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Students elect Halverson, Goettl as new Senate leaders

Student found dead in res. hall

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After weeks of campaigning and 32 hours of open polls, the UW-River Falls Student Senate election process for the next academic year is over and students have a new president.

The presidential race was close, but Tyler Halverson beat Jason Keck with 52 percent of the votes, while Keck had 43 percent. Elections Commissioner Patrick Okan said the remaining 29 votes

were “write ins.”

Halverson and Okan both said that they were pleased to see clean and ethical campaigns.

“I think that this year really laid the ground work with how elections should be run next year,” added Halverson.

Consistent with his campaign, Halverson said that he has a strong goal to keep tuition affordable and to treat students fairly. Within his proposal of fair treatment, he wants to author

some legislation that would include dues paying organizations with all other student organizations.

Keck, who is the current interim Senate president, lost the election by 54 votes, said [the election] “didn’t go how I wanted it to go, but everything will work out in the end.”

“Jason did extremely well, he had a hard job filling in so quickly after Leigh stepped down,” said Vice President Ashley Goettl. “We are going to miss him as president”

Keck, who was elected into an At-large position, said he plans on applying for a dictatorship next year.

One of the prospects he plans on continuing to pursue is addressing the sophomore on campus housing requirement.

Goettl said she is also “really happy” for the new president because Halverson is the most experienced senator on the Senate and that he has earned his place

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A female student was found dead Thursday morning in her room in Prucha Hall, according to Special Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry.

The death is under investigation by the River Falls Police Department and Sgt. Jon Aubart is leading the investigation, said Chief of University Police Richard Trende.

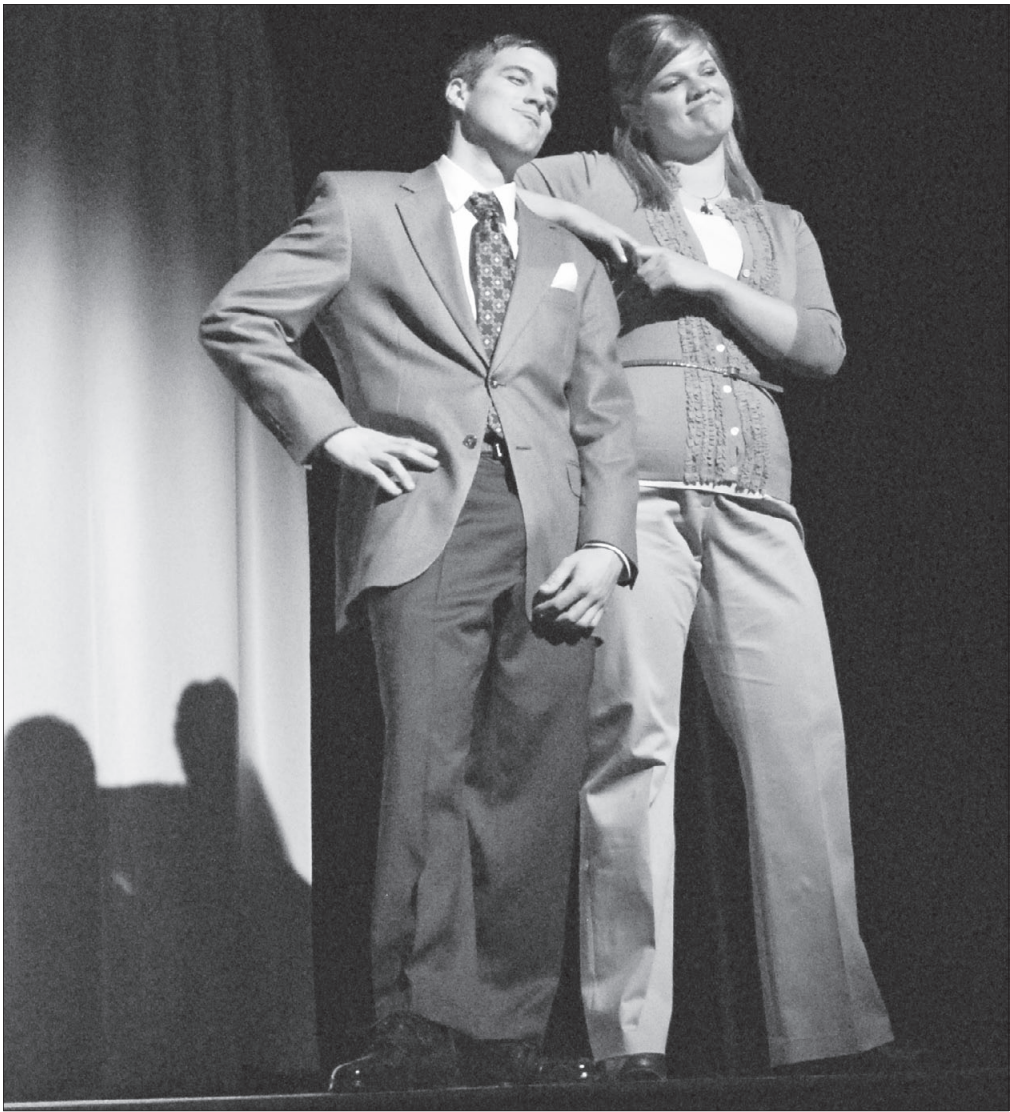
At press time, officials still had not released her name or any other information regarding the death. The RFPD is taking the lead on the case, and once they inform university administrators that the family was notified, the

name will be released.

A meeting was planned for university staff at 3 p.m. Thursday, Fry said. Students living in Prucha were notified shortly after the death was reported. The primary concern of the meeting is to figure out how to deal with the death in the best way possible, such as counseling students closest to her.

Prucha Hall, located in the west area of campus near Hagestad Hall, is a three-story all female residence hall that houses around 200 students.

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Runway to Success

Sally King/Student Voice

Career Services sponsored Runway to Success event held Wednesday at the Falcon’s Nest. The event was held to teach students the importance of dressing your best for interviews and professional settings. Students demonstrated what to wear and what not to wear to make a lasting impression.

Residence hall event takes trip to the past

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Resident assistances and hall managers from Johnson and May residence hall will be putting on an all-campus event Tuesday that harkens back to the 1920s.

The event, called Speakeasy, is a new theme for the staff of Johnson and May Hall who traditionally put on the Hallapalooza event.

In the beginning of every school year, the RA’s and the hall council executive board in each hall decide whether they would like to put on an event for the campus.

Other residence halls put on events such as Grimm Hall’s Haunted Hall and McMillan and Stratton Hall’s event, Fall Ball.

RA David Peschman said programs and events sponsored by residence halls are very ambitious and take several months of planning.

Staff members from Johnson and May hall have been planning the Speakeasy event since mid November and have over 50 volunteers to help coordinate and put on the event.

Usually the residence halls put on events for the individual halls, said Peschman, but this all-campus event will include others on campus, hopefully bridging the gap between students living in the residence halls and those that don’t, Peschman said.

UWRF student Michelle Sailor is the chair of the advertising and promotions committee for the Speakeasy event and said that those involved in planning the event wanted to try

something different. Sailor said that the main purpose of the Speakeasy event is to have fun.

Sailor said the event is also a way for students to learn about the 1920s.

Sailor said that the decorations will be themed around the 1920s and attendees that want to participate in the costume contest must know how people dressed in the 1920s to have a chance at winning a prize.

