaisical nature during senate elections on campus is not a characteristic that is inherent in UWRF’s students. For example, in 1950, 79 percent of the student body voted, not for student senate candidates, but for a revision of the senate constitution.

The belief that the senate deals with issues that have no relevance to you as a student simply is not true.

In November of 2009, the senate voted in favor of spending \$24,900 on a program called OrgSync. A website for student organizations, Orgsync, is a way for student orgs. on campus to communicate and keep records. According to an article in the Student Voice, the money to purchase the program came from a reserve account that is used specifically for funding programs that benefit students. At the time the article was written, the account had \$150,000.

Besides the spending and doling out money, the governing body also deals with university building projects such as the Health and Human Performance Building and the Master Plan.

Hopefully now you understand that the senate wields power on this campus. The first step in making sure that your voice is heard is by voting during next week’s election. To learn more about the students that will be on the ballot next week we provided a brief description of all the candidates on page 8.

Student Senate elections will be this Monday and Tuesday and the polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check your student email on Monday for a link to vote.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democracy Matters—Getting the Big Money Out of Politics and the People Back In

We hear it every day. Budget cuts at the state, local and national level. The funding for student loans and grants will have to be cut; college and universities tuition is increasing, the size of your classes will grow, and food service workers in your dining halls and cafeterias will face layoffs. That’s not all, back home your favorite high school teacher, the crossing guard at your elementary school, police and firefighters in your neighborhood, all are being threatened by major budget cuts. This is getting personal!

What’s going on and what can we as students do about it? The first point is to understand who created this crisis. The answer is Wall Street and other investment bankers who precipitated the 2008 economic meltdown, not students or public workers. But we are the ones being asked to pay for their mess, despite the fact that their profits are soaring.

Why? Here’s the second point: students don’t contribute to politicians’ election campaigns, but bankers and other big corporate executives do. According to the well-respected Center for Responsive Politics, over the last decade the financial industry, along with insurance and real estate sectors, was the biggest contributor to federal campaigns. Individuals and PACS associated with these corporations gave more than \$2.5 billion to candidates and parties between 1990 and 2010

(\$2,526,439,799 to be exact).

We need to stand up and speak out! We can and must let our legislators know that we don’t want these budget cuts to critical services. Instead of forcing universities to raise our tuition, our state representatives should be raising taxes on the people responsible for this crisis. Even if they just restored the tax rate on the wealthy that existed before the short-sighted Bush tax cuts, we would very substantially reduce the deficits that are threatening the livelihoods of so many Americans.

At the same time that we are fighting these threats to our education, we also need to find ways to destroy the bond between politicians and their big funders. We need to get big money out of politics and people back in. Organizations like Democracy Matters and Common Cause are leading these fights. Join us at our next meeting on Wednesdays at 4:30pm in Pete’s Creek or e-mail me, kayla.godes@uwrf.edu, for more information.

As students we have the political power to affect our lives – there are millions of us! But we have to join together to use that power effectively – to make our own lives better as well as our society’s.

Kayla Godes
student

UC Solicitation Awareness

As a student at UWRF that pays big bucks for the operations of the University Center, I think that students would benefit to know that while inside the UC, you are protected from solicitors. I was approached by a well-dressed man who with no introduction asked if I had signed the recall petition yet. After kindly telling him that I hadn’t gotten around to it, my friend and I assured that he was aware of the UC anti-solicitation policy, but he seemed uninterested.

This is not about Walker’s bill and/or attacking the left (it’s only a matter of time before some ignoramus rightist approaches me about stopping Obama from taking his guns away)—this is about what you can do to stop solicitors from political, recreational, sports, religious, and really any organizations from bothering you.

First, know the policy. According to the University center policy and procedures manual, “groups are not allowed to approach students or others using University Centers facilities” but “are allowed to disperse information to students from behind a table”. This means that you can be on your merry way and groups are prohibited from even asking you to check out their

table. If someone approaches you, respectfully tell them that you’re not interested. If they persist, turn the game around and ask them for contact information for the organization they are acting with and for that person’s name. This will usually get them squirrely enough to back down, but if not, verbally remind them of the anti-solicitation policy in the UC.

The most important thing is that these groups see consequences. Don’t walk away and leave the next unfortunate student victim to solicitation. Instead, take thirty seconds to talk with the employees behind the desk and ask them to alert their manager, giving any information you have about the group. Typically, groups settle down after getting a talking to, letting us return to our lives.

As for you pesky solicitors out there (you know who you are), I respect your beliefs, so respect mine and leave me alone.

