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Three candidates vie for Senate president

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There are three current UW-River Falls Student Senate members on the ballot for the Senate presidential election, and other candidates are not expected to enter the race.

The three students who have completed their petition to get their name on the ballot to run for Senate president are current Ethics Chair Sam Tauchen, Facilities and Fees (F&F) Board Chair Dominic Riel and Director of Legislative Affairs Riley Haynes.

"It's hard to say, my guess is that no one else will run just because these three are all currently on Senate right now so they all have experience being involved with Senate and the president is such a huge responsibility," said Elections Commissioner Hannah Carlson. "It's possible but not probable."

Carlson explained that the position of Senate president is a lot of hard work and that person is very busy. The president has to stay in contact with the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents and all of the UW System schools. They also have to run all of the meetings with Senate, make sure what Senate is doing is legal and by the bylaws and it is his/her responsibility to make sure everything is running smoothly and ethically.

Tauchen feels leadership is a very crucial part of campus and believes that he can be an effective leader if he were to get voted in as Senate president.

"I've had a lot of experience with FFA as well as I've interned at the state capital, and I feel that I can offer assistance with providing a structured Senate that will be able to be very efficient and effective," Tauchen said. "I'm really excited to offer my expertise but also draw from other people's opinions."

Tauchen said he has five main points that

he's looking to run with for Senate president. Those are: increase enrollment, student and faculty retention, engaging a productive Senate, creating a well campus, and effective and efficient spending.

"Being clear with what we are doing on Senate is going to be a very crucial part of acting as a student body because we have to represent the student body and there shouldn't be any secrets," Tauchen said.

Haynes has also had leadership experience and said that he decided to run for Senate president because he enjoys serving his community and the best way he can is by being the president of Senate.

"I think I'd do a really great job because I've always been really committed and dedicated to serving the students and representing all of the students," Haynes said. "I really enjoy gathering the thoughts and opinions of my constituents. And talking to different students about different issues that come up."

Haynes said that one of his goals as Senate president would be to increase the level of communication between students and Senate to get a better picture of what their needs and desires are out of the campus, and what they are looking for from college life.

"I'm really looking forward to the upcoming election and campaigning and I'm really confident that the students are going to elect the best candidate," Haynes said. "So I'm hoping next year I can continue to be on Senate and especially as Student Senate president."

Riel, who is also running for Senate president, said he decided to run because he's been



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice

Riley Haynes (left), Dominic Riel (center) and Samuel Tauchen (right) are all candidates on the ballot for the upcoming Student Senate presidential race. The three candidates will be a part of the presidential debate to be held 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 1, in the Falcon's Nest.

getting requests from students, faculty, senators, non-senators and administration to run for the position.

"I think, for me, the biggest thing that makes me a good candidate is all my experience on Student Senate," Riel said. "I work a lot with the chairs of the student advisory committees just through the F&F Board so I have that connection with the Residence Hall Association, Dining Services, Student Health Services, Rec and Sports, and athletics. So I have a pretty broad connection on campus with students."

Riel said that one thing he would like to do for campus as Senate president would be to work on making Senate more visible to students and making sure that they are aware of what Senate does and how it is going to affect them.

"If Student Senate loses that connection with students then the Senate is not representing the students very well," Riel said. "President Bobbi O'Brien has done an excellent job

this year, but I think that there is still a lot of work to be done."

Each of the candidates will have a chance to show students their views and how they plan to be a successful Senate president if they are elected at the presidential debate being held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 1, in the Falcon's Nest. Carlson asked O'Brien to mediate the debate.

"People are welcome to come and just snack and get to know the people running," Carlson said. "I'm going to highly encourage everyone who is running, not just the presidential candidates, to be there so that people have a chance to meet them and it's free campaigning for them as well."

As of Wednesday, March 20, these are the only three candidates who have completed their petition to get their name on the ballot for the Senate presidential elections. Students are able to submit their petitions until 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 22.



Megan Rodriguez/Student Voice

UWRF ROTC cadets listen to a short lecture from Assistant Professor of Military Science Tabb Benzinger during a Tuesday lab session. The ROTC program is facing some hurdles due to the sequester which could cut tuition assistance for some of the cadets.

Sequester affects UWRF ROTC program

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Due to the sequester, the Army has recently cut funds in terms of tuition assistance for students.

This will thus affect the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program on campus.

Assistant Professor of Military Science Tabb Benzinger said that there are two or three types of assistance that is available to students in the military.

The type of assistance that got taken away is the Army tuition assistance. It is normally associated with the veterans who are not on the GI Bill.

"It is the federal tuition assistance that is most affected," Benzinger said.

If the reserve cadet is receiving those federal dollars, they are affected.

Benzinger said that this is not to be misconstrued with the National Guard 100 percent tuition assistance for the Army. That is a state funded program.

The federal assistance is what has stopped until further notice. However, this does not affect the scholarship cadets that are part of ROTC.

It is strictly the federal dollars normally set aside for the reserve cadets and veterans.

Specifically at UW-River Falls, there are only about three to four students in the program who will be affected.

ROTC began on the UWRF campus in 2007 and currently has 32 members.

The program signed a partnership agreement with the Army as well as the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents.

ROTC has 13 cadets and that number will go up to 16 cadets next semester. Benzinger said that the whole purpose of being on campus is to take college bound students and to train them as an apprentice leader.

This means that a student takes one ROTC course per semester. The students train as an Army officer and will earn

both a degree and a commission.

He said that this is no different than what a Fortune 500 company does when seeking talent. The Army seeks a college bound student that has Army values and wants to perform as a military officer in either the active Army or the Army National Guard.

Upon graduation, that student serves in the active Army for three to four years, or in the National Guard or Army Reserves for six years.

As far as enrollment goes, Benzinger added that he thinks the instructor to cadet ratio is very good.

He said with the UWRF student population of about 6,300 students, he is happy with where the program is with numbers.

Benzinger also mentioned that the current ROTC cadet number of 32 is up there with schools such as UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire.

Design proposal to reshape campus

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There are four boards in the University Center's Involvement Center with images of the UW-River Falls campus. The difference between how campus is depicted on the boards and how it looks outside the UC frosted windows is the campus mall's layout and appearance.

The black clock that is outside the lower level of the library has been moved to the middle of where the current South Hall parking lot rests. There is a rounded sitting wall swooping around the green in front of the UC and there are grand stone entryways at both sides of campus.

These plans sketched out by Landscape Architect Shane Bernau could be the reality for the UWRF campus in the next 10 years, said Mike Stifter, executive director of administrative services and part of the planning team. Bernau is an architect with Ken Saiki Design, Inc. that was hired by UWRF to put together a plan for an updated campus mall.

When the design process started last October, the planning team met with "different groups around campus to give us their thoughts, opinions, ideas of what some of the best things to do would be to change the mall area," said Joseph McIntosh, the grounds supervisor on campus and point person for the campus mall project.

This collaboration of ideas has made the design project fun for Bernau because

"there's so many different people who are invested in it," he said.

