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## Jury finds Barnett not guilty

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After deliberating for 10 hours the jury in the Thomas W. Barnett case came to a verdict at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, finding the UW-River Falls music professor not guilty of second-degree sexual assault and false imprisonment. “I’m so thankful for the jury’s service. I’m sure it was so hard on them and I’m very humbled by their service,” Barnett said after the verdict was announced. “It’s just unbelievable. I’m just so thankful.” Barnett, a 42-year-old UWRF professor of 10 years from Baldwin, was accused in August 2011 of touching a 13-year-old girl inappropriately at the Hudson Theatre and for falsely identifying himself as theater security. The court heard evidence in the case on April 11 and 12. Assistant District Attorney Francis Collins, representing the state of Wisconsin, and Barnett’s defense attorney Timothy O’Brien gave closing statements April 13. After Judge Eric J. Lundell

read instructions to the jurors, they continued to deliberate until 7:30 p.m. Friday. The jury was then sent home for the night to return to the courthouse at 9 a.m. Saturday to continue. After eight months of facing charges that could have sent him to prison for 40 years, Barnett said that he’s glad that it’s over. “My faith in God is what got me and my family through this,” Barnett said. During the time of the trial, Barnett had been placed on paid administrative leave. However, it is unclear when or if Barnett will return to UWRF as the University is conducting its own investigation. Blake Fry, the special assistant to the chancellor said, “State employment law dictates that as an institution we must complete our own investigation into the matter using the guidelines set forth in Chapter UWS 4, and that the outcome of the criminal case can not be the sole reason for the decision we make. With that said, the evidence and testimony put forward over the past four days will certainly inform our investigation.”



*Sally King/Student Voice*  
**Thomas Barnett’s wife embraces family and friends after Barnett’s verdict was read on Saturday, April 14 at 10:40 a.m. Barnett was declared not guilty on charges of second-degree sexual assault of a minor and for false imprisonment from charges that were brought forth on Aug. 16, 2011 at the Hudson Theatre.**



*Alicia Carlson/Student Voice*  
**This Student Senate staff will soon be replaced with the newly elected officers. President Halverson (center) will be replaced with newly elected President O’Brien.**

## Senators begin new term

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The 13 newly elected Student Senate senators have many different goals for the Senate going into their term. These include the visibility of Senate on campus, connecting and working together as a new group and getting involved in committees. In this election, there were 662 students who voted

yielding a voter turnout of 10.8 percent of the entire student body. This number is very similar to the previous elections held in April and October of 2011. “With only 10.8 percent of the student body voting, many of these races could have ended up differently,” Elections Commissioner Ben Blanchard said. Many of the senators are very concerned that the low

voter turnout suggests Senate has become something that students are uninformed about and are therefore not involved with. The new senators said that this is something they will work very hard at changing. “The other senators and I will represent the student body as best we can, but it is always very beneficial to hear

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## Debate on tobacco free campus begins

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The Chancellor’s Advisory Council on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs will be hosting two open forums to discuss the possibility of making UW-River Falls a tobacco free campus. The purpose of the forums is to gather input and generate discussion regarding a potential campus tobacco free policy, with each forum starting with a short presentation of information and data, according to Keven Syverson, health education coordinator at Student Health Services. The forums are open to students, faculty and staff. “It is important for students and staff to share their opinions as the Chancellor wants to hear from the campus community on this issue,” Syverson said. The new policy would help to reduce secondhand smoke and the littering of cigarette

butts and spit or chew on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The vision of the council is to create a sustainable campus community where the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs are minimized, according to Syverson. Membership in the council includes interested students, faculty and staff, as well as community members. In 2003, similar open forums were held on campus to gather opinions on the 25-foot radius policy. This policy can be found in the Wisconsin Administrative Code under chapter 18.08, parent 11 titled Smoking. The fine for not following the 25-foot radius policy can be at minimum \$200.50, according to Officer David Kuether of Campus Police. “Usually when we get a smoking complaint it is about the smoke entering the build-

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## Annual Unity in the Community event celebrates diversity

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UW-River Falls will have its 19th annual Unity in the Community event throughout the day on campus and in the evening downtown to promote diversity on April 25. The River Falls Diversity Committee and the UWRF Office of Student Life do most of the event’s planning and organizing according to Outreach Program Manager Kristen Allen. Ashley Olson is the Sociocultural Coordinator of Student Life and said the event first started in

response to an incident of hate and over the years has evolved into a community wide celebration about the diversity within our community. “This event is important as it has become a campus tradition, something that our campus and community looks forward to each spring,” Olson said. Events going on throughout the day will consist of a second hand sale with money raised donated to the Kinni Backpack Program, a campus-wide picnic, sushi-mein bowl and tables by different

groups and organizations. There will be student performances, artwork and the evening event downtown, according to the UWRF website. The Black Student Union worked with the Diversity Organization Coalition and Peer Empowerment and Community Education to produce a photography project that will contribute to displays at the event. The photography project is a response to the Trayvon Martin and Bo Morrison cases, according to BSU president Scott Bowman. This is Olson’s third year

on campus helping coordinate the event and she said the entire campus community is welcome to get involved with the event and historically and currently many offices and individuals across campus contribute to the success of this event. “Our major stage performance will be music by the two-time Grammy nominated, bilingual jam-band Locos Por Juana,” Olson said. UWRF works with the community to plan these events and historically has always been a daytime celebration on campus and an eve-

ning celebration in the River Falls community. Allen is a member of the River Falls Diversity Committee and said the evening event is designed particularly to attract families. “We try to schedule it at a time and location that is convenient. We also have a number of local business sponsors and we believe that having the event down town shows our support for them and the downtown area,” Allen said. The all-campus celebration will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University Center and the evening celebration

will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at River Falls Veterans’ Park or at the rain site at the River Falls Public Library. Groups and organizations are coming together on this day to celebrate differences and notice similarities and come together in solidarity, said Bowman. “Unity is important because it brings people together and celebrates the diversity among us all. Diversity broadly spoken, diverse interests, identities, cultures, thoughts, etc. It’s all about everyone coming together in River Falls,” Bowman said.



# Lydecker inspires lectures

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In the memory of late UW-River Falls Chancellor Ann Lydecker, a lecture series will be held to continue her work towards the advancement of women through education. The series will be held on Thursday, April 26 in the Kinnickinnic Theatre at the University Center. The guest speaker will be the first female Chancellor from the University of Minnesota at Morris, Jacqueline Johnson. “Ann was a symbol that she demonstrated as a woman and of a role leader to female students,” Andriel Dees, the chief diversity officer said. During Lydecker’s time at UWRF, according to the University website, the new UC was approved, she helped advance the Wisconsin Women Equals Prosperity program and was the first female chancellor in 130 years. “As a University and on a personal level, we should continue to strive for what Ann set up,” Dees said. The main focus of the lecture series will be about women and leadership in higher education. “Having women in leadership roles sends a positive message to the organization [campus],” Dees said. Setting up goals for future achievement and about individual passions is something that women at UWRF should start doing Dees said. “I think your passion and your work should be your vocation,” Dees said. “Self fulfillment equals a true leader.” Along with setting up future and personal goals, having a wide variety of mentors is also an important thing to have she said. However, the mentors that women choose should be from career leaders and individuals in roles such as volunteers or stay-at-home mothers. Having a leader come in and explain how important it is to develop leadership skills and abilities is essential, junior and marketing communications major Cassie Swenson said. “It would always be good to hear the stories and their real life experience so I could learn from that in whatever way I