Jordan Harshman
Student

Ideas for getting involved on campus

In last week’s edition of The Student Voice you wrote a great piece reminding students that it’s never too early to start planning for future careers by gaining experience through internships. While Career Services offers many great opportunities such as Mock Interview Day or the Etiquette Dinner for students to practice their work etiquette and become better job or internship candidates, don’t forget the exciting upcoming event that contributes toward students’ career development – and all they have to do is watch and learn! This year is the fifth annual Runway to Success event for Career Services, a fashion show that teaches students how to dress professionally for the workplace and showcases professional apparel from stores in the surrounding River

Falls area. While students will learn tips on how to better prepare for a business environment, they’re also sure to be entertained by nearly fifty of their classmates “Work’n It” on the runway, the chance to win numerous prizes and even a red-carpet photo shoot prior to entering the show! So even though it may seem like preparing to enter “the real world” may be a whole lot of work, come check out Runway to Success Wednesday, April 6 at 8pm in the Falcon’s Nest to learn that there really is “More Than One Way to Work It!”

Samantha Zastrow
2011 Runway to Success Coordinator

Halverson for Student Senate president

Student Senate elections are upon us once again. Don’t forget to check your University email account on the morning of April 4. You will receive a link to the voting page.

As you know, there are many candidates running for different positions. I would like to focus on the race for President. Having known Tyler Halverson for almost four years now, I cannot think of a better candidate than him. He clearly has the most experience, as he is serving his fourth term. He really does care about the campus community. In addition, he has been an effective leader as chair of the Club Sports Allocation Board.

Unfortunately, the accuracy and quality of his challenger’s work leaves something to be desired. His challenger has shown little to no interest in what he is doing. Also, he has not maintained good contact with organizations that truly needed help. Finally, he does not care about the concerns of some student senators.

You do have a choice in next week’s elections. I hope you stand with me and support Tyler Halverson for Student Senate President.

Michael Leonard
Student

Do you have something to say?

Write a letter to the editor:
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Lifestyle Enthusiast on the town:

Visits to cultural sights could give you a newfound taste of elegance



Christopher Pagels
Columnist

A man that visits this teashop is either secure in his masculinity or draws the risk of his sexual orientation coming into question. That’s why I only go to Aprille’s Shower tea shop if I have female company. This Sunday was to be our Epic Sunday, being a most highly classy affair. This place is a clash between English tea time and a five year-old girl’s tea party with all of her stuffed animals and fanciful hats. In fact, the Red Hat societies (women fifty years and older who obviously wear red hats and other gaudy clothing even if it doesn’t suit them) frequently visit this black hole of cuteness, which isn’t black at all, but wrapped exclusively in red, white, and pink lacing and crochets.

We partook of the “light luncheon:” bottomless pots of tea, the soup of the day (a celery concoction with cornbread madelaine), a croissant sandwich with some finger sandwiches, topped off by a scone with Devonshire cream, all served on fine china on a flower-speckled table cloth. I had Smashley wear one of the fancy hats; there is a rack of women’s hats that were no doubt worn by high society around the earlier part of the 20th

century, Smashley chose a black boa. Quality over quantity was stressed in the presentation of our English meal leaving us thoroughly satisfied.

We stepped up our culture by going to a wine tasting at the Chateau St. Croix Winery north of St. Croix Falls, but first we stopped to look at a house on Hazel Street in Stillwater that looked like a Piet Mondrian painting. I’m surprised we didn’t have our pinkies cocked during the whole day. I had wanted to go to the Chateau ever since I wrote a paper about viniculture (the science of wine making). Passing through the Wisconsin countryside the winery makes many people do a double take, because of its splendor and many roofs. It

doesn’t seem to match with the many trailer parks that are a staple of northern Wisconsin. The winery itself has the look of a large sweeping French Manor with rolling green meadows beside it. The tour of the winery consisted of as many steps to walk to the end of the dorm hall’s bathroom and back. The tour guide, who also doubled as the winery’s salesman, talked as fast as an auctioneer. He told us the origin of the word bung hole, which is the hole at the top of a barrel where the plug is placed. Smashley and I observed the five S’s (sight, smell, swirl, sip, and spit; or swallow in our case) as we tried the Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, the Ice

Wine, a Syrah, a Chardonnay, and the Frontenac Port. My world was mildly blown when I tried this fruity wine that is fortified with brandy. I had always heard of British sea captains having port in their cabins and just always assumed that this was some sort of hard liquor consumed to get over the rough seas for the day.

Now that we were fortified with a little wine we went to Interstate state park in St. Croix Falls. This was during the first melt of the year before we were spoiled with that unwelcomed snow dump. We walked along the bluff watching big swatches of ice smash into the stubborn net of ice not yet broken up yet, like a modern day version of all those logs that were sent down the river in the 19th century into those log jams. We spoke of our respective summers we would be spending in Alaska and how, if fate would have it, we would meet up there.

We wrapped up this incredibly fancy day by dressing up for Denny’s. I wore my Italian hand-knit olive-green suit and she a beautiful brown dress of denim with huge wooden hoop earrings. This time we chose quantity over quality with the food selection (not so classy), but our attire was satisfaction enough for an epic ending to our Sunday.

