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Music professor's trial begins



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Thomas Barnett (left) is on trial for an alleged sexual assault of a minor. He is represented by Defense Attorney Timothy O'Brien (right). His trial began April 10.

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The trial for UW-River Falls music professor Thomas W. Barnett opened Wednesday after two and a half hours of jury selection. The trial was scheduled through Friday in the St. Croix County Circuit Court in Hudson.

Barnett, a 42-year-old from Baldwin who had been teaching at UWRF for 10 years, is facing charges of second-degree sexual assault of a minor and false imprisonment stemming from an alleged incident Aug. 16 at the Hudson Theatre. Barnett has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

In his opening statements, Assistant District Attorney Francis Collins, who is representing the state of

Wisconsin in the case, said that Barnett approached a now 14-year-old girl and identified himself as theater security and then told her boyfriend to leave the auditorium while he spoke with the girl. Collins said that Barnett stopped the girl from leaving the theater and then proceeded to touch her inappropriately.

Collins also acknowledged that the teenagers initially lied about their own sexual activity. DNA collected and examined at the Wisconsin Crime Lab in Madison tested positive for the young boy's DNA and did not include Barnett's, Collins told the jury.

Defense Attorney Timothy O'Brien countered by saying that Barnett had gone into the theater with his son and son's friend after a long

road-trip. O'Brien said that during the movie, Barnett had fallen asleep and woke up and noticed a young couple making out and engaging in sexual activity in the row behind them. When the movie was over, Barnett said he confronted them about what they were doing and asked what their parents would think.

O'Brien also emphasized that the teenagers had lied to law enforcement officials about what they were doing, and only later changed their minds once it was known that the boy's DNA would be tested.

Witnesses, who included three theater employees and an employee's daughter, testified that they saw Barnett talking to the girl but did not see any physical contact between them. The witnesses

were able to identify Barnett through their connections with UWRF or as a citizen from Baldwin.

One employee noted that she had talked to the boy about a security guard and video surveillance.

On the first day of the trial, the accuser took the stand and said that Barnett had gestured for her and her then boyfriend to come over after the movie ended. She said that Barnett had asked to talk to the girl alone, and that the boyfriend said it was OK because he was with security. It was then, the girl said, that Barnett began to touch her.

O'Brien then questioned the girl by seeking several inconsistencies in the girl's account of what happened. The inconsistencies included whether she had performed

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International Bazaar exposes campus to different cultures

Maggie Sokoloski/Student Voice
The International Bazaar was an event that was student run and organized. It was held in the University Center on April 10. This event featured a fashion show of culturally unique clothing and a variety of other activities to bring cultural awareness and appreciation.

Politics played up in 'Richard III'



Sally King/Student Voice
Alexander (AJ) Swanson, Danny Vopava and Brittany Oberstadt portray Shakespeare's classic in a unique light that plays off of the current political climate in Wisconsin.

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The UW-River Falls University Theatre is preparing to stage an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Richard III" in a modernized setting, aimed at satirizing Wisconsin's current political climate.

Director Sean Dooley feels the staging of this play is relevant to the ongoing elections and the clouded, troubled state of contemporary politics.

The implications of "Richard III" should "resonate beyond the play, and remind you of your own time and place," Dooley said.

"Richard III" is a history play that depicts the Machiavellian rise to power and subsequent short reign of Richard III of England. The climactic moment brings Richard's tyranny to an end, establishing the rule of a new dynasty with the heroic character of Richmond.

The destruction of Richard's reign of terror marks the beginning of a golden age of peace and prosperity in England.

Senior Danny Vopava has claimed the title role of Richard, Duke of Gloucester. Vopava is honored and excited to assume such a revered, powerful role, feeling cer-

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New Student Senate president focuses on UWRF future

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Improving communication between the Student Senate and students, keeping tuition low, and taking a close look at any segregated fee increases are a few of the main goals for the 2012-2013 school year voiced by the new Senate president and vice president.

Bobbi O'Brien has been chosen to represent the student body as the Senate president.

Her running mate, Carlan Strand, was voted vice president for a second year.

Both O'Brien and Strand bring experience to their new positions having previously served on the Senate.

O'Brien is a junior this year and is majoring in accounting.

She is an active member of her sorority, Phi Mu, and currently serves as the Greek representative on Senate.

She received 52 percent

of the vote defeating Alpha Gamma Rho member, Samuel Tauchen.

"This year's election cycle was very exciting. It isn't very often when the Greek vote is split between two Greek candidates for president," said Elections Commissioner Ben Blanchard.

O'Brien's platform included two main things during her campaign: improve communication between Senate, the students and faculty, and the Capitol as well as keep tuition as low as possible.

"In my term, I really want to see Senate reach out to students and let them know we are here for them and that we represent them. There seems to be a barrier between Senate and students and it's important that this barrier is broken down," O'Brien said.

One of O'Brien's main goals is to ensure that any raises in tuition directly benefit the students and are an absolute necessity to ensure

the quality of student life is maintained.

She said that base tuition has risen, and unfortunately, there is nothing Senate can do about that.

What it can attempt to control is the cost of segregated fees.

"As seen this year, many departments and organizations on campus have asked for increases in their fees, and unfortunately, some need to increase in order to ensure quality and safety of student life," said O'Brien. "What I can promise the students is the Senate will not just rubber stamp any proposal for a raise in fees. Senate will thoroughly look at any cost that affects tuition."

The support of O'Brien's Phi Mu sisters was what really pushed her to run for president.

Jayne Dalton, a Phi Mu member and current senator, encouraged her throughout the entire process.

"Without them, I wouldn't have had the courage to follow through with the election. I cannot give enough thanks to those who coached me through the process," O'Brien said.

Vice president Strand is very pleased to be voted into the position for a second term.

"I am happy that the UWRF student body is willing to put its trust in me. I campaigned on experience and keeping fees as reasonable as possible. One of my main goals for this next term is to get more students involved in Senate business."

This election showed the importance of the individual vote as Strand defeated the runner-up, Elliott Kann, by only one vote.

"Thank you to everyone that voted for me. Every vote really did count," Strand said.

The new Senate will be inaugurated on April 24 following the final meeting of



Alicia Carlson/Student Voice
Bobbi O'Brien (right) and Carlan Strand were elected to represent the student body in Student Senate.

the current Senate.

Tyler Halverson, current Senate president, will hand over the gavel to O'Brien and she will call her first meeting as Senate president to order.

With a year of experience under his belt, Halverson gives O'Brien and the new Senate a bit of advice:

"You have to be ready to have the mud slung at you.

Don't let it get you down. Stick to your convictions, what you were voted on, but be sure to listen to everyone. Be ready to deal with everything and anything and make sure you are making an even keel and not a knee-jerk decision," Halverson said.

Lighting expected to make back trail safer

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It is officially called the back trail, but students know it by another name: the rape trail. After years of planning, this unlit pathway behind UW-River Falls could have lights installed along it as early as next spring, a University administrator said.

Director of Facilities Management Mike Stifter said the University is just starting to consider options for lighting the trail, but said that he expects the project to get underway in the next 12 to 18 months.

“We’ve made this a top-priority project, especially because of the student support to try to make it a reality,” Stifter said.

The Student Senate approved an expenditure of \$16,503.52 from the University Reserve Account to be put towards lighting the trail at a Senate meeting on March 20. The motion was forwarded by Senator Ben Blanchard, who chairs a committee tasked with researching ways to spend built up reserve funds.

