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Guest shares his experience of living in two-mother household

Guest speaker, Zach Wahls (second from right), is pictured with students Michael Salazar, Courtney Bergstrom and Sarah Turf after sharing his experience growing up with his two mothers in Iowa. When he was 19, Wahls testified at a court case that challenged a law permitting same sex marriage in Iowa. The next morning he work up a celebrity with various national news stations and talk shows trying to interview him. Wahls encouraged students to take advantage of the same social media and Internet sites that made his issue famous.

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Student Senate election held to fill first-year, CBE positions

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Student Senate elections will be held on Monday, Oct. 8 and Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Students will be sent an email link that directs them to the ballot. This is the only way to vote in the election.

There are approximately 20 seats in the Senate, but there are six open spots for the fall election.

Four of the positions are for first-year students only. These spots are reserved to ensure that new students to campus have representation.

With the other positions

being filled last spring, this is the first opportunity for new students to have their voices be heard.

The other position is for an at large spot. Any student is qualified to run for that position. This position became open after Matthew Hobbs was appointed to be the vice president by Senate President Bobbi O'Brien.

The other position is for a member of the College of Business and Economics.

Student Life Director and Senate Advisor Paul Shepherd said, "The Student Senate has vacant seats due

to students resigning from Student Senate positions and taking board positions. Each college needs a Student Senate representative."

Currently, the College of Business and Economics does not have a representative because the previous representative resigned. There is also a seat for an at large position.

A student in a position of at large, can be at any academic level.

There are seats on student committees that need to be filled as well.

Shepherd said, "Students

can't get people interested enough. Students who are interested don't know about them. If they are interested, first-year students can apply for positions on committees and they do not need to be a student senator."

Participating in the Senate and representing each college can help improve that given college.

Each semester brings new issues to the campus community and Senate elections can bring new ideas to student government.

Collaboration between the

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Senate holds voter registration on UWRF campus

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With the presidential election just one month away, voter registration has been increasing on campus.

Students are encouraged by River Falls Deputy City Clerk Bridget Hieb, and the Student Senate to register during the open voter registration period, which is the easiest time to complete the process.

The open voter registration period began on August 15 and will end on October 17. After that date, anyone wishing to register must provide proof of residence and register either in person at the city clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day.

Many students at UW-River Falls have expressed their concern of not knowing how or where to register.

UWRF student, Grace Davig, will be registering to vote for the first time, and like many others is confused at how to go about it.

"I thought that maybe I would just go online or something and look it up, but I am really not sure how to register and as it is getting closer to the elections, I should really figure it out soon."

For Davig and all other UWRF students, registration does not have to be confusing or difficult.

Student Senate is providing voter registration tables in the University Center during the open voter registration period.

The senators at the tables will have all the necessary information in order to help students register.

The students can fill out the form at the table and leave it there to be delivered to the clerk's office, or they can take the form with them if they do not have time right away to fill it out and then bring it back to the table or even mail

it or bring it in themselves.

The senators will be at the tables Monday through Thursday until Oct. 15. The tables will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Student Senate President Bobbi O'Brien said that the senators have already collected more than 40 registration forms while doing their tabling and they hope to collect many more.

"Most of the students who come up to us are just telling us that they want to register and asking how long it will take and we can walk them through the process in just a few minutes and it is rather painless, so it has been going over really well so far."

O'Brien and four other senators recently went through training to become deputized, giving them the ability to sign the registration forms and deliver them to the city clerk's office.

Hieb stresses that this process of registering right on campus with the senators is absolutely the easiest way for students to go about registering, especially if they are unsure about exactly what to do.

"All students have to do is fill out the registration form and sign and date it. It is really a very simple process during the open voter registration period and students should take advantage of the service that Student Senate is providing to them."

Hieb explained that there are just a few other ways students can register. One way is by downloading the registration form online and then mailing it or bringing it in to her office before Oct. 17 or after that date, with proof of residence. Also, students can

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Election issues open for discussion, dialogue at Junior's

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With the next presidential election coming up soon, the students are becoming aware of important issues.

Junior's Bar and Grill will be hosting two speakers that will be discussing some of these issues.

The first speaker is executive director of Turningpoint in River Falls, Kim Wojick. She will be talking about the

current status of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that is currently facing Congress.

The second speaker is Cheryl Maplethorpe. She is the former Minnesota Director of Financial Aid for the State of Minnesota, and is currently the Executive Corporate Financial Aid Director for Globe University. Maplethorpe will be talking about student loans.

Turningpoint is a place that provides services for victims of sexual and domestic violence in both St. Croix and Pierce Counties. There is a 24-hour crisis hotline, a 24-hour text line, and a shelter for victims.

VAWA was enacted in 1994 and is a piece of legislation that provides support and responses to stalking, dating violence, sexual violence and domestic violence. This piece

of legislation was reauthorized in 2000 and 2005, and it is time for reauthorization.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed different bills that contain both good and bad elements.

The reauthorization bill will protect all victims. This includes young women, tribal women, victims of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, immigrants and public

housing residents. VAWA's vital programs must also be funded, the bill's authors argue, without limitations that can jeopardize a victim's safety.

Wojick believes that this is an important issue to discuss because young women can be educated on the topic of violence in order to make a difference.

On Oct. 23, Maplethorpe will tell listeners about stu-

dent loans. Maplethorpe says that every student is able to receive a federal loan. Students can either receive a subsidized or unsubsidized loan.

A subsidized loan is based on financial need and the government pays the interest.

In the 2011-2012 academic year, full time undergraduate students received an estimated \$5,750 in grant aid

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Counseling offers services for those affected by students' deaths

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Two UW-River Falls students have died during the 2012 school year.

These losses not only affect the former student's families, but also UWRF as a campus.

Tiffany Langteau was preparing for her last year of college when she was killed

in an automobile accident south of Medford, Wis.

Her family held a funeral for her, and her friends at UWRF organized a candlelight vigil in her memory.

Jordan Costello was starting her first few weeks at UWRF after graduating from Hudson High School last spring. She was found dead at her home after committing suicide.

Her family held a funeral for her in September.

The fact that these two girls died at an age when most are starting their adult lives, Langteau at age 21 and Costello at age 18, impacts their peers.

"It's sad for me that such a young life would be lost and that she was just starting on campus. Such a potential is not there anymore," said

Emily Kladerman, a junior at UWRF.

Even for students who did not know either of the women personally, there still is an effect. Chelsea Kennedy, a junior, is just one example.