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STUDENT VOICES

What do you think of Jason Derulo coming to UWRF?

Brian Deford, senior



“I think they could have picked someone better because it’s a waste of money in my opinion.”



Chris Rohling, sophomore

“I probably won’t be seeing him because I’m not a big fan of his music.”

Courtney Brown, junior



“I’m really excited. I plan on going and I already bought my ticket.”



Andrea Ihrke, sophomore

“I think it’s exciting to bring someone in like that. It’ll be big for the campus.”

Amanda Aakre, junior



“I’m excited for it but I wish it wasn’t on Cinco de Mayo.”



Samantha Powell, senior

“At first, I wasn’t that excited because I wasn’t the biggest fan, but I’ve started listening to his music now and I like him a lot more. And he’s cute.”

Adenike Mustapha, junior



“He’s a main stream artist, probably the biggest one we’ve had at UWRF.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

Oppression at UWRF — everybody needs food to survive.

Dear Intelligent UWRF Student Voice Readers, The concept of oppression is a big concept to wrap your head around, especially when it’s happening on your campus. But it’s obvious to those who are being oppressed, I should probably back up right now and say that oppression can be defined as “marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior”. In layman’s terms, it means denying one group of individuals due to a trait that they have in common.

Where this comes into context is that the Food Science major is being suspended at UWRF. Any student that is admitted to the program, including a change of major within the next year must contractually be allowed to graduate with their chosen major within a reasonable period of time. The documentation for the suspension of the major does not require any data as an analytical approach. This contradicts the University’s Core Value of “Continual Improvement” defined as “We strive for excellence through decisions based on information and analysis”.

The document does not allow for the opinion of the minority opinion to be heard- and as there is little support from the department with a Food Science faculty of smaller numbers, there has been very little support to have the opinion of those in the major to be heard. At an open forum on Monday, March 28th the Dean of CAFES stated that he met with students two years ago. What was failed to mention was that those students had to fight to get into his office to try to talk to him, and

that there has not been a continued source of communication between students and administration throughout the process. It has yet to be officially announced to students that their major has gone through the channels of being suspended.

The suspension document has been signed by the Animal and Food Science Department Chair all the way up to the Provost and Chancellor. The Chancellor has stated that he had to “take off his hat as an analytical chemist and disregard his training and sign it because it reached him through the appropriate channels”. This sounds similar to that saying of “If everyone jumped off of a bridge, would you do it too?” Normally, I am able to say that I am quite proud to be a Falcon, but when events such as this occur, without looking at data, especially that there is a proven growth in the industry within the last few years, despite an economic downturn, and that Wisconsin is one of the largest employers of the Food Industry, I feel ashamed. This is supposed to be an Institute of Higher Learning, not an Institute of Student Oppression.

Andrew Sisulak
Food Science Club Treasurer & Food Science Major

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Softball team readies for conference play

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The UW-River Falls softball team returned home from the Rebel Spring Games in Florida with a 2-8 performance, pushing their overall record to 5-9.

After dropping their first three games of the tournament, the Falcons finally found the stroke in game four defeating the College of St. Benedict with a final score of 3-1.

Head coach Jody Gabriel said that while the tournament turned out disappointing results, the coaching staff got a good look at what the team is made of.

“Our trip to Florida did not end up as we had hoped as far as our record goes,” Gabriel said. “But we learned a lot about our team and played well over all.”

Gabriel said that the games could have gone either way, with a couple losses coming at the expense of only a few runs or less.

“Five of our losses were one-run games,” Gabriel said. “And we played well against some of the top teams in the nation.”

A 4-0 win over Roger Williams in the Rebel Spring Games was highlighted by the combined shutout pitching of Rose Tusa and Nikki Osmonson.

Tusa threw the first six innings, allowing two hits in the process.

With Florida behind them, Gabriel said that the team now looks to dominate conference play and ultimately win a title.

“We try to have a good time while still competing at a very high level.”

“Our goal is to win the conference,” Gabriel said. “And with some hard work and a good team, that goal is attainable.”

Gabriel added that the WIAC looks tough this season, with stiff competition coming from some of the top teams in the conference.

“At this point, it looks like Whitewater and Lacrosse will be the toughest competition,” Gabriel said.

The Falcons are coming off of a season that saw them go 24-16, including a 9-7 record in the WIAC.

Gabriel said she thinks that this team can go a long way if they work hard and dedicate themselves to the little things.

“From a coaching standpoint, I hope to help this team realize their potential on and off the field,” Gabriel said. “

Gabriel stressed that the Falcons are about more than simply wins and losses.

“We try to focus on learning life lessons along with softball lessons,” Gabriel said. “We try to have a good time while still competing at a very high level.”