The money will likely cover only a portion of the lighting project, but Stifter said it sends a message that students are serious about lighting the trail.

“We’ve not defined the project enough to know if it will be \$200,000 or \$15,000,” Stifter said. “The money offered by the Student Senate is more of a gesture of support.”

Chief among the costs of lighting the trail would be installing electrical infrastructure under the ground. Alternatively, one concept would use solar panels to power the lights, avoiding an infrastructure project entirely.

“You may spend a little bit more on the technology, but if it saves us on a whole ton of infrastructure running along that trail, than it may be worth it,” Stifter said.

Another potential technology for the project is a motion-detection system that would dim the lights when no one is around.

The back trail runs from the University Center and South Forks Suites to Ramer Field and the intramural sports fields. Warning signs posted at trail openings state that “the pathway is not lit at night and is minimally maintained during the winter months.”

The movement to light the trail gained momentum in 2008, but the project was put on hold until an expansion could be made to South Forks Suites and a new physical education center could be built, Stifter said. The projects will increase foot



Photo courtesy of Michael Brun

Students using backtrails take note of warnings during harsh weather and evenings.

traffic on the trail, making it more likely for the project to get funding from the state government.

“The best chance to get those monies would be a real need,” Stifter said. “With the Falcon Center moving into a formal design and a new residence hall ready to come online in the fall, the legitimate need is right there before us.”

UWRF freshmen Sarah Stoneburg and Kaitie Guza use the trail to get to the intramural softball fields, but said they try to avoid it as much as possible.

“It’s because I’m afraid to [use it],” Stoneburg said.

“I’d walk back by myself, and I pretty much ran the whole way,” Guza said. “So yeah, it’s kind of scary.”

Violent crime at UWRF is rare, but not unheard of. There were two forcible sex offenses on the UWRF campus reported between 2008 and 2010, and two more reported in campus residence halls during the same years, according to the most recent University Annual Security Report.

A UWRF student was sexually assaulted in 2006 while walking between the Ramer Field parking lot and the UWRF campus.

Stifter said campus safety is the primary factor driving the lighting project.

“We’re fortunate to have quite a safe campus,” Stifter said. “But we’d certainly not want to leave ourselves vulnerable to what can happen.”

Students redirected by Johnson Hall renovations

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About 300 students in Johnson Hall will have to find alternate living arrangements for next year, but concerns about overcrowding are at a minimum, said an official from Residence Life.

Johnson Hall is the second largest dorm building on campus, according to the Residence Life website. The building was built in 1965 and Residence Life has announced that the building will be closed for the 2012-2013 academic year due to the need of renovations.

“The Johnson Hall bathrooms and heat system need to be renovated to make sure we are running the building as efficiently as possible,” said Assistant Director for Residence Life Facilities and Administrative Services Julie Phelps. “We are taking the project one step further to enhance some of the public spaces to gain better student use and be more functional.”

A new heating system will be installed that will allow for individual temperature control in each of the rooms in the building.

“There will be a complete basement remodel and new furniture, new drinking fountains, new student room mirror lights, many mechanical changes that will be behind the scenes and not necessarily noticeable to students,” Phelps said about some of the highlighted renovations that will be taking place.

Changes are being made next year for other dorm buildings on campus as well but aren’t necessarily related to the closing of Johnson Hall.

The new Jesse H. Ames Suites will be available for 240 sophomores next year, which will create open spaces throughout the other dorm buildings. Prucha Hall will no longer be an all-female dorm, which will open up more rooms for male students and the west ground floor of Hathorn Hall is also changing from a freshmen floor to multi-year floor as well.

With Johnson Hall closing for the next academic year, stu-

dents who currently live in the dorm were classified as re-directed students and were able to sign up for a new dorm building after the same hall, same room sign up phase that took place in February.

“My current roommate and I decided to move into South Forks Suites next year, we didn’t really have an issue with that part of sign up since it was before the rest of the halls,” said Angela Barilla, a junior majoring in marketing communications. “It will be a change though because I’ve lived there [Johnson Hall] for three years.”

“There are currently 296 students living in Johnson Hall,” Tracy Gerth, area coordinator on the West side of campus for Residence Life said. “Approximately 320 students can live in Johnson Hall.”

Gerth stated that Residence Life is not worried about a housing crunch for the upcoming school year even though the residence hall will be closed.

“We are opening a new residence hall that can accommodate 240 students. Additionally, our numbers are indicating that we will not be completely full for the upcoming year so we should be able to accommodate everyone that wants to live on campus despite Johnson Hall being closed for the 2012-2013 year,” Gerth said.

According to Mike Stifter, director of Facilities Management, the renovations being made to Johnson Hall is approximately \$2.9 million. The heating system and bathroom renovations are estimated to cost about \$1 million each. The basement renovations and along with other added renovations are expected to cost a few hundred thousand dollars as well.

The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2013 and will reopen for the 2013-14 academic year. More renovation plans are in the works for the upcoming years as well.

“We are planning to continue similar types of projects with Prucha Hall, May Hall, and Stratton over the next four to six years,” Phelps said.

News briefs

Vice chancellor for finance and administration resigns

Blake Fry, special assistant to the chancellor, said that Joseph Harbouk, the vice chancellor for finance and administration, has resigned for family reasons. Harbouk originally told Chancellor Dean Van Galen that he was going to take a leave to sort out family matters in Lebanon, however it became clear that he needed more time and has thus resigned. The administration is not currently seeking a replacement.

Barn Cats play in River Falls barn dance

The accomplished Twin Cities old-time string band the Barn Cats will finish the 2011-12 season of River Falls’ Saturday Barn Dance series from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 in the Academy Gym at the former Meyer Middle School on West Maple Street in River Falls.

No experience is necessary, and first-timers are encouraged to attend. An experienced caller will teach participants everything they need to get started. All ages are welcome, and partners are optional. Family dances suitable for younger children are emphasized during the first half, with more challenging fun in the second half.

The barn dances are a joint project of River Falls Community Arts Base and River Falls Parks and Recreation. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for 12 and under. Inexpensive refreshments are available.

University to hold annual Health Fair

UW-River Falls Student Health Services will host its annual Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 in the Ballroom at the University Center. The Health Fair is a free, interactive event that students, faculty, staff, and community members are encouraged to attend. This year’s fair has a carnival theme called Step Right Up to Your Healthy Lifestyle.

The Health Fair will include a variety of demonstrations from local businesses and student organizations including: door prizes, chair massages, henna tattoos, hearing screenings, yoga demonstration, food, body fat analysis and much more.

Chancellor’s Advisory Council to host forum

The Chancellor’s Advisory Council on alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs will be hosting three one-hour open forums to discuss the possibility of a tobacco-free campus for UW-River Falls.

The main purpose of the forums is to gather input and generate discussion regarding a possible campus tobacco-free policy, with each forum starting with a short presentation of information and data.

Each of these forums will be open to all campus community members (students, faculty, and staff).

Dates, times, and locations:

- 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 16 in room 120 at South Hall.
- 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1 in the Kinni Theater at the University Center.
- 3 p.m. to 4p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 in the Blanche Davis Theatre in Kleinpell Fine Arts.

River Falls Police/ UWRF Police Department

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- Andrew Stephen Huot was cited \$979.50 for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and underage consumption (2nd offense) at Grimm Hall.
- Damage was reported on a vehicle in O lot.

Editor’s note:

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Theater: On-campus theater production mimics Madison

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tain that he can make it something extraordinary.