Even though a speakeasy in the 1920s was a place that sold alcohol during the prohibition, Sailor wanted to clarify that there will be no alcohol served at the event.

A password, which was often required to enter speakeasies in the 1920s, is required to enter the Falcon’s Nest where UW-River Falls student and DJ Abel Johnson will be spinning music.

Sailor said that the password can be found on the event posters that are hung up throughout campus.

One of the first stages in planning this event was coming up with a budget and getting the funding, Peschman said.

The Residence Hall Association and the individual hall council fund contributed around \$3,000 for the event, he said.

Some of the costs include paying for the musicians, decorations, advertising and the food.

The food, which is catered by Sodexo, costs around \$1,000.

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Job market poses challenges for grads

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Paul Odeen graduated from UW-River Falls in December with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

Now he spends his days helping shoppers and working in the backroom at Target.

Odeen, 24, has joined the ranks of other recent college graduates who are searching for full-time work in their chosen field.

Armed only with a degree and little real-world experience, the task can be difficult.

So far Odeen has not received any replies from potential employers.

Speaking specifically about students from the UWRF College of Business and Economics, Department Chair Hamid Tabesh said the challenges for graduates are real.

“The job market for our graduates is not as strong as it used to be prior to the 2007 or 2008 period,” Tabesh said. “The job market is tighter now, so they do have a harder time to find jobs.”

But there is some hope.

According to the latest figures released by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, unemployment in the U.S. fell slightly in March to 8.8 percent, and is down by more than one percent from this time last year.

For college graduates, the outlook is even brighter. The

unemployment rate for those with a bachelor’s degree is 4.4 percent, or half that of the general labor force.

Although the economy is showing signs of improvement, Tabesh recommended that students build up their resumes as much as possible.

“They have to really be stronger students,” Tabesh said. “They have to do well for employers to want to hire you.”

Tabesh said this means building strong communication skills, being trained in the art of interviewing and creating a rounded portfolio with extracurricular activities like internships.

“Students with internship experience have had a better chance of getting jobs than those who have not,” Tabesh said.

UWRF alumna Rachel Carlson said internships were vital to her success after graduation.

Carlson, 24, graduated in December 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in marketing communications.

She was required to have an internship for her major, which she completed in the marketing department of a local grocery chain. She continues to work in that department part-time.

“I feel really thankful to get that, because it put me into a position where I could use what I learned in school,” Carlson said.

Odeen, whose major did not require an internship, said that he regrets not seeking one out prior to graduating.

“I wish I would have tried getting an internship,” he said. “Something to get my foot in the door somewhere so I wasn’t running around trying to find something now.”

Besides internships, it is also helpful for students to build a network of associates from whom they can glean opportunities.

“The networking is so important,” said Brian Schultz, the assistant dean of the College of Business and Economics. “You never quite know what those connections will lead to.”

Schultz recommended that students make use of the Career Services Office at UWRF.

According to its website, Career Services gives students “expertise, resources and support” to “empower individuals to make and implement well-conceived career/life plans.” This includes a variety of free assistance programs like career counseling, electronic job postings and special events to prepare students for job interviews.

One such event, the Mock Interview Day, will be held on April 13.

It gives students an opportunity to conduct a 30-minute interview with a real employer to practice their skills, according to the Career Services website.

Carlson said she regrets not participating in mock interviewing the most.

“That’s a really cool service, and not enough people take advantage of that,” Carlson said. “I wish I did that.”

Senior music majors prepare for recitals

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Music students at UW-River Falls are required to perform a recital during their senior year, and begin preparing for them at the start of their freshman year.

“Senior recitals are usually the capstone experience for music students, they are representing their solo work,” said Music Department Chair David Milne. “They have been working for four to five years preparing their solo work. Over the course of their study they select individual pieces that they feel are representative and that are also challenging to them.”

John Kleppe has played the trumpet since fourth grade. He is required to play in his recital on April 10 in order to graduate.

“For the recital I am required to have thirty minutes of music. I have to have at least one ensemble piece and the rest is solo literature,” Kleppe said. “Before I can perform I have to pass a pre-recital, in that I have to play the entire recital for three music faculty and they decide whether I pass or fail. If I pass I can give the recital. I also need to write a program and get it printed, and I have to advertise for the recital.”

Matt Van Gundy has played acoustic guitar since he was 13 years old, but then switched to classical when he was 16. He has been playing classical ever since.

“I am nervous,” Van Gundy said. “You have to practice. A lot. I have to memorize about an hour of music. It takes a lot of discipline to play in front of people without your hands shaking or forgetting notes. I am also exited because I graduate after this.”

Music students are required to take private lessons on their chosen instrument as part of their degree.

“My role in preparing a student for their senior recital is largely helping them to choose appropriate and varied music to perform, and then working with them individually to understand and perform that music at a high level,” Assistant Professor Dr. Roger McVey said. “I also help them prepare for the experience of performing. It is a scary experience to get up in front of an audience and perform, even for professionals. It is a high-pressure situation.”

McVey has been working with Kevin Bruggenthies individually on piano for the past four years.

“Kevin has been working

very hard on his senior recital program. I am immensely proud of his progress and I know that he’s going to do a great job,” McVey said. “What I enjoy most is seeing the tremendous musical growth and development of a student from their freshman to their senior year. After working closely with a student continuously for four years, you get to know them very well and participate in their transformation from teenager to adult. I feel very honored to be a part of that process, and to pass on the knowledge that my teachers generously gave to me.”

As the applied instructor, Dr. Thomas Barnett helps with selecting literature and recital preparation. He also has helped with Kleppe’s trumpet recital.

“Applied lessons can be very challenging, and even frustrating at times, for both teacher and student,” Barnett said. “When the senior recital comes to fruition, all of the past challenges and issues clearly become the stepping-stones that led to the student’s success. Simply put, their weaknesses become their strengths. Seeing this enthusiasm and growth in my students is what makes me excited to come to work.”



Sally King/Student Voice

Matt Van Gundy is one of four graduating music majors that are scheduled to perform senior recitals this semester. Van Gundy specializes in classical guitar.

Senate Shorts

From the April 5 Student Senate meeting:

- The Student Affairs Safety Walk will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 13. The walk will be followed by a Q and A session at 9 p.m.
- The Student Senate passed a proposal to disapprove the UW-System Board of Regents Policy 24-2 and UW-River Falls Administrative Policy Paper 26, which requires most sophomores to live on campus. It was, therefore, resolved that Student Senate would take action against those regulations.
- The Student Senate decided to not accept the UW-System Student Representative Constitution.

Voice Shorts

2011-2012 Student Parking 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
- Juniors (60-89 completed credits): Beginning April 18
- Sophomores (30-59 completed credits): Beginning April 25
- Returning Freshmen (29 or less completed credits): Beginning May 2
- Incoming Students: Beginning June 20

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

Finals Fest: Win tickets to Jason Derulo

Enter your name into a drawing between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today in the U.C. to win tickets to Jason Derulo. The winner will be announced today at the Preston Pugmire concert at 9 p.m. in the Falcon’s Nest at the University Center. Must be present to win.

Health and Human Performance 5k race

Presented by the HHP club, the 5k race will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 30. To pre-register, fill out a form in the HHP office at Karges Center. The cost is \$20 and includes a t-shirt. If registering the day of the race, the cost is \$25.

Financial aid office: Time to apply is now

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Students seeking financial aid are urged to apply as soon as possible if they want to receive the greatest amount available, said Barbara Stinson, the UW-River Falls director of financial aid.

