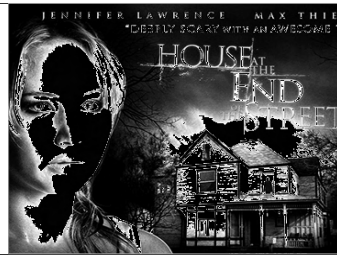


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## Students celebrate Falcon Pride



Maggie Sokoloski/ Student Voice

Student Life held an outdoor showing of “The Hunger Games” as a way to involve students as homecoming events have begun.

Homecoming events open to the public include:

- Homecoming Lip Sync/Variety Show, 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28, in the Falcon’s Nest of the University Center.
- Chancellor’s Homecoming 5K Run/Walk, Saturday, Sept. 29. The race will begin at 8 a.m. at Ramer Field.
- Homecoming Parade, 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29. The parade route will begin at the north end of Main Street, follow Division Street onto Second Street, and end at the UWRF University Center.
- Homecoming tailgate, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ramer Field.
- Homecoming soccer match vs. UW-Platteville, 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ramer Field.
- Homecoming football game vs. UW-Oshkosh, 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ramer Field.
- Homecoming Symphony Band & Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, in the William Abbott Concert Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.
- Comedian Adam Grabowski, 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center.
- Homecoming Choral Concert, 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, in the William Abbott Concert Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

## Students to impact 2012 presidential race

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For the majority of students at UW-River Falls, Nov. 6, 2012, will be the first time they are able to vote in a presidential election. Even though the right to vote when one turns 18 is considered a very important privilege in the United States, it may not be enough to get college students to the polls.

In 2008, when UWRF senior, Lindsey Bierwerth, could vote for the first time, she was not going to pass up that opportunity. As a senior in high school at the time, it was a very exciting new thing for her. She said that she will be voting again in this elec-

tion, but she just does not know how many of her fellow students will.

“There was so much excitement around voting among young people when Obama was running four years ago, but this time around, there just really isn’t the same hype.”

As student membership in political organizations on campus has risen over the past few years, it may seem as though young people are becoming more interested and more involved in politics on campus. However, there is still question as to whether the number of students who will vote in the 2012 presidential election will be any-

where near the voter turnout of the election in 2008.

According to the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), “youth (18-29) voter turnout rose to 51 percent in 2008.”

The increase was attributed to the fact that President Barack Obama campaigned heavily to the student voter population when he was running in 2008, but there is not that same attempt to gain younger voters this time around.

UWRF Associate Professor of Political Science Neil Kraus, explains that Obama has definitely made an ap-

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## Judge’s decision on Act 10 renews conversation among UWRF faculty

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A Dane County Circuit Judge’s Sept. 14 decision to declare Governor Scott Walker’s hot-button law to be unconstitutional has re-ignited conversations concerning collective bargaining and workers rights for UW-River Falls faculty and staff.

Act 10 has been touted as a major component in the current budget surplus that the state of Wisconsin has found itself in, but critics, some who protested in Madison for weeks or even months, worry it goes too far by making specific stipulations which strip collective bargaining rights from teachers and professors.

In Judge Juan Colas’ ruling, he stated that parts of the law “single out and encumber the rights of those employees

who choose union membership and representation solely because of that association and therefore infringe upon the rights of free speech and association guaranteed by both the Wisconsin and United States Constitution.”

Proponents of Act 10 are criticizing this decision as a partisan ploy by their opponents.

“Friday’s ruling by a Dane County circuit court judge against the budget reforms enacted last year is disappointing and a step backward for our state. It appears that those seeking to stop reform and return Wisconsin to the tax and spend policies of the past will continue to file lawsuits until they get the ruling they want,” Wisconsin State Senator Sheila Harsdorf, who represents River Falls, said in

a statement released on Sept. 17.

Her sentiments are echoed by the secretary of the UWRF College Republicans, Luke Affolter. “It’s another ploy by the opponents of Act 10 to get their way,” Affolter said.

He said that he feels that Judge Colas is going against the will of the people of Wisconsin due to Walker’s victory in the recall election last June. “Wisconsin wants to settle. They want Act 10.”

Affolter said he thinks this has all gone on too long. “At some point they need to let it go.”

He contrasted Wisconsin with states like New York and California where he blames “luscious” public sector benefits for their flagging economies. “[Act 10] is get-

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## Student remembered by friends



Alicia Carlson/ Student Voice

Students organized a vigil for UWRF student Tiffany Langteau to remember their friend on Sept. 20. Langteau died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Sept. 4. She was 21. They aligned lit up paper lanterns along the sidewalk from the University Center to the Wyman Education Building. They met by the fireplace behind the UC and a few people volunteered to speak about Langteau. These memories had people laughing and crying as they shared stories about all the funny things that she did, and all the memories that would come to mind when they heard of her.



# UW-River Falls College Republicans announce voter awareness series

The UW-River Falls College Republicans announced a “Voter Awareness” series which will highlight issues for the 2012 election and bring in prominent speakers from around the country and Wisconsin.

The events are designed around relevant issues for the campaign and seek to educate the campus and community.

The topics include the economy, gun rights, abortion, conservatism and energizing the youth vote.

All events are free and open to the public.

Luke Affolter, the College Republicans’ secretary said, “This is the first time many of us can vote in a presidential election. We want to make sure that students are informed of the issues when they go and cast their ballot. We also know that many students are only exposed to one side of the issue, so we are seeking to bring a Republican perspective. The Republicans,

especially in Wisconsin, are energized after Governor Walker’s victory and the selection of Paul Ryan as the vice presidential candidate. The youth aren’t running to Obama like they did in 2008.”

**Bay Buchanan-Former U.S. Treasurer under President Reagan**  
7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 4  
Kinni Theater at the University Center.

This event is sponsored by the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute.

Buchanan began her political career as the national treasurer of Ronald Reagan’s presidential campaigns in 1980 and 1984.

This position catapulted her into a distinguished career beginning in 1981 when President Reagan appointed her to be treasurer of the United States.

At the age of 32, she was the youngest person to hold that position since it was established

in 1775.

Buchanan will talk on the importance of being involved and energizing people to vote.

**KCarl-The Conservative Messenger**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 8  
Kinni Theater at the UC.

KCarl is an unyielding defender of the constitution and liberty.

Inspired by the guiding principles of the Founding Fathers and holding fast to the oath taken during his service to our country, he launched The ConservativeMESSENGER™ in 2009. A “grassroots” initiative, The ConservativeMESSENGER’s mission has been to: Enlighten, Educate, Empower and Equip its members based on the Frederick Douglass Republican™ Methodology-a unique and powerfully effective strategy to Re-Ignite America’s Passion for Liberty.

## River Falls Police/ UWRF Police Department

**Sept. 19**

- Adam Howard Witherspoon was cited \$362.50 for possession of drug paraphernalia at Parker Hall.

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

### The Facilities and Fees Board is looking for students to fill positions in the following areas:

- Dining Services Advisory
- Recreation and Sport Facilities (RSF)
- Residence Hall Association (RHA)
- Student Health Advisory
- Textbook Services
- University Centers

To apply to one of the committees please fill out the online application on Orgsync.

# News briefs

## Center for Dairy Farm Safety receives OSHA grant

The Center for Dairy Farm Safety (CDFS) has been awarded a \$127,000 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) grant through the Susan Harwood Training Grant Program. This is the second year the CDFS has been awarded this grant.