“There were a bunch of people who could have done a different job,” Vopava said. “A few other people in the department have that level of talent.”

Dooley seems confident that Vopava has the necessary attributes to make the staging of this play a success.

Richard’s character is crippled, as manifested in his body.

As a talented actor Vopava will use Richard’s disability to his advantage, just as politicians use various impediments to their advantage, Dooley said.

“Danny is intelligent and inquisitive,” Dooley said. “It will be on Danny’s shoulders to carry the show.”

Vopava agrees that the staging of “Richard III” is appropriate in light of existing politics.

“The show is haunted by echoes of the Scott Walker controversy,” Vopava said. “The set looks exactly like the Madison capitol building.”

The set design will use “different visual elements that might be reminiscent of a certain political climate,” Dooley said.

Junior Alexander Swanson plays Richard’s right-hand

man in the role of Buckingham. The play involves “fighting for power, and lies upon lies upon lies,” Swanson said.

Vopava expressed concern in regards to how he thinks the student population perceives Shakespeare.

“Many see Shakespeare as intimidating and inaccessible,” Vopava said. “But when you see a good actor reading those lines, you immediately know what they’re talking about.”

“It’s not a battle on horses with swords,” Dooley said. “It’s a fistfight at the capitol. Visually it will look like a contemporary play.”

The play as well as the set design by Director of Theatre Ken Stofferahn will be entered into the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) for potential awards. The ACTF is a prestigious annual national festival, showcasing the finest of each region’s entered productions.

UWRF competes as part of region three.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 19-21, 7 p.m. April 26, and 7:30 p.m. April 27-28 in the Blanche Davis Theatre at the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. All performances are free, though reserve seating is required. Tickets are available at the University Box Office in KFA.

Voter registration surprises unaware voting students

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Students at UW-River Falls need to be informed about voter registration before they hit the polls warned school and city officials.

“Lack of experience is one the problems,” said Gregg Heinselman, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs. “A lot of students are voting for the first time and unaware of all of the documentation they need.”

Waiting till the last minute to register also adds to the confusion.

“A big problem with the student population is that many register to vote at the polls on election day,” said Bridget Hieb, deputy clerk for the city of River Falls. “By registering on election day, they must provide an acceptable form of ID.”

A lot of students are not aware of this and are not aware of the documentation they need to provide in order to vote. In the past, Wisconsin allowed a collaborating witness when voters registered, but the law has changed to where witnesses can no longer be used.

“Open registration is a good time to register to vote,” said Hieb. “Between each election there is an open registration from April 4 to April 18 at 5 p.m.”

Anybody can register during this period and not have to provide proof of residency. There are also registration forms on the city of River Falls website. Students can either mail or bring the completed forms to City Hall located on 222 Lewis St. in River Falls.

One stipulation with mailing it in is if this is the first time that a student has registered to vote, they have to provide proof of residency. A student would have to provide their student ID along with their fee statement agreement, which can be printed off eSIS online.

Students can register after April 18 at City Hall but the deadline for this is May 4. The key is to register early because of the long lines and because it will make things run much smoother on election day.

In some regards, the choices that students have can further complicate things. If their parents reside in Wisconsin, a student can choose to remain registered to vote under their parents’ address, or choose to vote where they reside. If they chose to vote somewhere else they would have to request an absentee ballot. The clerk of that city would send students a ballot they would vote and then send it back to the clerk.

“It all depends on the students’ circumstances,” said Hieb. “If the student has been living in River Falls for a while, they may want more input in what goes on in their city and they may choose to vote in River Falls.”

The city of River Falls is planning on putting together pamphlets, which are geared towards students, and will contain important information that students will need to know.

These pamphlets will be put in the University Center on the first level. They will also be put in the door hall lobbies in the dorm halls. In some ways voter registration confusion affects students living on campus more because they don’t always have ID that off-campus students have.

Wisconsin is waiting till after the April 3 election to make a decision about the future photo ID law that was put on a temporary hold.

Trial: Barnett still on paid leave

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oral sex on her boyfriend, the timing of text messages, how the man entered her shorts, and when the theater employees were told to contact authorities.

There was also the concern about why Barnett had run out of the theater. Video surveillance had showed him slightly jogging as he left the theater.

However, one witness testified that it was not uncommon for customers to run out of the theater when it was raining.

Other potential witnesses include the boy who was with the alleged victim, the alleged victim’s father, members of the Hudson Police Department, Barnett’s wife and son, and Barnett himself.

The trial is scheduled to go throughout Friday.

The jury is composed of 13 individuals, eight males and five females. One member will be excused before jury deliberations.

Updates on the trial will be posted to the Student Voice website, www.uwrfvoice.com, as information becomes available.

Barnett is still on paid administrative leave from the University.

Students garner interviewing skills



Charissa Squire/Student Voice

Mock Interview Day is a bi-annual event hosted by Career Services where students are able to sign up for mock interviews with employers in the River Falls area and receive feedback on their interviewing skills. The main purpose of these pretend interviews is for students to become more comfortable in an interview setting.

Cascade project breaks new ground

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The Cascade Avenue project is underway and it will bring a lot of changes to the street, both functionally and aesthetically.

One of the main benefits of the project is to replace failed and outdated infrastructure according to River Falls Director of Public Works and City Engineer Reid Wronski. Numerous above and below ground issues will be addressed in the project. These issues include upgrading the roadway surface, replacing below city-standard 4” water mains with 12” water mains, replacing obsolete sewer pipes with PVS pipes, and replacing the entire street lighting system. The lighting system is currently broken and has only a temporary fix.

A part of the project involves installing two roundabouts on Cascade Avenue that will serve a number of purposes.

“They were chosen because they result in less injury accidents, less delay for cars, it slows down the traffic. They will be heavily monumented with university stuff, it lets the driver know you’re at the university,” the city engineer said.

Any concerns that people have about how to drive on roundabouts should dissipate quickly.

The roundabout at the intersection of South Wasson Lane, Cemetery Road, and 950th Street has a lower accident rate over the past five years than that same intersection had the five years before the roundabout was installed, Wronski said.

In addition to all of the functional upgrades, there will be a lot of landscaping work done to improve the appearance of the road.

“The landscaping is intensive. There is a significant amount going in; median trees, boulevard trees on the outside of the roadway, hundreds if not thousands of plants are going in to the median to create a landscape wall,” Wronski said.

Wronski said this landscape wall will discourage pedestrians from crossing the road anywhere they please and force them into the crosswalks. The landscape wall was the option chosen in lieu of a hard structure like a wall or a fence.

According to information available on UW-River Falls’ web page on the project, “the university felt that a heavily landscaped median fit better with the campus’s existing setting as compared to a black, wrought iron fence.”

Students can expect the construction to remain similar to what has been done to this point.

Until the end of the school year, construction will involve the continuing removal of the pavement all the way through 6th Street and water main installation from Spruce Street to 6th Street said Wronski.

Wronski said that safety is very important and will need the full attention of both construction workers and citizens around the construction area.

“Safety is everybody’s game and we don’t want anything bad to happen on this project. We need everybody to be aware,” Wronski said.

The project is affecting students, especially commuter students like UWRF senior Jess Harrington. She commutes from Hudson and said she rarely parks on Cascade Avenue now.

“Only when there’s a spot, which is never. I park further away from campus because everyone parks on the street that I usually park on,” Harrington said.

The road has to be open by late October but they are shooting to have it done by early September Wronski said. Whether or not it gets done by September is largely dependent on the weather.