relate,” Swenson said. “According to studies, women underestimate their qualifications in leadership roles so having role models is important,” Davida Alperin, political science professor said. Alperin teaches a political science course called “Women and Politics.” The course focuses on the legal and voting aspects towards women throughout history and present time. Looking at women in leadership roles was unheard of from a historical perspective. There were restrictions in graduate programs and education for women of what they can and cannot do, Alperin said. “There were educational and employment nondiscrimination laws set up so women couldn’t take roles in office or go on to grad programs,” Alperin said. There are more women now that are in leadership roles and who continue to advance educationally and in their careers. “Now, we as a society passed antidiscrimination laws and unemployment to allow women to have the same education and employment opportunities as men,” Alperin said. The important thing for women is to build self-confidence in the work place and in communities. “I think it is important for women to feel empowered and that we continue to have a voice,” Dees said. “We as a society have to respect the choices of all women.” The way women have played a role in society today have caused both men and women to strive to their goals. One student said that it is important for students to hear someone come in and inspire students to achieve their goals. “There is not a barrier between men and women and anything can be possible,” Courtney Swanson, a junior and marketing communications major said. Both men and women need to come together and talk about these issues and to learn from one another about work life balance. Having basic knowledge will benefit on an individual level as well as a whole whether that is campus or nationally. “We need to help inspire our students, men and women, but seeing women in leadership roles shows women that it is possible to achieve jobs in government or business,” Alperin said.

# Just Local event to teach community sustainability

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UW-River Falls is looking to educate the community about River Falls’ economy with their Just Local event. The event will be taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 20 in the Falcon’s Nest at the University Center. This event centers on bringing the community together and supporting the local economy. “The University is an integral part of the River Falls community that carries a very large amount of buying power in our local economy,” said student and coordinator for the event, Jabez Meulemans. “Especially among the student population, which is upwards of 6,500, spending dollars locally is a critical part of our overall effort towards a more sustainable community.” Some of the businesses that will be attending the event are local business and organizations such as River Falls Municipal Utilities, River Falls Farmer’s Market, the Falls Theatre, Karma Gifts, Whole Earth Grocery and a few others as well. Each business will be setting up a booth in the fair and they will be advertising what kind of products and services they offer and what part they play in fulfilling the community. Educational information will be on display at each booth detailing the positive carbon footprint impact of dealing locally for a specific item available from each business/organization. “Investing money locally instead of exporting that money elsewhere (out of the city, county, state, or country) has a profound economic effect on our community, as well as has a host of ecological benefits, namely the reduction of greenhouse gas

emissions from shipping and transportation,” Meulemans said. People who participate in the Just Local event on campus can sample local foods, do crafts and learn how local businesses and organizations meet everyday needs. Participants can also learn how to reduce their carbon footprint through eating local, buying local and utilizing alternative modes of transportation. Following the fair, the University will be partnering with We Bike River Falls, a local non-profit bicycle advocacy organization, to host a community bike ride beginning and ending in Veteran’s Park in downtown River Falls. Following the ride will be live music by local musician Chris Silver and food available in the park from local vendors. This is a free event. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the ride starts at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the community bike ride is to provide a fun, family-oriented event where people can learn about and celebrate the many benefits of bicycle transportation over automobile transportation. “I think there is a serious lack of educated and engaged consumers across all demographics, not just students,” Meulemans said. “We hope that through this event students will gain an awareness of the myriad of goods and services available from local River Falls entities, as well as the importance of sourcing those products locally rather than externally.” All of these events are free and open to the public. For more information about this event contact Karyn Wells, event coordinator for the Office of Student Life, at karyn.wells@uwrf.edu. Information about the bike ride can be found at www.webikeriverfalls.org

# News briefs

## St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra concert set for April 23

The public is invited to attend the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 23 in the William Abbott Concert Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building on the UW-River Falls campus. The concert will feature guest artist Manny Laureano, trumpet virtuoso from the Minnesota Orchestra, on the Trumpet Concerto by Hummel. Other selections include familiar favorites “On the Beautiful Blue Danube,” “Light Cavalry Overture,” and “Grieg’s Norwegian Dances” plus “Hungarian Dance No. 3” by Johannes Brahms. The 45-member orchestra is directed by Kristin Tjornehoj and serves the greater St. Croix Valley by bringing quality musical experiences to people of all ages. This ensemble rehearses Monday evenings at UWRF and is open by audition by contacting the director at kristin.tjornehoj@uwrf.edu, or by calling 715-410-7416. Tickets for the event are \$5 per adult, \$3 per senior and \$2 per student. For further information, visit www.scvsymphony.org or email infor@scvsymphony.org.

## Permaculture design course offered at UW-River Falls in June

Urban gardeners, small-scale farmers and sustainability advocates can learn how to use permaculture design to turn their back yards, city lots, rooftops and community commons areas into bountiful and beautiful gardens. The UW-River Falls and Midwest Permaculture are offering a Permaculture Design Certification course, June 4 to 14, on the UWRF campus. The term permaculture originated with Bill Mollison, founder of the Permaculture Institute in Tasmania, Australia. It refers to an integrated system of design that encompasses

not only agriculture, horticulture, architecture and ecology, but also economic systems, land access strategies and legal systems for businesses and communities. “Permaculture is a creative and artful way of living, where people and nature are both preserved and enhanced by thoughtful planning, the careful use of resources and technology, mimicking the patterns found in nature and a respectful approach to life,” Bill Wilson, Midwest Permaculture founder and certifying instructor, said. This is the second year that UWRF has hosted the class in conjunction with the St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development. Participants in the eight-day class will learn how to enhance small-scale farming and urban and suburban food production while minimizing the use of fossil fuel and negative environmental impacts. Upon completion of the eight-day course, each participant will be eligible to receive a permaculture design certificate (PDC) from Midwest Permaculture. Registration is available online and discounts are available to college students and group registrations. UWRF provides lifelong learners with academic, professional development and enrichment programs that are practical, flexible, convenient and affordable. A complete list of courses, course descriptions and online registration information is available at <http://www.uwrf.edu/ContinuingEducation/> or by calling 715-425-3256, 1-800-228-5607 or emailing outreach@uwrf.edu.

## The UW-River Falls Wyman Series presents “Terra Madre”

Composed by Fred Sturm USA Premiere Performance Earth Day Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 (Earth Day 2012) in the Falcon’s Nest at the University Center. Admission is free and open to the public. The even is featuring The Four Voices String Quartet and David Milne with the UWRF Faculty Jazz Quartet. “Terra Madre” (Mother Earth), composed by Fred Sturm, is a musical plea for world unity that celebrates both the

## UWRF hosts health fair



Maggie Sokoloski/Student Voice  
**The UW-River Falls Health Fair was held Wednesday, April 18 in the Riverview Ballroom at the University Center. Students, faculty and staff learned about health related topics and resources on campus and in the community.**

## River Falls Police/ UWRF Police Department

- April 11
- Devin David Danke was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at Hathorn Hall.
  - A shattered window was reported at the northwest entrance of the Centennial Science Hall.