During the first year of the grant the CDFS was established with collaboration between UW-River Falls and UW-Extension. A comprehensive employer level dairy farm safety training program was designed, and is currently being offered to dairy producers throughout Wisconsin in an effort to assist in developing an effective safety and health program for their operation. All of the materials were reviewed and approved by OSHA.

The second year of the program will build on those foundational safety program elements by designing safety training materials to be used by dairy producers for their employees. The target audience is young workers, minority workers and non-English speaking/limited English proficiency or non-literate/low literacy workers.

Training topics will include: animal handling, hazard communication, personal protection equipment and hazard identification/risk assessment. Training and materials will be available in English and Spanish. The CDFS will be using a variety of methods to reach the producers and the employees; besides offering in-person trainings they will also offer programming through computer-based training and webinars.

“The opportunity to impact dairy safety is such an honor for this important industry in our state,” said Connie Smith, director of risk management at UWRF and program director of the CDFS. “We want to be sensitive to what this industry needs and keep current on trends in dairy safety so we can be a valuable resource for producers.”

Through the CDFS, Andrea Nthole will continue in her capacity as out-



**UWRF directory  
Andrea Nthole acts as  
outreach specialist for CDFS.**

reach specialist. Nthole holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education from UWRF and a master’s degree in agriculture education from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining the CDFS, Nthole taught high school vocational agriculture for more than 20 years in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and internationally.

For more information on the CDFS, visit [www.uwrf.edu/CenterForDairy-FarmSafety](http://www.uwrf.edu/CenterForDairy-FarmSafety), or contact Smith at 715-425-3344 or [connie.smith@uwrf.edu](mailto:connie.smith@uwrf.edu).

## Annual Career Fair attracting employers, grad schools

The 21st Annual Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Riverview Ballroom at the University Center.

UW-River Falls is attracting organizations that have attended past Career Fairs as well as some new to the university. The Career Fair had over 80 attendees last year, which included organizations such as Accelerated Genetics, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Target, The Nerdery and USDA.

Current attending organizations include; Engineering, Planning and Management, TISCO, Riesterer and Schnell, ACR Homes, Grassland Dairy Products, Wal-Mart, Milk Specialties Global and Is It 2B Marketing, to name a few.

There will be a total of 84 attending organizations.

“We made it our goal this year to make the Career Fair more appealing to all of the colleges at UWRF by contacting new organizations that faculty and students recommended,” said Career Fair Coordinator Liz Byers. “We are looking forward to having a large variety of organizations that appeal to students for internships, entry-level jobs or graduate schools.”

Career Services encourages students to research the organizations that will be in attendance.

Hire-A-Falcon and the Career Fair website are tools that can be utilized to research the organizations and learn more about the positions they offer.

“It is important to research the attending organizations before the fair for multiple reasons,” Byers said. “It can give you an easy conversation starter, you look prepared and the student can have a better understanding of what majors the organization is looking for.”

All the employers that are attending the Career Fair will be looking for potential employees to recruit for positions they may have or will have

available in the future. Career Fair attendees can expect to find jobs or internship opportunities, learn about graduate school programs and network with employers.

For more information on the Career Fair, possible volunteering opportunities, and the attending organizations can be found at [www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair](http://www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair) or by contacting Career Services at 425-3572, 211 Hagestad Hall.

## Annual Outdoor Art Installations set for Oct. 3-5 at UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls Art Department announced the 21st Annual Outdoor Art Installations, which will take place Oct. 3-5. Faculty and students will be creating outdoor works of art designed to highlight a specific site on the UWRF campus grounds.

Visitors to campus and UWRF students are asked to please respect the artistic ideas and to not alter or damage the artwork. Site maps identifying the individual installations can be picked up in the lobby of Kleinpell Fine Arts building outside Gallery 101 beginning 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Kinji Akagawa, emeritus professor of sculpture at Minneapolis College of Art and Design, will be the guest artist. A recognized international sculptor, he has focused much of his work on public spaces, more specifically, the social relevance of contemporary art and its place in public spaces. Akagawa will offer a lecture at 10 a.m. Oct. 3 in the Kinni Theater at the University Center and a walkabout critique with students and guests beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5. The public is welcome to join in for these insightful conversations.

The installations and lecture are free and open to the public. Questions may be directed to the UWRF Art Department at 715-425-3266.

## Art exhibit at UWRF provides retrospective of Lynn Jermal’s work

The UW-River Falls presents “Fierce: The Artistic Vision of Dr. Lynn Jermal” in Gallery 101, October 5-27. This exhibition of drawings, paintings and mixed media work provides a creative retrospective of Jermal’s artwork. A reception honoring the memory of Jermal will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

Jermal was a part of the UWRF Art Department for 27 years as professor

and head of the art education program while remaining active as an exhibiting artist.

Gallery 101 is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. For more information, contact the UWRF Art Department at 715-425-3266.

### Social Justice consultant to lead inclusive leadership sessions at UW-River Falls

Social Justice Consultant Becky Martinez will host three learning sessions about inclusive leadership at UW-River Falls on Friday, Oct. 5. All sessions are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of them.

Inclusive leadership sessions include: “Professional Development: Creating & Promoting an Inclusive Campus Community,” 1-1:50 p.m., Falcon’s Nest, University Center. As institutions undertake the challenge to create inclusive, thriving environments, educators are expected to be part of this challenge. From theoretical concepts to self-reflection this interactive workshop will provide practical connections and tools to develop a more inclusive campus community.

“Building Community As An Inclusive Leader,” 3-4 p.m., Falcon’s Nest, University Center.

We are all charged with creating an inclusive campus environment; this takes time, intentionality, self-awareness and requires us to view the world through a diversity lens. This interactive workshop will provide connections and tools to build a welcoming campus community as an inclusive leader.

“Leading Through An Inclusive Lens,” 6:30-7:30 p.m., Falcon’s Nest, University Center.

For an inclusive community to be successful, students must develop self-awareness; inclusive leaders must understand the systemic concepts of social justice. This session will engage participants in authentic dialogue and provide tools to develop their leadership skills to be effective as an inclusive leader.

More information about Becky Martinez can be found at [http://www.infinitymartinez.com/about\\_becky.html](http://www.infinitymartinez.com/about_becky.html).

For additional information or to request accommodations, contact UWRF Student Life at 715-425-4444 or email [StudentLife@uwrf.edu](mailto:StudentLife@uwrf.edu).



# Drought affecting lab farm operations

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The UW-River Falls laboratory farms are feeling the effects of costly feed for livestock, which is rising due to the drought that started as early as last year, according to officials.

According to Bill Connolly, laboratory farm director, the signs of a drought began in the winter of 2011, which left the Midwest with little snow. In the spring, rains were timely and they did help but there was not enough to recharge the ground moisture and help with the crops. By summer, the end to the dryness was nowhere in sight.

“Everything seems to be starting early this year and with that came dry weather,” said Connolly.

According to The Weather Channel website, the average precipitation total in August in River Falls is about 4.75 inches. This year, we received a low 2.27 inches. In September the average precipitation total is 3.68 inches and as of September 25, we have received just 0.78 inches.

“As the summer went on, it started to hit that the crops weren’t doing well,” said Connolly.

He said that although there are some fields on the lab farms that aren’t doing well, there are some that are doing fairly well with holding their moisture, and have produced a good number of yields of corn and alfalfa.