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Possibility of UW-River Falls becoming tobacco free campus catalyzes debate, controversy

The issue of allowing tobacco on campus has long been an issue at UW-River Falls as well as other campuses all over the United States. According to the American Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation (ANRF), whose slogan asserts “Defending your right to breathe smoke free air since 1976,” there are at least 704 completely smoke and tobacco free campuses in the U.S.

Three states have adopted policies that have completely banned smoking and tobacco on all college and university grounds: Arkansas, Iowa and Oklahoma.

Chancellor Dean Van Galen’s advisory council on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs will be hosting three one-hour open forums to discuss the possibility of making UWRF a tobacco free campus. The main purpose of the forums is to gather input and generate discussion regarding a possible campus tobacco free policy, with each forum starting with a short presentation of information and data.

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The American College Health Association (ACHA) strongly encourages campuses to ban all tobacco and smoke products, in an effort to encourage individuals to quit using tobacco all together.

We here at the Student Voice do not condone the use of tobacco products by any means, but we do believe that it should be the students’ right to decide whether or not they will use tobacco. Herein lies the issue of civility—UWRF adopted the 25-foot rule as an attempt to compromise. However, far too many students complain about others not complying to the rule and smoking wherever they please. The Voice wishes to once again reiterate how important it is to comply with the 25-foot rule. An alternative option would be to create designated, remote smoking areas for those who wish to continue to smoke on campus.

We urge students to attend the chancellor’s open forums and voice their opinion on this issue.

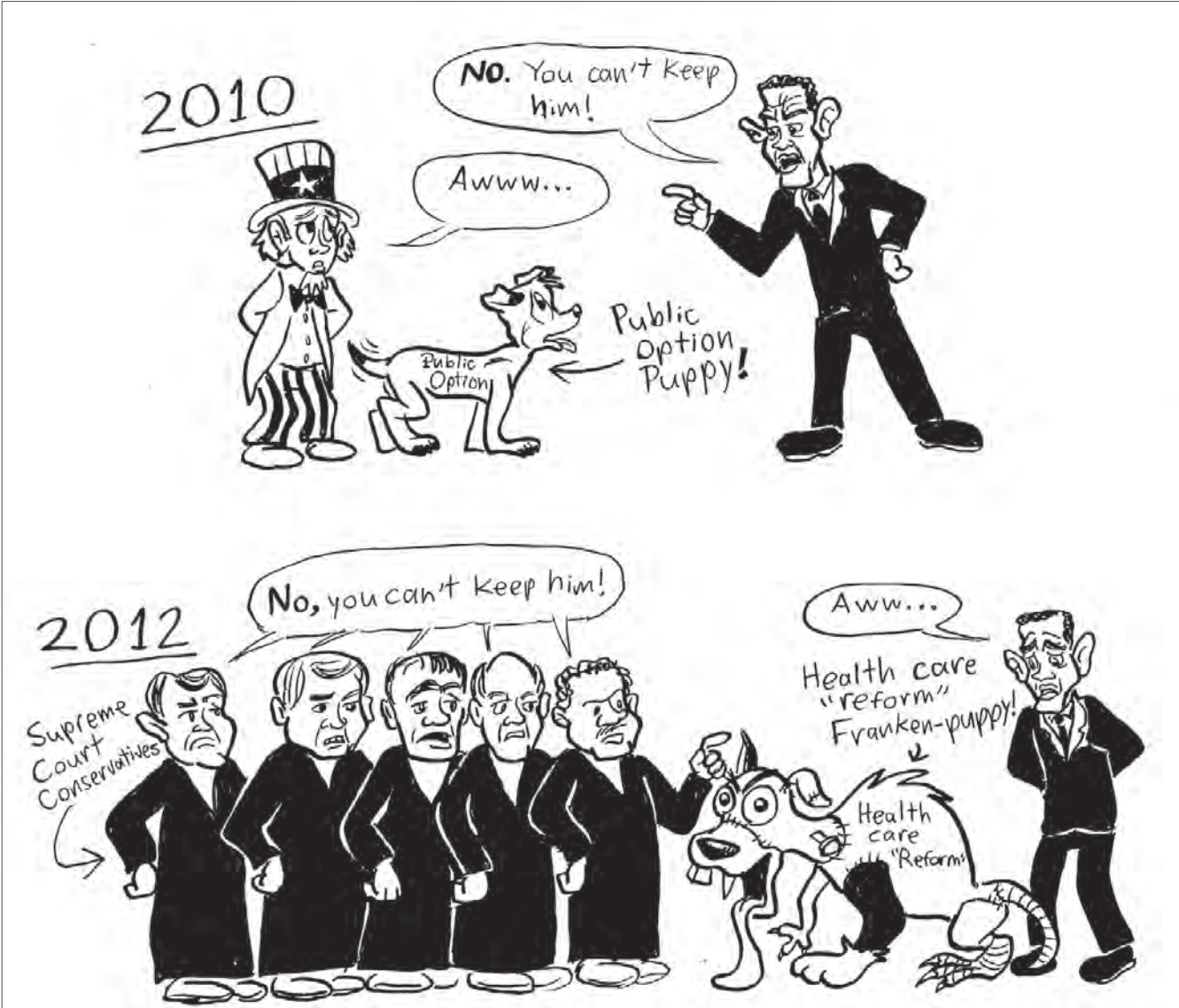
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Letters to the editor

Union has more than ideals to offer public
In last year’s Wisconsin recall elections the Republican party clearly articulated their disdain for anyone who belongs to a union. Their campaign literature proclaimed, “They are not us!” We’re likely to hear more of the same as the recall election of Governor Scott Walker draws near.

What many people have forgotten or choose to ignore are the multitude of workplace reforms that the labor union movement has promoted and won for us over the years.

The list is long: the minimum wage, pension benefits, over-time pay, sick leave, parental leave, child-labor laws, Social Security, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, health benefits, spousal and partner benefits, living wage laws, workplace safety, farm labor rights, grievance procedures, civil rights and more. If you work for a living, chances are that you have benefited from the union movement.

If Republicans would have had their way, few if any of these workplace reforms would be in place. Even now the Republican party seeks to roll back history and torpedo many of these benefits.

A prime example is last year’s successful campaign by Walker to hammer Wisconsin’s public sector unions. Walker and his followers are promoting a union-busting crusade supported by ultra-wealthy corporate interests that is gaining steam nation-wide.

Working people, unionized or not, should take notice. This issue impacts so many of us and our votes may be the only way to fight back.

**Harlen Menk
Ellsworth, Wis.**

Intellectual diversity lacks at UW-River Falls
I read with interest the Voice’s story about my talk at UW-River Falls last week (“UW-Madison Professor Imparts Knowledge about Free Speech,” March 30). The story does a good job of discussing issues relating to the status of free speech in higher education today.

I was also impressed with the students who turned out for the talk, who were responsive and asked good questions. I did, however, expect students to raise concerns and ask questions about the status of free speech and the diversity of ideas at UWRF itself. After speaking with several students after the talk and Q & A were over, I wished that such questions and concerns had been raised.

Such students did not say anything critical about the right of students to engage in free speech at UWRF, which was good news; but several did claim that some of their classes are very ideological and one-sided, especially regarding the collective bargaining dispute. Some even related stories of extra credit being given for

attending anti-Walker rallies in Madison, while not providing such credit for other political activity. I cannot attest to the veracity of such claims, though I had no reason to question the integrity of the students who brought such cases to my attention.