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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diversity and shared influences of indigenous music from several different countries. Ethnic music, folk songs, and ancient works dating back as far as the 13th century are joined together in this contemporary chamber music setting. Terra Madre features the fusion of a “double quartet” with a classical string quartet and a jazz quartet of saxophone, piano, bass and drums. Founded in 1992, the “Four Voices String Quartet” is based in Minneapolis, Minn. The members of the “Four Voices String Quartet” have been classically trained in the nation’s leading music conservatories and have professional experience playing with prestigious ensembles in venues throughout the world. “The Four Voices String Quartet” performs in musical styles ranging from classical to pop, rock, Broadway, jazz, and new age, and perform with a diverse range of artists and ensembles, including the Minnesota Orchestra, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Opera, Three Tenors, Mariah Carey and The Dixie Chicks. David Milne (saxophone), leads the Faculty Jazz Quartet, featuring UW-River Falls Music faculty Craig Hara (drums), and Eric Graham (bass), with special guest artist Mary Louise Knutson (piano). David Milne leads an active career as a performer, composer/arranger, and music educator, in jazz, classical, and contemporary musical idioms. Milne serves as a professor of music and chair of the Music Department at UWRF, where he teaches saxophone, jazz studies, and directs the UWRF RADD Jazz Series. Active internationally as a performer, educator, and clinician, Milne has toured the USA, Europe, and Asia, and is an Artist-Clinician for SelmerParis Saxophones and Vandoren/DANSR Woodwind Products. For more information or accommodations, call 715-425-4444 or go to <http://www.uwrf.edu/StudentLife/Wyman-Series.cfm>



# ROTC offers opportunities beyond education

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For the 30 students who are involved in the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) at UW-River Falls, being a part of the program has more to it besides earning a degree.

The ROTC program offers students who are interested in joining the army to experience it by not committing over the course of four years.

While a part of the ROTC program, students can earn a minor in military science while also pursuing the major of their choice. It is this way the ROTC program at UWRF is unique compared to some other programs offered through the United States Army.

Other programs require students to sign a contract after two years of going through the program or by joining the ROTC program.

“It’s like test-driving a car, you can either join after graduation or not,” said Major Tabb Berzinger, assistant professor of military science.

While in ROTC, students are affiliated with the U.S. Army but are not in the army. ROTC is designed to put students in training to produce officers for the U.S. Army.

“ROTC trains in the art of leadership and the art of warfare,” Berzinger said.

ROTC provides 70 percent of the officers in the Army and the other 30 percent are from military-based institutions. If a graduate of ROTC chooses to go into the army

after graduation, they are guaranteed a job and commission.

Melande Krupa is part of the ROTC program, a junior and business major at UWRF.

“ROTC is a door through an opportunity to choose a career in life,” said Krupa. “It shapes well-rounded leaders.”

Besides training to become officers in the U.S. Army, ROTC is involved with a lot of community events and service as well. ROTC color guard for Veterans Day, Hot Air Fair, UWRF Homecoming Parade and football games for UWRF.

ROTC also organizes community clean ups at the surrounding parks in which they train. ROTC cleans up Glen Park, Hoffman Park in River

Falls and Willow River State Park in Hudson.

With these community events and extra curricular activities that ROTC students participate in, they earn credit for each community service event that they do. These credits go towards their order merit rank in ROTC.

“We are looking for the model citizen,” Berzinger said. “The more points you have, the more well-rounded you become.”

The point system allows the students who excelled in obtaining a high number of points to increase their chances of the career path they want to take. Along with the point system, students are also assessed on their leadership skills while in ROTC.

The Leadership Assess-

ment Report gives the students a report of their progress three times per semester or six times per year of how they are becoming closer to the ultimate goal of a successful leader.

“The essence of leadership is a selfless leader,” said Benzinger.

The main three components that the ideal ROTC candidate should possess are selfless service, an open mind to look at opportunities and lack of long-term goals said Benzinger.

“The ROTC mechanics are the same as any major, but you are learning life lessons outside the classroom,” said Benzinger.

ROTC shows students involved in the program a way to develop skills that will ultimately lead them to be in charge of 30 men once they become officers.

One student, John Griffith, said that ROTC is a close-knit program but it is more laid back then most people would expect.

“You need to make sure you’re known to a leader and what a leader is about,” said Griffith, a sophomore mathematics education major.

Benzinger and Gary Robinson Sgt. First Class Senior Military Instructor both said that it is important for the students to know how critical it is for the students to realize they are in training to be a part of something bigger than them.

“They serve each other,” said Robinson. “Selfless service is key.”

# Art Exhibitions provide students learning experiences

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Most evenings the classroom buildings of UW-River Falls echo with the rare footsteps of students.

The Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA) building is not an exception, unless, that is, when the higher level art students celebrate the opening of their senior exhibitions in Galery 101 in the lobby of KFA.

Rachel Hanson, fifth-year bachelor of fine arts (BFA) student at UWRF, hosted one of these gallery shows from March 21 to March 28 to exhibit prints that she had been developing in the print studio on campus throughout her time at River Falls.

When she started her print studio classes six semesters ago, she focused on the human body and the insecurities

people have about their own bodies. Then after developing prints of body parts and more interpretive works on plastic surgery, she began to question why people were insecure.

“[The] question I asked myself was, who defines beauty?” Hanson said.

Hanson was one of the four students who shared the KFA gallery.

Other types of art that were being shown that evening included glass sculpture, and photography, which represented three of the eight art departments total on campus.

The arts shows are composed of works done by the art students, normally at the senior level, to teach them how to set up a gallery show and to give them a chance to share what they’ve created with their community and

peers in a professional environment.

“[UWRF has a] long history of believing in its own students to get them into galleries,” said Morgan Clifford, the art department’s fibers professor who is in charge of the art exhibitions.

The process of getting students to put together a show forces students to find cohesive themes in their work and focus on those themes, Clifford said.

“When they [students] focus on too many things it’s like dating to many people,” Clifford said. “You don’t have time to figure them all out and know them that well.”

Art students who are pursuing their BFA, like Hanson, or even their broad field art bachelor’s degree, have had the chance to gain this rare

opportunity in a university environment.

“I feel like it’s a very valuable experience,” said Scott Vadnais, a fifth-year senior who finished his BFA coursework in glass last semester and is completing his minor.

When Vadnais first started putting together his show he had nothing from his assignments to draw from because he didn’t have a common theme.

“All the art students are supposed to be trying new things and developing,” Clifford said.

Instead, Vadnais thought of his theme, which was identifying the connections between natural material and man-made materials, and made all of his pieces for the show.

By the end of his project, he had collaborated with the

greenhouse on campus and the biology department.

An example of this collaboration was one of his pieces that drew on the similarities of how life begins for humans and for nature.

He made a glass sculpture of a human uterus and put seeds that he was given by the greenhouse on campus inside of the uterus.

This showed the starting point for plant life and the starting point for human life in the same piece of art.

Vadnais explained that this positive experience of working with other departments and applying the professional business aspect to art encouraged him to enter smaller selections of his work into larger scale shows. For him, that included the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) that he

was accepted into this year.

NCUR is a national conference that was located at Weber State University this year that brought in more than 3,000 attendees this year to show the work of students all over the country.

The visual arts category has 73 students submit their work to be reviewed to possibly be accepted into the prestigious program.

Despite this large number, only 37 artists were able to present at the program because they either did not get accepted into the conference, or they were unable to make it there.

“We’re really proud of our students. The students blossom when you have them put it [their work] out to the public,” Clifford said. “It’s really impressive.”

# Senate: Newly elected student members transition in

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directly from the students,” Senator Dominic Riel said. “So we will work on trying to keep the student body informed on work being done and encouraging more participation with the Senate.”

Riel will serve as the representative for the College of Business and Economics on Senate.

The representatives for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Education and Professional Studies are Brandon Scharping, Grady Nelson and Hannah Klingfus, respectively.

Joining them at the Senate table will be non-traditional representative Elliott Kaan and eight other at-large senators.