Connolly explained that the lab farms are 25 to 30 days ahead of schedule with their last cut of alfalfa. Usually they would be making their last cut some time around Labor Day but this year they were cutting it around August 5 through August 10. The positive side, though, is the farm did manage to get four cuts of alfalfa this year, which is the average amount of cuts the farm usually makes.

Corn is proving to have more difficulties with the drought than other crops and the effects of the shortage are already starting to hit. The average bushels of corn harvested per year are about 190 to 200. This year, the farm is expecting between 140 to 160 bushels. Less bushels means they’ll have to purchase more to keep livestock fed. Corn around \$4 or \$5 last spring and has increased due to the shortage of crops.

“I’m not very thrilled on paying \$7.50 to \$8 for corn

to feed pigs,” said Connolly. “People that raise hogs are saying that they aren’t going to feed their hogs this expensive corn so they are selling them.”

This could be a challenge for companies that produce pork products. Although the pork prices could go down, there will be too much of it and eventually they will need to figure out storage arrangements.

Connolly has expressed that it is a concern when farmers are paying high prices to feed the hogs but are only getting 60 cents a pound, or less, for the meat.

The budget for the lab farms is based on revenue and if the revenue isn’t as much as it has been previous years it will affect the budget. Although it hasn’t become a concern Connolly explained that if the drought were to get worse or had been worse it would affect the student employees getting paid and the amount that would be hired.

To reduce costs for the lab farms, Chair of Animal and Food Science Gary Onan, said that the school has decided to reduce the number of horses that are on the lab farms, as well, due to hay



Megan Rodriguez/ Student Voice  
**Because of the drought, the fruit research field now has to be watered regularly to compensate for the lack of water provided by the seasonal rains.**

prices.

There will be 10 horses auctioned off at a Quarter Horse sale on October 27 in Cannon Falls, Minn. to reduce the total feed expense for campus. It was confirmed with professors that they would still be able to accurately teach their classes with the number of horses still kept at the lab farm.

Currently the plan to auction off animals is only being focused on the horses, but if the time comes to start looking at other animals, Onan

suspects that swine would be next, although he isn’t certain that it will come to that point.

Onan also said that out of roughly 40 years he’s been in crop production, he’s experienced drought in five or six of those years.

“I would say this year has been in the top two in severity,” he said.

He said his crop outside of Ellsworth is excellent but the land that he rents out is not doing too well.

“Your own personal experience can vary on location,”

said Onan.

Onan and Connolly both agree that even though the drought is proving tough for agriculture, it is a good learning experience for students.

“From a teaching standpoint we can create some case studies or scenarios,” said Onan. “It’s a completely new territory with teaching and a real life experience to use in class.”

# Falcon Pride found in aspects of UW-River Falls campus

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Every year River Falls becomes a home to thousands of students when the doors of UW-River Falls open for its fall semester.

This year 6,383 students made the campus and surrounding area their home.

The UWRF website describes it’s campus as located “30 miles southeast of downtown St. Paul, Minnesota in the St. Croix River Valley.” The University offers 48 “programs of study,” a 23 to 1 student faulty ratio, and 16

varsity Falcon sports.

Even though there are many universities in Wisconsin alone that seem bigger and have football records more intimidating than UWRF, the campus community still shows it’s pride which other schools may not do.

This year, UWRF’s Homecoming theme is just that: Falcon Pride.

Last year was the first year of the Falcon Pride theme. Chris Rohling wrote a story for the “Student Voice” about the reason they chose the theme, quoting Crystal Lan-

ning, assistant athletic director and student involvement administrator of UWRF last year.

Lanning said, “It’s something that everyone could relate to. Everyone is a Falcon.

For students like Senior Elise Elliot, “Showing student spirit and looking in an appropriate, positive way and by being respectful about it,” is what Falcon Pride means to her.

Just like the definitions differ between Lanning and Elliot, sophomore and rugby athlete Riley Haynes views

Falcon Pride in a different light than other athletes on campus. “I see it less as pride in athletics, and more as pride in the community.”

Those students who are just getting used to campus are still trying to figure out their own ideas of what being a Falcon and Falcon Pride means to them.

“I don’t really know what it means, but I’m sure its different from high school,” said part-time freshman student Gannon Judge.

Falcon Pride stems from more than information stu-

dents gathered when they first toured the campus or when they were looking at the Falcon red of the UWRF college brochure.

The pride they feel comes from other things on campus they see, feel and experience.

Senior Lisa Rosenthal finds pride in the small class sizes because it offers UWRF students opportunities that other schools may not.

“The fact we have smaller classes lets students make closer relationships with their professors,” said Rosenthal.

Haynes said what he had

the most pride about was the inclusivity on campus. “You can pretty much go anywhere and say hi to anybody and they’ll say hi back.”

Even though student Meladee Larson, a senior at UWRF, says that Falcon Pride means, “being proud of your school and attending events,” she is not always able to make it to events, like homecoming, because of a busy schedule.

However, she takes her Falcon Pride with her wherever she goes.

# Act 10: Judge’s decision keeps collective bargaining controversy alive

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ting results. We have a budget surplus now.”

Affolter said that he didn’t want people to think that proponents of Act 10 were anti-teachers or anti-education.

“It’s not that we hate teachers or public employees or don’t value them, it’s just that we have to be smart,” Affolter said. “If we could pay teachers millions of dol-

lars and could afford it, that would be great.”

Coni Gehler, a professor at UWRF and President of the local American Federation of Teachers union, said she sees things differently and that Judge Colas made his decisions based on legalities and not by focusing on partisan values.

“I feel it’s correct that they have identified constitutional issue with both the state

constitution and the federal constitution” Gehler said. “Regardless of what happens with the legal battle, we as human beings and workers have the right to organize and locally form a union and to collectively bargain in the workplace, to advocate for issues of quality in our workplace.”

Gehler said that it is critical to maintain and promote an open dialogue with the ad-

ministration.

“We would start with issues that we brought forth with over a hundred signatures on a petition to the administration last spring and we would go forward and work from there,” Gehler said.

These include bringing salaries to parity with comparable institutions, offering discounts to family members of faculty or staff who wish

to attend the University and restoring coverage policies lost under Act 10.

Dr. Kurt Leichtle, a professor at UWRF and an officer of the local AFT union, said he feels that unions are an important part of American history. “Unions are really, in American history, the voice of the workers that works as a counter to the voice of the larger economic system in a way, and that’s as it should

be,” Leichtle said.

He said that this is likely just another step in a long process. “The flow of unions and union recognition is one that’s always a long haul. It’s time. We’re essentially now in a position where we are working to redo that recognition,” Leichtle said.

Governor Walker has vowed to appeal the court’s decision, ensuring that this is not the end of this issue.

# Politics: Students with all political preferences recognize impact of vote

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pearance at colleges across the nation, but just not as extensively as in his campaigning in 2008. He states that Republican candidate, Mitt Romney, has also visited some campuses, but that the youth vote just does not seem to be a top priority for either candidate.

“It doesn’t seem to be as significant as the last election. I’m not saying students are disinterested completely, but it seems that the interest has fallen off a bit. The 2008 election was such a peak in young peoples’ interest that it is kind of hard to sustain that really.”

Even though many students may not have as much interest, it doesn’t mean that there are not plenty of students on this campus who are excited about exercising their right to vote.