Some students also related that they were afraid to raise such concerns after the talk because of the presence of faculty members in the room. If such claims have any merit, it would behoove the University to engage in constructive self-analysis and criticism, as students deserve intellectual diversity and more balanced pedagogy.

**Donald A. Downs
Professor of political science, law and journalism
UW-Madison**

Online exams prove useful to students

I recently had the gratifying experience of taking a mid-term exam for Art 213, an art history course skillfully taught by Kylee Spencer. First of all, it was wonderfully easy to do: I sat in my office at home and logged into Desire 2 Learn (D2L), where the test popped up and I activated the start tab to use my allotted 65 minutes to take the exam. When I got stuck in a term or name, I could switch over to Google and look up a detail. One might think, “That’s too easy! Who will learn anything when they can look up the answers?”

Well, I did, for one. Two things were gratifying about this experience. The amount of time I put into studying for the exam (about 4 hours) proved to be just about right in enabling me to finish answering the 60 questions in 40 minutes, leaving me time to check my responses and make sure they were completed and saved, and I would not have learned the material as well, not stored it in a longer-term memory bank had I not spent the hours that I did. I call this gratifying because I spent a fair amount of time in my teaching career persuading students that exams were a good thing because they helped you learn. Lots of students remained skeptical. A lucky few have good reason to: the ones with those brains that hear or read something once and comprehend and store it automatically. But most of us need the studying process to scaffold that data and concepts onto structures that make sense to us and suit our retrieval mechanisms.

Did I get a perfect score? No, I got five wrong. That’s the same as the number of classes I’ve missed-which corroborates another naggy teacher argument: going to class is a good thing.

**Ruth Wood
Professor Emerita of English**

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Rachel Responds: Picking the right cell phone



Rachel Woodman
Columnist

Fatty the Blue Collar Lunchbox asks: “Which is a better purchase: Android or iPhone?”

That’s an excellent question, one many people ask themselves and others when their cellphone

contract nears its end. After two years with the same model phone many people are looking for something new to tinker with for two more. If it’s a basic phone you seek, then the decision is easier but, for new and current smartphone users, choosing something new can be a daunting task.

Manufacturers Samsung, HTC, LG, Motorola, Nokia, Blackberry and Apple all release different phones. But just like choosing a laptop, it’s what’s inside that most people are looking to buy: the operating system (OS). Top operating systems now are the Android OS, iOS (iPhone’s operating system), Blackberry OS and Windows Phone OS.

However, Fatty’s question wasn’t about the top four operating systems. It was only about two platforms: Android and iPhone. And that’s no surprise, considering the two are in direct competition with each other to dominate the U.S. market. Clint Boulton of eWeek.com, reported that Android ended 2011 with 53 percent of the total smartphone market share and iPhone had only 29 percent.

So what is about these two operating systems that makes consumers run to their local cellphone hotspot? Apps! Apps, short for “applications,” are programs that can be downloaded to phones that carry either operating system. From barcode scanners to coupon apps, from Angry Birds to Draw Something, from Love Quotes to the Yellow Pages, from

anything to anything else there’s an app.

So which is better? The iPhone’s “App Store” or Android’s “Google Play” store (previously known as “The Market”)? The App Store does take a lead in the quantity of apps its store offers but when both app stores carry over 500,000 who’s going to split hairs?

But Apple Apps do have a longer shelf life. Dan Rowinski of readwriteweb.com, reported that Apple’s apps had a churn rate of 24 percent in the end of 2011 whereas Google’s apps had a churn rate of 37 percent. Both platforms contain many of the same applications or very similar ones. Only a few are unique to one OS.

A major argument by Apple fans, and other connoisseurs of Apple products, is that the iPhone has a sounder performance, has better ease of use, and is fast. It’s important to first consider what it is being compared when making that argument. There’s a difference between “easy to use” and “easier to use.”

In an usability battle between the Android OS and iOS, Android came out on top. Jacob, a usability tester at IntuitionHQ.com, put together a test to compare the length of time it took for users to perform the same functions in the same applications on both platforms.

The test also compared the success rate of the task. The usability of Facebook, Geocaching, Pandora, Soundhound, Google Translate and Twitter were examined and Android became the victor with nine points to Apple’s seven and a half. Both devices performed very well. So they’re both user-friendly, so what? The word on the street is that Android has more app crashes and “force closes” whereas Apple reigns strong. Well, think again. Forbes.com published research that says otherwise.

Cittercism, a research app company which analyzes crashes, gathered information from more than 214 million

app launches between November and December of 2011 and found that all versions of the Google platform outperformed all versions of Apple’s. The main reason behind app crashes is that both platforms have so many updates released that app developers need to work to keep up with the changes.

So both platforms have similar apps, similar usability, and similar performance with Android having a slight lead. So what else is there? Both have web browsing and email capabilities, turn by turn navigation, talk to text, ability to watch videos/movies, take pictures, and have video chat capabilities.

So why do some people love either? Mainly preference. Some people prefer to have all Apple products while others prefer the expandable memory and universal features of an Android. Platform versus platform, either choice is solid.

Just remember, the iOS can be found on an iPhone but the Android OS can be found on devices by nearly all manufacturers. If you want a fast Android device that can house a lot of applications, music, and video while having a great flash camera, video chat, and HD camcorder then don’t shop in the bargain bin.

Even an iPhone 4 8GB (the most inexpensive iPhone option) costs \$99.99 with a two-year contract with any cellphone provider. Don’t expect to pay less than that for a high end Android.

Thanks for the question, Sir Fatty. Anyone may submit questions, concerns or quandaries to questionsforrachel@live.com. Please send them right away if you’d like to see them in the next Student Voice. Don’t forget to like “Rachel Responds” on Facebook and follow “RachelResponds” on Twitter.

Rachel is a senior majoring in marketing communications and minoring in journalism. She loves to work hard, play hard and use cliches!

Expand your thinking: Mysterious depression affects students, hope contributes a cure



Jaime Haines
Columnist

Depression is a mysterious thing. It’s an unseen force that can completely debilitate a person. It comes and goes as it pleases, destroying everything it can wrap its

smoky tendrils around. Because of it, all emotions other than emptiness and sadness disappear. Soon, all motivation and hope is lost. And that is when this becomes dangerous. To overcome depression, refuse to let it take away the truth; the truth is what will pull you through.

A major part of beating depression is to stop hiding it. No matter how dark the depression, it cannot survive the lights of exposure. Simply tell someone how you feel. This can be incredibly difficult, but you need help.

Depression often saps a person’s drive to do anything, especially something as difficult as overcoming such awful feelings, so allow others to help you through this journey. Talk to your parents, your friends, or your significant other. If you feel they are estranged and will not help, reach out to a favorite professor, club leader, or school counselor.

I promise that there is someone who cares, even if it does not feel like it. Some people will not understand or will not

react the way you need; be patient and keep trying. Explain what you can and tell them what you want, be it someone to listen, advise, or take a bit of work off your hands.

With a strong support circle, be it comprised of one or 10 confidants, begin learning about depression and different ways of overcoming it. A simple place to start is with your general practitioner. Learn from him or her about different counseling resources and see if you can receive a referral to a psychiatrist. Counseling is one of the best ways to begin the healing process.

Also, many people use anti-depressants, some only temporarily, some long term. Personally, I view medication as more of a short-term fix, something that can give you enough energy to start healing in other ways. However, this is a personal decision and one you can further discuss with a psychiatrist, close family and friends, and most importantly, yourself.