"None of my friends knew them, but it is still a really sad thing. It makes you really upset because it's people our age," said Kennedy, adding that it was not something

that could be ignored. "It's so unexpected and sad that life was cut short."

Jennifer Elsesser, a personal counselor on campus, said that other students, like Kennedy, feel the same kind of emotions.

"Some of it effects them emotionally right away where they may exhibit to be more tearful or be more upset. Then there are other

students who may not exhibit their emotions, so it's really important not to judge," said Elseser.

Students who did not know either of the women personally can also sometimes have similar grief to those who did.

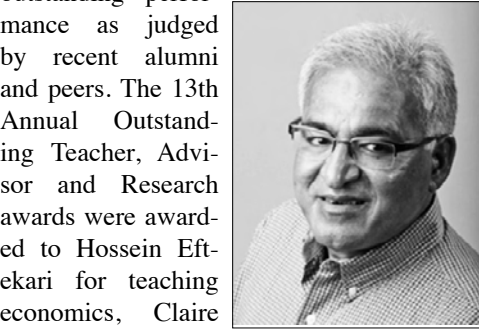
"Even though somebody might not have a really strong relationship with someone

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UW-River Falls College of Business and Economics faculty recognized

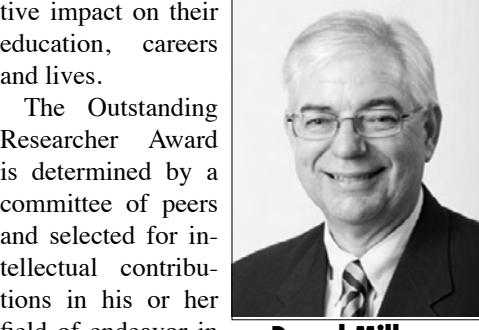
Three faculty members of the College of Business and Economics (CBE) at UW-River Falls were honored in September for their outstanding performance as judged by recent alumni and peers. The 13th Annual Outstanding Teacher, Advisor and Research awards were awarded to Hossein Eftekari for teaching economics, Claire Kilian for her work as an advisor and Darryl Miller for his research in 2011-12.



Hossein Eftekari



Claire Kilian



Darryl Miller

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UW-River Falls College of Business and Economics, Beta Gamma Sigma named Exemplary Chapter

The UW-River Falls collegiate chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), has been recognized as an Exemplary Chapter for its superior level of membership acceptance during the 2011-12 academic year.

According to CBE Dean Glenn Potts, the award recognizes UWRF for its outstanding success in recruiting top business students into the society.

With Exemplary Chapter status, the college is now eligible to award a \$1,000 Beta Gamma Sigma scholarship during the 2012-13 academic year and will also receive a certificate commemorating its exemplary accomplishments.

According to chapter advisor and Associate Dean Brian Schultz, the UWRF chapter inducted 35 new student members at its Induction Ceremony on April 23. This is the second consecutive year that UWRF has received this honor.

Open forum to discuss campus mall design

The campus has hired Ken Saiki Design (KSD), a landscape architecture firm, to prepare a conceptual design of the campus mall. The plan will provide a design to improve pedestrian pathways, lighting, storm water management, plantings and site amenities. As a part of this process, KSD will hold an open forum from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Chippewa River room at the University Center. Anyone interested is invited to join the discussion. Contact joe.mcintosh@uwrf.edu.

Rush River Ramblers kick off 2012-13 barn dances in River Falls

Hometown favorites, the Rush River Ramblers, kick off the 2012-13 River Falls barn dance series from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13 in the gym of the River Falls Academy on West Maple Street in River Falls.

This popular band features musicians from Spring Valley, Wis. and Martell, Wis. Sue West, well-known in her own right as a singer-songwriter, plays guitar for the Ramblers.

No prior dancing experience is necessary. A skilled caller teaches dance steps to newcomers and more seasoned dancers alike. Partners are optional and singles welcome. Children are especially encouraged to participate in the opening family dance segment. The second half of the evening features somewhat more advanced dances.

Other upcoming dates in the 2012-13 season are: the Barn Cats on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The barn dance series is volunteer-operated and jointly sponsored by River Falls Community Arts Base and River Falls Parks and Recreation. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for 12 and under. Inexpensive refreshments are available. Information at <http://www.riverfallsclub.org>.

Career Services to sponsor Career Fair

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Career Services will be sponsoring the 21st Annual Career Fair for students to explore potential career and internship options on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The Career Fair will have 85 businesses and organizations to speak with students about potential entry-level jobs, internships and graduate schools. The event will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center.

“We do have a lot of new organizations coming and a lot of old-faithfuls returning,” said Elizabeth Byers, Career Fair coordinator.

Some of these businesses and organizations include: Target, Wal-Mart, Minnesota Department of Revenue, Grassland Dairy Products as well as graduate schools ranging from the Twin Cities to New York.

“Last year we had 534 students attend so it’s my plan to beat that this year,” said Byers.

She explained that previous career fairs have been aimed primarily at agriculture students but this year she has made it her own goal to reach out to other students on campus. Roughly 12,000 emails were sent out to different organizations and businesses that were listed in a database for Career Services in hopes of gaining a large variety of potential employers for students.

“We filled up a lot faster than last year. We already have a waiting list of seven but we just don’t have enough space,” said Byers about the organizations and businesses looking to take part in the fair.

Students are encouraged to research the organizations and the positions they have to offer before attending. Students can find tools on the Career Services website as well as Hire-A-Falcon to guide them in the right direction.

For senior and agricultural business major with a marketing communication emphasis, Anne Moore, attending the Career Fair every year since she was a freshman was important.

“I’m definitely planning to attend again, it’s a really great thing to go to and I will be looking for a full-time job as I do graduate in May,” Moore said.

The Career Fair has provided her with two internships over the past few years. One of which was with Growmark in Woodstock, Ill. this summer.

“Just being as professional as you can be and being prepared and being confident can really help you get a job,” said Moore.

Moore suggests that while speaking with the businesses, it is important to get their business cards and write a thank you for their time, even if it is just for meeting them because it will make you more memorable. She also recommended making business cards or, depending on the job you are interested in, a portfolio.

Byers explained that students should come dressed professionally and come prepared with multiple copies of their resumes. Students should also be sure to come to the prep sessions and help desks that are available before the Career Fair.

There will be a Career Fair Prep Session from 2-4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 and there will also be two Career Fair help tables from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on both Monday, Oct. 15 and Tuesday Oct. 16 at Heritage Hall in the UC. These events will provide resume critiques and dressing for success tips, along with any other questions you may have.