Henrik Jorgenson, UWRF freshman, will be voting for the first time and he explains that his reason for voting is because his parents have always been very political and so it is just something that is a big part of his family. He agreed that most first time

voters are probably really excited to vote, but that he hasn’t really seen that excitement among other freshman at UWRF. College Republicans and the College Democrats at UWRF are urging students to get out and vote in the upcoming elections through a variety of ways.

Avery Hildebrand, co-chair of the College Democrats, explained that they are providing non-partisan voter registration on campus when possible and providing students with sample ballot and voting location information.

The College Republicans have multiple speakers coming to campus and are providing opportunities for students to come together and watch some of the upcoming debates in the Kinni Theater.

“I really feel like students may not be as energized about this election as they have been in the past, but if the people on campus who are passionate about politics are more vocal and show their enthusiasm, maybe it can help spread the excitement and make students more aware,” Vice Chair of the College Republicans Hannah Carlson said.

Carlson said that she believes a big issue that students may be concerned about going into this election is the job market. Many students will be graduating this year or in the next few years and they will want to know that there is a positive outlook for them in finding a job.

Issues like the economy and health care are some of the big ticket items, but Kraus thinks that for students, things like college loans are at the top of their important issues list. Kraus said that students have been asking questions in his classes about the candidates’ opinions on certain issues so he knows that for some students the stance taken on issues by the candidates may be a deciding factor for them on whether or not to vote and who to vote for. Hildebrand stresses that no matter what your motivation, voting is extremely important, especially for students. He says it is not just important for the presi-

dential election, but for state and local elections as well.

“Voting is what Democracy is all about, and young peo-

ple need to have their voices heard.”

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EDITORIALS

# Student support for athletics lacking

On a campus with 6,383 students and 16 varsity sports almost everyone is bound to know someone competing in a varsity sport.

It’s no secret that, to the UW-River Falls student body, athletics take a back seat to pretty much everything else. Yet, there is really no reason why this is the case. It’s not like we, as students, have to pay to get in.

In fact, there are probably a significant amount of upperclassmen who have yet to attend any sporting event at UWRF. Really? In a few years you couldn’t even spare three hours on a given day to support your friends and peers who are representing the school you attend?

Division III athletes are not only participating in their respective sport, but must maintain high academic standards as well. Think of it as having a full time job, not getting paid for it and having to maintain a good grade point average all at the same time. A lot of people simply wouldn’t survive.

Imagine going to work everyday, for almost the entire school year, and not getting paid. You are only going to your job because you enjoy doing it.

Think about that. It’s safe to say that not many people would be willing to do that. Let alone college students. Yet, over 400 students at UWRF do that exact thing each and every year.

The UWRF athletes, our peers and our friends, put in work and training both in and out of the season for their sport. Quite frankly, they work harder for their sport than most people do for their jobs. And keep in mind, our athletes are basically playing because they love their sport.

Frankly, there really isn’t any reason why people should skip out on the Homecoming sporting events. Both the UWRF football team and soccer team both play home games at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ramer Field against UW-Oshkosh and UW-Platteville, respectfully. Honestly, there is no reason anyone should skip out on these games.

If you happen to be in the Twin Cities this weekend, the cross country team is also in action, running at the Roy Griak Invitational, hosted by the University of Minnesota. If football and soccer aren’t your thing, then drive over to the cities and check out the cross country team compete against some of the best schools in the region and the country.

We at the Student Voice encourage everyone to go out and support one of our athletic teams this Homecoming weekend. They don’t get money in the form of scholarships to compete, so we as the student body owe them about three hours of our time to watch our teams, peers and friends compete at the collegiate level. Frankly there is no reason not to head out and support our teams.

See you at the games and Go Falcons!

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# Weight debate devours nation

Morgan Stippel  
Columnist

is something about our bodies that doesn’t meet the standards our culture sets, we scrutinize this detail until our level of self-worth is significantly diminished. Although what I have just described may sound extreme, it is a reality that thousands of Americans face each day.

Because of the messages that consumers receive about body weight, these citizens feel more pressure than ever to obtain perfect bodies, and they will go to extreme, and often dangerous, lengths to do so.

The messages that consumers appear to be most affected by are those created by the fashion industry because of how abundant they are. These advertisements are seen on television, billboards, magazines and virtually any other place one can think of.

There is an element of these advertising campaigns that is designed to elicit a certain level of self-doubt within consumers so they will purchase a specific product. This self-doubt is often derived from the models that appear in these advertisements with their skinny physiques, attractive faces, perfectly whitened teeth and elaborate clothing.

Seeing these displays are an extreme blow to the self-esteem of consumers because they immediately notice that

their bodies do not look like the flawless, and often photo shopped, bodies of the models in the advertisements.

The stark contrast between consumers’ bodies and the bodies of the models causes consumers to panic and potentially develop unhealthy habits such as excessive dieting, bingeing, purging, exercising too frequently and/or refraining from eating altogether.

The development of such poor habits is also fueled by the fact that people who are considered to be plus size are forced to purchase their clothing at separate stores because regular retail stores do not carry their size. This discrimination by size instills a sense of embarrassment and shame within plus size customers. These negative feelings perpetuate the unhealthy and dangerous tendencies that people adopt in order to acquire the thin physiques they constantly see in advertisements.

The entertainment industry acts in a similar manner when it comes to making consumers feel insecure about their bodies. In movies and television programs it seems like only actors or actresses who are fit, buff and attractive appear on screen. On the rare occasion that one sees a cast member who does not fit this description, it is likely because there is some kind of negative connotation tied to the character they are playing. Because of the roles these characters play, the public subconsciously learns to associate skinniness with happiness and fatness with anguish.

If the American public continues to consume these products and

forms of entertainment in excess, it is no mystery as to why some people are unhappy with the appearance of their bodies. When popular culture is constantly telling a person that he or she is not good enough, eventually that person begins to accept this statement as the truth. Once consumers’ spirits have reached an extreme low, they tend to fight back, and often times this fight results in detrimental consequences.

Trying to lose weight at a fast pace can interfere with the basic functions of one’s body in the short-run and can cause long-term health problems that could be potentially fatal. If something is not done to change the messages being sent to members of our society, the consequences could be deadly.

Most people are familiar with the phrase “nobody’s perfect.” However, the sad reality is that in our country today, citizens are striving to achieve a level of perfection that they cannot possibly attain. By attempting to follow the false messages that are sent by various sectors of society in order to achieve the “perfect body,” we are doing far more harm to our bodies than we can possibly imagine.

Next time you see an advertisement, movie or television show that makes you feel self-conscious about your body, don’t give in to the unrealistic expectations of popular culture by adopting the dangerous tendencies of extreme dieting and exercise. These unhealthy actions can cause serious bodily harm that could ultimately result in death.

### Letter to the editor

**Alumna inspired by UW-River Falls students**  
It was a cool evening; the grill was promising goodies and the conversations with UW-River Falls students, representing a variety of disciplines, indicated that all is not lost. These young folks were not only engaged in discussing meaningful issues that face their generation, but also informed about the major concerns that face our entire U. S. population. They understand and accept the ideas that made our nation that “shining city on a hill.” They continue to believe in a real American dream and promise. They can

comprehend words from Patrick Henry. “...it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts.” Their faith, conviction, and contributions to a cause serve us all well. Peers who pay attention and act accordingly will step into a future that will applaud success and a nation secure in liberty.

Mary Louise Olson ‘57  
River Falls, Wis.