They include: Samuel Tauchen, Riley Haynes, Hannah Carlson, Asher Heer, Matthew Hobbs, Amy Graham, Derek Johnson and Kayla Edstrom.

All but four of the new senators are currently serving on Student Senate.

Director of Student Life and Senate Advisor Paul Shepherd said that it is really great that the Senate transition happens when it does at the end of the school year because it allows the new Senate to utilize

the knowledge of members of the previous Senate while they are still available.

“The transition really gets the Senate jump started for next year. Many of the current senators who have served multiple terms will be graduating so it will really be a new year in terms of experience,” Shepherd said.

Although many of the new members have already been acquainted, Senator Edstrom explained that for the end of this semester her main goal is to get to know all of the new senators and find the best way for them to work together so that the Senate can better accomplish things

for next year.

“By making connections right away at the end of this semester, we should have a lot easier time getting things done in an efficient and productive way next year.”

Current senator Beth DeLong has always felt strongly about the members of the Senate getting involved with many different committees. She encourages the new senators to become more knowledgeable by getting involved in the decision making process early, at the smaller committee levels.

Many of the new senators said that they want to be very involved with the Allocable Fees and Ap-

propriations Board (AFAB), Student Affairs and Academic Services committee, Ethics committee and Facilities and Fees Board. On April 24, the outgoing Senate will vacate their seats, and the new Senate members will officially begin their term.

“Next year on Senate I want to continue the great work that has been accomplished by this year’s Senate,” said Klingfus. “We need to ensure that we continue to look out for our peers and help to provide the best education and environment for all UWRF students.”

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Tobacco: Open forums already begun

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ings through the ventilation system,” Kuethner said.

“The upper level north facing library doors is where we receive the most complaints of smoke entering the building.”

Student Samantha Jaskowski explained that although she knows about the rules and tries to stay away from

buildings when she smokes, it can be easy to forget when not enforced.

“If the 25-foot rule isn’t being enforced, would a complete ban work? I don’t think a ban will completely stop people from smoking,” Jaskowski said. “Some people will forget, and some people won’t care.”

The open forums will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 1 in the Kinni Theater at

the University Center, and at 3 p.m. on May 2 at the Blanche Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

More information about the event can be found by contacting Student Health and Counseling Services at 425-3293.

Find Freddy’s Feather and contact the Student Voice at editor@uwrfvoice.com



EDITORIALS

# Students asked to remain patient during duration of Cascade construction

The Cascade construction is well underway, and it seems to be the general consensus among many students that the construction is a constant source of frustration.

With the loss of so many parking spaces so close to campus, commuter students are struggling to find parking spaces. Students who live off campus are obligated to navigate the fences along Cascade, only being able to cross at the prescribed walkways. Those who live close to Cascade have been complaining of tremendously loud noise and vibrations that feel like earthquakes in Wisconsin that result from the tearing up the pavement.

We would just like to remind everyone the construction will not be completed for some time. The projected substantial completion date is Oct. 12, 2012, though landscaping will continue until June of 2013. So those of you who are leaving River Falls for the summer will still be coming back to construction in the fall.

According to the UW-River Falls website, “Because this project bisects a campus with over 6,000 students in addition to faculty and staff, pedestrian crossings of Cascade within the project have been provided for. However, pedestrians will experience and should plan for some inconvenience. The contractor will be required to establish smooth, slip resistant, hard surface walkways across Cascade Avenue a maximum of two blocks apart. The crossings will connect with in place sidewalks to provide a continuous pedestrian path.”

Please respect all fences and obey all signs. The construction zone is an area with many hazards, some of which may not be evident to the general public. The construction zone will be monitored and any vandalism or tampering that occurs will be reported to the campus police for enforcement and prosecution as warranted.

To offer suggestions, please refer to the feedback link found on the project website. Additional updates will be provided regularly as the project progresses via Facebook and Twitter. Cascade Project website: <http://www.uwrf.edu/CascadeProject/>.

Please be respectful of the construction and the construction workers during the duration of this project. Be mindful of where you are walking and be sure to be entirely cognizant of your surroundings at all times.



David Recine/Student Voice

# Hobbies vanquish immeasurable stress



Cristin Dempsey  
Columnist

Oh, summer. It’s a favorite season for many people. It is so nice to wake up on a bright, sunny morning and it is already warm out. The birds are constantly chirping, and you can hear sprinklers going off.

Outside, it smells strongly of the dew on the grass as you go outside to enjoy the hot weather. People flock to lakes and pools to cool off and have some fun, and there is constantly a lawn mower to be heard in the neighborhood. Baseball is heard on the TVs and radios as to signify that the summer months are in full swing.

Then there are the barbecues and bonfires, a great way to enjoy the warm weather while also spending time with friends and family. Many people enjoy a good storm as well, and the summer comes with many refreshing thunderstorms, providing us with a spectacular lightning show and loud claps of thunder.

But wait a minute. It is not summer yet! There are still four weeks to go until we are officially on summer vacation. The short amount of time we have left of the school year also creates stress for many college students. Teachers need to find time to cram in papers, projects, speeches and exams.

There is not one student on campus that can possibly say that they do not have much to do and therefore are not stressed. This is a busy time of the semester for everyone. Fortunately, there are ways to combat the stress that you have been or are currently feeling in your classes.

One good way to combat stress is to manage your time well. Have set time in each day of when you are going to complete your homework and studying. Start out by finishing the work that is due right away the next day. That way, if there is something due in a few days that you have not finished and it is getting late, you are able to set it aside and go to bed.

This allows you to just take it one assignment at a time. Do not think about everything you have to do all at once. Just focus on one thing at a time and completing homework

will become a lot more manageable. It is smart to start on big assignments that are not due for a while right away so that you can allow yourself enough time on it without having to rush.

That also leads into not procrastinating. I should not be one to talk; I procrastinate all the time. But by starting on things far in advance before the due date, you will only have to tweak the assignment a little bit on the day before you hand it in.

It is better to just do a little bit of a huge assignment every day instead of trying to rush on the day before or day of the due date. If you only do the assignment right before it is due, you are bound to miss a plethora of elements that go into the assignment and remember them right as you are handing it in. By getting a head start, you will be able to remember everything that you are supposed to do.

Taking study breaks can also be beneficial. If you do the assignment entirely without any kind of break, you are going to drive yourself crazy. Even a few little breaks here and there, like going to the bathroom, eating a meal, or watching your favorite television show, is enough to get you recharged and motivated to continue on your assignment or studying.

Another good way to combat stress is to keep a journal. Either write exactly why you are feeling stressed or about anything that comes to mind. Even if you loathe writing so much that you never want to write again, it is a relaxing activity and helps get your thoughts out on paper. It is also a good way to take a study break on a particularly busy day or night.

Everyone gets stressed, especially in college. But there are several ways to combat the stress completely or just make it so that you are not as stressed about assignments. It is an added challenge to try and juggle academics, a job and activities.

But if you approach it wisely, you will figure out a system that will work and help you do well. And just think, summer is only a few weeks away. Before you know it, you will be on summer vacation with far less worries and stress than during the school year.

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# ‘Get on the Bus’ travels to the Global Market



Sam Mayberry  
Columnist

This previous weekend I was able to partake in the “Get on the Bus” program that is planned with Falcon Programs. The 22 of us got on the bus at 11 a.m. and we travelled to the cities to go to the Global Market. It was a free event and tickets were available at the information desk at the University Center.