On March 26 and 27 the Falcons played three games in Moline, Illinois. On March 26 the Falcons defeated Augustana 4-1 behind 12 strikeouts by Tusa.

The Falcons split their Saturday games losing 6-2 to Coe College, then bouncing back to defeat Wartburg College 4-0 with a 17 strike-out game by Tusa.

The Falcons start their conference season April 2 with a doubleheader at UW-La Crosse.



March Madness equals big profits for NCAA and schools

Ashley Goettl
Columnist

With all eyes glued to the television sets during the NCAA’s Division I Men’s Basketball tournament, it is easy to be caught up in the action and excitement of the games. While flipping through channels, it is hard to find a station that is either not playing a game or showing a commercial that portrays a partnership with the NCAA.

According to statistics published in the March 28 edition of Newsweek, the NCAA gets \$185 million from sponsorships alone. Just think of all the other outlets for revenues, which include, but are not limited to, tickets, merchandise and food consumed at or during the games. According to Newsweek, it is estimated that 624 gallons of nacho cheese will be consumed at the Final Four in Houston.

The dollar amounts can be mind-boggling as the field of 68 teams is whittled down. Just ask a man from Ohio who was slapped with a \$16 million cable bill (Time Warner is working to solve the problem, but he stated, “all I wanted to do was watch March Madness”).

The NCAA, the governing body for the tournament and student-athletes, has much to gain during the tournament. The NCAA recently signed a 14-year agreement with CBS worth \$10.8 billion. This contract went strictly for the right to broadcast the games on the airwaves. But what about the revenue that is generated from television or advertisements? Where does that money go?

Does this money go directly to the schools, or who is the true benefactor of the \$122 billion that is spent over the 20 days of competition (research done by Lauren Streib of Newsweek).

According to the NCAA’s website, “The reality is that more than 96% of that money – which will be an average of \$740 million each year – goes to the NCAA conferences and schools. “We put our money where our mission is,” said Jim Isch, the NCAA’s chief operating officer. “Supporting student-athletes so they can be successful in the classroom and in life.”

As a student-athlete myself, it is very refreshing to see that the students and the schools are the benefactors of the generated spending that is equal to Iceland’s GDP (Newsweek). With the dollars and business aspect of sports, it can be hard to remember why these events are happening in the first place. With the national talks of budget cuts to education and athletics, it is important that these opportunities for competition are not taken away at any level for any sport, because they give student-athletes opportunities that cannot be found in the classroom.

If there is one thing that can be taken from this message, it is that there are many opportunities to support student-athletes, and that the benefits come back in ways that you or I may not even think of. Sure, it is exciting to cheer for the underdogs and to enjoy the competition for what it is. But next time you turn on your television, or support your local team, know that you are helping a group of student-athletes that are paving the way for the future. And for that, we thank you.

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Falcon Sports Wrap

Power Lifting

UW-River Falls junior Simon Klimesh will compete in the 2011 USA Weightlifting Collegiat Cahmpionships Saturday April 9, in Shreveport, LA. Klimesh, who competes in the 169 pound weight class, will look to improve on his seventh place finish at last year’s event.

Track and Field

The Falcon track and field teams open their outdoor season April 8-9 with the Falcon Invitational in River Falls. The Falcons had six athletes compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships with the men’s 4x400 relay team finishing seventh.

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Sunday, April 2
2 p.m. Softball @ UW-La Crosse (DH)

Friday, April 8
3 p.m. Track and Field @ Falcon Invitational in River Falls

Saturday, April 9
10 a.m. Track and Field @ Falcon Invitational
2 p.m. Softball @ UW-Platteville (DH)

Monday, April 11
4 p.m. Softball vs Hamline University (DH)

Wednesday, April 13
3:30 p.m. Softball @ UW-Stout (DH)
4 p.m. Tennis @ Bethel University

Friday, April 15
3 p.m. Track and Field @ UW-La Crosse
TBD Golf @ Blue Devil Open

Saturday, April 16
9 a.m. Tennis vs UW-Stevens Point
2 p.m. Softball @ UW-Superior (DH)
3 p.m. Tennis vs St. Mary’s University
TBD Golf vs Falcon Invitational



Sarah Hellier/Student Voice
Top: Falcon softball player Nicole Lubahn practices inside the Knowles Center as the Falcons gear up for the conference season beginning April 2. Bottom: Senior Dana Book catches an indoor bullpen session for the Falcons.

Increased tournament field ruining college basketball

Elwood Brehmer
Columnist

With Butler playing VCU on Saturday, an eight-seed or lower will play in the NCAA championship game for the first time since eighth-seeded Villanova won the National title game 26 years ago.

VCU is in the tournament only because the field was expanded this year. This is also the first year that neither a one or two-seed has not made the Final Four.