# Find Freddy’s Feather!

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Congratulations to Last Week’s Winner

Eric Plude

The first person to report the find to [editor@uwrfvoice.com](mailto:editor@uwrfvoice.com) AFTER 10 a.m. Friday *wins*.

# NFL replacement referees stir debate



Ashley  
Goettl  
  
Columnist

While the deal between the NFL and the referees was made in time to save the season, it is worth noting what got us into this mess in the first place.

With time expiring in the Monday night matchup, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson launched a “Hail Mary” that was caught in the end zone. The officiating crew ruled it a catch by Seattle receiver Golden Tate, even though Tate was grabbing for the ball with the Packers’ M.D. Jennings, who arguably had control. This is something that even the most loyal Vikings fan would agree with. After almost 10 minutes of review, officials affirmed the call on the field and the Seahawks escaped with a 14-12 win over the Packers.

The referees had been locked out since early June, when negotiations over a new contract between the NFL Referees Association and the NFL broke down. Although there were many issues at play, the main issue, of course is money. The referees felt that the raise offered to them by the NFL (a 5-11 percent raise) was too much lower than the raises they received back in 2006, the last time the two sides renegotiated.

They claimed that, despite record revenues for the NFL, the NFL wanted to cut costs by underpaying their officials. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello countered by asking if the officials have gotten the same raise from their other jobs since 2006. (NFL officials are different than other major league

There is one thing that Minnesota Vikings and Green Bay Packers fans can agree on: the replacement referees have made this NFL season hard to watch.

sports as they are not hired full-time).

The NFL, despite being the most successful and most profitable sports league in the United States, pays their referees far less than any of the rest. ESPN reported that the average starting salary for a first year NFL official is \$78,000 – certainly a great deal for a part time job. But compare that to the starting salary for, say, an MLB umpire: \$120,000 a year. That’s about as much as a 10-year NFL veteran referee makes. NBA and NHL refs similarly make six figure salaries from the start. Bryan Knowles of bestsportsblog.com argues that they officiate dozens, if not hundreds, of games a year, while the NFL ref will top out at about 20 – a fair point.

The referees’ collective bargaining agreement expired at the end of last season, and both sides had been in talks since last October. And since no deal was made, the NFL announced that they would begin using replacement officials until a deal was reached.

These replacements, according to ESPN’s Adam Scheffer, include “elite” retired college officials, officials from the smaller, non-BCS conferences, and even Arena League referees.

After Monday’s game, (and the previous weeks’ games as well) it is clear that these replacement officials are not up to the standard of regular NFL refs. Monday’s game may have been the tipping point for fans, players and owners to say enough is enough. And sure enough, less than a week later, a deal has been reached.

“Don’t ask me a question about the officials,” Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said after the game. “I’ve never seen anything like that in all my years in football.”

The NFL Player Association even sent a letter to the league on Sunday urging the return of the unionized referees.

The NFL had the most at stake with the integrity and respect for the game being lost due to the blown calls by the replacement refs.

That gave the regular refs a huge bargaining tool since their reputation was not at stake. And since they were protected by the union, they were not missing out on huge benefits.

“As players, we see this game as more than the ‘product’ you reference at times,” the players union wrote. “You cannot simply switch to a group of cheaper officials and fulfill your legal, moral, and duty obligations to us and our fans. You need to end the lockout and bring back the officials immediately,” the letter stated.

I do not envy the job of an NFL referee. It’s an incredibly stressful situation, with split second decisions needing to be made every play. A single mistake gets shown on slow motion replay and on SportsCenter for days, over and over again. These referees have made thousands, if not millions, of correct calls, but we always remember the bad ones.

While I am in complete agreement that the call in Monday’s game was wrong, we cannot blame the outcome of games on one bad call. The Packers had plenty of opportunities to score before the final seconds and could not capitalize.

However, it is an accumulation of the bad calls from the entire season from every game that has brought this issue to the forefront. Bad calls will happen, even with the regular officials, but, giving two extra timeouts to San Francisco against Minnesota and the “touch-ception” by Tate can not be explained by a split-second decision that could go either way, these were the result of inexperience by the replacement referees.

While the call to end the lock-out was heightened by the Packers/Seahawks game, I believe that no matter what happens, the NFL’s machine will keep rolling along as the most watched and most beloved professional sport in the U.S. and the Packers and Vikings fans can go back to hating each other once again.

## Readers react to replacement referees

Who would make a better ref than the NFL replacement referees?

Compiled by Alicia Carlson



Andy Quam,  
freshman

“Pretty much anyone who can see and has eyes.”



Stephanie Kempf,  
junior

“The Foot Locker employees.”

Bryce Sanders,  
freshman



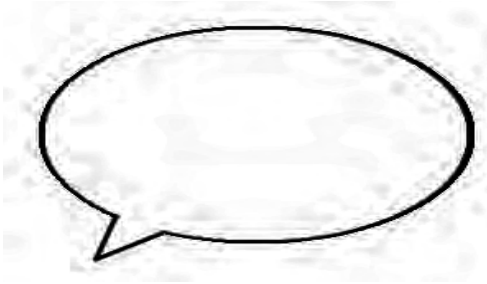
“Tennis refs would be better.”

Jennifer Giddings,  
junior



“Larry the Cable Guy.”

## STUDENT Voices



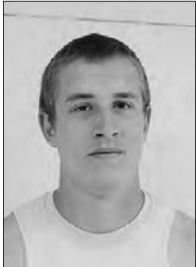
What does the Homecoming theme, Falcon Pride, mean to you?

Compiled by Megan Rodriguez



Ashley Gardner,  
junior

“Being independent.”



Jake Hansen,  
sophomore

“Showing up for classes and taking pride in our campus community.”

Hilary Buelow,  
senior



“Caring enough about your school and its community to take care of it and to work to make it a better place.”

Marty Heikes,  
freshman



“School spirit and proud that you are here.”

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# Volleyball off to best start in decade

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A deep roster, powered by its senior class, is off to the best start the UW-River Falls women’s volleyball team has had since 2003.

Coach Patti Ford said that the fast start does not surprise her because of the experience of her senior class.

“I did kind of expect it. We’ve been working toward it the past three years with these seniors; it’s been a work in progress.”

Two key members of the senior class have played the same position for years. WIAC Player of the Week, Erin Green has been a middle hitter for the last three seasons.

Mackenzie Suda has been a setter for the past four seasons. Ford said that having seniors with experience in these critical positions has also keyed the team’s fast start.

Green stated another reason for the 13-2 record that the Falcons have started with this season.

“We worked hard all summer and in preseason so we were expecting a really great start to this season.”

Ford said that her bench adds a lot to the team and that, while only 11 or 12 players see playing time, anyone on the team could help out.

“Any given night, any of the kids we have could come in and help us out.

They have a specific role and responsibility and they just really embrace that

role. They bring a little energy to the court too,” the 21-year head coach said.

Only six teams from the WIAC make the conference tournament every year with the winner of the tournament earning the conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

After all automatic conference bids have been earned; an NCAA tournament selection committee then chooses a number of at-large teams to fill out tournament.

Last year, the WIAC earned two at-large bids in addition to the conference’s automatic bid.

One of the factors that the selection committee looks at is a team’s strength of schedule. Ford said the Falcons have played a schedule that will help them come selection day.

“The teams we play in the MIAC and in tournaments, that strength of schedule will definitely help and put us in consideration.”