My friend Jenny and I went together and we both didn’t really know what to expect since neither one of us have been there before. We got there around noon and when we walked in we were presently surprised with the contents. There were several different shops from different countries as well as food stands from different countries. We wanted to make sure we saw everything before we had to leave at 4 p.m.

We started at the first shop we saw which was from Tibet. They had countless dresses and jewelry, which were absolutely beautiful. We spent close to a half hour there just looking at all the dresses and trying them on. Jenny bought one of the dresses she tried on and then we made our way through the rest of the market.

We started walking around and found shops from Mexico, India, Africa and several others. There were so many neat things; I even got a new purse that was from Nepal. Walking through the Market there were so many different things to look at that it was hard to see everything. I’d say Jenny and I did a good job making sure we didn’t miss much of the products being displayed.

After about an hour and a half we decided we would try some of the food that was available. I chose a chicken sandwich from a Mexican restaurant called Manny’s Tortas that was absolutely amazing. It was really spicy but it was well worth the burning mouth. Jenny chose a Chinese entrée that she enjoyed as well. It was hard to pick just one item to try as everything smelled and looked delicious.

They had live music from different cultures that we listened to while we ate our lunch and they had a fresh produce section where you could purchase fruit and different drinks from different countries. It was cool to see things that you don’t really see in other places.

The Global Market had everything from dresses to shoes, to fresh baked bread to toys and candy. It certainly will keep you busy for hours.

When we checked our phones for the time, we discovered it was about time to head back to the bus. We were debating between smoothies and cupcakes for our final purchases but we finally settled on the smoothies and drank them while waiting for the bus to arrive for us to head back to school. All I have to say is, yum!

The Global Market was well worth the trip and Jenny and I really enjoyed looking at all the different things that the shops and restaurants had to offer. This was the second “Get on the Bus” program that I have attended and I am looking forward to future programs that will be offered. If you ever find yourself in the cities, I’d recommend checking out the Global Market.

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# Rachel Responds: Ghosts detected on campus



Rachel Woodman  
Columnist

Out-of-towner Ryan Brenna asks: *“Are there any haunted places on campus?”*

When shopping at the University Center on campus it’s unlikely you’ve felt the presence

of anything paranormal. Unless you’re including that one time you dropped something just to catch it before it hit the ground (like a boss).

Why? Because the UC is new -very new - with its grand opening only being a short five years ago there’s nothing creepy about it. But buildings like South Hall take only a mere stroll on the third floor to give yourself that eerie feeling.

South Hall was originally built in 1874 and rebuilt in 1898 after a fire, according to UW-River Falls records. Along with North Hall, built in 1914, both buildings are on the national Register of Historic Places. So the creaky third floor of South Hall and old winding basement of North Hall have got to have a few ghosts floating near, right? Even as the two oldest buildings on campus, no periodical I could find listed either as a haunted site.

The only published haunting involves a much newer building. The Kleinpell Fine Arts building built just 29 years ago has been reported as being haunted. Communication Studies

and Theatre Arts Professor Jim Zimmerman reported having seen deceased UWRF Speech Professor Sanford Syse in the Blanche Davis Theatre.

At first, Zimmerman hadn’t known who the figure was nor that it wasn’t real. He had only asked the man, dressed in a red t-shirt and jeans, if he needed help. Zimmerman was writing notes in the theatre when the red shirted man appeared on stage and then left. Zimmerman told a UWRF reporter that he couldn’t logically figure out where the man went.

The full account of Zimmerman’s experience can be found in a 2006 book “Haunted Homeland,” written by retired UWRF Professor and Journalism Chair Michael Norman. Norman taught at the University for 30 years and authored, and co-authored eight books including six ghost story books. His latest title “The Nearly Departed,” was published in the fall of 2010 and includes many stories local to Minnesota and Wisconsin. Norman’s books are available in bookstores, the library and the Falcon Shop.

Although I found no periodical about South Hall, I did find something of interest. Murphy submitted ghost information on ghostsofamerica.com about South Hall. The account claims that a professor had hung himself from the ceiling and the janitorial staff has been known to see and hear unexplainable things in the building.

Murphy also claimed that professors often dare their aids to go into the South Hall attic because those who do report feeling like they were “touched.” I was unable to find more information about this “professor suicide” that confirmed or denied his claim.

Murphy also wrote that he felt as if he was being followed when walking on the trails near the sports fields. Understandable. People would be better set walking fearfully and quickly then fearlessly trudging this pathway known to students as the “rape trail.”

Should a ghost inhabit the quiet, enclosed, poorly lit foot-path, encountering it would be less dangerous then the very real undesirables you could run into alone.

Anyone who has experienced paranormal activity can submit their sightings under the specific town at ghostsofamerica.com.

The History Club hosts haunted tours about more legends around Halloween time each year if you’d be interested in attending one. But if you’re too impatient to freak yourself out feel free to respectfully explore the campus and area River Falls at your convenience. And for safety reasons be sure to remember, just like swimming, never to ghost hunt without a buddy.

*Thanks for the question, Ryan. All readers are invited to submit questions, concerns or quandaries to questionsfor-rachel@live.com. Any and every topic is encouraged. Let me know what you want me to write about in the next issue of the Student Voice. Don’t forget to like “Rachel Responds” on Facebook and follow “RachelResponds” on Twitter.*

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## Lifestyle enthusiast on the town:

# A rough hike to Palmerton presents fallible excitement on the trail



Christopher Pagels  
Columnist

*“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*

*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, I sighted the trail I was looking for on the Blue Mountain Ridge I had just descended. I was looking for the 1.5 mile blue-blaze, blue paint spots on alternating trees, trail to Palmerton, Pennsylvania so I could stay in the Borough Hall, a community rec-facility once a police station.

The trail plainly etched into the toxic mountain that the Palmerton Zinc Company had decimated so much that it turned into a Superfund site, seemed to lead to the haven I was seeking, Palmerton. I traversed the bridge again and took a right at the west end of the bridge walking along the Lehigh River. Having never hitchhiked at this point in my life, I was staunch in not giving it a try, but in earlier articles I note the rewards of doing such.

After walking for a tenth of a mile, I met a mid-forties mother 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 on the converted railroad bed of rocks that were the size of small baby fists. I had walked over 16 miles that day and was no longer in the mood to humor such heel bruisers. Slowly the trail to dirt and rounded the mountain like rounding the circumference of a circle.

After walking 1.5 miles I saw Palmerton on the other side of the river. To me the obvious answer was to ford the river like I used to do in elementary school with the game Oregon Trail. I walked down the muddy embankment grasping onto weeds whenever I lost my footing. I busted out my \$1 thongs from Wal-mart. I know, a durability test for a Wal-mart product is pure foolishness.

First step, my sandal got stuck in the coagulated mud, hastily pulling my back and tested for rockier perches. It might be pertinent to say that the river pumps 28,000 gallons per second, is waist high, and about 300 feet wide. Just a little over a third the size of the St. Croix River.

Soon 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 while looking up river spying some fishermen on a catamaran.

“Ahoy there, is there a bridge nearby?” I asked.

“About 3 miles up river or 1.5 miles south.” They yelled.

“Can I get a ferry to the other side?”

“No.”

As if to spite them by obtaining some useful information out of them, 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 are its widest at that point.” I went up the embankment again and walked yet another half mile to the rapids. So, I rambled up to the widest

point of the river that was covered in a swatch of rapids that came up to my thigh. I pulled out my \$1 thongs from Wal-mart again, Ziplock bagged my valuables, and tied my boots to my back pack.