Students could begin applying for aid for the 2011-2012 academic year starting Jan. 1, 2011, and have until June 30, 2012, to submit their applications, according to the Federal Student Aid website.

Although students can apply for aid at any time during the academic year, programs like the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant, or WHEG, can run out of funds well before the start of fall semester, Stinson said.

Grants such as WHEG and the federally funded Pell Grant provide money to students to help pay for college and do not need to be repaid.

Typically every student who qualifies for a Pell Grant will receive aid regardless of when they apply for it, but the funding for state grants like WHEG is more limited and given out on a first-come, first-serve basis, Stinson said.

Applying for financial aid at UWRF is a two-step process: Students must first complete their tax return, and then submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

“If ever there’s a reason to get your taxes done early, it’s while you’re in school,” Stinson said.

Students are allowed to use a previous tax return as an estimate to complete their FAFSA before filing their 2010 return, but it is not recommended

this late in the year. Students will need to complete their taxes by April 18 anyway, so they should do that first and complete their FAFSA using

accurate data, Stinson said.

The FAFSA can be filed on paper or online. If filed through the website, application processing can take as few as three days, compared to as many as 10 days for paper filing, according to the Federal Student Aid website.

One reason students may hesitate to apply for aid is the belief that they will not qualify for assistance.

But students are encouraged to apply for financial aid even if they do not expect to receive a grant, Stinson said.

“A lot of people think aid is only the gift money,” Stinson said. “But every single student, no matter how much money their parents make, qualifies at least for an unsubsidized loan.”

Unsubsidized loans provide students up to \$7,500 from the federal government to be repaid at a fixed interest rate of 6.8 percent, according to the UWRF Financial Aid website.

Students may also be discouraged from applying for aid because the process seems too complicated.

Joshua Jensen, a graduating marketing and communications senior at UWRF, applied for financial aid several times during his college career. Despite his experience with the process, Jensen said that he dreaded applying each year.

“You figure out how to do it, and then you forget,” Jensen said. “You have to relearn it every year.”

Stinson said that she recognizes the process of applying for aid is not very fun, but the potential benefits are worth the effort.

“You text probably more than 20 minutes a day,” Stinson said. “You could spend that much time to do a FAFSA just to see. You never know what you might qualify for.”

The electronic FAFSA application can be found on the Federal Student Aid website at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

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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Dance theater kicks off season finale

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Members of Dance Theatre will be hosting their annual Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 27, 28, 29 and 30 in the Blanche Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building.

The spring concert is a mix of 12 modern dance routines that are choreographed by directors, outside guest choreographers and student choreographers who are active in Dance Theatre on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls campus.

Dance Theatre is a modern dance company on campus that specializes in the contemporary theatrical style of dance that uses the entire body in expressive movements to display abstract ideas.

While other styles of dance are active on campus, Dance Theatre provides students with a chance to become a member of a dance company unlike any other.

“There is dance all over campus but there is nothing like the style of Dance Theatre,” said co-director Karla Zhe. “The goal of Dance Theatre is to present dance as a fine art.”

The organization has been active on the UWRF campus for almost 30 years and co-director Zhe has been helping the company progress since the beginning.

Every year the company holds auditions in September that are open to anyone on campus, the only requirement is that those trying out love to dance, according to the organizations

website.

This year there are 37 performing members of the dance company and 12 crew members.

“We’ve got accounting majors, animal science majors... just about any major you can think of and we have had all of them active in Dance Theatre,” Zhe said.

During the auditions guest choreographers come in to help create routines and then pick around 30 people to join the company.

Those auditioning that do not make the cut during the audition process are highly encouraged to remain active in Dance Theatre as a non-performer, said co-director Mari Kline-Kluck who is in her 12th year with the program.

Some people who have joined Dance Theatre late in their college career have still been able to enjoy the benefits of the developed program as an outlet of expression.

“Dance Theatre has opened my eyes to another form of expression for myself, it has become somewhat of an escape for me,” said senior math major Anthony Carlsen, who is performing his first year with the company.

For other members it is also a form of artistic expression. All four student choreographers said they had feelings that Dance Theatre has allowed them to express themselves in a new way outside of everyday life.

“I gather my artistic influences from watching people. People on campus, people in videos; everyday people inspire

dance,” said senior student choreographer and secondary education major Laura Chandler.

Because the company is the only outlet for modern dance on campus, members of the organization said they feel that it benefits campus because it helps people open their eyes to something new.

“Because it’s modern dance it exposes campus to something they might not see, it helps them be more open minded of things,” said senior student choreographer and elementary education major Kyra Scanlan.

This year the Spring Concert series has two professional choreographers coming in from the Twin Cities area, Kari Mosel and Bryan Godbout.

Both are members of multiple dance companies in the Twin Cities area and were hired by the directors of Dance Theatre to set their choreographed routines to the performing members of the organization.

Mosel received her BFA from the University of Minnesota.

In addition to performing Mosel serves as an administrative assistant for Shapiro and Smith Dance as well as Stuart Pimsler Dance and Theatre.

Godbout graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BFA in Dance and a second major in Theatre Arts. He was named in the Minneapolis Star Tribune as an up and coming dancer making his mark on the Twin Cities, according to Zhe.

Senate: New senators take office on April 26

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as president.

Goettl, who replaced Keck as vice president this spring, was elected to resume her current position next year, said Okan.

Halverson said he is happy for Goettl and said he thinks that the two of them will make a compatible team.

“For anyone that gets picked, I would encourage them to talk to who else was elected so that they can get to know each other now and begin next year with a running start,” said Okan.

“What I like about the results is that there is going to be a great group of people both new and old,” said Goettl. “It will be a great mix.”

With the seven elected At-Large positions, three will be new to the Senate. There will also be three new coming col-

lege representatives, said Okan.

Connor Sparks, who was elected as the College of Business and Economics representative, said he is “elated” with his new position and that he is looking forward to learning more about how the concerns of Student Senate, including the Falcon Promise.

Okan said the ongoings of Senate are not publicized well and that the Senate is not that invovled with the rest of campus, which is reflected in the voter turn out.

According to the official data provided by the University, 6,366 students could have voted on April 4 and 5. However, only 681 students voted for this years election.

Despite this low number Okan said, “I think that everything went outstandingly well.

More (students) would be better, but turn out was as good as you can expect. There is a lot of apathy on this campus, so 10 percent is alright.”

Vanessa Montayne said she had not thought about voting.

Josh Anderson and Rebecca Rudolph both said they did not follow Student Senate enough to vote on the elections.

Alternatively, Michaela Toth said she voted because voting is important for students if they are not active on Senate themselves.

“We are directly effected with what is happening at this campus,” said Toth. “This is your world and I think it is foolish to write off elections.”

Halverson said next year he plans on taking steps to increase voter turnout, perhaps by sponsoring a debate between candidates.

“On a personal level, I have a lot of thanks to give out, with votes and support, said Halverson.

“Support has gotten me to where I am now, even for those who didn't support me, I hope to gain their support as well.”

Halls: Goal is to bring people on, off campus together

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Numerous sponsors from the River Falls community donated around \$300 worth in gift cards and prizes to the event, Peschman said.

From 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday there will be a dunk tank outside of the U.C. where students are given the opportunity to dunk RAs and hall managers.

The cost to participate in the dunk tank is \$1 or a non-per-

ishable food item for donation. The 24 RAs and hall managers that consented to participate in the event will be switching out every ten minutes, Peschman said.