The Falcons have not advanced past the first round of the WIAC tournament for any year of these seniors’ careers.

In order to break that barrier, Ford said that the team needs to focus on playing well in the regular season so that it builds momentum.

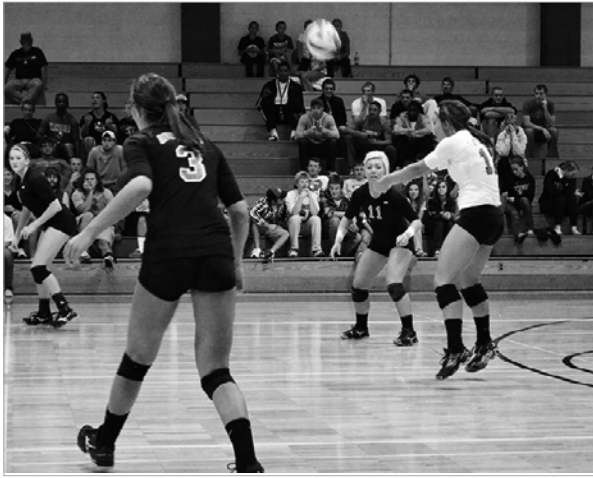
“It takes the ability to play well up until then. If we are continually improving, and we’re playing our best volleyball at the end of the year, anything can happen. I firmly

believe that.”

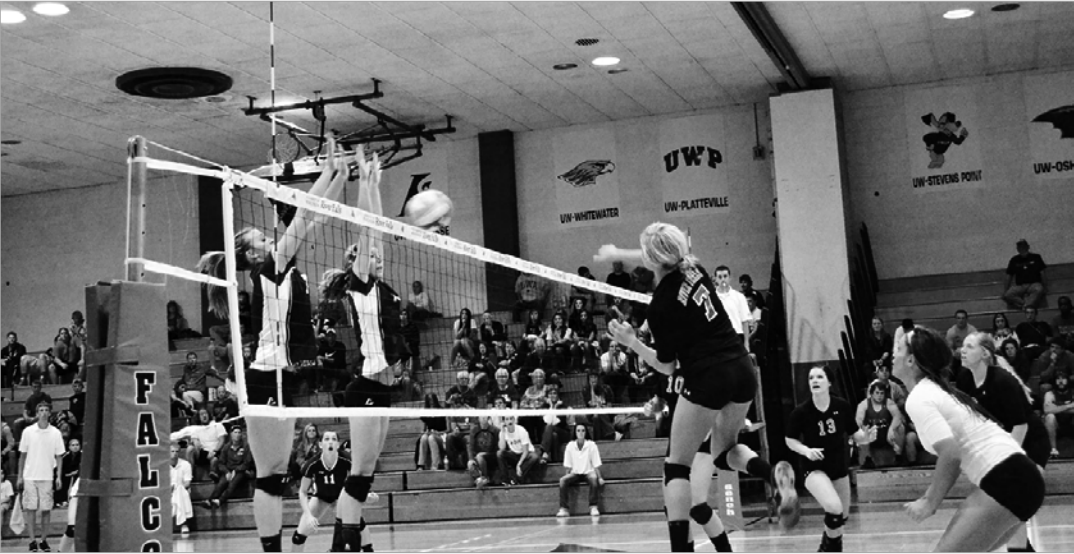
Green, a Fridley, Minn. native, said that she thinks the Falcons have the ability to make it far past the first round of the WIAC tournament.

“I think this team has every capability to get to the top of the WIAC and make a good run at the NCAA tournament,” Green said.

Before they can get to the WIAC tournament, the Falcons have three more tournaments to play in, as well as a number of conference games.



Alicia Carlson/Student Voice  
Courtney Preiner digs the ball and comes up with a key save against UW-La Crosse.



Alicia Carlson/Student Voice  
Freshman outside hitter Kaylee Jacobs spikes the ball over the net against the UWL Eagles.

# Division III athletes play for love of the game

Ashley Goettl  
Columnist

Falcon athletics have made great strides in the past few years.

Whether it is hockey, basketball, track or softball, UW-River Falls is rising among the national ranks of Division III athletics, and the campus and community have noticed.

At last week’s football game against UW-Stout, over 1,600 people packed the stands to see the Falcons under the lights. Over the last four years, I have never seen the stadium that full.

The new Falcon Center is making strides and is set to be a state-of-the-art facility, an an envy of the WIAC upon its completion. All of these things and many more are reasons

for us all to take an extra set of pride in our athletic community.

This year’s homecoming theme is Falcon Pride. While this can mean a variety of things for everyone, I feel that it takes on an extra special meaning as a student-athlete.

When you put on that Falcon jersey or UWRF apparel, you take on the UWRF identity and the values it stands for.

While everyone takes pride in UWRF for different reasons, know that you are now part of something bigger than yourself.

This is especially true as a member of a Falcon athletic team. The time commitment and drive to play college athletics is no easy task.

Division III athletes don’t receive any athletic scholarships or extra perks to play the game.

We simply play for love of the game and the thrill of the competition.

As a senior, I know my playing days are numbered, and while I don’t even want to think about that, I know that all I can do is go out there and make the most of every opportunity

I have been given. I would give anything to be able to play even one more year.

So my message for the student body is this: go out and enjoy what UWRF has to offer.

All UWRF students are allowed into athletic competitions for free if they bring their student ID.

Homecoming is the perfect time to showcase your support for what Division III athletics stands for: dedication, drive and determination.

You don’t have to be a student-athlete to understand what these core values mean to anyone, no matter what their field or background.

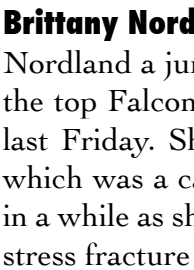
Take in a game, be a part of the exciting atmosphere. If nothing else, try something new. Who knows, you might start a new tradition or create lifelong memories. Or just come to show that you take pride in all aspects of campus life.

Athletics are a big part of university life. Falcon athletics continue to improve day-by-day, and the state and nation are watching.

## Falcon athletes of the week



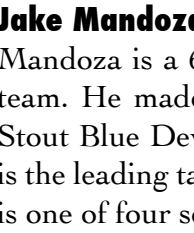
**Charles Collins**  
Collins helped the Falcons to an eighth place finish at the Blugold Open held Sept. 21 in Eau Claire. He ran the 8,000-meter course in 26:35 which was 30 seconds faster than his previous career best. He was the third Falcon across the finish line placing 44th overall. He is a senior on the team.



**Brittany Nordland**  
Nordland a junior on the cross country team was one of the top Falcon finishers at the Blugold Invitational held last Friday. She finished the 6,000-meter race in 23:48 which was a career best by 1:08. This was her first race in a while as she missed the majority of last season with a stress fracture in her foot.



**Becca Kramer**  
Kramer is the women’s soccer team goal keeper. She played well for the Falcons in two WIAC matches last week and helped the team to a win and a tie. Kramer made three saves in a 2-1 win over UW-Superior at Ramer Field, and then came back with seven saves in a 0-0 double overtime tie at UW-Oshkosh on Saturday. Oshkosh was ranked No. 18 in the country entering the contest.



**Jake Mandoza**  
Mandoza is a 6-0 foot 220 lb. linebacker for the football team. He made big plays for the team against the UW-Stout Blue Devils recording 11 tackles and one sack. He is the leading tackler for the Falcons so far this season. He is one of four senior leading linebackers for the Falcons.