After many a slip on the rock but steadying myself with my trekking poles, I was able to pass through the 300 plus feet of river. I scrambled onto shore to see a sign, a rusty bent sign for the Palmerton Zinc Company in a soupy swamp. I walked another half mile to town. I walked several blocks to the police station to check into the Borough Hall, but it was closed.

So I continued onto the Borough Hall and found a brute of an old man who rose up to his full height of over 6-feet wearing a mean looking face. I asked him about staying at the Borough Hall.

“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 he looked like 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 the one that was angry. I just wanted to leave his presence and cool down and sit down. 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 policemen’s locker room. I greeted Rocker, Forty, Cool-Tool and Banana Cream Pie. Broken from the days toil, I laid down and went to sleep.

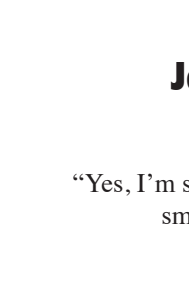
# STUDENT VOICES

## Should UW-River Falls become a tobacco free campus?



Casey Doten, junior

“It just seems like a pain. It doesn’t make sense.”



Jackie Johnson, junior

“Yes, I’m sick of walking behind smokers; it’s unhealthy.”



Nick Schroeder, sophomore

“Yes, keep littering down.”



Paul Bowman, senior

“I don’t know, because it seems a little extreme. I’m not sure how you would regulate that.”

## Expand your thinking:

# Easy tips for a stress free end of the semester



Jaime Haines  
Columnist

As summer nears, many students experience mixed emotions. After all, the last month of school is always insane. Clubs and departments are having their end-of-the-year banquets, jobs are scheduling more hours, and classes have their final papers, projects and tests.

All of this can add up to students feeling overwhelmed and sometimes unable to maintain such a high level of performance. However, with some self-care, students can reduce their stress and make it through with their sanity intact.

The simplest way to improve your stress levels is to cut back. Now is not the time to take extra work hours, start volunteering, or agree to tackle the majority of a group project alone.

Search for meetings or tasks that are not a must and either push them back or eliminate them all together.

If you reduced as much as possible and still feel swamped, ask for help. Then work on managing the stress that results from the activities you still must do.

The primary way to reduce stress and feel capable of dealing with long days and loads of homework is to keep your body healthy. Be sure to eat healthy, exercise and receive enough sleep. While now may not be the best time to revamp your entire diet, just keeping an eye on sugars and caffeine is a good way to regulate your body’s fuel.

Similarly, exercise can be short and sweet—walk around the block once when you wake up, do a 15 minute video or magazine work out, or run up the stairs a couple times. Finally, make sleep one of your top priorities. Shoot for eight hours and watch how ready you are to face the day the next morning.

Working ahead can also reduce your stress, but in a preventative way. Instead of wiping your brow after finishing homework for the next day, push yourself for an extra half hour and do homework for later that week. While this

is hard to find motivation for at first, once you start noticing your stress ebb away because you eliminate the deadline-is-tomorrow crunch, it will be an easy habit to keep.

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Likewise, when you finish a big project or ace a test, reward yourself with something. It can be small (watch that favorite TV episode) or big (a night out with friends). This will give you something to look forward to and keep you feeling positive and goal-oriented.

Keep in mind that when people feel stressed for a long time, their world tends to shrink up into only focusing on the anxiety and the deadlines.

Refuse to let stress shrink your world. It can easily suck students in and become all they know. Take time to expand your world by reducing the stress and doing something fun.

Spend some quality time with your close friends and your significant other. While you may feel antisocial or drained after a long day, still try to stay close to the people who will help you through this difficult time.

Depending on how much time you have, you could refresh by meeting up for lunch one day or hanging out for an entire afternoon together; do what works for you.

By spending time with others, stress stops being your entire world, and you can begin to rejuvenate again.

Lastly, a key stress-managing tip to remember is to find happiness in the actions you do.

Even if you are not thrilled about a meeting, try to enjoy time with the people there be grateful for the work you finish during it. Do not resent or dread your workload or it will seem more ominous and stressful than it actually is.

By recognizing when your stress is building, and doing constructive actions to reduce it, the last month of the semester can be managed with your sanity intact.

Simply be aware of how you spend your time and really try to take care of yourself. Learn what works for you and do it.

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.



# UWRF women’s lacrosse make league playoffs

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Though they face numerous challenges being a club sport, the UW-River Falls women’s lacrosse team has continued to excel over the past few years.

The team finished the regular season with a 10-3 overall record including a 5-1 mark in their conference, the North Central Women’s Lacrosse League. Of those 10 victories, three of them came about by the opposing team forfeiting. Junior captain and president of the club, Nicole Hancock, said that these things happened a lot this season.

“We had a lot of forfeits. Either they don’t have enough players or didn’t have drivers. The stories I hear are crazy,” Hancock said.

The forfeited games are just one example of the obstacles faced by a club lacrosse team. The biggest obstacle is the issue of money. Being a club sport, the team does not receive funding as a Division III UWRF team would. They do receive around \$4,000 in funding from the Allocable Fees Appropriation Board (AFAB) though Hancock said that number varies from year to year. The rest of the money needed to operate the club comes from the players and that

can be difficult, said junior captain Heather Schenck.

“It’s tough getting money out of players’ pockets especially since they have college and things to pay for,” Schenck said.

The money goes to pay for a myriad of expenses such as conference and national dues, travel, tournament fees, hotels, referees, uniforms, equipment, and facility costs. One thing it does not pay for is a coach. The team currently has two part-time volunteer coaches who are women that used to play on the team.

One way to lower the amount of money that players would have to pay would be for women’s lacrosse to become a university-sanctioned Division III sport. Neither Hancock nor Schenck were particularly optimistic about the chances of that happening soon though.

“Lacrosse is an east coast sport. There are not that many teams in the area so our travel costs would be more expensive than any other sport,” Hancock said. “We’ll be long gone before it happens unfortunately.”

“I guess I don’t see it happening, five to 10 years out maybe,” Schenck said.

Despite these difficulties, the team finished the regular season ranked number 30 out of the 166

teams in their class according to the April 17 laxpower.com poll.

The UWRF team hosted a tournament on April 14 and 15 at the intramural fields. There were 24 teams involved and Hancock said that it went well except for the St. Cloud State University team attempting to steal a UWRF sign. They were caught and they did apologize, said Hancock.

The team also made the NCWLL playoffs that will take place April 21 and April 22 at a site to be determined. The team will most likely play multiple games each day.

The winner of the NCWLL playoffs receives an automatic invite to their classes’ national tournament. All of the schools in the NCWLL are in one class except for the University of Minnesota which is in a higher class. As a result, this led to the U of M winning the league and receiving the automatic invite the past two years according to the NCWLL website.

When asked about the team’s chances in the playoffs, Hancock kept her reply short.

“I hope we do well,” she said.


The UWRF men’s lacrosse team is also in season. They are currently ranked 19 out of the 33 teams in the Great Lakes Lacrosse League.



Charissa Squire/Student Voice

**Nicole Hancock and Courtney Hable from the women’s lacrosse team during one of their practices works out their strategies for the end of their season. Their record for the regular season was 10-3 and were 5-1 in their conference. The women made the NCWLL playoffs are hopeful for the national tournament.**

## Future sports predictions



Ryan Tibbitts

Columnist

The school year is ending and with finals just right around the corner, that unfortunately means I only have a few columns left this year.

On the bright side when the school year begins in the fall, there will be a lot of sports news to watch and debate about. Until then, I decided to dig out my crystal ball and share with all of you what next year will bring for Wisconsin and Minnesota sports fans.