Many fans, pundits, and particularly coaches have lauded the expansion as a way to give more teams a chance to participate in the tournament. Subsequently, the proponents of a larger and larger tournament field point to the make-up of this years Final Four as a reason for further expansion, that 11-seed Virginia Commonwealth makes for a great story and gets fans excited about college basketball.

That couldn’t be further from the truth. The average fan has little feeling, good or bad, towards VCU and Butler.

Joe Rube may root for them when they are the underdog, but playing against each other, who cares who wins? No one picked either team to get this far so there is no betting interest. Virginia and Indiana will be the only ones watching.

When Duke plays Ohio State at least Joe Rube has built emotions over time to love or hate a given team. He picks sides and watches.

Admittedly, Connecticut and Kentucky are traditional basketball powers on the other

side of the bracket and give Championship weekend some history. However, only one of those teams will play for a trophy on Monday.

The Championship has already lost the mass appeal it would’ve had if Kansas or Florida had won and would be playing in it. CBS is losing out on ratings. Butler and VCU deserve credit; they have made the most of the opportunity given to them. But neither team would have beaten Kansas or Florida in a seven-game series. That point warrants little argument. The best teams rarely win a tournament in a one-game format.

This means to get the best product on the biggest stage the tournament should be retracted. I say to 32 teams. I want to see NBA prospects playing each other, not a couple teams comprised of six-foot jumpshooters.

The same goes for those in favor of a playoff in major college football. Nobody wanted to see 8-4 Connecticut play in the Fiesta Bowl already. Expand to a playoff and Auburn will play Marshall in the first game. No thank you. I’ll take Auburn versus Oregon or LSU instead. Expanding anything dilutes the product.

I was recently at the original Famous Dave’s restaurant in Hayward, Wis. Fantastic. The ribs were smoky and the cornbread was moist. The food is very good at their Famous Dave’s franchises, but it doesn’t compare.

The restaurant chain expanded and the food quality slipped a bit. So, if you do bother to watch the Final Four ask your self this, ‘Do I want good food or great food?’

Elwood is a senior journalism student originally from River Fall. He tries to write about topics from a slightly offbeat perspective. Outside of school he typically dreams about fishing, then goes fishing, daydreams while he is fishing about what he is going to cook when he gets home, then cooks. That is, unless the Packers are on.

‘The Hangover’ star Bradley Cooper shines in ‘Limitless’

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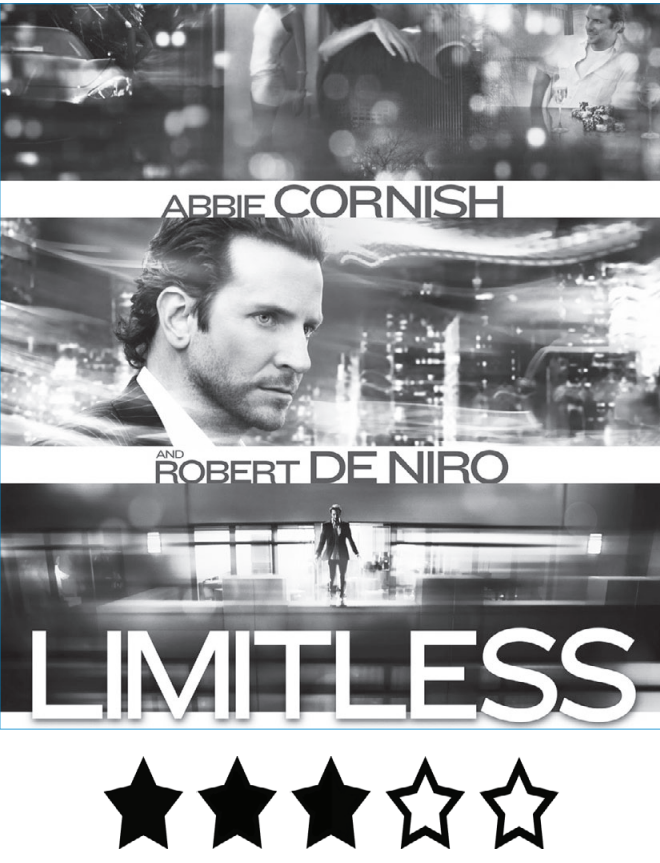
Columnist

Bradley Cooper has had a massive rise of success in the film industry since his role in “The Hangover,” but is he able to pull off a more serious performance in “Limitless?” Cooper plays Eddie Mora, a writer in a slump who runs

into his ex-brother-in-law that has a drug that can help Eddie dig deep into his mind. This mysterious drug opens up the large percentage of our brains that we are unable to access, but now Eddie can. With this new train of thought Eddie turns almost super human as he is now able to remember everything he has either heard or seen. Once the high wears off Eddie realizes that he must get more.