If at all possible, definitely search out a psychiatrist for a prescription instead of a general practitioner; psychiatrists study these medications an additional four or more years beyond normal medical school, and are much more knowledgeable of which to use for what people.

However, healing does not only occur under the watch of professionals. Many other activities can aid in overcoming depression. The following are only a few options: massage, energy field work, natural supplements, meditation, exercise, journaling, healthy eating and simply doing your normal daily tasks. Depression is an expert in making people quit do-

ing what they love. While it is advisable to cut back enough to avoid being overwhelmed, do not cease all activities. Search for what you need.

If you need to feel a spark of life, think of every activity you can possibly imagine that used to make you smile or feel alive. Then begin trying these items. If not a single item makes you happy, try new things or simply retry the old ideas. While this seems draining (as does everything when you are depressed) if you keep trying, something will manage to lift the dark cloud, if only for a moment.

If you experience that moment, revel in it! Rejoice in every second not spent hiding, crying, or feeling empty. While the ultimate goal is to feel normal amounts of happiness, realize that feeling any happiness at all is a huge accomplishment and not one to brush aside as insignificant.

While this short column in no way offers a comprehensive list of solutions to depression, hopefully it gives you a sounding board for where to start. Spend time researching depression. Naturally, do not believe everything you read, but it will help you draw your own conclusions and searching for solutions that fit your lifestyle and beliefs. Primarily, remember Albus Dumbledore’s wise words: “Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.”

Jaime is an exuberant puppy-lover and “House” addict. She plans to use her psychology degree to encourage activism and well-being through counseling, workshops, speeches and the written word.

STUDENT VOICES

Who is your celebrity crush?



Alyssa Vircks, senior

“Channing Tatum because he is that classic all-American guy.”



Codey Hatfield, senior

“Miranda Lambert because she seems down to earth, likes to hunt and is good looking.”



Sadie Clark, sophomore

“Ryan Gosling because he won my heart over in ‘The Notebook.’”



Sheeneng Yang, freshman

“Megan Fox because she is good looking.”

Lifestyle enthusiast; on the town ‘Twilight’ confrontation in Forks, Washington



Christopher Pagels
Columnist

The last two times I’ve been pulled over were in 2009 and 2010, in Forks, Washington. Neither of the officers were named Charlie. I did not receive a

ticket, nor have I gotten one in all of my 25 years.

This happened on the same road within the same mile.

The first time I heard of Forks was from an old girlfriend who called herself Ingrid. The way she described Forks I thought she read about it in National Geographic or a travel brochure. Albino vampires and naïve teenagers are not what I had in mind, but my passing through there would prove just as macabre. Ingrid, of course, was referring to the novel “Twilight.”

Snow fell softly on my windshield in the morning of my birthday in 2009. I had only seen snow one other time in summer. I called shenanigans. Flathead National Forest, neighbor to Glacier National Park, surrounded me as I slept the night in my car.

I climbed my first mountain in Glacier the day prior. I would have taken longer to hike, but twin 78-year-old grandmothers started at the same time as me. I couldn’t live down the shame if they passed me to the top so I compensated.

As I drove out the forest road had potholes so big it would really make you say “what the ____!” The next 14 hours was spent driving 700 miles (14 hours) through Montana and Idaho to Sappho, the town just before Forks.

“I am an eggman,” as the Beastie Boys would say. Like the Irish are to potato famines, I am to eating eggs. My birthday morning consisted of sunny-side up eggs, hash browns, Coca-Cola, toast, clean laundry and a shower costing only \$9.

Forks, according to “Twilight,” has the highest rainfall of any town in the U.S. Therefore, it’s cloudy most of the time and so it was on this day. I was too excited at the time to forebode these implications.

Montana is horizon-to-horizon driving. One horizon can consist of a couple of mailboxes accompanied by houses roofed with steel grates. Sagebrush, stunted trees, and cacti scratch the big-sky country as I drive past at 80 mph (speed limit being 75 mph). The mountains are always in the periphery, but as I approached Idaho, the mountains crowded closer together until the freeway fit in the notch between them.

I drove through the bottleneck of Idaho in a couple of hours and passed into the Washington desert. The rain forest I was expecting was rather brown. Turns out the idyllic rain forest trees of Washington are west of the Cascade Mountains.

Darkness was descending once I ferried over the Puget Sound in Seattle. According to my campgrounds directory, Bear Creek Campground in Sappho was free and open. Near complete twilight, I squinted into the darkness looking for a campground sign, anything really.

On a straightaway with huge trees arching over the highway, a round rusty campground sign appeared. I didn’t care if I had to pay at that point. A trailer pulled up into view. Several broken down Volkswagen Beetles had grass growing through and around them like cages.

Many more vehicles were lying around too. An old woman in a dress creaked open the door, she seemed to appear suddenly. I told her my plight. She said she was housesitting.

Her face was sunken in, especially the eyes. It was highly exaggerated like a caricature. Let’s just say she would turn an artist into a photographer. Her deep wrinkles made me worry. She said I could park in the field with the beetles and tall grass and figure out payment in the morning.

Driving past the defunct cars, I pitched my tent on a sand pile to the light of my high beams. Thoughts of a black mass crept into my dreams waiting for séances only to open my tent to find I was in the middle of a pentagram.

I woke up with the dew in the grass and the skin still on my back. When I opened the tent, I found much more junk than I could guess. To the south of me was a working phone booth with a rotary dial, in the middle of the woods. Next to it was a gas pump, not working.

The old woman wasn’t forthcoming so I toured the grounds in the meanwhile. The trailer was decorated with all sorts of arty and antique knick-knacks. Most of it was made out of garbage and rust. A large shed three times its size stood behind it. Peeking through the musty teal colored windows, I saw a two-propeller airplane.

Not once did I see any camping spots. A small amphitheater with a wooden platform was surrounded by wooden stumps and a claw-foot bathtub. Even farther back were several RV’s with mattresses spilling out broken down and receding into the swallowing forest. I left a small note, held down by a rock, on the porch thanking the old woman for the hospitality and burned out of there. Several miles later, a cop pulled me over for speeding as I entered Forks.

UWRF to choose design team for Falcon Center

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The Falcon Center for Health, Education and Wellness is in the beginning stages of development for the UW-River Falls campus and the students that will be using the facility.

“This past March, through a lot of skilled effort by the chancellor, administrative staff, and our area legislators, UWRF received approval of construction funding that will be available starting in July 2013,” said the Campus Planner Dale Braun in an email.

The architect and engineer team is expected to be hired by July 1 to go forward with design plans.

According to the health and human performance (HHP) webpage on the UWRF site, the building will contain classrooms, human performance and anatomy laboratories, a large gymnasium, dance studio, smooth surface gym, offices, locker rooms, training rooms and other needed space.

“It has been a long process,” Faye Perkins, a health and human performance professor said.

Perkins has been a part of UWRF since 1988 and the University was talking about the need for new facilities then. In 1990, a planning committee was established.

“Our current facilities are so outdated and have outgrown our enrollment,” Perkins said.

The Karges Education Center was built in 1959 when about 1,500 students attended UWRF with no athletics for women. However, as of fall 2011 there are about 6,700 students that attend the University with 18 intercollegiate sports.

“The Karges Center has lived well beyond the resources,”

said Perkins. “Our classrooms are dilapidated and the labs are mostly inadequate.”