## Upcoming sporting events

**Saturday, Sept. 29 Homecoming Events**

**Women’s soccer at 2:00 p.m. at Ramer Field against the UW-Platteville Pioneers.**

**Falcon football at 2:00 p.m. at Ramer Field against the UW-Oshkosh Titans.**

**Tailgating will be going on at Ramer Field before the games from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**Sept. 29 - The men’s and women’s cross country teams will be traveling to the University of Minnesota for the Roy Griak Invitational.**

**Sept. 29-30 - The volleyball team will be traveling to St. Norbert College for a tournament.**

**Sept. 29-30 - The women’s golf team will be traveling to UW-Stevens Point for an invitational.**

**Sept. 29 - The men’s and women’s swim teams will have an alumni meet at River Falls High School.**

**Oct. 3- The women’s soccer team will be traveling for a match against UW-Stout.**

# Horror flick ‘End of the Street’ leaves viewers wanting more

Nicole  
Hovatter  
  
Reviewer

Being a horror movie fanatic, I had high expectations when I went to go see “House at the End of the Street.”

I appreciate scary movies that have just the right amount of thrill, mixed in with a unique storyline, great acting and special effects. “The House at the End of the Street” partially fulfilled these elements. However, I was left wanting more.

The story started when Sarah (Elizabeth Strue) and her daughter, Elissa (Jennifer Lawrence), moved from the slums of Chicago to a small town. Sarah was seeking peace and tranquility after she divorced her ex-husband; she found something altogether different, however.

The drama started when they discovered that a brutal murder had been committed in the house next door. They found out that the neighbor’s daughter, Kari-Ann, killed her parents and spared her brother, Ryan (Max Thieroit).

Years later, Ryan is still living at the house as a recluse. A romance between Ryan and Elissa develops, along with suspense.

The overall quality of the movie seemed low-budget; everything about the movie screamed “cheesy, mediocre horror flick,” from the cliché one-liners to the strange camera angles and sub-par special effects.

Other elements of the movie seemed unoriginal; particular

scenes reminded me of many other horror movies I have seen. Heavy use of foreshadowing also made the movie too predictable.

While this would have ruined the movie for me, the chemistry between Elissa and Ryan kept me engaged, along with a storyline that got more interesting as the movie progressed.

As the romance between Elissa and Ryan developed, the plot also became more complex. It was odd seeing Lawrence, who played Katniss in “The Hunger Games,” star in a new movie.

However, she played the role of Elissa well and had great chemistry with Thieroit on-screen. The story of their romance was captivating and unique. With every twist of plot, I became more interested in the movie.

The thrill factor started to creep up on me when several questions started running through my head about the motives of certain characters. I was surprised and intrigued by how the movie ended.

As the credits reeled onto the screen, I was partially happy about my decision of going to see “House at the End of the Street.” The question remained: would I recommend seeing this movie? Probably not.

However, if someone was in the mood for a cheap thrill, the movie had some unique and positive elements.



# Rachel Responds: Distracted drivers endanger others on road

Rachel  
Woodman  
  
Columnist

In a recent Facebook status on the Rachel Responds fan page, Gordon Root emphasized his frustration with bad drivers.

Root has a good point, why do people drive so badly? Have you been there? Driving along with some bozo moving at a snail’s pace where passing isn’t an option because there are people on either side of them, someone else is swinging into your lane with clearly no idea you’re there and then some other nincompoop is riding your back bumper?

I’m as frustrated writing that as you are reading it. But that is nothing compared to the stress I felt reading posts on Angry.net. Angry.net is a website for people to rant about everything they hate and bad drivers is a topic that sees a lot of posts.

So we’re faced with two questions here: first, what causes people to drive so ridiculously? Second, why the heck do we all care so much?

Experts say Americans are more distracted drivers than those found in other countries. Sascha Segan reports in “Why Are U.S. Drivers So Bad?” on ABCNews.com, that more than 41,000 deaths occurred on American roads last year. Robert Sinclair Jr., spokesman for the Automobile Club of New York, feels American drivers would never survive on German roadways.

German roadways can have speed limits up to 140 mph

and good safety records. Why? Because German drivers have both hands on the steering wheel and are attentive and predictable.

It doesn’t take watching 15 “Don’t Text and Drive” PSAs to know that people text and drive. Texting isn’t the only thing people do when they’re driving. They’re up to all sorts of distracted behaviors. Some of which I wouldn’t even be comfortable writing about.

Texting, talking on the phone, eating, smoking, doing make up, putting on nail polish, tuning the radio, looking for something under the seat or glove compartment, rifling through a wallet or purse and writing a grocery list are just some of the many things many people try to multitask while driving. I’m just as guilty of distracted driving.

I’m a car karaoke-er. And by trade this means I jam out to music at the top of my lungs like a boss. And if I’m cranking, “I Know How to Say” by 3OH!3 I’ve nearly fist pumped myself off the road.

We’re all guilty of distracted driving. Driving distracted can be very dangerous and it’s very annoying to everyone else on the road. However, the reaction of fellow drivers can get pretty intense.

So-in-so and such-and-such are in a huge debate in their car causing their car to swerve up ahead which causes you, Sultan of Driving Excellence, to become very angry. Hot headed, your mind spins. Why are these back-stabbing-road-crowding jerkfaces up in my space?

I’m clearly going the fastest so I should be in the far left lane. Since when did the far left lane become a pasture for laziness and stupidity?!

But think of this: When was the last time you blew up on someone for bumping into you in the hallway?

It probably hasn’t happened to you. Today, I had two

people almost plow me down in an entryway and a quick “I’m sorry” from them and I shrugged it off. Sound familiar?

The reason frustrating situations like waiting in lines or being bumped into doesn’t enrage you is because the deed is very human. Ryan Martin, Ph.D. shared, in “Why Driving Makes Us So Mad” on psychologytoday.com, that because other drivers are anonymous we are much more likely to be upset with them.

A student who bumps into you in the hall is a student. A student is someone you can relate to. A student is a person. When driving, we depersonalize the other drivers. We tend to forget that they’re people.

Martin explains that if someone is driving under the speed limit we’re likely to decide that person is an idiot and get angry. Martin says, “imagine that you found out that the person had recently been in a terrible car accident and that this was his first time back on the road.” We don’t know who other drivers are and, if we did, our perspective would likely change.

Reacting emotionally and driving erratically because we feel other drivers are unsafe isn’t making us safer. Those other drivers are real and do have families. And accidents can happen.

So be attentive when you are driving, put off looking for your SpongeBob pen until you’ve reached your destination. Remember that your behavior affects other drivers. Driving in the left lane slowly, as you text, affects others. But so does tailgating and passing others angrily because you’re upset.

*Send your questions, concerns, or quandaries to Rachel on her Facebook page “Rachel Responds” and follow her on Twitter.*

# Freshman year brings friends, embarrassing stories, lifelong memories

Kylie  
Bell  
  
Coulmnist

For many UW-River Falls freshmen, the past three weeks have been a whirlwind. Between remembering the names of the people on your floor, making new friends and finding your classes,

it’s a lot to take in in such a short period of time.

Being a freshman myself, I can relate to these feelings. Within my first few weeks here, I have managed to humiliate myself numerous times.

Whether it be by attempting to unlock the door of my residence hall with my room key, tripping up the stairs in front of a group of my peers or walking around the same floor of a building three times and somehow always missing the classroom I’m supposed to be in, I’ve been there.