The event officially starts at 6:00 p.m. in the U.C. and there are several activities planned throughout the night.

A live jazz quartet will be playing traditional 1920s music at 6:00 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom.

For those that want to dance to contemporary music, DJ Abel Johnson will be spinning from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the

Falcon’s Nest.

A poker and blackjack tournament will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom.

The tournament is limited to 50 people so it’s a first-come first-serve for spots at the card tables, Peschman said. The winner of the tournament will receive an ipod shuffle.

For those that want to know more about this event, coordinators will be handing out bracelets and buttons in the U.C. Friday and Monday.

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Students stay safe during bar crawl

This Saturday, the second annual, student organized bar crawl will be taking place downtown River Falls. Based on a facebook group that currently states 716 people will be attending, we surmise that the bars will be crawling with thirst quenching people.

We want to send a clear message to those participating in the bar crawl to stay safe, have fun and act responsible.

The event starts at noon and ends when the bars close at 2:00 a.m; how many can last that long, remains to be seen. Throughout the day, those participating in the event, and others that want to tag along for the fun, will attempt to order a drink at each of the 12 bars in town; the facebook page however recommends that everyone orders at least two drinks at each bar.

The bar crawl has the components to be very fun time, if one withstands from consuming 24 drinks. The weather will be pleasant; the Masters Golf Tournament will be on TV and UW-River Falls students will unite for a common cause. We predict that a sense of comradery will be established, with everyone wearing the same specially made t-shirts and achieving the same goal; getting drunk.

The bar owners will also benefit, for the cash registers will be opening and the credit card machines will be printing.

It is also nice to see an event that attempts to keep UWRF students in town for the weekend instead of the students heading in all directions other than River Falls every Friday evening.

Although this can be a great opportunity to socialize with friends and have a good time, students need to be aware of the dangerous situations that can arise from excessive drinking. After all, April is alcohol awareness month so we feel obligated to play the devils advocate for all those people that are reading this and thinking the staff of the Student Voice are lame.

For those that seriously want to attempt to drink from noon to 2 a.m., they should understand that they would be binge drinking, for it fits the definition by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention perfectly. According to the CDC, drinking an excessive amount in a short period of time caused 79,000 deaths in the U.S. between 2001-2005. Besides fatalities, such drinking practices are also associated with car crashes, falls, burns, drowning, sexual assault and domestic violence, according to the American Psychological Association.

For those that join the throngs of people drinking at the bars in River Falls, please try to be conscious or your actions and resist the urge to get consumed by alcohol.

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Save for reasonable expenses rather than new technology



Elwood Brehmer
Columnist

When I first applied to UW-River Falls in the spring of 2004 tuition I remember tuition being roughly \$2,000 a semester. This year tuition for a Wisconsin resident such as myself was \$3,447 a semester. Now, seven years is a long time to take to get your undergrad, but it is in no way a long time when discussing a 75 percent increase in tuition fees. Countless reasons have been given for the rise in cost, but one I haven’t heard is the increasing cost for the school to stay current with the latest technology. I can’t count how many times the computers in the basement labs of the library have changed since I started here, and that was in 2006.

When the UC was built, we didn’t just pay for a building, we paid for computers, flat-screens and the latest building materials and designs. The building is fantastic, and also expensive. To ‘keep up with the Joneses’ so to speak, UWRF has had to continually spend more and more money and it’s no different anywhere else. These are expenses that did not have to be accounted for 25 years ago. The university saves less today, as does the general populous of America.

The first year the Bureau of Labor Statistics began tracking personal savings data, 1959, Americans saved an average of 8.3 percent of their income. In ‘75 savings rates peaked at 14 percent. For the last decade the savings rate has hovered around 3 percent. The reason? An increase in available technology and its associated costs. Twenty-five years ago cell phones were not an essential item. There were walkmans instead of iPods. Laptops? “Fuggedaboutit.” And many, many homes

When I first applied to UW-River Falls in the spring of 2004 tuition I remember tuition being roughly \$2,000 a semester. This year tuition

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were without cable or satellite television.

Families today have a landline and a cell phone for every member. That’s \$100 a month for a family of four. Cable and Internet are another 60 bucks, if you go cheap. Throw in satellite radio in a couple cars and just those few costs alone are nearing \$200 a month. That’s money that otherwise could have been saved, and history shows us it would have been.

When people don’t save they live paycheck to paycheck. That’s obvious. When Mom or Dad member loses their job, there is no rainy day fund to fall back on. They stop spending and eventually if another job is not landed, lose their house. Because they stop spending the retailers and manufacturers and service industry providers all suffer and begin cutting jobs. The disease spreads. Before the iRevolution, healthy savings accounts served as an effective antibiotic. The recessions that used to be a mere annoying cold have become fatal in many cases.

The same theory can be applied to the cost of cars. The average cost of a vehicle has stayed rather steady at a spot nearing 4 percent higher than inflation since cars became commonplace in the 1940s. Where your car once had a radio and two speakers, maybe a tape deck, it now has voice-activated GPS, a top shelf sound system and can sync to your iPod.

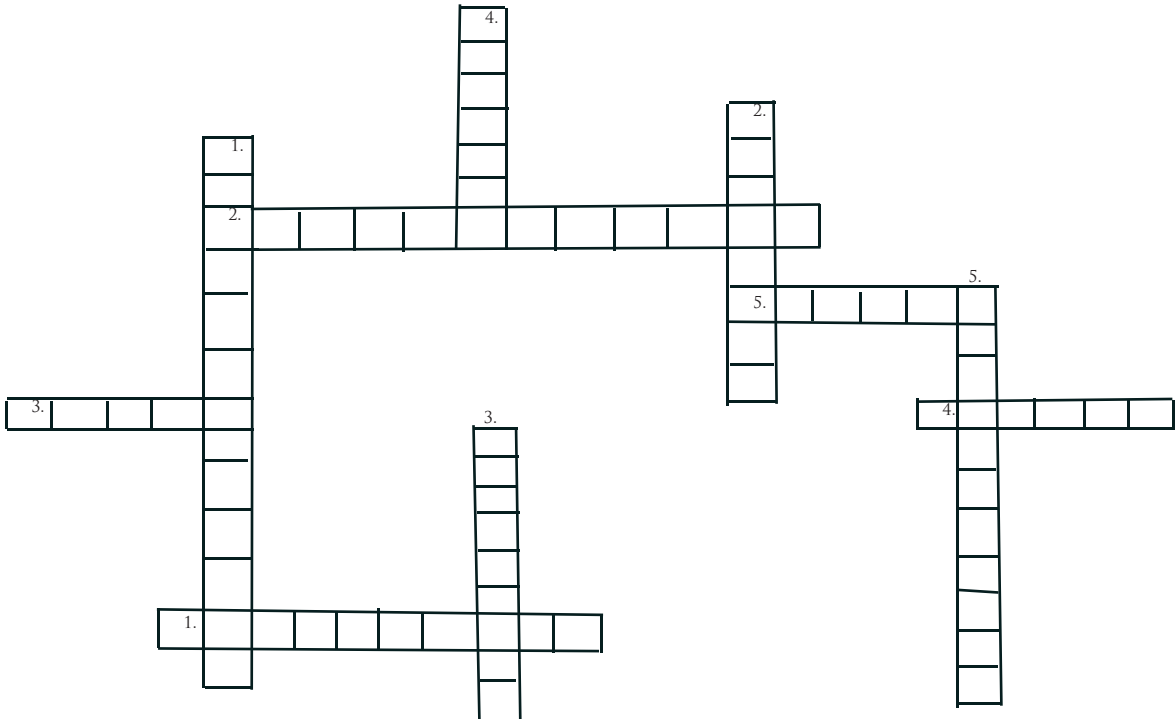
It’s cool, but baby is it expensive.