The new building will serve as a center for the HHP education program, student-athlete/athletic needs, and other general needs for students and for the community members as well.

“Getting key facilities for our athletics program will help bring in athletes and improve our program,” said Crystal Lanning, the assistant athletic director, senior woman administrator and assistant athletic trainer.

The football field and basketball facilities are the most outdated from an athletics stand point when compared to other schools in the UW System. The HHP program is running out of space to fit their needs.

“Our program is under ‘enrollment management’ because facilities are so bad,” said Perkins.

The enrollment management means that the HHP program is limited to the number of students who are allowed into the major.

“We could grow if there are better facilities and more staff for the students,” Perkins said.

There are currently 250 students with HHP majors and there are five different minors of coaching, dance education, adaptive physical education, outdoor education and health education.

“The intent for the building is to help improve HHP for educational reasons and for students to learn more,” Lanning said.

The plan for the building is to help in all aspects of athletics, education and campus life.

On the HHP webpage, the plan states that there will be

maintenance work done for the Hunt/Knowles complex. The Karges Education Center and Emogene Nelson Building will be demolished.

There will also be a 350-stall parking lot next to the new Falcon Center.

“This project is a very large, expensive, and complex project that takes quite a while to accomplish,” said Braun. “There are many steps involved, from creating the plans, to gaining funding, to getting permission to construct and then the actual construction itself.”

The project has taken more than a decade to be approved by the state of Wisconsin.

There have been other needs of the state’s money instead of a new sports/education facility for UWRF.

The approval came through in 2009 and a little over \$1 million was granted for the planning part, which took two years.

Then in 2011 there was \$2 million granted for the design faze of hiring architects and engineers.


To build the building, \$63 million was budgeted for the completion of the construction.

The total time this project will take totals to about 30 years, from recognizing the need for the project to the day the new building will be open for use.

The new building is scheduled to begin construction in September 2014.

If the building of the new facility remains on schedule, it will be open for use in December 2016.

Sports updates in every avenue making headlines



Ryan Tibbitts
Columnist

With college hoops done and the NFL frenzy coming to a screeching halt, there has been no real big headline dominating the sports world.

There still has been a variety of news and excitement that makes it fun to be a sports fan right now. This includes opening weekend in baseball, the Masters, the crazy NHL playoff race, the NBA regular season coming to a close, and the NFL draft is right around the corner. I will show you an in-depth look at some of these.

With MLB having by far the longest season out of any of the other sports it is hard to put much stock into one week-end of baseball, yet every year after opening weekend there are already fans hitting the panic buttons on their teams or fans proclaiming that their team will be there in October.

Living in Wisconsin I saw fans every year say that this will be the year for the Brewers after just a mere three games. Until the last few years, those fans were always wrong and left in tears already by July.

The story has been different for the Brewers, whp are recently coming off a division championship despite losing Prince Fielder in the offseason. Their division foes, the St. Louis Cardinals, also lost their star in Albert Pujols as he’s now enjoying the California sun playing for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

The Brewers still look strong as former MVP Ryan Braun

looks as good as ever and the pitching staff is solid, which is so important in this league (just ask the Twins).

Speaking of the Twins, they are off to a slow start and their fans are already hitting the panic button and calling for manager Ron Gardenhire’s head. They have zero pitching and, even though it is real early yet, things could be ugly if you are a Twins fan this year.

The early front-runner in MLB is the Detroit Tigers. The Tigers have bats all the way through the line-up and are lead by Miguel Cabrera and newly acquired Prince Fielder and have the most dominant pitcher in the game with Justin Verlander.

The black eye of opening weekend was Ozzie Guillen and his pro- Fidel Castro remarks. Even with his new team, the Miami Marlins, Guillen, who has been known to run his mouth at inappropriate times, did not know how to control himself when he made these remarks. He has been suspended five games after offending a lot of people, including some of his own players.

This was the first year that I actually sat down and watched golf on TV. I never would have thought golf would be exciting to watch, but the way it is televised going from hole to hole with different announcers and showing the golfers battle it out on the scoreboard and watching beautiful shots as they get out of what looks like an impossible position was magical.

I was intrigued all weekend as Tiger Woods melted down by throwing his clubs; Fred Couples became the story of the weekend for a bit, as everyone pulled for him, and golf legend Phil Mickelson lurked all weekend ready to pounce and take his fourth green jacket.

After it was all said and done, it was Bubba Watson pull-

ing through and taking that beloved green jacket. Watson is a crowd favorite on the course and watching how a golfer can get the crowd so involved was a breath of fresh air and enjoyable to watch.

The game of golf and the Masters itself is filled with tradition like no other sport and, personally, I look forward to watching more golf in the future.

With the NBA playoffs coming just right around the corner, it is the Orlando Magic in the headlines. Unfortunately, they are in the headlines for all the wrong reasons and star Dwight Howard and Coach Stan Van Gundy are in disarray and the Magic are falling fast.


It is unlikely that the Magic will fall all the way out of the playoffs but they will surely be bounced in the first round. A team that was in disarray just a month ago, the New York Knicks, are on a roll. Since former head coach Mike D’Antoni stepped down their star Carmelo Anthony has been rolling and the team is on fire heading into the playoffs. For Timberwolves and Bucks fans, it does not look like either one of your teams will be making it into the postseason.

A quick look at Mel Kiper’s mock draft board shows the Vikings selecting offensive lineman Matt Khali. He will help them improve that offensive line and provide much needed run support for Adrian Peterson and protect Christian Ponder or whomever is their quarterback next year.


Kiper has cornerback Stephen Gilmore for the Green Bay Packers who will give a solid role to the secondary as star Charles Woodson is aging and will need a replacement soon.

Ryan is a freshman majoring in journalism. He loves all sports but obsesses over the Packers.


Athletes of the week




Runner of the week
Jordan Crockett had two strong runs for the Falcons in a dual meet against UW-Stout at Ramer Field on Thursday, April 5. Crockett, won the 100 meters in 11.06 seconds and tied for first place in the 200 meters in 22.28 seconds.



Pitcher of the week
Abbie Morris pitched well for the Falcons in two WIAC games April 6 and 7. Morris got the win in the team’s 7-3 win at UW-Stevens Point. She pitched four innings and allowed seven hits and just two earned runs. She walked one and struck out three. Morris also pitched 3.2 scoreless innings in the team’s 3-0 loss to UW-Eau Claire.



Player of the week
Catcher Patty Olson helped the Falcons to two WIAC wins in four games the week of April 2. Olson went 6-14 at the plate for a .429 average. In the team’s 9-4 win over UW-Eau Claire, she went 2-4 with two runs scored and five RBI. She hit a two-run homer in the first inning and a three-run homer in the sixth to lead the Falcon offensive attack. Olson went 3-3 in the second game and had a double in that contest.



Field athlete of the week
Becky Ponick set a school record in a dual meet against UW-Stout at Ramer Field on Thursday, April 4. Ponick threw the javelin 136-6 to set the record. She won the event and her throw ranks No. 7 in the nation currently and is the best in the WIAC. Ponick’s effort is also the best in the WIAC over the past three seasons according, to Falcon Coach Aaron Decker.

NCAA Divison III week

NCAA Division III Week is from April 9-15. To celebrate Division III Week on the UW-River Falls campus, the Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) will be hosting a tailgate event from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Ramer Field in conjunction with the track and field meet and softball games.