“I met with peer advisors and had them help me out with my resume before I went to the career fair,” Moore said. “They are very helpful and I think they really know what things to look for and help you out so you are able to market yourself to companies as you go through the career fair.”

The Career Fair is important for all students because it provides an opportunity to meet with potential businesses they could work for in the future. It is also an excellent idea for those who are unsure about their majors to attend because you can take a look at different career possibilities.

Dressing for success at 2012 Career Fair

Appropriate attire: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suit• Necktie• Khakis• Dress pants• Polished black or brown close-toed shoes• Knee-length skirt• Sweater or cardigan• Button-down dress shirt or blazer	Innapropriate attire: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plunging necklines• Excessive jewelry• Jeans• T-shirts• Sweatpants and sweatshirts• Sneakers• Athletic socks• Shirt skirts• Shorts• Flip-flops• Hats• Pants with holes
Tips for men: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Suit:</u> for a business professional, conservative environment, dark solid or slight pinstripe conservative.• <u>Sport coat or blazer:</u> coordinated with khakis or chinos.• <u>Shirts:</u> long sleeved dress shirt in solid colors.• <u>Necktie:</u> medium width tie in solids, stripes, and small patterns.• <u>Shoes and socks:</u> dressy slip-ons or lace up shoes in black, burgundy or dark brown. Dark colored socks.• <u>Belts and accessories:</u> leather belts in black, burgundy or dark brown to match pants and shoes. Avoid flashy jewelry. Wrist watches, wedding rings or other conservative rings are appropriate.• <u>Hair, skin and fragrance:</u> hair should be cleaned and neatly combed. Facial hair should be groomed and trimmed. Go light on aftershave products and avoid heavy colognes. Cover tattoos.	Tips for women: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Suit:</u> matched skirted suit for a conservative business professional environment or conservative suit in neutral color or understated plaids.• <u>Jacket and pants or skirt:</u> in coordinated colors and fabrics.• <u>Blouses:</u> solid colors or small subtle geometric patterns and florals. Avoid sheet fabrics, oversized prints, frills, ruffles, straps or plunging necklines.• <u>Skirts:</u> solid color with length no shorter than slightly above the knee and no longer than just below mid-calf.• <u>Shoes:</u> medium to low heeled pumps, no open toes or slings. Shoe color should match or be darker than hemline. Neutral colored stockings to match or compliment skin tone.• <u>Belt and accessories:</u> belts in neutral tones no more than an inch wide. Limit jewelry to small pieces in gold or silver, pearls are also appropriate. No dangly earrings and only one pair per ear. One ring per hand.• <u>Hair, makeup and fragrance:</u> hair should be natural color. Wear longer hair pulled back or up away from face. Go light on makeup and avoid strong perfume. Cover tattoos.

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

Sept. 21

- Emily Catherine Nolting was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

Sept. 25

- A bicycle was reported stolen at Hagestad Hall.

Sept. 26

- Jacob Phillip Rademacher was cited \$200.50 for unauthorized parking of a bicycle.

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

Enterprise partners with UW-River Falls to offer car sharing

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is partnering with the UW-River Falls to offer car sharing through WeCar by Enterprise. Available to students, faculty and staff, as well as local residents, WeCar by Enterprise is a membership-based, automated car rental option that offers a sustainable, efficient and cost-effective transportation alternative to the River Falls community. Registered members have access to two fuel-efficient Toyota Prius hybrids parked in the middle of campus at Wild Rose Avenue and south Sixth Street.

Sustainability coordinator for Student Affairs at UWRF stated, “We are working with WeCar to bring a sustainable and affordable transportation option to our students, faculty and community. This initiative provides students with additional transportation options, even if they don’t have a vehicle on campus. In fact, we hope the program will reduce the need for cars on campus and contribute to our sustainability efforts.”

Students, 18 and older, are eligible for membership in WeCar, which offers around-the-clock access to hourly, daily and overnight rentals. WeCar allows members to maintain the benefits of a personal car while only paying for the vehicle when it is being used. Campus car-sharing programs are especially popular with students because they provide a solution to car rental age restrictions, as well as financial concerns associated with having a car on campus.

Members reserve a vehicle online and then access the vehicle using a membership card and return it to the same location. Fuel, basic physical damage to the vehicle and state-required liability protection are included in the standard rate plan

UWRF students, faculty and staff with a credit card and valid driver’s license can sign up for the program at www.wecar.com/uwrf. Organizations interested in WeCar can learn more at www.wecar.com, and additional information about WeCar is available by following @WeCar on Twitter.

Dressing for success at the 2012 Career Fair

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

Like previous years, the Career Fair will be enforcing a dress code. Students who plan on attending will be required to follow this dress code.

First impressions are important at the Career Fair. Students are representing themselves and dressing for success sends a message to the employers about how serious the student is about their career search. An employer will respect the student more and will take them more seriously as a recruit for employment.

Suits, ties, khakis, dress pants, dress shoes, knee-length skirts, sweaters, dress shirts and blazers are recommended items. Inappropriate dress includes sweatshirts, sweatpants, shorts, t-shirts, pants with holes, hats or flip-flops. Any student who shows up to the Career Fair dressed inappropriately will be turned away or asked to change.

The Career Fair dress code began when attending employers commented on how UWRF students were not dressed professionally. The employers stated that they saw students wearing sweatpants and flip-flops to the fair. After the dress code was enforced, Career Services received positive feedback such as from employers.

More information on the Career fair, possible volunteer opportunities, attending organizations information and tips for professional dress can be found at www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair or by contacting Career Services at 425-3572, 211 Hagstad Hall.

Local Student Selected as Finalist in FMC Anthem Contest

FMC Agricultural Products Group (APG) announces that UW-River Falls student Allison Nohre, De Pere, Wis., is one of four finalists in the “Stand & Be Heard Anthem Singing Contest.” Selected by popular online vote, Nohre now hopes to win the grand prize of a \$10,000 college scholarship. Voting begins online at www.FMCcrop.com/contest through Oct. 19 with the grand prize winner announcement on Oct. 24.

Nohre stated, “When I first found out about the Anthem Contest, I had to give it a try. With nothing to lose and everything to gain, I had no idea how to react when I found out I was a finalist. I’m fortunate to be a part of this is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

Nohre recently traveled to Nashville to record her rendition of the national anthem with a music producer as well as talk about her experience in the FMC Anthem Contest.