These different groups include the UC staff, Faculty Senate, Student Senate and Residence Life staff.

From there, the design team created three ideas, only then to "funnel [them] down to a good design that looks feasible," Stifter said.

Those ideas are represented in the current mall design that is depicted on the boards in the Involvement Center. Before those boards were displayed, an open forum was held March 13 to present the final design to the campus and community.

Sydney Hall, a sophomore on campus, said she was interested to see what the project had developed into and was most interested in the seating circle Bernau incorporated.

"I always like it when there's lots of outdoor seating and stuff, especially in the summer when it's warmer out. It's always nice to study outside and stuff," Hall said.

Koehler Lange is another student, like Hall, who had heard about the design through the boards posted in the Involvement Center. He said he was very interested in the project and wanted to know more, but was excited to see how the campus would change.

"I look forward to seeing the changes, every year there's generally something that's upgraded and it's nice to see that upgrade," he said.

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Bowls for Hope raises money for St. Croix Valley free clinic

UW-River Falls hosted the fourth annual Bowls for Hope event March 12, in the University Center, raising \$6,385 for the Free Clinic of Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

Each year, UWRF works with the community to raise funds through Bowls for Hope for a worthy organization that makes a difference in the St. Croix Valley.

The Free Clinic of Pierce and St. Croix Counties serves about 700 patients a year, more than 60 percent of whom have household incomes below the federal poverty level. Since the doors first opened April 24, 2007, the clinic has had more than 13,235 patient visits.

For every \$1 raised, the Free Clinic can provide \$33 of prescription medications and last year prescribed approximately 8,000 medications.

“A high percentage of new patients have chronic illnesses that require regular prescriptions,” said Mary Conroy-Johnson, chairwoman of the Free Clinic board of directors. “Funds raised from the Bowls for Hope event will be used primarily to obtain diabetic test strips, as resources that allowed the clinic to obtain them at a discounted price have dried up.”

For an entrance fee of \$20 per adult, and \$5 for children 12 and under, participants at the event selected and kept a bowl that was created in ceramic/pottery classes at UWRF, River Falls High School, Meyer Middle School, the Renaissance Academy, or by area artists.

Attendees then sampled, at no extra charge, soups donated and served by area restaurants. Guests voted for their favorite soup of the evening and the winner was the Smoked Corn and Green Chili Bisque from The West Wind Supper Club.

Artists contributing bowls for the event were Maggie Anderson, Ingrid Bjerstedt-Rogers, Bob Brodersen, Logan Dwyer, Bob Fritz, Jarred Fritz, Ben Gavin, Leah Gavin, Jay Jensen, Doug Johnson, Randy Johnston, Jennifer King, Michael Luethmers, Jan McKeachie-Johnston, Dan Nistler, Wendy Olson, Doug Peterson, S.C. Rolf, Joe Singewald, Diane Webster, Taylor Yotter, Scott Zeinert, Anne Buchholz’s class at the Renaissance Academy, Randy Johnston’s class at UWRF, Kelyn King’s class at Meyer Middle School and Gina Pedriana-Basche’s pottery classes at River Falls High School.

Participating restaurants providing and serving soup were Bo’s ‘N Mine, Coach’s Bar & Grill, Copper Kettle, Dish and the Spoon Café, Junior’s Bar & Restaurant, Mainstreeter Bar & Grill, Paddy Ryan’s Irish Pub, Perkins Family Restaurant, River Falls Hospital Sodexo Dinning Services, South Fork Café, The West Wind Supper Club, UWRF Sodexo Dining Services and Whole Earth Grocery.

Live piano music was provided by Associate Professor Roger McVey and UWRF students. To date, Bowls for Hope has raised more than \$21,000 for local charitable organizations.

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UW-River Falls hosted the fourth annual Bowls for Hope event March 12 in the University Center, raising \$6,385 for the Free Clinic of Pierce and St. Croix Counties. The free clinic serves about 700 patients a year. Front row, left to right, UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Galen and Mary Van Galen present a check to Mary Conroy-Johnson, RN, and Dr. Robert Johnson, founders of the Free Clinic of Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Back row, left to right, Free Clinic Board members Leo Beskar, Julie Freeborn, Todd Schultz, Heather Logelin, Sarah Rose, Leah Gavin and Julie Ducklow.

River Falls Public Library ushers in Easter with Peeps diorama contest

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For the third straight year, the River Falls Public Library is hosting a Peeps diorama competition in the weeks leading up to Easter.



Alicia Carlson/ Student Voice

Thirty-six Peeps dioramas are on display at the River Falls Public Library.

Events and Gallery Coordinator Jera Terreng is responsible for organizing the event each year and said the event has been growing by about 25-30 percent each year, in terms of dioramas entered.

This year there are 36 entries spread around three categories.

“There are two youth categories. One is for fifth grade and under, and the other is middle school and high school. The adult section is anyone who has managed to make it through high school,” Terreng said.

The 36 dioramas will be judged by a panel of three judges, with a winner coming in each of the three categories. Terreng said that choosing the judges is a bit random, but they look for people who have a good taste in aesthetics, but will, most importantly, have fun judging the dioramas.

“In the Peeps Contest, the prize is a toothbrush,” Terreng said. “Except that everyone gets one so it really isn’t a big deal. You do get your picture in the newspaper and we brag about whoever wins.”

Terreng said that community members also get very excited about the competition and added that people will come into the library just to look at the dioramas.

Terreng said that it is difficult for her to

pick an all-time favorite diorama. She said that this year she likes the “Peep Art Museum,” the “Peep Conclave” and “Mitt Romney’s Binder of Peeps.”

While no UW-River Falls students entered the competition this year, student Stefanie Thorsen created a Peep diorama last year.

“One day I was driving by the library and I saw a sign for their Peep contest. I was intrigued but hesitant,” Thorsen said. She said that she was unsure of entering; both because of worries that her diorama may not be up to par with the competition, and that making a diorama out of food that would be thrown away might not be the best use of time. However, Thorsen entered the competition regardless.

“The prize advertised for winning was a toothbrush, so needless to say I wasn’t going to do it for the incentive,” Thorsen said. “But I got involved anyways. It was simply fun for me, and a stress relief from school work. I’m so glad I did it.”

Terreng said that she hopes more UWRF students get involved with the Peeps Contest and other library events, especially in the art related events. Thorsen agreed and said that, “I don’t understand why more people don’t get involved in the library events. They’re so fitting for college budgets and range to fit many interests.”

Terreng reminded students that they can enter the contest next year as it will again be held at the same time of year, a few weeks before Easter. The current dioramas will continue to be on display for a couple more weeks and can also be seen on the River Falls Public Library’s Facebook page.

Career Services helps students dress for success

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Career Services will be hosting its annual Runway to Success from 8-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, in the Falcon’s Nest at the University Center.

The event features four different categories of attire which will be displayed: professional wear, business casual, casual and what not to wear.

“This year, we’re trying to really stump students and make them think ‘OK what’s wrong with this outfit, I wore this last week to my interview. What can I change with this?’” said Runway Coordinator Emily Klanderman.