There will be yard games and snacks, and SAAC is encouraging everyone to come out and support Division III athletics. There will also be announcements given throughout the track and field meet and softball games that talk about Division III Week and some of the accomplishments of the student-athletes of UWRF in the three focus areas of Academic Achievement, Athletic Experience and Community Service.

Sports Events

- Friday, April 13**
Men’s track and field at the UW-River Falls Invitational at 3 p.m.
- Women’s track and field at the UW-River Falls Invitational at 3 p.m.**
- Saturday, April 14**
Softball vs UW-Superior for Alumni Day at 12 p.m. (doubleheader)
- Men’s track and field at the UW-River Falls Invitational at 11 a.m.**
- Women’s track and field at the UW-River Falls Invitational at 11 a.m.**
- Sunday, April 15**
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Alternative recipies for leftover Easter eggs



Brittney Pfenning-Wendt
Columnist

Egg dying and decorating has been around since the early 1700s with the Pennsylvania Dutch settlers. It may create a mess, with all the separate cups of coloring, but the turnout is worth the effort. However, now that Easter is over and you're left with hard-boiled eggs, you may be wondering what to do.

Hard-boiled eggs can be stored safely by refrigerating them for up to a week in their shell. If you've removed the shell they should be eaten that day or thrown away. By keeping the eggs in their original carton or an airtight container you can minimize

the smell that may leak into the rest of your refrigerator.

If you are hesitant to eat the egg due to a greenish ring around the yolk, don't worry. The egg is completely safe to eat.

The discoloring is due to a chemical reaction from cooking too long or at too high of a temperature. Using up the eggs should be no problem with a few tips and tricks that will spark your appetite.

The first thing you'll want to become efficient at is peeling the shell. I've found the easiest way to do this is by tapping the egg on a hard surface until it is finely cracked all over. Next roll the egg between your palms to loosen up the shell.

You can then peel, starting at the larger end while holding the egg under cool water. Before you know it you'll be

able to peel eggs in a flash without much mess and an intact egg.

Eggs provide a lot of nutrition, making them a great snack or addition to any meal.

Containing the highest quality protein found in any food, they will help you stay full and feel energized.

They are also a great source of choline which aids the brain by maintaining the brain cell membranes. So mix some eggs into your dishes and you'll be adding a boost of nutrition.

Having the fullness factor of protein makes them a great

boiled eggs will give you protein, completing your dish and filling you up. Chef's Salad is known for containing hard boiled eggs; however you can add them to just about any salad.

Instead of a topping on a salad try the more spread like salads. Egg salad, one of the most common uses for hard boiled eggs is a combination of mayonnaise or Greek yogurt, a little mustard, salt and pepper.

The spread is easy to make and tastes great as a sandwich or cracker dip. Other spread-like salads that can be dressed up by including eggs

wiches aren't your cup of tea and you'd rather make a small snack or quick appetizer. In this case just peel the egg, cut it in half lengthwise and make deviled eggs.

Deviled eggs are a common appetizer that many love. The inside yolk is scooped out, combined with simple ingredients and replaced only to be garnished with a dash of paprika.

If you want to make the presentation really fancy use a cookie press with an icing tip to carefully swirl the filling into the hollowed out space in the egg whites.

Of course hard boiled eggs can be eaten plain straight out of the shell.

Many eat them for breakfast or for a handy snack if you're on your way out and need something to hold you over until lunch or dinner.

Give a new recipe a try. No matter how many hard boiled eggs you have leftover you're sure to find a recipe you like.

Deviled Eggs
Ingredients:

- 6 hard boiled eggs
- ¼ c. mayo
- ¾ tsp. mustard
- ½ tsp. lemon juice
- ¼ tsp. salt
- pinch of pepper
- optional garnish:
- chopped chives
- dash of paprika

Directions:

1. Peel and cut the eggs in half lengthwise. Place the egg whites on a plate.
2. Scoop out the yolks placing them in a dish. Add the mayo, lemon juice, salt and pepper to the yolks. Mix until well combined.
3. Use a spoon or cookie press with an icing tip to fill the hollowed egg white with about a tablespoon of the prepared filling.
4. Chill (this will help blend the flavors).
5. Garnish with chives and paprika if desired.

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'The Killing' leaves fans wondering what comes next



Michael Brun
Reviewer

Last year's finale of the new AMC series "The Killing" caused an Internet firestorm over a last-minute revelation that basically made the entire season seem like a waste of time. That's right, the whole first season was a red herring.

With season two having premiered this month—on April Fool's Day, no less—AMC and the series' showrunners now face the daunting task of winning back all those perturbed fans; but, if the first three episodes are any indication of what to expect this season, I'd say they're up to the challenge.

Like a lot of things on television nowadays, "The Killing" is an American adaptation of a European show. The award-winning original series began airing in Denmark in 2007, and is now scheduled to enter its third season later this year. The story was reworked for American audiences in late

2010 by writer and executive producer Veena Sud, who worked previously on the drama "Cold Case."

"The Killing" is part murder mystery, part police procedural. But unlike similar shows out there, it focuses on a single investigation with strong continuity between episodes. Imagine taking a case on "Law and Order" and expanding it to fill several hours of programming.

The mystery surrounds the murder of teenager Rosie Larsen, who was found dead in the trunk of a car belonging to a Seattle politician. It would seem initially like simple case to solve, but after the first 48 hours of the investigation, it becomes clear that it won't be so easy.

To borrow a line from the comedy "Wrongfully Accused," this show "has more twists and turns than Chubby Checker in a blender."

The format of "The Killing" is set up so that each episode covers approximately one day. As we enter into season two, this means the investigation has moved into its third week.

Like similar time-themed shows, "24" for instance, the pacing is exhaustive. So much has happened in the first season that it's hard to believe only a few days have passed for the characters.

One would think such a plot-intensive and methodical mystery show would be difficult to pick up midseason, but the infamous season one finale that turned off so many fans is actually a blessing in disguise for series newcomers. The only thing viewers need to know to jump into season two is that Rosie is dead and the politician didn't do it.

Of course long-time fans will have a greater appreciation for minor details and references in season two; but, when compared to other AMC series like "Mad Men" and "Breaking Bad," "The Killing" has not yet reached a level of impenetrability for late adopters.

Ultimately what makes "The Killing" so entertaining has less to do with the mystery, and more to do with the characters. The drive to solve the murder is what propels the show, but with closure nowhere in sight, it's the interaction between the story's key players that keeps

me coming back each week.

The most interesting characters are Detectives Linden and Holder, played by Mireille Enos and Joel Kinnaman, respectively. Linden is a single mother balancing her duty to catch Rosie's killer with her responsibility to her own son. While Holder is a recovering drug addict with a sketchy past and no respect for police dress code.

Linden and Holder are so complex and flawed that, should they manage to solve Rosie's murder next week (unlikely as that would be), the show could easily keep going for another two seasons by focusing on resolving their personal issues.

One of the benefits that "The Killing" has over other crime dramas is that it has the time to really explore how a murder affects the victim's family.

Rosie's mother, played brilliantly by Michelle Forbes, is an absolute wreck. She swings between fits of rage and soul-crushing depression, and often makes destructive choices as a result. As a viewer you can't help but feel for her loss, but some of her actions make you question the point where grief can no longer be used as an excuse



to avoid responsibility.

"The Killing" is among the top weekly dramas airing this spring. If you gave it up following last year's infamous final twist, it's time to come back and rediscover why it captured audiences in the first place. If you're new to the show, now is as good

of a time as any to join the mystery.

"The Killing" airs 8 p.m. Sundays on AMC.

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