Involved in FFA for the past four years, Nohre is majoring in agriculture studies. At 18-years-old, she spent her high school career serving in leadership positions in FFA, including president for two years and officer for three years. She also participated in the National and Wisconsin State FFA Bands.

EDITORIALS

Presidential race shaping students' future; be informed

It doesn't matter what time of day we do it. For the next month we will all be barraged by political commercials every time we turn on our TV and on the Internet.

Needless to say, these commercials will be throwing lots of information at us which they expect all voters to take as fact. Of course, anyone who has seen their fair share of political commercials knows that all they do is contradict each other.

Unfortunately there are many Americans who will see these commercials and take them as fact. Yes, there are people out there who will see a commercial, debate or news story and decide on a candidate because they seem more "trustworthy."

Don't be one of those people.

Studies have shown that, nationally, only 62 percent of college students go out and vote. If UW-River Falls were to follow that average, it would mean that about 2,425 of the students at UWRF would not vote. That's simply unacceptable.

By the time the next presidential election rolls around nearly every student currently in college will have graduated. We will all be entering into the "real world" which will be shaped by this election.

Obviously no college student would decide their major, or pick their classes, based on what seems a more "trustworthy" or "safer" option. So why would any college student pick a person who has a huge bearing on the economy they'll be entering in to based on those same parameters?

It seems that nearly every election cycle millions of people complain about how the country is being run. However, when it comes time to vote these people either don't vote, or have no idea what, or who, they are voting for.

Don't be one of those people, either.

We at the Student Voice aren't saying that all students should put in hours upon hours of research on the election. Just a few minutes so there are less people voting for candidates based on their appearance rather than their stances on important issues.

Do your research before heading out to the polls on Nov. 6. Know what stance each candidate takes on issues that are important to you. Know what you have to do to both register to vote as well as where to vote. You cannot vote in both Minnesota and Wisconsin, that's a felony.

Do your homework in the next month before heading out to the polls. Don't forget that this election not only shapes the next four years of our country, but it also shapes the world in which we will be entering into after we leave college.

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Letters to the editor

Passing the big exam on Election Day

Reminder to college voters: you have a major exam coming up on Nov. 6. You can ace this exam, using the knowledge resources and diverse thought that are a part of your university experience. And, after all, you have much at stake in this election.

The process of determining votes should reflect the complex roles of our elected leaders, who must balance the needs of many constituents, consider the long-term impact and fairness of decisions, and have a broad vision about how limited resources can best be used. Your vote should be a judgment of which policies, which contrasting proposals, and ultimately which candidates best further these broad governing principles.

There is a lot of campaign money being spent to ensure that campaigns, by isolating narrow voting blocs and pandering to their self-interests, will be won. This is about "divide

and conquer." Don't fall for it – governing is about uniting! Instead, help tip the balance toward the thoughtful voting our democracy needs.

You have unequalled access to the information needed to objectively evaluate voting options. Beyond libraries and classrooms, you engage with faculty and students with diverse personal experience and academic and career interests – a microcosm of our nation. Foreign students help you to understand America's role abroad. All these resources and engagements have prepared you to make sound voting decisions.

So think through your positions on the issues and candidates, be properly and accurately registered to vote and vote without fail on November 6.

Larry Nevin
Los Altos, Calif.

Why do we show those bloody photographs?

Because people need to see what a child looks like after he or she has been in the hands of an abortionist at a Planned Parenthood clinic. Without the pictures, the words which describe what they do to the pre-born lack punch and are easily forgotten.

After 39 years of state-legal baby-murder, it is time for the American people to see who is dying. The media has censored the pre-born child from the "abortion debate," and we are simply attempting to bypass that media blackout by going to the streets and showing the American people exactly what a pre-born child murdered by abortion looks like.

We show these photos to inform our nation that it has violated God's Law and to call people to repentance. Our photos stand as a haunting indictment upon our nation.

Some say our photos are disgusting and hurt our Christian witness. Our response: have you ever seen a pretty picture of

a murder? Murder is disgusting; abortion is murder. Therefore, our pictures are disgusting.

Also, what hurts our Christian witness more - being silent while our neighbor is unjustly killed or exposing the evil works of darkness [Ephesians 5:11] by showing the atrocities being committed against our neighbor? We think the former. What a pathetic people we are if we want to tolerate the oppression of an entire group, but then become outraged when someone displays the suffering of that group.

May people be moved with compassion for the helpless pre-born when they see these photographs and act to see this bloodshed outlawed. Otherwise, God will use his sword of justice and bring retribution upon a nation of people whose hands are covered with blood.

Pastor Matt Trewhella
Milwaukee, Wis.

Students encouraged to join fight against human trafficking

Nicole Hovatter
Columnist

The members of Students Fighting Human Trafficking are starting from the bottom up in more than one way this year, since former president Jubelynn Hanka graduated last year, along with several of the group's members.

Diana Hendrickson, president of the organization, encourages all UW-River Falls students to join the organization. She hopes to increase membership and the group's power with raising awareness.

Hendrickson referred to human trafficking as the "Holocaust of the 21st century" because it is a major issue worldwide that does not have much awareness.

The members of the group have a strong vision for what they want the organization to achieve.

Their goal is to help eliminate human trafficking by starting small. Hendrickson explained that, while the group is not going to single-handedly stop human trafficking, they want to start a

conversation on campus about the issue.

The members specifically want people on campus to be aware that human trafficking is not only a problem in foreign countries, but is a major issue in the U.S., the Midwest and even River Falls.

According to Hendrickson, there have been several abductions at The Mall of America by people involved with human trafficking.

In some of these incidents, the abductors looked like businessmen who were conducting job interviews. They lured people into what looked like an office and then abducted them and made them into sex slaves.

"The abductors not only destroy the minds and bodies of the sex slaves, but kill a person from the inside out," said Hendrickson.

Human trafficking is an organized crime, which is what makes it so dangerous.

Over 27 million women are victim-

ized by human trafficking each year. Women are not the only targets, since men and children are also victims, according to Hendrickson.

The group was started last year when Hanka attended a conference in the Twin Cities. "She came back transformed and we both decided that we needed to do something on campus," said Hendrickson.

The group plans to gain visibility on campus by setting up vendor tables in the University Center at various times this year.

In order to educate students about human trafficking, they will hold a screening of "Nefarious" each semester, which is a documentary about human trafficking.

The group meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Fireplace Lounge at the University Center.

More information can also be found on the group's Facebook page: "Fighting Human Trafficking" or by contacting Diana Hendrickson at diana.hendrickson@my.uwr.edu.