Klanderman said that a wide range of students come to the event every year. She said that it is beneficial for juniors and seniors who are seriously looking at summer internships and jobs who may need to know what to wear.

Klanderman also said Runway to Success is great for underclassmen as well, so they can be prepared for when they also need to seriously look for internships and jobs.

“There is definitely incentive for students to come to the event. Not only for learning about the importance of professional wear, but also JoS. A. Bank offers a 70 percent discount for suits and a 50 percent discount on shirts and accessories for students who attend the event,” Klanderman said.

UW-River Falls junior Shannon Regan said that she plans on attending Runway to Success both because she has friends who are participating as models, and because it is entertaining and helpful.

“The what not to wear is always super funny,” Regan said. “It’s also nice to get some ideas of what you could wear without buying a whole new wardrobe.”

Klanderman echoed this as well, and said that part of the event is showing students that they can dress well while also being on a college budget.

“We’re college students, and we don’t have a lot of money to spend on professional wear, but that shouldn’t be an excuse,” Klanderman said. She added that this year’s show will highlight the fact that there are plenty of opportunity and ways students can dress professionally on a low budget.

According to an article from WorkBuzz (powered by Career Builder), more and more companies are using social media to recruit and find new workers. It also states that because of this, most potential employees only get one chance at an interview. Klanderman added that with more and more people on social media, a lot of students don’t realize that they still need to look professional when going to an interview or working at an internship.

“As social media is becoming more prevalent, the importance of a whole professional image is very significant, and student’s sometimes forget that,” Klanderman said.

Last year about 105 students attended the event. Klanderman said that they hope for more this year and that there is incentive for students to come in addition to the JoS. A. Bank coupon.

“We’ve got our halftime show that occurs in-between the business casual and casual wear,” Klanderman said.

She added that sponsors such as Subway, Yo-Joe’s, St. Croix Lanes and Holiday will be giving away gift cards and other items as a part of the halftime show.

In addition to Runway to Success, Career Services will be hosting other events this semester including: the Etiquette Dinner, the Networking Social and the Mock Interview Day.

News brief

UWRF hosts 53rd annual Agricultural Technology Contest

UW-River Falls will host the 53rd annual Agricultural Technology Contest on April 6, 2013. This year’s contest is taking place during the Centennial Celebration of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES).

The contest began in 1961 with the hope of giving high school youth the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills that they were learning in their agriculture classrooms.

The first year, 17 schools and approximately 600 students participated in the Agricultural Technology Contest. In 2012, the campus welcomed over 60 schools and more than 1,000 students in the contests.

Today the contest focuses on agricultural communications, agricultural mechanics, agronomy, dairy cattle evaluation, farm business management, floriculture, food science and technology, forestry, horse evaluation, livestock evaluation, meats, nursery/landscape, soils, veterinary science and wildlife.

This year, UWRF coordinates the Wisconsin FFA state contests for agricultural communications and food science and technology. The first-place teams will advance to compete at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., this October.

Six of these contests also serve as qualifying contests for the Wisconsin FFA Association Career Development Events (CDE) to be held April 26, 2013, in Madison, Wis. These contests include agricultural technology and mechanical systems, dairy evaluation, floriculture, horse evaluation, livestock evaluation and wildlife.

Two contests allow middle school students to demonstrate their skills in agriscience and plant science. Students also have the opportunity to compete in the 34th Annual Crop Show and a Power Tool Drag Race. Another highlight of this year’s event is the change of the type of tool students use when building their vehicle to compete in the Power Tool Drag Race.

The Power Tool Drag Race is a unique opportunity available to students, who are interested in problem solving, creative design, research and development, and engineering. This year students must power their vehicle using a 120-volt angle grinder. This event is coordinated and sponsored by the UWRF Agricultural Industry Club.

Each year it takes over a hundred volunteers to ensure successful contests. Faculty and staff from the CAFES serve as chairs for each of the contests.

CAFES students volunteer their time as student chairs and assist on the contest day.

Rachel Kroeplien, an agricultural education major from Sheboygan Falls, Wis., is serving as this year’s contest coordinator.

The assistant coordinator is Leeann Hitsman, an agricultural education major from Cleveland, Wis. Tim Buttles serves as the faculty chair for the contest and Fay Westberg of the agricultural education department assists with overall contest preparations.

In the fall of 1912 the agriculture department began teaching in a total of three rooms in South Hall and with two and one-half instructors. Fifty-three men enrolled for the first school year. To learn more about the Centennial Celebration visit the CAFES website at www.uwrf.edu/CAFES/CentennialCelebration.

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Senate votes to reprimand two senators

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Student Senate voted to reprimand two senators, while fining one of the two for violations of the Senate’s administrative policies regarding official duties.

A.J. Hansen, the athletics representative, was issued five demerit points for failing to log office hours, while Legislative Affairs Director Riley Haynes was issued seven demerit points and fined \$75 from his March stipend of \$200 also for failing to log office hours.

Since Haynes holds a director’s position, he receives a monthly stipend from Senate, whereas Hansen, as a representative, does not receive a stipend.

Demerits are a system in which the vice president holds the senators accountable for performing duties and adhering to Senate policies.

In a closed session the ethics committee heard all the details of the case for demerits for each Senator. The vice president is

required to refer a senator to the ethics committee for removal if said senator reaches 10 demerit points, and according to the complaint brought by Vice President Matthew Hobbs, both Hansen and Haynes reached 10 demerits, according to Hobbs’ recording.

However, once the ethics committee met and heard both sides (which were discussed in closed session), the ethics committee recommended that Hansen be demerited five points and Haynes seven and the fine.

The ethics committee’s recommendation was then put forth before the entire Senate, and by a vote of 13-2-7 approved the five and seven demerits, each by separate motions and votes. The \$75 fine was passed in another separate motion by a vote of 14-3-5. Haynes, who is also a Senate presidential candidate, chose not to comment on the specifics of him receiving a fine in addition to the demerits.

Sam Tauchen, the chair of the ethics committee, said he could not comment on the specifics of either case due to Wis-

consin Open Meeting Laws referring to discipline. However, he did say that the ethics committee decided what they thought was best and that the Senate, affirming that the reprimand was fair, according to Tauchen, upheld this decision.

The motion for the reprimand put forth by Senators Derek Johnson and Elliot Kann, also stated that the senators show satisfactory progress at working said points off by reducing, by a minimum, of two demerit points by April 19.

According to the Senate bylaws, a senator could work off the demerits for completing extra office hours, for example. Office hours are the work a senator does as part of his or her Senate duties.

The Student Voice inquired over the legality of fining Haynes, since the Senate’s bylaws say that proper punishment includes demerits, written reprimand or removal.

However, Senate Advisor Paul Shepherd said that the by-laws list what could be punishment, but do not list what explicitly cannot.

Sequester: ROTC could lose tuition funding

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Though with the tuition assistance being stopped, Benzinger mentioned that there might need to be some changes to the program. He said that internally they might need to restructure as far as the benefits that students receive.