When it comes to hockey, Minnesota fans get the win by default.

Minnesota fans do a great job of one thing when it comes to their sports: dreaming. Every year Minnesota fans say the phrase, “Wait until next year!” This phrase is used by every one of their teams except maybe the Vikings because it will be many years before they can compete for anything except the No. 1 overall draft pick.

When it comes to the Minnesota Wild, this phrase might actually just be true. Half way through the year the Wild were on top of the league. They were then bit by the injury bug.

Due to injuries, the Wild were forced to play 47 different players, the most in the league with 15 of those players being rookies. With all these different players having to step into their roles it will make for tough competition next year for sports.

The Wild will have depth and I predict them finishing fourth in their conference, making a solid run in the playoffs.

When it comes to bas-

ketball, Minnesota gets the slight win. The Minnesota Timberwolves started the year hot and Ricky Rubio was in the spotlight.

Apparently, the only reason they fell apart and did not make the playoffs was that Ricky Rubio got injured. In reality, the Western Conference in the NBA is just too strong and even with Rubio the Wolves were barely in position to make the playoffs.

Even with the star-quality play Kevin Love has given them, they cannot match up with the best teams in the league. The Wolves are young and the future does look brighter than it did at this time last year for them. I have a gut feeling that Rubio is not going to be able to stay healthy in the future. For the T-Wolves, I predict an eighth place finish in the West with an early exit next year.

The Milwaukee Bucks traded center Andrew Bogut who was the centerpiece of the organization not too long ago, but has been injury plagued and never fully filled his expectations.

In return was two guard Monta Ellis. Ellis is lighting quick and can shoot the ball but is the same type of player as young star Brandon Jennings. The Bucks rely too much on if Brandon Jennings is on or off that night and, unless they make a move, they are not moving forward next year.

For the Bucks, I predict exactly the same finish as this year.

When it comes to college football, Wisconsin gets the easy victory. The Badgers football team is returning Monte Ball behind what is arguably the most powerful offensive lines in the league. Quarterback Russell Wilson is gone, but the

Badgers just got another transfer quarterback in Danny O’Brien. O’Brien will have all the time he needs to throw and should do a good job.

I predict the Badgers making it into a third straight Rose Bowl with the only difference being that the Badgers will end in victory this time around.

When it comes to the NFL, it is not even a debate right now.

The Minnesota Vikings are in the rebuilding process and even though I am not a fan, I hope they make the right decision come draft time and take offensive lineman Matt Kalil. If they for some reason trade this pick and do not end up with Kalil, then Viking fans may as well let their team move out to Los Angeles.

An offensive lineman pick is always safe and Kalil can anchor the line for young quarterback Christian Ponder and a hopefully healthy Adrian Peterson. I predict the Vikings finishing last in the division while showing progress and finishing 4-12.

The Green Bay Packers are returning almost everyone from their 15-1 season and are hungry to redeem their early playoff exit loss to the New York Giants.

Aaron Rodgers is in prime MVP form and I expect the Packers to improve the defense through the draft. The Packers have built their success through the draft and every year seem to snag a steal in the later rounds.

They did lose center Scott Wells but picked up a great veteran in Jeff Saturday at the center position.

I am predicting more hilarious state farm commercials, a 14-2 record and another Lombardi trophy for cheesehead nation.

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

## Athletes of the week



**Runner of the week**

Jared Brandenburg won the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Falcon Invitational on April 14 at Ramer Field. Brandenburg finished the race in 9:24.11. His time is the best of all WIAC runners in the event and it also ranks No. 15 in the country.



**Tennis player of the week**

Amanda Drangeid was one of the team’s top players in WIAC dual meets against UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point April 13 and 14. Playing at No. 2 singles, she won both her matches. Against Oshkosh on Friday, April 13 she won in a tie breaker.



**Field athlete of the week**

Benjamin Tykwinski had two personal bests at the Falcon Invitational held April 13 and 14 at Ramer Field. Tykwinski had a throw of 183-3 to place fourth in the hammer. His throw is in the top 15 in the country. He threw the discus 149-feet and placed fourth in that event also.



**Field athlete of the week**

Becky Ponick set a school record in the javelin for the second straight week. Friday, April 13 at the Falcon Invitational. Ponick threw the javelin 141-1 to win the event and set a school record. Her effort on Friday is No. 2 in the country. She also competed in the heptathlon and had a person best 3,894 points. Ponick has been named the WIAC field Athlete of the Week twice this season.

## Upcoming Sporting Events

- Friday, April 20**

Men’s track and field at the Phil Esten Challenge at 11 a.m.

Women’s track and field at the Phil Esten Challenge- UW-LaCrosse at 11 a.m.

Women’s tennis at St. Catherine at 4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 21**

Softball at UW-Oshkosh at 2 p.m. (doubleheader)

Women’s golf at the Royal Auggie Invitational TBD
- Sunday, April 22**

Women’s golf at the Royal Auggie Invitational TBD

Softball at UW-Whitewater (doubleheader) at 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 25**

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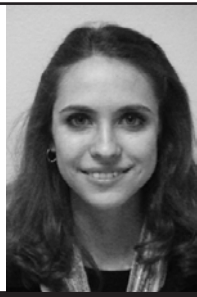


# Volunteering can change lives, communities

Each month is known for something, though it's not always widely known. April is known for rain. April showers bring May flowers; the adage reflects how April is a month of replenishing the Earth after the winter; however, that's not the only thing being replenished. Communities are flourishing around this time as well.

As the weather gets warmer in April, more people go out and about. Just walking or driving through town makes it easy for people to see what and where they can volunteer in the community, which is why April is National Volunteer Month.

In 1974, Nixon created the first National Volunteer Week, though its popular-



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ity has led to a whole month being dedicated towards it. Each year the amount people volunteer has increased and will continue to as more become aware of the wide spread benefits and versatility found in volunteering.

Volunteering is a great benefit to communities. They become better places to live, more diverse and welcoming as volunteers work hard to help with upkeep and start various programs. Everyone has different ideas to contribute, so holding back because you're sure someone else will

do it is not the route to take. A run-down community just needs someone to care in order to turn it right side up again.

As Dr. Seuss teaches in "The Lorax," "Unless someone like you cares a whole, awful lot. Things aren't going to get better, they're not!" Once people begin to pitch

in, things start to change for the better, encouraging more to join in, leading to a whole new result.

The volunteer also receives great benefits beyond a better community. They learn that volunteering means more than recognition. When you help, you learn something new and form

connections, with the people you are helping and the co-volunteers.

The strong ties that are formed can be drawn on in the future when you need help. Someone you volunteer with may become your best friend.

Improved physical and mental health is two more

great results one can achieve. In a study conducted by the Corporation for National and Com-

munity Service, volunteering was found to increase life expectancy and ability to function while lowering depression and heart disease. These incentives are great,

but in many instances individuals find they don't have time for volunteering.

Finding time for volunteering is a lot simpler than at first glance. One of the great aspects of volunteering is the many ways in which it can be accomplished. If you don't have an easy schedule choose a one-time event to help out. Not all volunteering opportunities are a long-term commitment.

Many organizations are searching for volunteers who can lend their time for a mere half-hour or 45 minutes. These can range from once to multiple times a week. Usually with volunteering, you get to choose where you volunteer, controlling what you'd be doing and when you're available.

There are many resources out there to aid you in your search for the right place to

volunteer. A portion of the Student Life page, found on the University website, titled "Current Agency Needs" provides students with a place they can browse opportunities to volunteer. The agency's mission statement is provided as well as their specific volunteer opportunities, including dates and times and contact information.