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Mitt Romney unappealing to voters

Morgan Stippel
Columnist

Despite the fact that our economy has hardly improved over the course of the past four years, President Barack Obama appears to be ahead in the 2012 presidential race. In August the unemployment rate was at 8.1 percent. While this number appears to reflect a slight improvement compared to the numbers we have seen throughout the past year, it is deceiving. This 8.1 percent fails to take into account the number of part-time employees and citizens who have quit searching for work and are currently collecting unemployment.

No presidential incumbent since Franklin Delano Roosevelt has been able to win an election with a failing economy. If this piece of history is accurate, why is President Obama still on top in this presidential race? The answer is simple: it isn't Obama's actions that are keeping him in the No. 1 spot. It is what his opponent, Mitt Romney, is failing to do.

The main reason Romney is such an unappealing candidate is because he lacks the character that is required to be President of the United States. The faults in his character are accurately reflected by the numerous inconsistencies existing in his platform. The most obvious disparity can be seen when

it comes to the controversial issue of healthcare. Romney labels President Obama's healthcare plan as "Obamacare" and claims that this agenda will wreak havoc for both healthcare providers and American citizens.

However, when he was governor of Massachusetts, he created and put into practice a nearly identical plan to spark healthcare reform within the state. He also belittles the healthcare bill that recently passed through Congress even though this bill isn't what Obama or the Democrats wanted. In fact, this bill isn't what either political party or the majority of American citizens wanted and, if anything, both Democrats and Republicans are to blame for their inability to compromise on the issue.

In addition to the issue of healthcare, Romney has also had changing views on abortion. Initially he said that he was pro-life with no exceptions and that it was against the values of the Republican Party to condone abortion for any reason. However, Romney recently took a more moderate stance on the social issue, saying that he now believes abortion should be acceptable in cases of rape and incest. This flip-flopping not only confuses voters, but also suggests that if Romney is elected, it is likely that he will not stand by the ideals and values he ran on throughout his campaign.

As if Romney's inconsistent platform is not enough, one must account for the simple fact that the average American citizen is unable to relate to him. In one Republican debate he turned to Rick Perry, offered Perry his hand, and said, "I'll bet you \$10,000!" Normally when a person makes a bet of this nature, they will bet something small such as a coffee or a dollar. Honestly, what kind of person would casually bet \$10,000 on anything?

This statement alone reflects the large socioeconomic gap that exists between Romney and hundreds of thousands of American voters. However, with our economy in its current state, this gap is enough of a reason for citizens to vote against Romney this November.

Based on this information, one can conclude that President Obama is ahead of Mitt Romney in the polls solely because Romney is a terrible alternative.

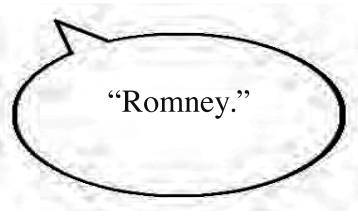
If this assertion is true, it begs the question: where are all of the qualified candidates, and why won't these people rise to the occasion? It is disheartening that as American citizens we have been reduced to voting for candidates not because of who they are, but because of who their opponents are not.

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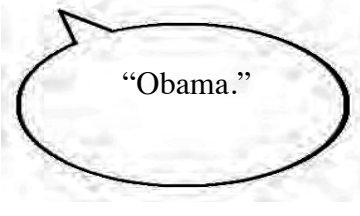
Who do you plan on voting for in the presidential election?



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Jonah Campbell, freshman



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Compiled by Alicia Carlson

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Dakota Hardel

Tension between Iran, Israel forces U.S. involvement

Katrinna Dodge
Columnist

Lately, Iran has been the focus of ridicule for many American politicians. Some Congressmen have even called Iran "enemy No. 1." Such statements, due to the events in the last week, do not seem that far from the truth. For the last seven years, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has been spewing disturbing anti-American rhetoric that has been perceived as threats towards its allies, and the Western world. The U.N. speeches from Israel, Iran and the U.S. have emphasized that the friction between Iran and the Western World has increased with the fall of the rial.

Iran is a unique country in the Middle East, housing the largest Shi'a population in the Sunni dominant Middle East. It has been speculated that the hate speech against Israel is fueled to keep the Sunni neighbors of Iran pacified. The friction between the two different fractions of Islam is notorious for their religious division.

Besides the religious differences between Iran and the Middle East, there is also an ethnic difference. Iranians identify as Persian, while citizens from Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the like, identify as Arabs. These interesting differences between Iran and its neighbors could possibly influence their politicians to act irrationally towards Israel, the odd country in a Muslim dominant region.

Many Americans recognize Iran as a country that hates Americans and America. However, during the rule of the Shah, the relationship between Iran and the United States was a positive one. Both countries engaged in economic and diplomatic relationships that supposedly benefitted both nations. Iran benefitted from U.S. trade and the U.S. gained an

asset with having a strategic location so close to the then No. 1 enemy, the U.S.S.R. However, with the rise of economic disparity and religious zeal in Iran, the Shah left in 1979 and was protected in the United States until his death in 1980.

The Iranian Revolution, which overturned the monarchy, established a theocracy that had some democratic principles. However, the absolute atrocities that happened, such as the destruction of the Iranian-U.S. embassy, and the later anti-American hate speech, have not been so easily forgotten. Instead, the friction between the U.S. and Iran has increased along with the solidifying of Israel-U.S. relations.

The most current topic is Iranian nuclear power and the potential for nuclear weapons. Back when the Shah was still in power, the U.S. utilized their Atoms of Peace program to start educating the Iranian people of nuclear technology. The 1950s foreign aid program has become an issue for the Israel and the Western World.

No matter how much Iran and its people reassure that their nuclear program is only for "green energy," President Ahmadinejad's rallying "death to Israel" public speaking has scared Israel into becoming a very defensive state. Even with all of Israel's faults and bubbling acts, one could relate the state between Iran and Israel to that of the Cold War between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

If another country openly says it dislikes a country and wants that country to be gone, and have potential nuclear weapons, wouldn't the threatened country start spending more money on their military? From U.S. history, it is evident that this is exactly what happens. Fear is the greatest weapon when it comes to war.

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Last week the U.N. and its members gave their speeches. President Obama defended the American Constitution and tried to settle the violent reaction to the "Innocence of Muslims." Of course Israel and Iran went at each other, making the "red line" and stating that the U.S. would be involved, whether the U.S. wanted to be involved or not. They referred to Ahmadinejad's speech where he stated the U.S. would be attacked if a war between Israel and Iran ensued.