After he gets his hands on more of the drug, NZT, he has a meteoric rise to the point where he is working on Wall Street and is making millions of dollars in mere weeks. His life is on such a high that there is only so much more he can do before his world comes crashing down on him. He soon meets Carl Van Loon (Robert DeNiro) who wants Eddie to help make a merger between Van Loon and another top corporate business head that would be the biggest the world has ever seen. At this point Eddie runs out of his stash of drugs, gets

his ex-girlfriend involved in his messed up life and messes with a gangster who will do anything to get more NZT. It may have seemed like I summed up the downfall of the movie quickly, and that is because I did. In “Limitless,” there is a lot of emphasis on the rise of the struggling writer, but the fall quickly culminates in a few action sequences that help turn this pretty good thriller into a bad action movie. “Limitless” is good for one reason, Bradley Cooper. He is wonderfully cast as a smart, funny guy that you can’t help but cheer for even though not everything he is doing is right. He had me sucked in from the opening credits until the screen went black. The thriller aspect works but sometimes the film has awkward camera angles that cut a little too often so you are really unable feel what you are watching on screen. I just realized I forgot to mention DeNiro and the rest of the supporting cast, well that is because they were underutilized and practically non-existent in this movie. DeNiro’s character is one sided as a plain jane business man with no real devious side to him. You don’t get to see the legendary DeNiro at his best here, not even close. Also Cooper’s relationship with his ex-girlfriend Lindy (Abbie Cornish) is built to about the minimalist standard a connection between two romantic characters can be. Overall, “Limitless” has an original story that works well with a few back stories that don’t. Why did they not explain anything about the gangster who steals Eddie’s NZT? I don’t know either.



The Strokes blow fans away with newest album ‘Angles’



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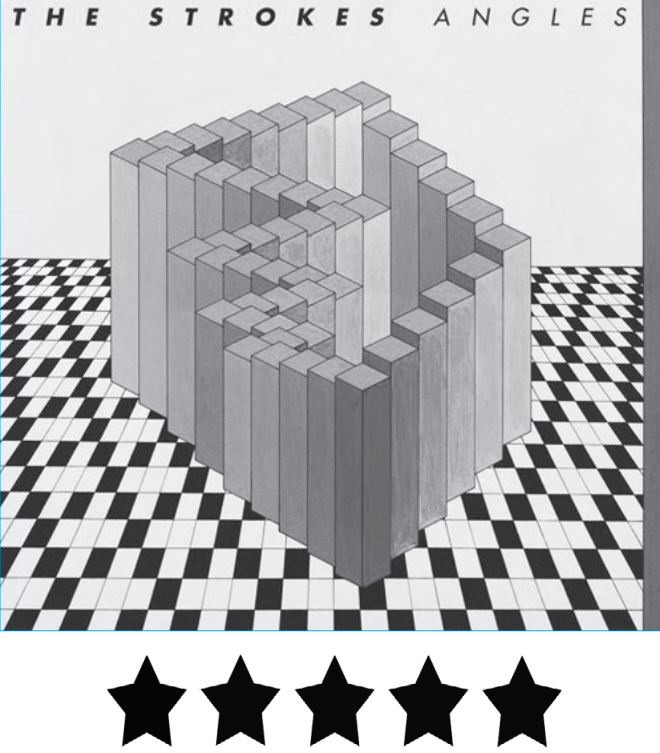
release “Angles,” The Strokes definitely seem to have gotten back on track with their early music career success. “Angles” initially comes off as what seems to be a refreshed and revitalized version of the classic sounds that made fans fall for the group.

Believe it or not, it’s been five years already since the last album release from the once unstoppable pop/rock band The Strokes. Back in 2001, The Strokes hit the music scene like wildfire, made fans crave their entrancing pop melodies and fall in love with Julian Casablancas’s vocals. Simply put, these guys were deemed the band of the future, with many critics saying they could simply do no wrong. Despite several album releases after their hit premiere album “Is This It,” it seemed this group kind of simply fell off the face of the earth for a while and made avid fans like myself truly ponder what had happened. Five years had quickly gone past and not much was felt of their presence, until recently. With their fourth album

I was once told all good things are worth waiting for and certainly see the relevance here, as despite the wait, this album is brilliant. With this new album, my first exposure was actually over the radio with the instant classic “Under Cover Of Darkness” and, at first, I almost needed to do a double take at what I was hearing. I was entirely blown away. This song grabs the listeners’ attention immediately by the enticing guitar melodies, the playful lyrics and Julian Casablancas’s vo-

cals. It just seems to be ‘that’ song destined to be stuck in your head and on repeat on your iPod. Other highlights include the album opener “Machu Picchu,” “Taken For A Fool,” “Call Me Back,” and undoubtedly “Life Is Simple In The Moonlight.” Both “Machu Picchu” and “Call Me Back” offer a rather modest and subtle approach to the normal awesomely loud, guitar-dominated catchy riffs The Strokes tend to take with most of their music. These songs are much more mellow and relaxed than normal, and offer a nice refreshing view of The Strokes. “Taken For A Fool” is the fun, punky, and catchy classic Strokes kind of song we have all come known to love. Finally, “Life Is Simple In The Moonlight” is a perfect way to end the album, being a nice mix of both

new and old aspects of The Strokes musical personalities showing a awesome glance at the future of what may be to come, and reminding the listener of where they started. The song is an epic, mellow pop song, and in my mind acts as a ‘cliffhanger’ for the audience, leaving them wanting more and interested to hear what is next for The Strokes. Even though we fans had to wait five years for this new album “Angles,” it was well worth the wait and I for one hope The Strokes are back in the limelight for good.