Challenge yourself to volunteer for a different organization than you're familiar with once for the month of April and you may find you enjoy it so much that you want to volunteer some more.

Fit it in wherever you can and be proud of yourself, knowing any amount has an impact. Be the April show-ers that bring May growth to your community.

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# 'Cabin in the Woods' disappoints as horror film

Did you catch all of the inside jokes in "Shaun of the Dead?" Do you have a favorite gore makeup artist? Is there an "Evil Dead" poster in your bedroom? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then odds are you will like "The Cabin in the Woods."

This part tribute, part lampoon of horror movies is aimed directly at hardcore fans. Its dissection of genre tropes and clichés will invoke a feeling of nostalgia and many a chuckle from horror devotees; but, if you're looking for a genuinely scary movie, prepare for disappointment.

Advertisements for "The Cabin in the Woods" reveal only a small fraction of its story. The initial setup is entirely unimaginative—five teenagers take a road trip to the titular lodge for a week-end of fun and free love but,



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of course, something in those woods is out to kill them.

Even casual horror audiences will recognize how overused the premise is. The trick is that the movie promoted in the trailers is only half of the story. I won't spoil the twist any more than to say that "The Cabin in the Woods" is among the most imaginative movies in years.

Imagination is certainly one of writer Joss Whedon's most outstanding qualities. In his past work like "Buffy

the Vampire Slayer" and "Firefly," Whedon has built a career and cult following on breathing new life into genre conventions.

"The Cabin in the Woods" is in the same vein as Whedon's past filmography. It is dominated by quirky characters, sly comedy and devilish twists. Fans of the so-called Whedonverse will find plenty to like.

As a horror satire, "The Cabin in the Woods" treads

similar ground as Wes Craven's "Scream" and Michael Haneke's "Funny Games."

It exists somewhere between the two—never as adoring of the genre as "Scream," but not nearly as condemning of it as "Funny Games."

The satire is amusing throughout, but the horror

aspect is the weak link. With so much focus on poking fun at the genre, it fails to deliver anything more frightening than a few jump scares.

Overall "The Cabin the Woods" is a superficial experience. The genre commentary merely skims the surface, and the twist—which is revealed from the get-go—loses its power after the first viewing. The only takeaway discussion is trying to recall the various horror movie references you noticed.

For horror fans, "The Cabin in the Woods" is an entertaining lark that should be experienced once and probably never again. For everyone else, this unique movie is a little too strange and not nearly frightening enough for mass appeal.

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# Experiencing Europe well worth the cost, anxieties

Vienna was the last stop in the International Traveling Classroom. While I wasn't able to see too much of the city due to a massive amount of homework for one of our classes, what I have seen has been oddly reminiscent of the Twin Cities where I grew up.

There's a little more wide open space and definitely some older buildings, but it's hard to even remember I'm in Europe when I'm in Vienna. It's kind of a nice way to wrap up the trip and I guess a perfect time to wrap up this column.

I've learned a lot in Europe. I've been forced to put a lot of things about the world and myself in perspective. I've gained a new appreciation for other countries, other ways of life and viewpoints.

The classes I've taken while I'm over here have



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reinvigorated my lust for learning and reignited my drive to finish school and finish strong. I've even switched my minor to international studies because of how much I enjoyed everything I've learned over here.

I guess what I'm trying to get at is that if you're even slightly considering going abroad, you've just got to do it. You won't regret it. You will meet new people, specifically people that you'd never have thought you'd get along with.

You will learn stuff from them. You'll probably even make some friends, some of which will be lifelong ones.

You'll pick up a bit of another language, even if you're doing what I did and traveled through a bunch of countries. If you plant yourself in one country for the entire semester, you're sure to learn more of the language than you'd ever expect.

Yes, it's a financial burden. There are very few of us who could afford to pay for something like this out of pocket, even with the financial support of our families, but for once, I want to actually encourage people to bite the bullet and take out the loans.

I've resigned to the fact that I'll be paying off student loans for my entire life, thanks to this trip and the fact that everything I've ever

been interested in or good at has about as much chance of making me any sort of money as I have of winning the lottery.

There are scholarships and the people at Global Connections will help you find a viable way to get yourself

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wherever you want to go.

Even if you've never given thought to leaving the country, you've got to look into it. You will get pushed out of your comfort zone and that's not a bad thing.

I've spent more than a few hundred words in these columns talking about new experiences and comfort zones and the need to step out of them and if I'm getting repetitive it's because I really believe in the value of this stuff.

All of the things I learned out of books, lectures and tours on the trip are valuable, but they don't hold a candle to the insights I've gained from trying new things, be it of my own volition or just being forced to.

I've jumped in Lochness. I hiked a snowy mountain while watching avalanches in the distance. I've tried all sorts of awesome and weird food and drinks. I've been put in all sorts of social situations that I would have never expected and even though not all of them turned out how I would have liked them to, I've learned something from every one of them.

Studying abroad is one

of the most valuable experiences we are offered in school. I beg you, if there's any way you can make it happen, you've got to. Not to mention, it's incredibly fun. I'm serious. Every day has been a blast and I wouldn't have traded any of the experiences I've had on this trip for anything I can think of.

I'd like to thank all of those who have followed this column week in and week out this semester. I hope you've found something interesting in it.

I hope it has encouraged you to give this all a shot. If it has, I wish you safe and happy travels and I hope you get to experience all sorts of new things and you have great stories to tell when you get home.

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# Titanic anniversary coincides with 3D release

“Titanic” has been a fan favorite for many since its release in 1997. It has won countless awards and is a classic movie to many people of our generation. I cannot even begin to tell you how many times I have seen it.

I’ve laughed, I’ve cried and I’ve cringed over and over again. It was rereleased in 3D a couple of weeks ago, and has been a huge hit in the box office once again. I decided to drag my boyfriend to the movie this past weekend, and he actually enjoyed it.

Now one of the major downfalls of seeing a film in 3D is the price of the tickets. Eight dollars a person is already crazy, but add three more dollars for the glasses, and \$22 later, plus snacks if you decide to get them, is just plain insane.

Once we were settled into the theatre I felt like a little kid. The previews before the movie started looked really cool in 3D and I was really excited for the actual movie to start. This film exceeded my expectations for sure.

There were times during the movie that I actually felt as if I were there. I was there exploring the wreck at the



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bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, and I was there on the bow of the ship as it was going down. It was an amazing experience.

At first, like with most films that I see, I was skeptical. Why would theatres want

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to rerelease a film that did so well the first time around? Well now I understand why.

“Titanic” in 3D was one of the most moving films that I have seen in a while, besides “The Vow” of course. Again, I have seen this movie hundreds of times but I got the chills, and I cried at the very end, something that I haven’t done during the movie in a long time.

After you see a movie more than twice, you sort of desensitize yourself. I thought I had done that with Titanic. Though there was something about seeing it in 3D that brought me back to seeing it for the first time. All of those memories of being 10-years-old and wondering why flooded back to me as I sat and stared at the big screen.

Recently, the 100th anniversary of the sinking occurred and I was on the Internet forever. I was researching who died, who lived, the number of survivors, everything that I could find.

I even found the New York Times article from the morning after the disaster. I know it is a little off topic but that is what I do after I see a movie that is based on a true story.

Anyway, there are movies that I see that I have some negative things about but for Titanic, I have nothing but good things to say about it.

It was definitely worth the extra money for the 3D experience.

It was something that I will never forget. I highly recommend this film to

those who want an up close and personal interaction with history.

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