Now Iran is having currency issues. The rial has become inflated to the extent of 23.5 percent according to Mr. Salehi-Isfahani (a source from the *New York Times*). This could be due to the economic sanctions on Iran, or that the interest rates for lenders and borrowers cannot exceed the interest rate in Iran. As the U.S. witnessed in the Great Recession, it is usually more than one action that causes economic downturn and currency decline. Unlike the U. S., the Iranian government and its people seem to blame foreign sanctions for their troubles.

A government does not always represent its people. Iran's continuous threat of war may not be idle, but the cost of Iranian lives, as well as Israelites and possibly Americans, is nothing to scoff at. The last war Iran was involved in was the Iran-Iraq war, where both countries were devastated with the loss of practically a generation. The escalating friction between Israel, Iran and the U.S. has taken years to get to this point, but is this the apex for Iran? Will Iran and Israel go to war?

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Cross country reaching potential

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Both the UW-River Falls men’s and women’s cross country teams competed Sept. 29 at the Roy Griak Invitational in Minnesota.

The men’s team was led by sophomore Jessop Keene, running a 26:48 in the 8,000 km race. Keene was quickly followed to the finish line by senior Charles Collins (27:41), sophomore Ochaung Akway (27:49) and freshman Kody Gudden (28:03). All four runners finished in the top 100 of the race.

“[Keene] improved nicely in his placing from last year. His time was a little bit faster than last year,

but his placing was about 12 places better,” said men’s coach Keven Syverson. “Kody, one of our freshmen, had an outstanding day. Akway had a rough day at Eau Claire, but he was our third runner at Griak so it was nice to see him get back in it,” said Syverson.

The men’s team wound up finishing 13th out of 27 teams participating at the Roy Griak Invite. A result which Syverson says does not quite indicate the potential this team has.

“We’re getting a little more depth which doesn’t reflect positively in the scores right now. But it’s a good sign,” said Syverson.

The women’s team placed 11th out of 29 teams at the Roy Griak Invite, securing one of their best results ever at the invitational.

“It’s the best result since I’ve been head coach,” said women’s

head coach Scott Sekelsky. “We were about six points out of 10th so it was a really good finish for us.”

Senior Katie Rydeen led the women’s team finishing in 14th place with a time of 22:57 on the

6,000 km course, her best finish ever at the Roy Griak Invite. Juniors Briana Berthiaume and Brittany Nordland both ran under 25 minutes as well, completing the top three finishers for the women’s team. The top six finishers for the UWRF women finished in the top 100.

“Across the board we ran pretty well. I think the good thing is that’s the highest place we’ve had and I think we can run better,” said Sekelsky. “It was a great finish and I don’t think we’re firing on all cylinders yet.”

Both the men’s and women’s team will be back in action on Saturday, Oct. 13. The men’s team will be running at the Jim Drews Invitational, hosted by UW-La Crosse. However, the women’s team will be doing things a bit differently.

“I want the team to run [at UW-Oshkosh] before hand. I’m only brining the top nine and the rest are going to UW-La Crosse,” said Sekelsky. “Thirty-five of our 42 regional teams will be there so basically it’ll tell us almost exactly where we’re at. Our goal is to be top 10 in the region.”

Only three meets into the season, neither the men’s nor the women’s team has yet to run up to their potential. Which is good thing going forward as the Falcons look to make some noise in the WIAC.



Kylie Dekkers for the Student Voice

Junior runner Briana Berthiaume (right) and sophomore Jackie Liebl (left) are two of the top runners on the UWRF women’s cross country team as they finish their season.

Falcon soccer facing tough competition early



Megan Rodriguez/Student Voice

Falcon soccer goalkeeper Becca Kramer (junior) throws the ball to her teammate.

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The UW-River Falls women’s soccer team has played a very tough schedule in their first 10 games. This included two games against teams currently ranked in the NCAA Top 25.

They lost 4-0 to No. 22 Wartburg College at home in the first game of the season. The team fared much better in their most recent match against a ranked foe, playing No. 12 UW-Oshkosh to a 0-0 draw in Oshkosh. After 10 games the team is 5-4-1.

Head coach Sean McKuras said that playing a tough non-conference schedule helps prepare the team for conference play. “You play a tough schedule because you better sort it out if you want to play well in the WIAC,” McKuras

said. “We played one of the toughest schedules in the Midwest leading up to WIAC games.”

Playing a strong schedule is important because it is one of the factors that the NCAA tournament selection committee looks at when deciding which teams will receive at-large bids. The winner of the WIAC conference tournament is granted an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.


In the last six games, the Falcons are 4-1-1, having only allowed a total of three goals during that stretch. One of the reasons for the improved defense has been junior goalkeeper Becca Kramer who is in her first year of being the Falcons’ full-time goalie. McKuras said that Kramer and the team’s defenders are starting to get on the same page. “Our defenders

are very confident in our keeper; Becca has done an outstanding job for us. It takes time; you really can’t recreate that game intensity in preseason.”

One of the areas where the Falcons have room for improvement is their ability to finish in close games. The team is currently 2-3 in games that have been decided by one goal. McKuras said that when a team plays a strong schedule like the Falcons have, a lot of games are decided by how well the team executes in restarts of play, which include penalty kicks, direct and indirect free kicks, and goal kicks.

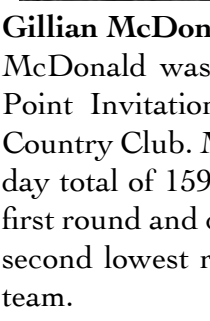
The Falcons have seven games left in the regular season. Moving forward they hope to fix their late game woes and continue the success of late.

Falcon athletes of the week




John Schimenz- Football

The Falcons starting running back tied his career best rushing day with 85 yards in the team’s game against No. 19 ranked UW-Oshkosh. Schimenz carried the ball 21 times and averaged four yards per carry. He did not lose a yard. His longest run of the day was 12 yards. He is a senior captain.



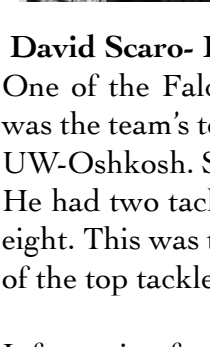
Gillian McDonald- Golf

McDonald was the team’s top finisher at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational. The team played at the Stevens Point Country Club. McDonald finished second overall with a two-day total of 159. She was 13 over par. She shot an 80 in the first round and came back with a 79 on Sunday. The 79 is her second lowest round of the year. She is a freshman on the team.