The moral of this story is simple. Next time you’re in the market for a cell phone stop and ask yourself if you need the Android with the eight-foot screen. Stick with last week’s version like me and although you may suffer from phone envy, you just might be able to pay for at least part of your kids’ college.

Elwood is a senior journalism student originally from River Falls. 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.

UWRF Crossword Puzzle

By: Cassie Swenson



ACROSS

1. WHO WAS IN FINALS FEST 2010?

2. THE UWRF SCHOOL PAPER IS CALLED THE__.

3. HOW MANY PAGES ARE IN THE STUDENT VOICE?

4. OUR FALCON MASCOT’S NAME IS__.

5. GOING TO ANOTHER LOCATION OUTSIDE OF THE USA TO LEARN IS CALLED STUDYING __.

DOWN

1. WHAT DOES D2L STAND FOR?

2. THE DRINKING FEST GOING ON THIS WEEKEND AROUND MAIN STREET IS CALLED__.

3. THE MATH HELP ROOM IS LOCATED IN WHAT BUILDING ON CAMPUS?

4. THE ONLY RESIDENCE HALL LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF CAMPUS?

5. WHAT DOES DAR STAND FOR__ __ REPORT.

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Lifestyle Enthusiast on the town:

Journey up 300-foot River to Civilization



Christopher Pagels
Columnist

a laxative and taken a big deuce all over your entire state. You will not be missed post-global warming.”
-Wazi, an Appalachian Trail hiker

Upon walking across the bridge for the third time, also being part of the Appalachian Trail that I was hiking, I located the trail I was looking for on the Blue Mountain Ridge. It was plainly visible that the mountain that was destroyed long ago by the Palmerton Zinc Company and placed on the Superfund list for toxic sites. I was hoping this was the one-and-one-half miles trail that led to the Borough Hall, rec-facility converted from a police station, in Palmerton, Pennsylvania. I traversed the bridge again and took a right at the west end of the bridge walking along the Le-high River. Having never hitchhiked at this point in my life, I would have rather walked the one-and-one-half miles into town.

After walking for a tenth of a mile, I meet a mother in her mid-forties and her tween daughter on the trail. I asked them if this trail led to Palmerton. Her reply was, “more or less.” Was I that gullible to take such a vague answer? Yes, yes I was. I took the stance that a bridge would come “sooner or later.” I continued walking on the converted railroad bed of rocks that were the size of small baby fists. Having walked the past 15 miles over boulders every time I took a step it felt like a baby screaming its head off

Dear Pennsylvania, How I loathe thee. If Virginia is for lovers, Pennsylvania is for haters. If Satan’s feces were rocks, then he must have taken

over spilled apple juice. Slowly the trail turned to dirt and rounded the mountain like rounding the circumference of a circle.

After walking one-and-one-half miles, I came to Palmerton, except it was 300 feet away on the other side of the river. Two thoughts came to my mind about the women; either she was really mean or ruthlessly incompetent. To me the obvious answer was cross the river by fording. I remembered seeing it done on the Oregon Trail game in elementary school and that did not seem hard. I walked down the muddy embankment grasping onto weeds, but never lost my footing, god bless my feet. I busted out my one dollar thong sandals from Wal-Mart. I know that a durability test for a Wal-Mart product is pure foolishness, but that is all I had.

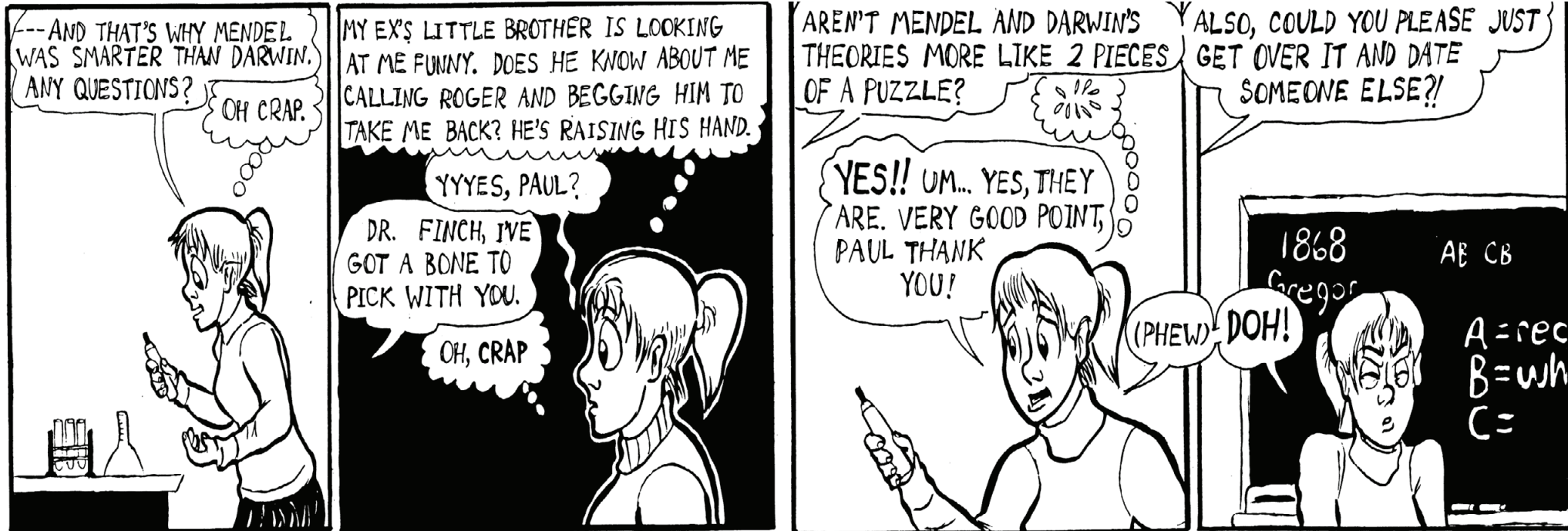
First step, my sandal got stuck into the coagulated mud, hastily pulling back and tested for rockier perches. It might be pertinent to say that the river pumps 28,000 gallons per second, and is waist high, and about 300 feet wide. Just a little over a third the size of the St. Croix River. Sure enough after a few steps I was waist high, knowing no good would come of me getting keeled over by the current with nearly 40 pounds of gear strapped to my back, I shielded my eyes from the sun, looked up river, and spied some anglers on a catamaran.

“Ahoy there is there a bridge nearby?” I asked them. “About three miles up river or one-and-one-half miles south,” they yelled. “Can I get a ferry to the other side?” “No.” To spite their lazy responses, I started fording the river right in front of them. They yelled to me again, “You’re going to die if you do that, go up river half a mile to where the rapids create the widest

point in the river.” With a little something going in my direction, I scrambled up the embankment again and walked yet another half mile to the rapids. I scuttled down to the swatch of rapids and began my ford. Armed with my trekking poles that I thought of as opposable appendages I grasped my way like a monkey, slipping on many a rock across all 300 feet. When I gained solid ground, again I saw a rusty bent sign for the Palmerton Zinc Company in a soupy swamp. I walked another half mile to town, then I walked several blocks to the police station to sign up for the Borough Hall, but nobody was there. I continued onto the Borough Hall and found a brute of an old man, he rose up to his full six feet wearing the face of a badger. I asked him about staying at the Borough Hall.