“I’m hoping that will be a last resort. We like to try to keep our students and the financial benefit of ROTC sacred,” Benzinger stated.

Other changes that may be made include the infrastructure of the program. Again, this would be a last resort.

Company Commander Christopher Post is currently in his fourth semester of ROTC and joined the Army in 2005. He said that he does not think that ROTC is going to change that much. However, he also thinks that there should not be cutting of military spending in terms of tuition assistance and the educational programs that they offer to the military.



Megan Rodriguez/Student Voice

Cadets who are part of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps at UWRF practice marching in cadence as part of their training to become officers.

“That’s a big part of the reason why reimbursement. So I don’t necessarily agree with it,” said Post.

The Student Voice is hiring for all positions for next semester.

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Applications will be available April 3 outside 304 North Hall and are due April 24.

Campus mall: Proposed design to give UWRF campus major facelift

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will probably see more trees planted and the very start of the landscaping of the design, Stifter said. The more dramatic changes will not be until later down the road, he said.

McIntosh said changing the campus into a more pedestrian-friendly area was a central concern in the planning phases. Other areas that include more pedestrian friendliness are the widened sidewalks that allow more space for walking and biking, and putting in sidewalks where there is already heavy traffic.

Specifically, this could include the blue rock lane that is currently outside of the library in the back of South Hall, said McIntosh.

The part he is most excited for is to move the parking lot behind South Hall to the western side of the building. He said that currently students are using it as a walking path, which makes sense with the design, but he said he sees it as a hazard.

“It’s not a real safe situation to have a parking lot as a pedestrian way,” McIntosh said.

Stifter agreed with him saying that it was unsafe and that it would be a natural opportunity to fix this safety concern when the campus is being updated.

Since the project just finished the design phase, “now it’s

coming down to now how do we implement it and how soon can we implement it,” Stifter said.

The process of how they are going to implement it currently centers around budgeting. By end the of the school year, Stifter said they will have costs worked out for the phases they are currently developing. Once the amount of money it will take to implement the design has been determined, then the planning team will be figuring out how to pay for what.

The money will most likely be coming form a variety of different “hands,” he said.

For instance, if the parking lot is moved to the west side of South Hall, the parking office could help pay for that, he said.

If the new science building is built in place of Hagestad Hall, then part of their budget for the building could go into the landscaping work down needed as a result.

“I just don’t want to put it on the backs of any one entity,” he said.

One thing he said to keep in mind is that it “could be a couple of years really before we get started.”

He pointed to the Falcon Center saying that it took years of discussion before that was planned and built and while it may

“I believe we have a chance to improve the outdoor environment of the River Falls campus,” said Landscape Architect Shane Bernau.

not take that long to implement the campus mall project, it won’t be done in a summer either. He said this project could take around 10 years to be completed because things like other campus building projects and campus finances will effect it.

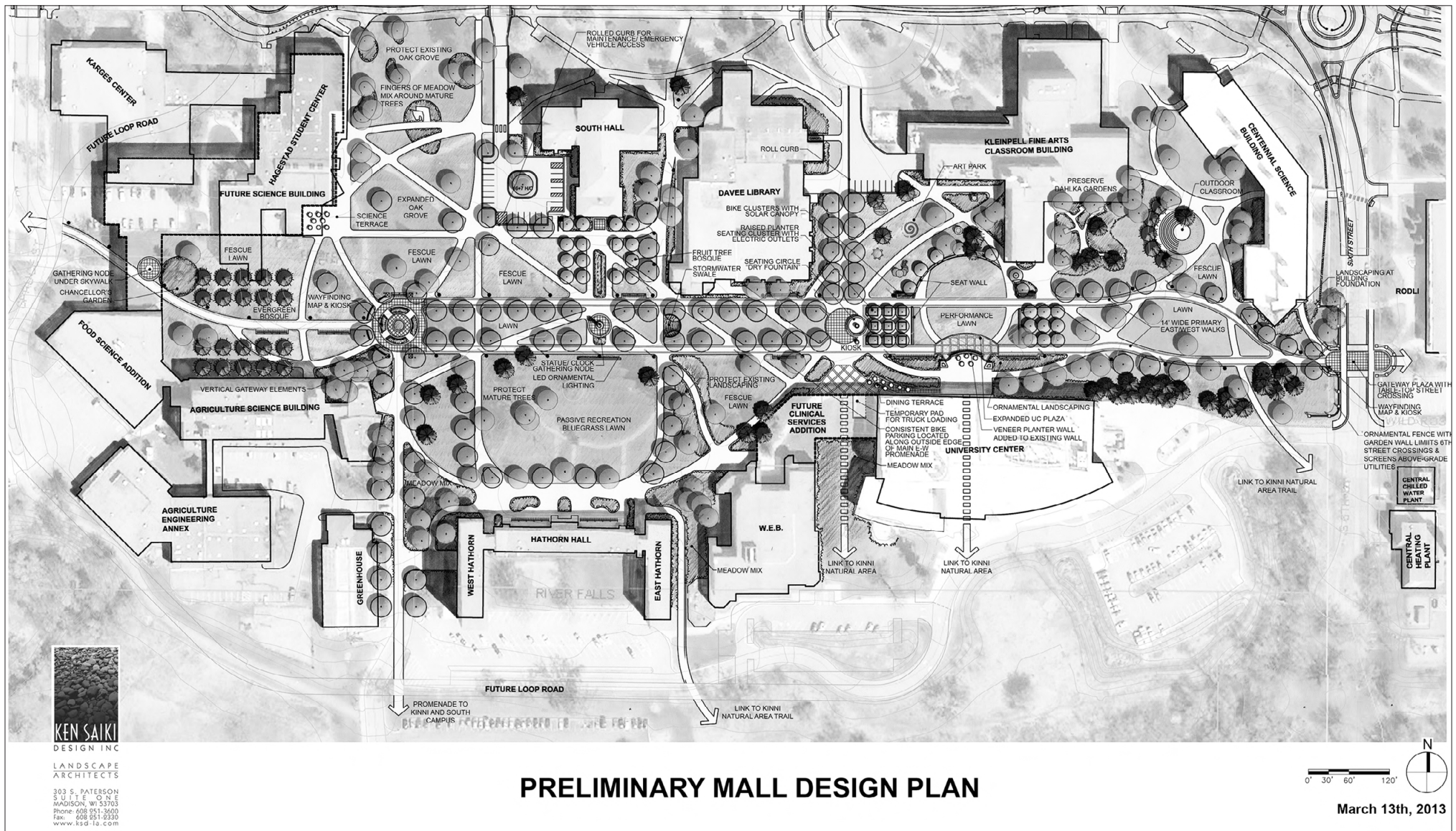
Just because a plan has been drawn does not mean for Stifter that it is set in stone.

“This isn’t a ‘we’re doing this,’” he said. “I mean it will always be aligning the resources with the priorities, and then moving accordingly.”

He said while this plan is exciting, that currently, “we have a beautiful campus in many ways, it’s a very open campus, but I think here’s an opportunity again to highlight and clean up a couple known dynamics.”