Danielle Gibbemeyer- Volleyball

An outside hitter, Gibbemeyer played well for the Falcons in the team’s four matches at the St. Norbert Tournament last weekend. Gibbemeyer had 25 kills and four aces in the tourney and was named to the All-Tournament team. She had 27 digs and two block assists. Gibbemeyer is a senior.



David Scaro- Football

One of the Falcons four senior starting linebackers, Scaro was the team’s top tackler in the game against No. 19 ranked UW-Oshkosh. Scaro finished with 11 solo and 13 total stops. He had two tackles for loss, including one sack for a loss of eight. This was the second week in a row that Scaro was one of the top tacklers for the Falcon defense.



Upcoming sporting events

Football
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at UW-Whitewater

Volleyball
7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at UW-Stevens Point
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 home vs. Augsburg
7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 at UW-Stout

Soccer
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at UW-Stevens Point
3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 home vs. St. Scholastica

Golf
Oct. 6-8 in Wisconsin Rapids for WIAC Championships

Tennis
12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 home vs. UW-La Crosse
3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 home vs. UW-Stout

Ames Suites give sophomores opportunities

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

Cascade Avenue is nearly complete, the Family Fresh grocery store is newly renovated and, of course, a brand new residence hall on campus is now open.

After being under construction all of last year, the Jesse H. Ames Suites on the east side of campus was completed this past July. The features of this new residence hall are what put it in such high demand for sophomores. The hall is much different from other residence halls on campus.

Ames Suites was built specifically for current sophomore students. “Having a building designed for sophomore students allows the resident assistant staff and the Department of Residence Life to be more intentional in meeting the unique needs of sophomore students,” explains Nicole Krubsack, Residence Life area coordinator for the east side of campus.

She continues to add, “Traditionally, sophomore students may find themselves being challenged academically, striving to feel more connected on campus, determining a specific major or career field and exploring the opportunities to study abroad. The ‘Get MORE out of your SophoMORE Experi-

ence’ program was designed to help address some of those specific needs of second-year students.”

The new building has capacity for approximately 240 residents. The building is split into four floors. Each floor either has two or three “pods” that are comparable to a wing in a regular residence hall.

There is a door to each pod that is only accessible by card and only for people who reside in that pod. While this of course is an added benefit for more security and safety of the residents, numerous people have had complaints about being able to visit friends easily.

Each pod in Ames Suites consists of a common area, complete with furniture and a flat screen TV. Next to this common area is a kitchenette which includes cabinets for each of the residents to store food and other kitchen utensils, thus leaving more space in their rooms.

Each pod is split into three separate hallways known as “clusters.” The clusters are where the dorm rooms and bathrooms are. The rooms in Ames Suites differ from other rooms on campus in that they have carpeted floors instead of the traditional tile flooring seen throughout residence halls on campus.

Another feature in Ames Suites, that is quite beneficial for

the residents, are the abundance of laundry rooms and full sized kitchens.

While other residence halls only have one kitchen and one laundry room, Ames Suites is equipped with a laundry room on the first and third floors as well as a full sized kitchen on the second and fourth floors.

If nothing else, this serves as a benefit for students to finally not have to climb several flights of stairs just to put some clothes in the machine.

The winter months are almost here, but the residents of Ames Suites and South Fork Suites need not worry about the frigid, sub-zero temperatures. Featured in the new Ann

Lydecker Living Learning Center, which connects the two halls, is a fireplace lounge.

It is perfect for a long evening of studying or just for socializing with friends. This new fireplace lounge is right across from a large meeting space, perfect for events, meetings, or clubs. Any student can use it for an event. It also includes an attached service kitchen, which residents can also use if they wish.

This is only the first of many great years for the new Jesse H. Ames Suites. I have enjoyed residing in this new hall thus far, and I would strongly encourage freshmen to apply to live here for next year.

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Rachel Responds: Knowing where to find the perfect girl



Rachel Woodman

Columnist

Well firstly, I’d recommend not cornering her away from her pack of friends, and secondly not introducing yourself as “B. Snake.” Although, obviously, a pseudo-name would definitely be ineffective at getting the lady.

My No. 1 rule of wisdom is conversation first, pick-up line second. Build a little rapport, girls love that.

I was walking through the Wal-Mart parking lot to my car at midnight with bags of groceries when a guy asked, “How YOU doin’?” This was not in the familiar Joey-from-“F.R.I.E.N.D.S” fashion. This was an Imma-take-you-back-to-my-caddy-and-show-you-what-real-lovin-is fashion. I recommend not doing that.

Speaking as an insider to the female brain, picking up the hot girl in the corner is a multi-step process. Your look, friends, attitude and approach are all important.

As for your look, if you’re trying to pick up a shallow girl she might care about your threads, but for most women we’d just prefer you don’t look ridiculous. However, ridiculous works sometimes. Like on Halloween.

If you’re dressed like the Kool-Aid man, who cares, maybe she digs Kool-Aid, maybe she wants a tall glass of you. But for the rest of the year, I’d recommend a couple things.

One: don’t look like a sparkly ball of “IN YO FACE.” I’m talking wearing jeans and shirts so sequined it hurts our eyes to look at. Of course if the light is reflecting off of you to that degree you might successfully catch a doe in the headlights. Don’t count on this. However, if you are a sequined-wearing god, in his own right, look for a sequined clad goddess.

Two: don’t wear a mix of styles. Everyone tries to gather from your “look” who you are. So if you look like a gangster cowboy, well that’s just confusing. Mainly the female generation requests you don’t look aggressive, dirty or unapproachable.

Your friends are also important. If you are in a public space (fair, park, party, wedding, event, bar, saloon, pub, inn or tavern) who you are with is a reflection of you.

If your friends are running wild in the place and causing trouble she might believe you’re the best of the bunch but likely she’ll think you’re just pretending to be.

No one goes out with friends they hate and if your friends are rude to her she’s not going to think highly of you.

Of course there will be certain girls that’ll raise hell along with your rowdy friends but we’re speaking in generalities of course.

Approach is extremely important. Girls like confidence. This means being comfortable with who you are and talking to girls like regular people. But at some point look interesting or we’ll just be confused. Girls don’t like push-overs.

This means don’t try really hard to relate to everything she says. Don’t be too eager to do everything she does or wants. We can tell when someone is being fake and someone

actually has that much in common. We’re not stupid. Which brings me to another point.