To me the obvious answer was cross the river by fording. I remembered seeing it done on the Oregon Trail game in elementary school and that did not seem hard.

“Have you signed up yet?”
“Well I just went to the Police Station to sign up, but they were closed.”
“That’s not what I asked you, now was it?” He said it in such an accusatory tone that his face turned into a bull dog growling with goop dripping down it’s jowls. He clearly did not like indirect answers.
“No sir. I haven’t signed up yet.”
“Well, then you have to sign up if you want to stay.”
I was supposed to be one that was angry, but I sucked up my pride so that I could recover. His contorted face drew back and he handed me a bag of goodies including a granola bar, new toothbrush, and a small bar of soap. I walked down to the basement, which used to be an old police officers’ locker room and greeted Rocker, Forty, Cool-Tool, and Banana Cream Pie. Broken from the days toil, I lay down and went to sleep.



David Recine/Student Voice

STUDENT VOICES

Did you vote in the student senate election?



Michelle Chesemore-Stieg, sophomore

“No, because I didn’t know anyone who was in it and I didn’t really know what was going on.”



Luke Anderson, sophomore

“No, It looked lik all the candidates were running for the same thing so it didn’t really matter who got elected.”

Kyle Blazek, senior



“No, I didn’t know who was running or what the Student Senate does. Dancing with the Stars was my top priority.”

Kathy Boldt, junior



“No, I didn’t feel like an informed voter.”

Kevin Rengo, senior



“No, I didn’t because I feel uninformed about Student Senate and the candidates to make a informed decision.”

Do you have something to say?

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Lacrosse; rugby teams gear up for season

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With the snow slowly melting and the first smells of spring in the air, the UW-River Falls men’s lacrosse and rugby teams take center stage in the club sports scene on campus.

Men’s Lacrosse President Ryan Jordan said that the team is looking good this year. He added that with the tight schedules of each player, practices could sometimes present scheduling conflicts.

“A large strength of this team is our players commitment to the sport and their drive to improve their skills,” Jordan said.

Jordan said that the lacrosse season begins in the fall, runs through the winter, and sees league games pick up in the spring.

So what does a Falcon lacrosse player do in terms of practice and preparation?

“Our practices are a consistent two hours,” Jordan said. “Whether we are practicing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. our general goal remains the same.”

Jordan said that practices follow a particular order of activities, all designed to ultimately prepare the team for game situations.

“We begin with warm-ups and practice drills,” Jordan said. “After that we move into specific skills that are determined before practice. By the last half of practice there are half-court scrimmages designed to implement skills that we worked on that day.”

According to research conducted by ESPN, lacrosse has steadily been increasing in involvement over the past five years. Experts said that if current trends continue, lacrosse will take over baseball as the most widely practiced spring sport among youth in America.

Jordan said that recruiting for the lacrosse team relies heavily upon networking and giving players an experience to remember.

“In the past, we have relied on word of mouth for recruitment,” Jordan said. “We also have a booth at the involvement fair each year which helps a lot.”

Above all else, Jordan said that he feels lacrosse is more than a game.

“It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, get some exercise, and have fun while doing it,” Jordan said.

The team has yet to play a league-sanctioned game due to the snow. Jordan said he hopes changes soon.

The other large club sport team taking the field this spring is the rugby team.

Men’s Rugby President Chris Konieczka said that the rugby team operates much like any other athletic team on campus would.

“School, rugby, sleep, repeat,” Konieczka said chuckling to himself. “It’s really not much different from any other athlete’s day.”

Konieczka said that practices are focused

around developing the skills necessary to compete at a high level.

“Our practices involve a lot of teamwork skill and ball control,” Konieczka said. “These are two of the key components to being a great rugby team.”

Last year’s squad saw a disappointing end to an otherwise successful season, with the Falcons dropping the championship game of the All Saints tournament in St. Cloud, Minn.

“We lost in the championship last year by two points,” Konieczka said. “This year the story will end differently.”

Konieczka added that with the missed deadline for school funding next season, the team will be exploring sponsorship options from local businesses as well as doing various fundraising events.

To learn more about the lacrosse and rugby teams, as well as other clubs on campus, visit the clubs page located on the UWRF website.

Yankees big payroll sucks fun out of professional baseball

Ashley Goettl
Columnist

When the Minnesota Twins travelled to New York to play the Yankees earlier in the week, there were many connections and parallels to classic fables. In years past, it was David and Goliath as the payrolls and talent were lopsided in favor of the Yankees. More recently, the Yankees have earned the name of the “Evil Empire” as the greed and money incentives lead to domination on the diamond. As a Twins fan, there is nothing more that I despise than the New York Yankees. Yes, it mostly stems from the complete domi-

nation the Yankees have had on the Twins (they swept the Twins out of the play-offs for the last two years). Nevertheless, as a sports fan, the Yankees represent all that is wrong with professional sports today.

The most glaring issue stems from the economic standpoint. Although we do live in a capitalist society where you are free to do with your money however you please; the lesson that I take from the Yankees is that you can “buy” your way to a championship instead of earning it. Alex Rodriguez, the Yankees’ third basemen for example, will make \$32 million this season. The entire Kansas City Royals organization makes \$36.1 million according to an analysis of Major League Baseball contracts by the Associated Press. This clearly puts the Yankees at both an economic and performance advantage.

Now the Yankees still have to go out there

and perform, but after they win a World Series, which they’ve done a record 27 times, there is no celebration from those outside New York and no feeling of accomplishment, because that is simply the way it should be. If you have more money, which can buy more talented players, you should win.

Baseball, as America’s pastime, was not meant to be played this way. Players such as Johnny Damon or Carl Crawford would not betray a following that ran so keep and gave a city hope. They have become the villains of Major League Baseball, while Joe Mauer and Ryan Braun are regarded as hometown heroes for rejecting millions of dollars to play for a team that is perceived to be better, to stay for pure “love of the game.”

In other professional sports, such as the National Football League and the National Basketball Association, policies such as salary caps have been put into place to encour-

age creative thinking and team building. The research has show that this has been beneficially to both the leagues, and to the teams themselves as the hope is to create a more equal access and more competitive games.

When teaching kids the lessons of sports, I want them to work hard and believe anything is possible. We want them to play the game “the right way,” with integrity and heart. But when you tell them that money is the answer to success, you lose all that has made baseball America’s game. The Minnesota Twins represent when is good about sports: it is not about finding the most talented palters, but finding the right players who are willing to give it everything they’ve got, regardless of the paycheck.

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Falcon Sports Wrap

Track and Field

The Falcon track and field teams open their outdoor season this weekend 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.

Softball

The Falcon softball team opens WIAC play Friday April 8 with a doubleheader at UW-La Crosse. The Falcons will follow that up with a doubleheader at UW-Plattevill Saturday April 9. River Falls enters WIAC with 7-10 record overall.