Rylen Kliesser is a laid back biology student at UW-River Falls. He is hoping to become a well known biologist and teacher.

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A look at Student Senate candidates

All 15 candidates on the 2011-2012 ballot answer questions about elections

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The UW-River Falls Student Senate candidates for the 2011-2012 academic year have identified themselves and the official list has been presented. These candidates have started campaigns for the general elections, which will be held from April 4 at 8 a.m. and will close on April 5 at 4 p.m.

Of the fifteen people running, there are two presidential candidates and two vice-presidential candidates. The candidates running are allowed to run for as many positions as they are eligible for. For example, a student must be studying from the same college that they are representing, said Elections Chair Patrick Okan.

Each of the students running for election were asked four questions pertaining to Student Senate and their candidacy.

What is your past experience with student government?
How many student senate meetings have you attended?
If elected, what do you wish to reform and work on?
Why are you running for Senate?



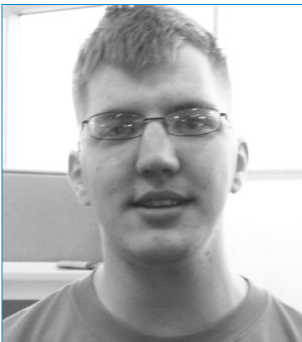
Jason Keck, running for: President and At-Large position

1. In the fall of 2010, Keck served as vice president to Leigh Monson. After Monson stepped down in the spring of 2011, he has been serving as interim president.

2. Prior to running for for Senate, Keck attended “some meetings”. He has not missed a meeting since the beginning of his term.

3. Primary goals: maintain effectiveness and order over Student Senate; increase student involvement; continue strong relations with the faculty and staff; and to address the increase of student tuition and the construction of the Health and Human Performance building (H&HP).

4. “I want to see UWRF seen as a positive and well-run university by the UW System,” said Keck on why he is running for office. “I want to shed a positive light on this campus and I think that I have a lot to offer for its future.”



Tyler Halverson, running for: President, College of Education and Professional Studies Representative, At-Large position

1. With the exception of the first 30 days at UWRF, Halverson has been serving on Student Senate. He has held many positions including first-year representative, chair of the Club Sports Allocation Board (CSAB), Allocable Fees Appropriation Board, and Student Affairs and Academic Service.

2. He started coming to Senate meetings since the fall of 2007, in that time, he has not missed many meetings.

3. Primary goals: to be more vocal to the administration about tuition increases and state budget concerns, invest in supplementing student activities, to address student issues by putting student organizations on a more even “playing field” and lifting the requirement of sophomore on-campus living.

4. “I definitely have some ideas about what direction to take this senate,” said Halverson on why he is running for president. “There is nothing new to this spectrum of goals, except I am really going to get fired up about them.”



Ashley Goettl, running for: Vice President, At-Large position

1. Goettl is currently vice president of Student Senate, previously the Shared Governance director, and a first-year representative.

2. She has been attending Student Senate meetings for the past year and a half.

3. Primary goals: getting funding for the H&HP building, help with the Ramer Field renovations, advocate for student organizations and make sure organizations have what is needed to be successful.

4. “I want to be a voice for student organizations and represent the student body as best as I can,” Goettl said. “I have a broad range background because I come from many different organizations, such as athletics, media, and students orgs.”



Ryan Bartsch, running for: Vice President, At-Large position

1. Bartsch has no student government experience.

2. He has never been to a Student Senate meeting.

3. Primary goals: the new HH&P building proposal; the football field, running track, and bleacher renovations; and is open to anything else that people may need help with. Bartsch has an emphasized interest in athletic representation.

4. “I have always been interested in Student Senate, but I never took that step into that direction,” Bartsch said. “But after my football team meeting I was really pushed into wanting to do it.”



Jayne Dalton, running for: College of Arts and Sciences Representative, At-Large position

1. Joined Student Senate in the spring of 2010, as a Greek representative. This year, she has served as Student Affairs and Academic Services Director.

2. Has missed one Senate meeting in a year and a half due to illness.

3. Having enjoyed working on Student Senate so far, her primary goal is to work on communication from Senate with the students.