Embarrassing stories from the first few weeks of freshman year will become stories we tell for the rest of our lives. Lauren Doyle, a freshman majoring in psychology, will never

forget what happened her first week of college.

“I was walking back from the showers in only a towel, and I accidentally barged into my guy neighbor’s dorm room thinking it was my own. And he was shirtless!”

Marie Christenson, a freshman majoring in pre-med, experienced her first embarrassing moment on campus when she began changing in her neighbor’s room and heard her neighbor screaming from the other room, “WAIT! My Skype is still on!”

Alex Yost, a freshman agricultural engineering major, has already managed to lose his crab, Wilbur, in his dorm room.

There have been moments when I have doubted I chose the right major, or even the right college, and times when I wanted to go back to high school where the homework was much easier.

Juel Gunderson, a freshman majoring in conservation, describes his transition to college life. “It’s difficult,” he says. “It’s hard being away from home and getting used to new friends and how much studying you have to do.”

If there’s one thing I’ve learned from my college experience, it is that everything becomes easier in time. New people will soon become familiar faces, and meeting new

people and making new friends becomes second nature over time.

Christenson doubted her ability to make friends and adapt to a new environment when she first arrived. “When I first came here, I was worried that I wouldn’t make a lot of friends,” Christenson says. “I was surprised that I was able to make the friends that I have that I now hang out with every single day.”

Finding things to do in a new area may seem difficult at first, but Christenson says that if you look hard enough, there’s always something to do in River Falls.

“We have movie nights what seems like every night. We are always pranking people in the hall and jogging around the campus and around town.”

So if you’re a freshman wondering if you’re the only one that seems to be constantly embarrassing themselves, or if you’re the only one still getting lost on the way to classes, know that you’re not alone.

We’re all going through the same things, and it will all become easier in time. Before we know it, we’ll be graduating and heading out into our chosen field, whether we know what that is or not!

We have four years to experience this crazy journey together, so don’t worry if all the pieces haven’t come together yet.

# Find Freddy’s Feather

Find the lost Freddy the Falcon Feather in this issue of the Student Voice!

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# Fall fashion strikes UW-River Falls campus



Amanda White  
Columnist

The autumn season has officially started and UGG boots are back. Now, I'm not saying I hate UGG boots. I own my own pair, and sometimes no other footwear will do but a fluffy, warm, pair of boots.

However, fall is a perfect combination of brisk and dry weather, which leaves many opportunities to try out new

kinds of footwear, such as nice knee-high riding boots or faux suede ankle boots with a small heel.

I own both of these options and probably over wear them, but they always look chic in a neutral color paired with pants or dresses. Just add tights if you are going to wear a dress with your boots. You can find affordable versions of both riding and ankle boots from stores like Target or Forever 21.

While UGG boots will always be a comfy favorite of mine for a lazy day, I am always trying to advance my style.

Fashion shows, complete with runways, loud music and hordes of stylish spectators, are always fun to watch. However, when I first began following the fashion industry seriously I was always confused by the fashion shows.

For example, New York Fashion Week, which showcases designers such as Rodarte, Jason Wu and Proenza Schouler,

occurred just a couple of weeks ago. All of the designers were showing their spring/summer 2013 collections.

Fall has only just begun, meaning many are wearing trends introduced at the fashion shows in January. Next spring, designers and stores will roll out designs originally shown this September.

I have always wondered how designers knew what would be popular in six months. Then, I realized that the designers were the people who set trends. It's a funny story, but I still find it difficult to focus on fashions that won't be available or practical to wear for months.

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Year in school: Sophomore  
Favorite component of outfit: Rain boots  
Style inspiration: Whatever is in my closet



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Major: Business  
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Favorite component of outfit: Boots  
Style inspiration: Rihanna

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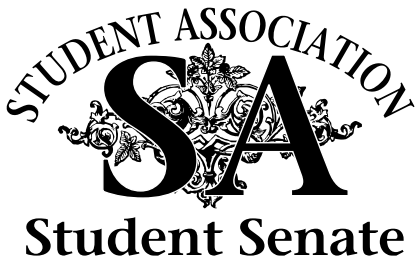
## Student Senate ELECTIONS

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### Positions on the Ballot:

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- 1 CBE Representative (College of Business and Economics)



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## Thieves invade campus

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I was going to begin by sharing another personal anecdote about my awkward moments with the opposite sex (there are many), but I have an axe to grind.

There have been a string of thefts around the UW- River Falls campus of late.

One of the thefts concerned a friend in the English department and her wallet. The other was a reported stolen vehicle in which witnesses claimed to have seen a man drive away in.

I could think of no better way to grind an axe, than to write. Writing is an excellent outlet for venting.

One could conceivably do as the character Chaucer said in the film "A Knight's Tale" and "eviscerate [a person] in fiction. Every pimple, every character flaw. [You can make them] naked for an eternity."

At this present moment, I want to make a few individuals spurn their recent actions and render them naked for all eternity.

They're idiots.

If these individuals are, by chance, men, I hope that the weather is incredibly frigid, that way, whenever women happen to cross their path, the women will remark with laughter at how 'small' and 'tiny' these men appear down below. If you catch my drift.

And I hope that every morning this exact scene re-

peats itself over and over as did Prometheus' punishment for stealing fire from Mount Olympus. Though I would not wish these individuals harm, I do wish them humiliating experiences.

Generally, I am not a vindictive man, but there was that one time my old friend Nala (a purebred collie) ate my leftover raspberry cheesecake that I had placed in the fridge.

I don't know how she managed to open the fridge being a dog.

Even I, with opposable thumbs, have a difficult time opening that lockbox.

I made Nala regret eating my cheesecake. I took a pair of dog clippers to her beautiful golden coat and shaved her bald.

She curled up into a big hairless ball whenever she would go outside retreating from the wind. I sat back, laughing. Those were wicked fun times.

I can only imagine that she was embarrassed by what the other dogs thought of her. She had become a skinhead, an outsider.

The point I am attempting to make is, if you steal from me, you will rue the day.

I must confess something. I have stolen once, though it was not to the degree of grand theft auto.

What I stole was something altogether more precious than a car or money could ever offer me.

I stole a slice of the most delectable carrot cake in the

history of the entire world. It was homemade and it had cost \$5 per slice, but I must stress, it was homemade.

I was with my grandfather at the time and we went to the bakery for lunch.

He did not have enough money to buy dessert and I was already eyeing the carrot cake. Fatty.

I feigned illness and escaped into the bathroom with the biggest piece of carrot cake ever.

I turned around to make sure the door was locked.

It felt like an act of perversion right from the start. I only made sense to lock the door.

I shoved the morsels of crumbly cake into my face, the frosting coating the corners of my mouth. I imagine I looked like an obese squirrel shoving too many morsels of food down its throat.

I wiped away the evidence of my transgressions (the frosting) and left the dingy smelling, never-cleaned bathroom.

Later that day, my grandfather found out what I had done.

He didn't have to say anything, I already knew he had disowned me.

I looked into his big watery-blue eyes and I ran.

I ran from the belt he gripped in his right hand. Luckily for me, he had two bad knees.

Though I stole and devoured that amazing cake, to this day, I cannot stand to eat it without thinking, in some part, about how my grandpa looked at me, and what the belt might have felt like.

The end consequences of stealing are that someone, somewhere will "eviscerate" you.