If the design works out and is implemented, Bernau said “I believe we have a chance to improve the outdoor environment of the River Falls campus and make it a place where faculty students and visitors can really take pride in and enjoy being in.”

Stifter suggested that if students have comments or feedback about the design that was posted in the Involvement Center, to contact McIntosh, who is serving as the point person for the design project.



Pictured above is a preliminary design for the new campus mall created by Landscape Architect Shane Bernau. One main focus of the design is to make the campus more pedestrian-friendly. The new design proposes many changes such as: Moving the parking lot behind South Hall to the western side of the building, widened sidewalks that allow more space for walking and biking, putting in sidewalks where there is already heavy traffic and planting more trees.

EDITORIALS

Students going on service trips deserve recognition, thanks

The minute that spring break hits for college students, we put school completely out of our minds and get ready for a week of relaxation, fun or both.

However, 45 UW-River Falls students will be spending their spring break going on service trips as a part of UWRF’s Destination program.

For a group of college students to give the one week we have off during spring semester to give back to four different communities around the county is awesome.

How many people reading this will be sitting at home doing nothing or partying away their spring break? While these may be fine ideas, doing something to give back to others who may not be as fortunate as us can be one of the most rewarding experiences.

Yes, some students take the week we have for spring break to work. No one can fault a college student for working to get more money. If you are too busy over spring break, or wanted to sign up for Destination but were too late, there are other options.

There is no rule written, or unwritten, that the only time college students can go on trips like this is during spring break or a week or two during summer. You are allowed to help and volunteer your time any other time of the year.

A common theme echoed among those who have done the Destination trip, or other trips similar, is how appreciative the people who are being helped are.

If you are working over spring break, didn’t have time to sign up for Destination or don’t have the money to do it don’t despair. Take a weekend to volunteer at a local homeless shelter or soup kitchen. Gather a bunch of friends, or just yourself, and volunteer some of your time at Habitat for Humanity, there is one right here in River Falls.

The people in River Falls, or your hometown, will be no less grateful than the people you would see on a service trip to any part of the country, or world.

If you hear stories from friends, or overhear them around campus, about how great Destination, or the other trips like it, were then don’t wait until next year to sign up. Get involved doing the same kind of work in your community right now.

Again, it is amazing that 45 UWRF students are willing to give up a week of relaxation, partying or working to give back to one of four communities around the country. To those students, and others who are participating in a trip like this over spring break, we at the Student Voice say thank you.

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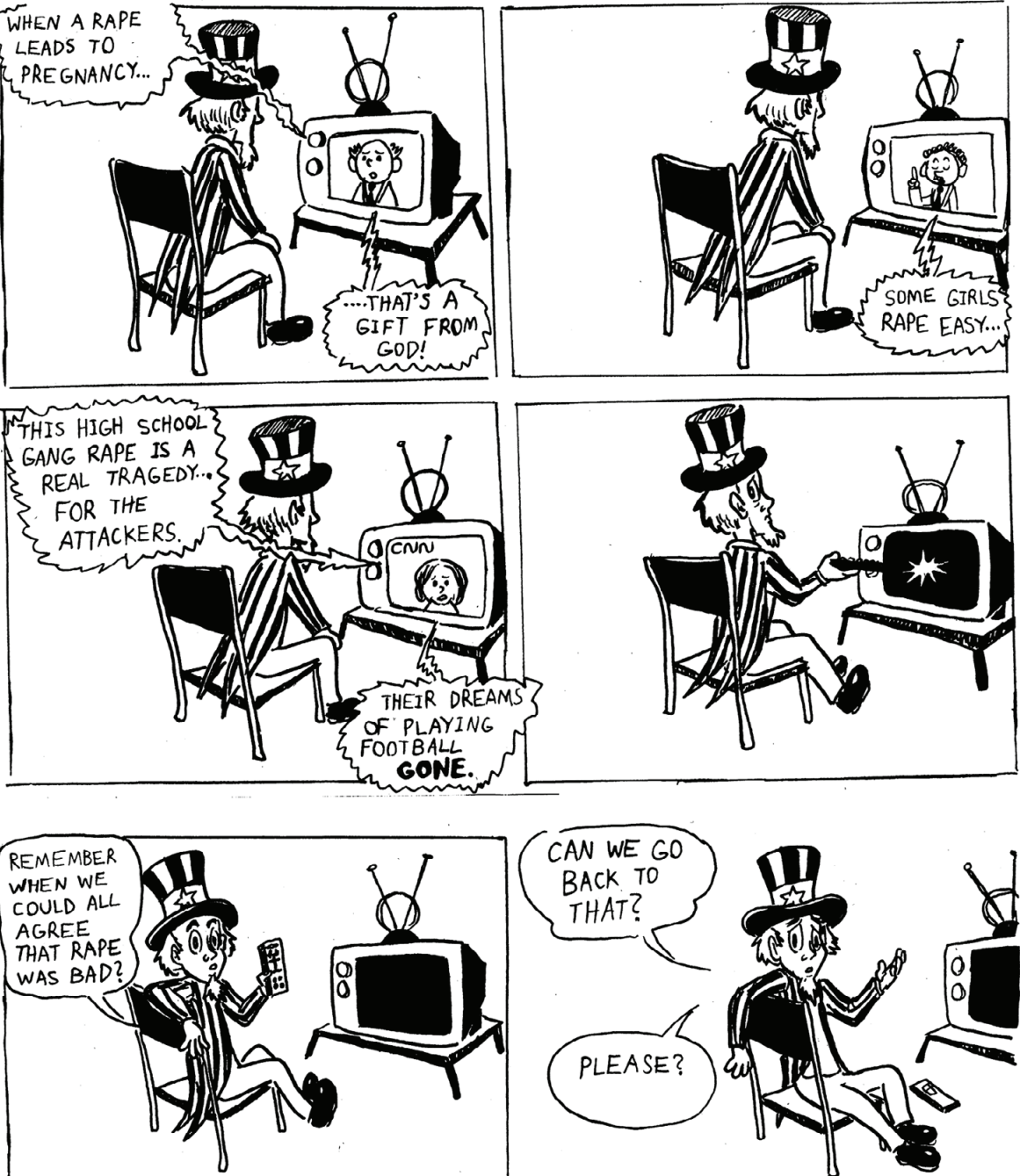
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Letters to the editor

Student Senate violates bylaws in senators’ punishment

As a former member of Student Senate, I am appalled that the Senate has chosen to punish two of its members for alleged rules violations. However, my disgust is not due to the guilty verdict, but rather the penalty the Senate chose to apply. Honestly, I don’t know what the evidence was against the two members charged, so I can’t speak on their guilt. The members charged were ultimately given demerit points, and one of them had their monthly stipend docked by Senate.

This may seem like small potatoes to a bystander, but in taking this action, the Senate turned its back on its own bylaws.