4. “I’m running (for Student Senate) because it’s a higher calling for public service, to put it in a nutshell,” Dalton said. “This really is far reaching and I have the chance to work on something far greater than myself.”

Joseph Hamblin, running for: College of Arts and Sciences Representative, At-Large position (no picture available)

1. Hamblin has no previous experience with student government but became interested in it after being introduced to it in a class.

2. He has never been to a Student Senate meeting.

3. Being new to student government, Hamblin does not have any specific issues he wants to address. However, he said he thinks that will be an asset because he will have a fresh look at all issues presented.

4. “I am running for Senate because I believe that I will be able to help my fellow students by making good decisions on issues facing this school,” Hamblin said.



Asher Heer, running for: At-Large position

1. Heer is currently acting as a First-Year Representative and chair of the Ethics Committee on Student Senate.

2. Over the past year, he has missed two Senate meetings.

3. Primary goal: continuing work on the Ethics Committee.

4. “I really like politics and I am in this for the experience,” Heer said. “I want to represent the student populous.”



Tyler Latz, running for: At-Large position

1. Latz has been on Student Senate, first as an At-Large senator and is currently the director of the Diversity and Inclusivity Issues Committee.

2. He has not missed a Senate meeting for his entire term in office.

3. Primary goals: Improving communication with the student body, properly funding student organizations, and would like to put wheelchairs in some of the campus buildings.

4. “I am running because this last year has been a good experience- better than I thought it would be,” Latz said. “I want to be a voice for the students. This year has been interesting and I want to keep shaking it up a bit.”



Aaron Mehan, running for: At-Large position

1. Mehan has no student government experience.

2. He has never been to a Student Senate meeting.

3. Primary goal: addressing the H&HP building proposal. He is also open to addressing any other concerns presented to him.

4. “We had a meeting with our football team and talked about how athletics really isn’t represented that much,” said Mehan, on why he was running for Student Senate.



Connor Sparks, running for: College of Business and Economics Representative, At-Large position

1. Sparks has no student government experience.

2. He has never been to a Student Senate meeting.

3. Primary goal: to represent CBE on a greater scale than previous years.

4. “I love politics and I love debate,” said Sparks. “I am very hard working and I hope to bring my fiery personality to Student Senate, to breakdown issues, and debate them.”



Jessica Pett, running for: Non-Traditional, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences Representative, At-Large position

1. Pett does not have any student government experience, however, has held leadership positions in the past while serving in the Army.

2. She has never attended a Senate meetings, but said she has a good idea about what goes on at the meetings based on what she has heard at the College Republicans meetings.

3. Primary goal: making Student Senate more visible to the rest of campus.

4. “I am a non-traditional student and I have another side of the story that most don’t have,” said Pett, on why she is running for Student Senate.



Allison Riske, running for: At-Large position

1. Riske joined Student Senate this spring after being asked to fill one of the vacancies.

2. She started attending meetings when she joined Senate this spring.

3. Primary goals: to give students a voice and to oversee the funding of club sports.

4. “I really want to have a voice on the funding of CSAB,” said Riske, on why she is running for Student Senate.



Trevor Semann, running for: At-Large position

1. Semann has no student government experience.

2. He has never been to a Student Senate meeting.

3. Primary goal: to get better funding for the athletics of UWRF and the promotion of the H&HP building.

4. “I play football and Coach told us that he would like some athletes to be on Student Senate,” Semann said. “It doesn’t hurt to try.”



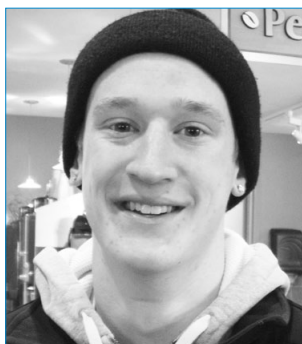
Carlan Strand, running for: At-Large position

1. Strand has no student government experience, however, has been actively communicating with current Senators about expressing his viewpoint.

2. He has “been to a couple” of meetings and tries to stay informed on what is going on within Senate.

3. Primary goals: to make sure that Senate is fiscally responsible, protect the rights of students, help the university move forward with education and building projects, such as the new H&HP building.

4. “In short, I am running for Student Senate because I believe the University should be in the hands of the students that are paying tuition and not in the hands of the overbearing administrators,” Strand said. “Students are the heart and soul of the University and therefore need their voices heard.”



Oliver White, running for: At-Large position

1. White has some student government experience from when he was on his high school’s Student Senate. He is currently on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

2. Still trying to learn his way around campus, he has never been to a Senate meeting.

3. Primary goal: bring attention to the athletics department and looking into the considerations of the financial aspects of the University.

4. “I am really interested in the process of Student Senate and if elected, I hope to learn and help everyone else,” White said. “I am pretty outspoken and I think that I can help get my voice and other peoples voices heard.”

Senate elections will be held on April 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students are advised to check their University email for a link to vote.