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Friday, April 8
3 p.m. Track and Field @ Falcon Invitational in River Falls
3:30 p.m. Softball @ UW-La Crosse (DH)

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

Monday, April 18
4 p.m. Softball @ Bethel University (DH)

Wednesday, April 20
4:30 p.m. Tennis @ St. Cathrine University

Berkhof named coach of year finalist



Jeff Berkhof

Men’s basketball coach Jeff Berkhof was one of the 17 finalists for the Glenn Robinson Div. III National coach of the Year award. Berkhof was also named the 2011 WIAC coach of the year after leading the Falcons to a 20-8 record, and the first national championship appearance in school history. Berkhof was in his fifth season as the Falcon’s head coach.

Intramural Floor Hockey Tournament in Hunt Arena



UWRF Campus Recreation put on their annual intramural floor hockey tournament at Hunt Arena April 6-7 with pool play on Wednesday to seed teams for Thursday night’s single elimination bracket.

Sally King/Student Voice

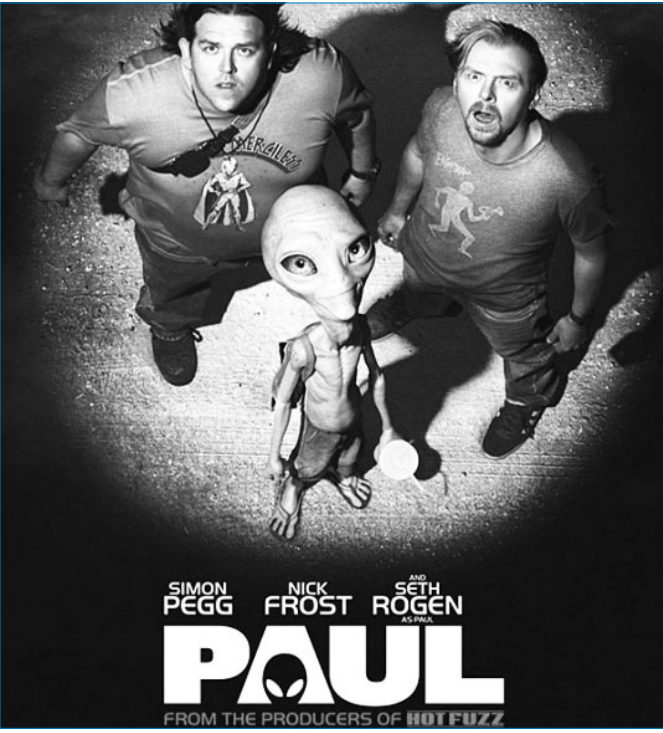
‘Paul’ is midly entertaining, though excessivly annoying



Dustyn Dubuque

“Paul” begins with the audience meeting Graeme Willy and Clive Gollings (Simon Pegg and Nick Frost), two Englishmen on a vacation to America to attend the Comic-Con festival. After these two comic book nerds leave the event they go sight-seeing around the U.S. to various UFO known locations, like Area 51. One night a car passes their RV and suddenly crashes in front of them. Once they get out to help, they learn it wasn’t a human who crashed the car, but rather an alien. The alien’s name is Paul (voiced by Seth Rogan), he can speak English and quickly we learn he can tell some very dirty jokes along with being able to go camouflage and mess with people’s minds. The pairing is then on a mission to get Paul to a specific location in order for him to be transported back into space. It turns out to not be that easy, soon they are being chased by the police, an undercover operative, two hillbillies, a head of an alien evacuation team, and a disgruntled father. The father is Ruth Buggs (Kristen Wiig) who joins up with the boys and Paul, he is a Christian boy turned non-Christian by Paul and now has a bad mouth and dirty tendencies. Once Wiig’s character is introduced I was immediately turned off to “Paul”

from this point on. The movie starts just as I was expecting little funny conversations between Pegg and Frost who’s comic timing is extraordinary (such as in Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz). Then once they meet Paul you get even more gags, some of which work and some that don’t. The one thing I feel the duo have going for them in their other respective movies is they don’t need to be dirty to be funny. Director Greg Mottola (“Superbad”) apparently thinks that even with a movie such as this we need over board dirty comedy to make us laugh even though the dry English humor was great in the first thirty minutes. Also there is a great supporting cast in this film but they are all used so poorly, the cast that includes Jason Bateman, Sigourney Weaver, Jane Lynch, David Koechner, and Bill Hader. All of their characters are annoying and truly add nothing to the film but more people chasing Paul all at one time. It was getting really hard to watch Jason Bateman ham it up on the big screen. One thing that may be overlooked but that needs to be mentioned is that the actual character of Paul looks great. The movements and way he fits into is surroundings are spectacular. With that said I will explain my rating for this movie. I will give one star for Simon Pegg, one for Nick Frost, a half of one for Paul (both for animation and Rogan’s voice acting), and negative two and a half for everything else this movie irritated me with.



‘Mind Bokeh’ proves entertaining Campus plan maps future



Ryen Kleiser

Creativity. It can be expressed in many different ways, from writing, drawing, graphic design and most definitely music. In fact, the music realm needs creativity to keep inspiring different sounds and approaches towards making music. In a sense, creativity is the much-needed lifeblood of any great music. Scanning the radio airwaves nowadays, it may seem rather difficult to get a sense of much effort and creativity in mainstream music. It seems to me that the popular music in today’s society has all began to flow together into one big monotonous plain blurb of rather boring music. Obviously exceptions do exist, but the truth of the matter is that generally speaking they don’t get the play they deserve on the radio. Case and point is Bibio (aka Stephen Wilkin-son), who hails all the way from England and is a one-man band. With influences from the likes of “The Boards of Canada” and “Aphex Twin,” Bibio focuses on what I would describe as very lively instrumentally infused form of indie electronic music. Simply put, he’s doing so many different things and has so many layered aspects in his songs, it may at first take awhile to differentiate what exactly your hearing.



Photo from Mad Perch

U.K. artist Bibio provides listeners with unique music difficult to find in the United States. But when you begin to really hear and understand what he’s doing, you appreciate it that much more. Now my first introduction to Bibio was with his 2009 album release of “Ambivalence Avenue,” which seemed to really help establish him in the ever-difficult field of indie electronic music. If you haven’t heard that album, I highly recommend it. It is not only a fun listen throughout, but also a very deserving one at that. That said, on March 29 Bibio released another album entitled “Mind Bokeh.” With many artists, albums that receive such praise like that of Bibio’s ‘Ambivalence Avenue’ are extraordinarily difficult to follow up. Rather unsurprisingly, “Mind Bokeh” does justice to Bibio’s previous major success of “Ambivalence Avenue.” The biggest difference between the two albums must be that of the more upbeat, crisper vibes coming from the recent release of “Mind Bokeh.” The new album offers the listener a chance to further dive into Bibio and catch glimpses of music unknown to the American music industry. No one over here in the states is making music like this. It’s creative, new, fresh, and nearly incomprehensible at how such an intriguing sense of music came to Bibio. Hits on the new album include the likes of songs such as “Pretentious,” “Light Sleep,” and “Saint Christopher.” Both “Pretentious” and “Saint Christopher” offer a look into the folksy electronic based music that helped to create Bibio. These songs seem to have a sense of lulling and intriguing the listener into a musical trance. As for “Light Sleep,” this song brings out the funkier side of Bibio and jams on with one hell of a groove. All in all, Bibio’s “Mind Bokeh” is a true response to his prior success of “Ambivalence Avenue” and should be brought to the American mainstream radio’s attention, as Bibio is undoubtedly an artist the rise. *Ryen Kleiser 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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The completed UW-River Falls master plan will showcase many future changes to the campus structure including the creation of a campus gateway to serve as a front door welcoming visitors. The preliminary plan released on March 2 calls for new looks to the union plaza, the open area located just north of the University Center and the open areas through the center of campus that make up the campus mall. The plan also relies on a state and city project to create roundabouts at Second and Sixth streets on Cascade Avenue in order to create a campus gateway. The goal of the major gateway planned for the sixth street roundabout will be to serve as an entry to visitors and new students looking to take their first step into the UWRF community. “It is important for the campus to have a main entrance to let people know when they have arrived on campus and where they should go once they get here,” said UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “Right now a lot of the thinking is that it will be on the road that connects with Cascade that is to the west of Rodli Hall.” Rodli Hall, according to Van Galen, is structurally sound and will hopefully undergo a major renovation in about four years so that it can be better utilized to serve the campus. The preliminary master plan listed Rodli Hall as the future home of Student Services showing the building as a singular location to house student service departments currently spread throughout different buildings across campus. Besides the main gateway the outlook is to also have minor gateways at the Second Street roundabout, at Birch Street on Cascade, the Main Street entrances into Parking Lot E, the Health and Human Performance Building and the entrance to the on-campus lab farm. The gateways will be entrances to cars, bicyclists and pedestrians entering campus on the improved road, bicycle and pedestrian networks. The new road system will run a loop