The bylaws mandate that in ethics cases, like the one regarding these two members, the Senate can take three courses of action - they can remove the senator from office, they can issue up to four demerits to the member or they can issue a formal letter of reprimand. The bylaws specifically delineate

the actions that the Senate is allowed to take. Yet the Senate chose to instead issue an illegal fine on one of its members, an action not condoned or allowed anywhere in Senate governing documents. The Senate also chose to issue demerits to the members, and the amount given in both cases exceeded the four demerits established as a legal maximum.

Someone within the leadership of the Senate should have known these rules and should have ensured that they were followed. They failed to do so, and the entire Senate chose instead to break its own rules. The Senate has the audacity to accuse others of violating its bylaws, while it willingly tramples on that very same document in its ruling. Pot, meet kettle.

Patrick Okan
UWRF Alumnus

Campus urged to change policies on stray or lost pets

On March 8, I found a dog running outside of McMillan Hall on campus. The dog saw me and came running up to me with his tail wagging. He had no collar, and later was found to have no microchip. He was a lab/pit bull mix and was a reddish brown color with white markings on his face, belly and paws. He was obviously someone’s beloved pet. I was not about to leave him there, so I decided to take him to the University Police to see if they could help me.

I walked in, and instantly a police officer started to take an attitude toward me. Turns out that the hall staff of McMillan had called earlier that morning about the dog and were instructed to just let him go. I asked the police officer if there was anything they could do, or what they suggested I do with the dog. The officer told me that I took the time to bring the dog to them and that he was now my responsibility and they couldn’t do anything for me. I asked if they had the Humane Society or city police’s number. The officer would not give the phone numbers to me and simply said I should just let the dog loose.

I was astounded by this; by this time it was nearly by this time it was nearly 8:00 a.m., students were starting to walk to classes, and this dog was lost and scared, not to mention it is

winter in Wisconsin so the high for that day was 32 degrees. I called the city police, and they also told me the same thing. I had no choice but to let the dog go, but he followed me all the way to work. One of my co-workers put a leash on the dog and put the dog in his car. We were forced to turn him over to the Humane Society.

After posting flyers, I was getting discouraged after three days and not one single phone call. On March 11, a woman called me and said she had seen my posting on the Lost Dog of Wisconsin website, and that she thinks I found her mother’s dog. After having her describe the dog to me, I knew it was him. She started crying and seemed so happy and relieved to have found the dog. The woman and her mom went to the Humane Society the next day and picked up the dog (who got the nickname Mic due to where he was found).

While this story has a happy ending, it makes me think of how many more lost dogs in River Falls won’t have this ending. Something drastic needs to be changed about the way this campus and city deals with stray or lost pets.

Katie La Count
Student

New law poses economic, environmental threat

So Gov. Scott Walker has signed SB1 into law, the iron ore mining bill written by the Florida company Gogebic Taconite and passed by a party-line vote in the state senate and assembly.

SB1 is so wrong-headed and ill-conceived that, as Senator Tim Cullen, Democrat, has remarked, the only jobs it may generate will be for the platoons of lawyers and paralegals brought in to challenge the law in court.

The Bad River Band of Ojibway depend for its health and livelihood on the watershed area affected by the proposed mine. They will justifiably do all they can to make sure the 22-mile open pit mine is never built under provisions of the current law.

Some speculate that the Republicans, recognizing the probability of the mine being defeated in court, are simply playing politics, so they can conveniently blame Democrats and other opponents of SB1 for Gov. Walker’s failure to create a promised 250,000 jobs.

That the Republicans care more about politics than jobs is evident in their refusal to craft a more environmentally sound bipartisan mining bill with their Democratic colleagues.

Republicans in fact shot down any change to SB1 proposed by a Democrat, even an amendment authored by Representative Amy Sue Vruwink that would have required informing Wisconsin workers living near the mining site of job opportunities before recruiting out-of-state workers.

Our local Sen. Sheila Harsdorf and Rep. Dean Knudson followed Gov. Walker right off this cliff. Once more they have chosen to defend big money interests over the health and economic concerns of Wisconsinites.

The day Gov. Walker signed SB1, I signed a check to the Wisconsin Resources Protection Council, Box 263, Tomahawk, WI 54487, a conservation group who will fight this irresponsible legislation.

Thomas R. Smith
River Falls

Be the first person to find the lost Freddy the Falcon’s Feather in this issue of the Voice and win two free movie passes to the Falls Theare!

Congratulations to last week’s winner, Alana Hansen.

The first person to report the find to editor@uwrfvoice.com

Students encouraged to take the stairs

Morgan Stippel
Columnist

I had my sixth knee surgery a week and a half ago.

It was an arthroscopic surgery, and since the procedure was not extremely invasive, I was only on crutches for about half of a week. All of my classes are on the second and third floors of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building, so for the past half week, I had to take the elevator to get to all of my classrooms. One would think that taking the elevator would not be so bad, however, it was nothing short of a nightmare.

I left my room in Ames Suites a solid 20 minutes before my morning classes were scheduled to start, assuming that this would give me enough time to crutch to the building, get through the door and wait for the elevator. That could not have been further from the truth. It typically took me roughly 10 to 12 minutes to get inside of the building, meaning that I had about 8 to 10 minutes to wait for the elevator. I pressed the button

and waited patiently, but this seemingly significant period of time was not long enough to wait for the elevator to arrive on the first floor.

I assumed that the elevator was taking a long time because it was picking up other people like me who were unable to climb up and down the flights of stairs. However, when the elevator finally reached the first floor and the doors opened, I was instantly infuriated. Almost every day, a group of three to seven people would saunter off the elevator complaining about how were too tired, lazy or hungover to take the stairs. As a result of these inconsiderate people, I was late to class every day I was on crutches.

I never realized how frustrating it is when perfectly capable and healthy people use the elevator until I had the experiences described above. People should not need to be told to take the stairs. They should simply do it out of habit and common courtesy for others.

One would think that taking the elevator would not be so bad, however, it was nothing short of a nightmare.

However, because it is quite obvious that there are people on campus who need to be told to use the stairs, I will review the benefits of taking the stairs on a daily basis.

Walking up and down flights of stairs each day is a good way to get a little bit of exercise, especially if your destination is on one of the top floors of a building. Health studies have consistently shown that Americans are not getting the amount of required activity each day. Taking the stairs is an excellent way to pick up some cheap exercise time and keep your body active.

Furthermore, if you have an early morning class, taking the stairs is an awesome way to get your body moving. I know it is difficult for me to get my body moving in the morning, and on days when that mug of coffee is not enough to get the job done, taking the stairs helps me get going. Getting your body moving also wakes up your brain and prepares you to take part in the learning process,

thus increasing the probability that you will retain more of the information covered in classes.

Finally, taking the stairs allows you to make it to class on time. It seems to be a common belief that taking the elevator is faster than taking the stairs. However, the elevator makes frequent stops, thus delaying its arrival on your floor. By the time it arrives to pick you up, if you had taken the stairs, you would already be in class. Clearly if you are running late, taking the elevator is not a viable solution to this problem. The only two solutions to this problem are to set your alarm for an earlier time and to walk up the stairs faster than you normally would.

Elevators are a brilliant invention. They are designed for people who are physically incapable of climbing up and down flights of stairs. If you do not fall into this category, you should not be using the elevator. It is that simple.