Don’t be stupid. Yes, girls like confidence and don’t like push-overs. This doesn’t mean we like being bossed around. Don’t tell us what we want. Coming up to a girl – in a corner or otherwise, B. Snake – and saying, “You know you’re into me,” or some other statement is not attractive.

I could think you’re the hottest thing since Buck Burger Night, but if you tell me you are, and I don’t know you, I won’t want to.

Being nice is important too. Everyone knows there’s a fine line between “being nice” and “being too nice” so just remember to be yourself and not what you think she wants you to be. Also be respectful but assertive.

Being funny is also awesome. Girls like to laugh. Some girls will think everything is funny but others won’t enjoy self-depreciating humor or humor that makes you look like a bigot. So my recommendation is avoid those jokes at least until you know if she’s a self-depreciating bigot also.

Being able to carry a conversation with her friends doesn’t hurt. Girls who are with their friends aren’t always going to ditch their friends early in the night to hang out with you. Some friends are pretty protective of their friend running off with someone they just met.

So find some common ground with a couple of her friends so you seem less like a serial killer and more like a regular dude. Most women are instructed to hate the game and not the player.

Clearly we don’t hate the player, or none of us would date or be married. But the game could use a little more focus in the look, friends, attitude and approach categories.

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

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Teletubbies, creepers in van, create interesting blind date night

Tyler Smith

Coulmnist

Last Sunday, as I exited my frigid apartment on Cascade Avenue (I’m trying to resist turning on the heat because I’m cheap) I saw something peculiar. It was a caved-in soup can.

To be more specific, it was a tomato-basil soup can.

It was from the ‘Healthy Choice’ brand and had dark green labeling.

It also had the words “Only 100 calories per serving” on the front of it. I don’t know about you, but when I see health food, I prefer to run away. It’s disgusting. Give me more sodium and more butter any day - butter is better!

“What is he on about this week?” you might find yourselves asking, and I wouldn’t blame you. Half of the time I don’t know myself. Sometimes I speak just to hear my own voice. My voice is kinda high pitched, like after an unsuspected shot to the groin, I know, it’s that high!

Well, what I’m on about is the color green.

Green can represent growth and growing; as an individual, an academic and so on. With growing comes changes in style and changes in friends.

Let me say that some styles are just weird! For instance, as I wheeled back from the dining hall in the University Center,

I saw this rather rotund person rollerblading.

I stopped for a moment and held onto the chain linked construction fence, forcibly holding back my hysteria. This person looked like an abnormally sized teletubby. She was dressed in crimson red and had her hair in a high-style bun. I can only guess her name was Po!

As she passed, I erupted in laughter. She turned back around. I booked it as fast as I could. Being in a wheelchair, she passed me within two seconds. I received a chilling glare and I honestly thought she would have stabbed me, if she had a knife.

I froze like a raccoon who stares at an oncoming semi. The semi missed!

There are also other styles that scare me half to death.

The style of having a van and stopping randomly to kidnap little kids. That one makes me laugh, I know it shouldn’t, but I can’t help it. There was a moment not long ago (I had just shaven my beard) that a van randomly pulled up next to me.

The people inside opened their doors and said, “Hey lady, want a ride?”

I responded, “I’m not a lady.” in my high-pitched voice, unconvincingly.

“You’re not?” They looked at me oddly, and then pulled away quickly.

I’m just glad that they sped away because I was exhausted from wheeling all day and it was tempting to take a ride. I’m sure that, if I had, I would have been dumped in the river and I can’t swim-at all!

When my voice started to lower in pitch and I became comfortable with my “style,” I went on a blind date-another bizarre moment.

On this date, the girl said to me, “You’re not particularly good looking.”

I chuckled and told her that she was not particularly good looking either. She began to cry and I retracted my words saying that she was beautiful. I told her she looked like Cameron Diaz. She told me I looked like Betty White.

Before my arrival to the date, this girl managed to drink three-fourths of a bottle of chardonnay. Chardonnay has a high alcohol content and is excellent tasting (no it isn’t), but it left my date too inebriated for my taste.

In an attempt to flee, I said I was going to the bathroom. She whispered as loud as a pile of plates smashing to the ground, “Don’t be too long, good looking! I might just leave.”

As I tried to escape the bipolar girl, I noticed she started to make conversation with her heavy knit sweater. She was actually making conversation with it, and cradling it like a newborn baby.

My advice is to feel free to explore your personal style, since college is a place where people won’t question your choice in clothing, yet.

Also, when on a date, avoid chardonnay and always carry pepper spray. Just in case.

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Nail polish serves as inexpensive perk for women



Amanda White
Columnist



New fashion trends can be frustrating, especially for a college student with limited resources. Why should we need separate wardrobes for every season? My inability to purchase all new clothes every season has me researching new ways to wear this season’s hottest trends in an affordable way.

I believe the easiest and most inexpensive way to stay trendy is nail polish. Nail polishes range in price from \$0.99 to \$30 and are sold in a never-ending array of colors. The Internet is a giant database of nail art designs and tutorials that can make any polish you own seem new again.

In my first column, I said that oxblood and emerald are the colors of the season. The nail polish company Essie has released a new fall color called “Skirting the Issue” that retails for around \$8 and is a perfect way to wear oxblood.

Sally Hansen sells an emerald polish called “Emerald City” that retails for \$2.50. These are just two examples of how trends can be worn on nails.

Courtney Stout, a junior majoring in art, is well versed in the world of nail art. At last count, she had over 160 bottles of nail polish. After she had knee surgery, she needed a hobby to keep her occupied while recovering, so she started practicing nail art.

Now, two years later, she is known for intricate yet classy designs, such as a blue-green fish scale pattern and a style known as “caviar nails,” which uses tiny black beads pressed onto the nail to look like fish eggs.

Perhaps her magnum opus is her set of “Doctor Who”-inspired nails. “Doctor Who” is a British television show that enjoys a cult following.

Stout is always looking for interesting polishes. “I try to be frugal and wait until [nail polish] goes on sale, but sometimes I just can’t help myself,” said Stout about buying new bottles.

Stout finds inspiration from opposite ends of the style spectrum. One end is classic, clean lines and colors. The other end is over-the-top, almost tacky designs. In fact, she was originally inspired to start practicing nail art because of Katy Perry’s three-dimensional sushi nails.

You certainly don’t need to become a nail guru like Stout to have trendy nails. One easy design for fall is a tan and black French manicure. Whatever your personal style is, you will be able to find a nail polish color to complement your wardrobe.



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