through the main campus just north of the Kinnickinnic River beginning on the west end at the Second Street roundabout with other entry and exit points at the major gateway at Sixth Street and on the eastern edge near the campus daycare. The bicycle and pedestrian paths will also see a remodeling so that they are easier to see by travelers as they approach the crossings. “The idea there is to give the feel that the pedestrians are the priority and not the vehicles,” said Van Galen. “That could be some type of raised pedestrian walkway; it could in landscaping around that path or walkway that crosses the street to signal cars that there are pedestrians here and that they are the priority.” Van Galen also added that pedestrian crossings will be limited to improve safety and a median will be included in the changes to Cascade to make it feel more like a neighborhood street then a busy thoroughfare. Written responses providing feedback to the preliminary master plan were accepted through March 22. That feedback will be used to make appropriate adjustments to the final plan for its release in August 2011. “Generally I believe people are pleased overall with the plan,” said Val Galen. “The new science building that we have envisioned to be constructed has been placed on the west side of campus close to Ag Science and many people think that’s a good idea because of the connections between the disciplines in Ag Science and the new science building.” Other ideas in the plan that Van Galen said were interesting included a space dedicated for an outside hockey rink. He added that the feedback will be reviewed and a revised plan will be presented in the next set of campus workshops April 26-27. The updated master plan will also included updated illustrations of phasing to look at the order projects will be completed over the next 15 years.

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Campus administrator has many responsibilities

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Special Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry has had many responsibilities since he came to UW-River Falls in 2005.

When he joined the UWRF staff in 2005, he served as the dean for student development and campus diversity.

“As the dean of student development and campus diversity, I oversaw emergency preparedness, served as the chief diversity officer, and was the dean of students,” said Fry. Fry also had several units reporting to him including the Academic Success Center, student counseling, Health and Career Services.

In 2007, he applied and interviewed for the Special Assistant to the Chancellor position under Don Betz. When he took on the position, Fry was responsible for emergency preparedness, diversity and special projects for the chancellor. These special projects include writing speeches, creating presentations, conducting research and most recently the Hudson Center, Fry said.

“After some time, I felt I wasn’t able to devote the time for diversity that I needed to, so I advocated for the chief diversity officer position,” said Fry. “I oversee what doesn’t fit until an office is up and running to take over.”

Although currently Fry handles emergency preparedness, Risk Management and the University Police are preparing to take it over, Fry said.

Two years ago, Fry also began to oversee university communications. He now works with marketing the UWRF brand, as well as governmental relations, emergency preparedness and special projects for the chancellor, Fry said.

“A lot of special projects deal with community outreach, such as with the recent town hall meetings,” said Fry.

Fry serves as a contact between campus and external groups. He is a spokesperson for the university and influential in launching the Hudson Center, Chancellor Dean Van Galen said.

“He also serves as a bridge between the Chancellor’s Office and the external world,”

said Van Galen. “He serves as an advocate for UWRF in Madison. I worked with him throughout the budget and the HHP building process.”

Fry oversaw the team that selected the site and the publicity of the latest addition to the UWRF campus, the Hudson Center. The chancellor announced in April 2010 that the university would open the Hudson Center, but there was no planned location, which made the opening in Fall 2010 to be a difficult task, Fry said.

“He worked with me on the selection of the site, submitted the required paperwork and coordinated the logistics to be ready to open in September,” said Van Galen.

Eventually, the Hudson Center and its day-to-day operations will be transferred to outreach and graduate studies, Fry said.

“For now, the Hudson Center is my third baby,” said Fry.

Kelsey Peterson, Hudson Center student building manager, works with Fry on a regular basis to ensure the success of the newest addition to the UWRF campus.

“He is really great to work for. He is also very understanding, accommodating and approachable. Blake is doing awesome things with the Hudson Center,” said Peterson.

Fry said that he currently does not have a typical day. One day, he is on campus all day to help redesign the website or create

billboards, while other days he is in Madison talking to legislators with the Chancellor. And still other days, he is running the Hudson Center.

“I live off the variety and change and keeping up with the latest trends in higher education,” said Fry.

According to the Falcon Daily, Fry was recently nominated to the position of chairman of the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education (NAPAHE).

The NAPAHE board nomination committee nominated him in March.

“It’s an exciting opportunity and a special association that has spent a lot of time bringing support to administration to take to the next level,” said Fry.

This national organization helps the university learn about the best practices in higher education, Van Galen said.

“It is good for the university to be able to look beyond itself and learn from others, which benefits the entire campus,” said Van Galen.

This position gives the university the opportunity to find the answers to the unanswerable questions, while also increasing the visibility of the university, Fry said.

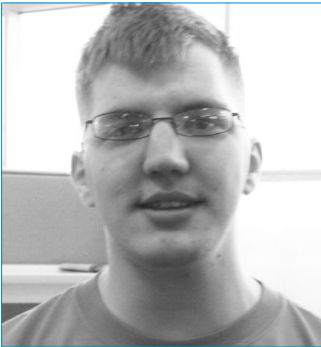
“Blake carries out many tasks that are invisible to many people. His work plays an important role in moving the university forward,” said Van Galen.

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Kelsey Peterson
Hudson Center student manager

2011-2012 Student Senate election winners

The Student Senate elections were held April 5 and 6, with the results announced that evening. Results showed that 681 students voted out of the 6,366 who were eligible, which equated to 11 percent. Tyler Halverson and Ashley Goettl were voted as president and vice president, and every seat was filled except for the College of Education and Professional Studies Representatives, which will remain vacant until fall.



Tyler Halverson
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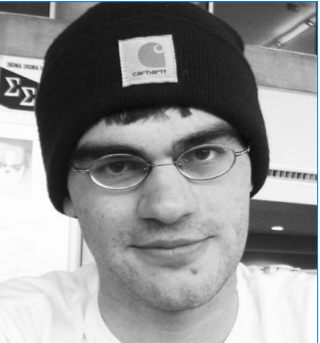
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At-Large Senator



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Tyler Halverson won the Student Senate election with 307 votes, or 52 percent of the votes. Interim president Jason Keck received 253 votes.



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Ashley Goettl was elected vice president with 384 votes, which was 66 percent of the overall votes. Ryan Bartsch, the other vice president on the ballot received 169 votes.