Morgan is a junior majoring in political science and minoring in professional writing. When she graduates from UW-River Falls, she wants to attend law school and become a state prosecutor specializing in domestic violence cases.

UWRF students petition for divestment of fossil fuels

Molly Breitmün
Columnist

I recently met with Danny Saunders, a junior majoring in biology, to talk about the campaign he is spearheading to bring an end to UW-River Falls’ investment in fossil fuels.

Saunders grew up in Hastings, Minn., spending much of his childhood outdoors, fostering an appreciation for the environment. Before coming to UWRF, Saunders served as a botanical field aid at Angeles National Forest in California and as a fisheries intern at Tongass National Forest in Alaska. His experiences gave him a sense of urgency as well as perspective in how communities can protect their resources by making cooperatively sustainable decisions.

With the support of the Fossil Free coalition, student-led campaigns to divest from fossil fuels are occurring at over 300 campuses across the U.S.

Saunders is working with peers, faculty, staff and administration to educate our community. He hopes we take responsibility in communicating our stance on whether or not we want our investments to match our increasing commitment to campus sustainability.

The petition reads as follows: “Chancellor Van Galen, Because it is unconscionable to pay for our education with investments that will condemn the planet to climate disaster, we call on University of Wisconsin- River Falls to immediately freeze any new investment in fossil fuel companies, and to divest within five years from direct ownership and from

any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds.”

What would this mean to our campus? As of June 30, 2012, the UWRF Foundation reports an asset of \$449,431 in oil and gas industry stocks (about 2.8 percent of the Foundation’s total assets and liabilities at fair value). Divestment could take many paths. One sound option is to re-invest this money into proven reliable renewable energy generation. Saunders suggests the money could also be allocated to student scholarships or green building renovations, creating direct investments in our community.

In Saunders’ research, he has found that oil and gas investments can be risky. With the aftermath of the BP oil spill still fresh in our minds, this is not a far leap of logic. But even more pressing than economics, Saunders emphasized that he is taking an ethical stand against profits that endanger the planet. The Fossil Free campaign is a project that was created by 350.org. “350” refers to the parts per million (ppm) of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that many climate scientists recommend as the safe upper limit for human life. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the CO2 level for February 2013 was 396.80 ppm. Can divestment really make a dent in this alarming trend?

One of the most successful examples of divestment occurred in the mid-1980s on college campuses across the United States. South African Apartheid was the result of a long, complex history of colonialism, where violence and racial segregation against black South African people was common under a white-minority rule. In solidarity with the more

publicized efforts of South Africans resisting Apartheid in the ‘70s and ‘80s, American college students demanded their schools stop investing in institutions operating in or trading with the South African government.

The protests were successful in considerably decreasing South Africa’s wealth, creating pressure for the country to address its institutionalized racism and violence. Nelson Mandela, the first South African president to be elected in a post-Apartheid, multi-racial election, credited UC Berkeley’s \$3 billion divestment from South Africa as a major vehicle helping to end Apartheid in South Africa.

Student involvement is key. Our voice determines where we want to go as a University. The consequences of carbon emissions on our planet and in our lives are apparent, but this shouldn’t overwhelm us. Using a tool that has proven incredibly successful in the past for positive change, divestment can alter the decision-making of powerful energy companies. Every dollar is a vote: thus we must be deliberate about where our vote is going as investors in UW-River Falls.

For more information about the fossil fuel divestiture campaign, you can contact Saunders at daniel.saunders@my.uwrf.edu. Also look for 350.org posters around campus to sign the petition.

To feature your sustainability events (two weeks notice), ideas, successes stories, gripes, etc., email: molly.breitmun@my.uwrf.edu.

Molly is a non-traditional student majoring in conservation with a minor in GIS. Her interest on campus sustainability was focused by becoming an undergraduate fellow for the St. Croix Institute for Sustainability Community Development as well as by her peers in Student Alliance for Local and Sustainable Agriculture.

STUDENT
Voices

What are your plans over Spring Break?

Compiled by Brianna Samson

Connor Nelson
Sophomore



“Playing Super Mario World with my high school friend.”

Lauren Potter
Senior



“Working 40+ hours and preparing for graduation.”

Liz Oswood
Senior



“Working and doing homework.”

Melissa Deaner
Senior



“Going to Florida for the first half of break and working the second half.”

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Club team proves volleyball not just for women

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Geoffrey Snyder doesn't believe in the idea that volleyball is just for women, even though most high schools and colleges offer it as a varsity sport only to women. As a member of the UW-River Falls men's club volleyball team, Snyder doesn't see the sport as favoring one gender over the other.

"We are our own entity competing in our own conference against other teams that we respect, and that respect us. Outside of high school and college, many men play volleyball both for recreation and competitively," Snyder said. "Instead of seeing it as a woman's sport or a man's sport, we see a community that enjoys the sport and gets together a lot to play."

The men's team at UWRF is a part of the Northern Intercollegiate Volleyball Conference (NIVC) that includes teams from all over the Midwest. Teams include Winona State, UW-Eau Claire, North Dakota State University, UM-Duluth, St. Olaf, St. Thomas, Michigan Tech, and the University of North Dakota.

The NIVC is one of the most competitive conferences in the nation, according to Snyder, as it sends several teams to nationals every year. The high level of play and competitiveness for Snyder now has the UWRF

team preparing to compete among the best at nationals for the second straight year. This year's competition is in Dallas during the first week in April.

"You would never guess that there wasn't volleyball in high schools or at all colleges for men when you watch them play at these tournaments," Snyder said.

Almost every college in the nation has a men's and women's club team, according to Snyder. All of these club teams compete in their own conferences and several go to the national tournament in April. This year, 192 men's volleyball club teams are competing at nationals, while 168 women's club teams are, according to the National Club Volleyball Federation's website.

Among these teams are several University of Wisconsin schools, which Snyder said are always very competitive at nationals. UW-Oshkosh is regarded as a top program in the nation and frequently wins the national title. But for Snyder and the UWRF team, it is more than about placing well at nationals.

"In the end, it doesn't matter how we place (even if it would be nice to be in the top of the nation), it's about representing UWRF on a national level and playing some really good volleyball," Snyder said.

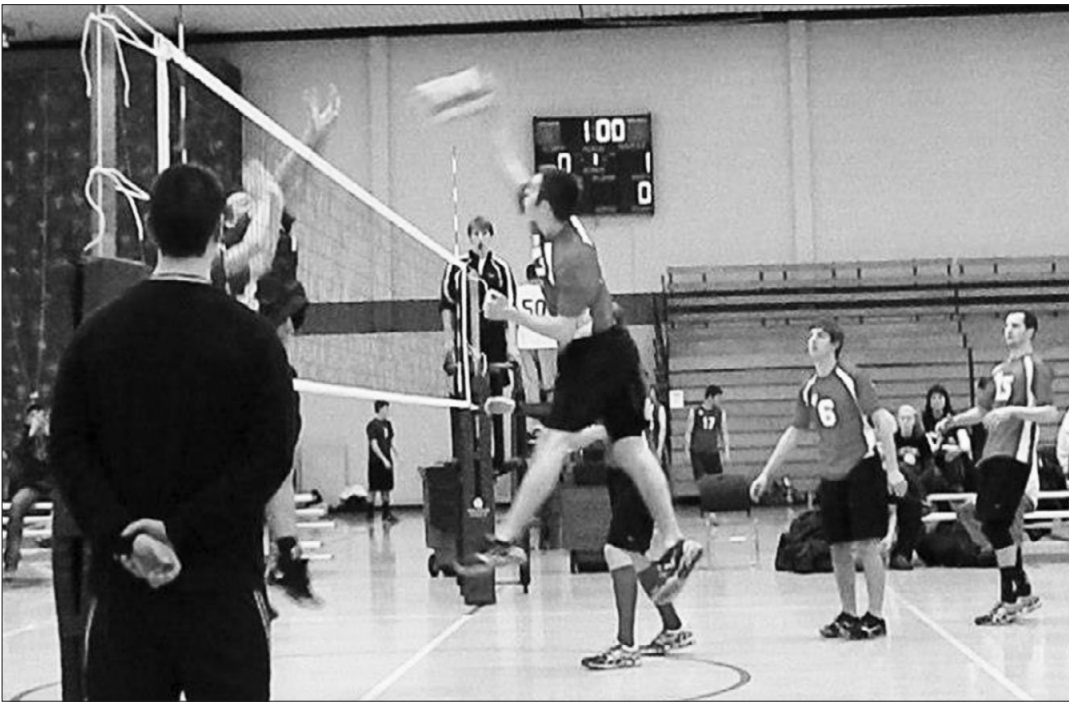


Photo by men's club volleyball team
Men's Club Volleyball President Geoffrey Snyder spikes the ball against the University of St. Thomas in Eau Claire, Wis., during a tournament on Feb. 23.

to fill one team, but Snyder said he would like to see two UWRF teams compete at the conference tournament in the next couple of years as the popularity of men's volleyball continues to grow.

At nationals, UWRF will play against teams such as Harvard, the University of Southern California and West Point.

The biggest challenge for the men's volleyball club at UWRF is in the number of participants. Currently, UWRF has enough

Long time teammates finishing tennis careers as duo

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Senior tennis players Jenny Paxton and Amanda Drangeid have played tennis together on the same team for eight years. No, they haven't found a way around the NCAA's four-year eligibility rule. The high school teammates simply decided to follow each other to UW-River Falls to continue their tennis careers.

Now, the two Bloomington Jefferson (Minnesota) High School graduates have been paired up again, this time to be UWRF's top doubles tandem heading into the spring season.

"It's kind of funny how it all worked out. We didn't plan on it, it just happened," Paxton said.

But it happened to work out for the Falcons' favor. Both Paxton and Drangeid agreed that knowing each other's playing styles and tendencies helps to give them a competitive edge.

"Since we already know each other's strengths and weaknesses, we know how to work well together. We're already used to playing with each other, so we can focus on improving our tennis game instead of working on understanding how to play together. It's also great because we're such great friends and I

"Jenny and Amanda were two players that I could always count on to give 100 percent effort no matter what we were doing" Head Coach Paul Mitchell said.

just love playing with her," Drangeid said.

During the fall season, Drangeid compiled a 4-7 overall record in doubles play while Paxton was 4-6, according to the UWRF Athletics website. Head Coach Paul Mitchell, who is in his second and final year as head coach for the Falcons, said the duo brings more than their tennis skills to the team. Mitchell will be the head coach at UW-Stout next fall.

"Jenny and Amanda are great leaders on our team and their presence will be missed next fall. As our top two players on the team, they obviously brought a lot of talent on the court, both in competitions and as leading examples at practices. Even above their skills, though, was the positive attitudes they brought on the court. Jenny and Amanda were two players that I could always count on to give 100 percent effort no matter what we were doing," Mitchell said.

If it wasn't for their height and hair color differences (Paxton is blonde and 5'7" while Drangeid has brown hair and is 5'2"), one might think that because of their backgrounds and love for tennis, the pair could be twins.

Both Paxton and Drangeid are also elementary education majors, and have been named to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Scholastic Honor Roll three times, making the pair more similar than they first appear. Both women are also student teaching this spring, although at different schools.

The seniors will be competing in their final five matches of their tennis careers this spring, starting with an away match at St. Norbert on April 7.

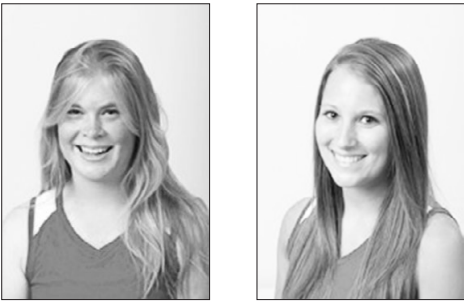
During the fall campaign, the tennis team compiled a 4-8 overall record and a 2-4 record in the WIAC, placing them sixth in the conference.

For this spring season, Mitchell said he is looking for more experience from his young team. Currently, there are four seniors, including Paxton and Drangeid, two juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen on the roster.

"I'm hoping to see a lot from (freshman) Kelsey Hochberger. She really started developing last fall as a good singles player in our conference. Hopefully she'll get some good results as she moves up in our line-up. Also, our doubles team of Makayla Newberry (sophomore) and Hannah Klimek (sophomore) had great results last fall. This spring they'll be playing higher in our line-up, and they'll prove to be an important key to our results," Mitchell said.

Newberry and Klimek were both 4-7 in doubles play last fall.

But with Paxton and Drangeid leading the way, it could spell double trouble for opponents this spring.



Seniors Jenny Paxton (left) and Amanda Drangeid (right) have been teammates for eight years. They look to compete as a duo in doubles this spring season.

Three named to ACHA All-American team in women's hockey

Kait Mason, Amanda Ryder and Katie Batters were all named to the American College Hockey Association (ACHA) All-American team. Mason and Ryder were each named to First West team and Batters was named to the Second West team.

Mason, a junior on the team, was named to the ACHA All-American team in 2011 as well. She has also been named to the All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) team in 2011 and 2013. She is currently the all-time leading scorer in Falcons history, and this past season became the first player in team history to go over 100 points.

Ryder, a senior on the team, has been named to the All-NCHA team in 2009, 2010 and 2013. She was the team's top scoring defensive player this past season.

Batters, a junior on the team, was named to the ACHA All-American team in 2012 along with being named 2012 and 2013 All-NCHA. She scored 21 goals this past season which set a new school record.

The program has now produced 13 All-Americans, including these three players.



Kait Mason



Amanda Ryder



Kaite Batters

Softball set for spring break trip to Florida

The UW-River Falls softball team will be traveling to Clermont, Fla., for the National Training Center Games where they will play 10 games in five days. Going into this trip the team has an overall record of 8-2 this season.

The top players to watch going into the games will be Nicole Lubahn who has a batting average of .520 so far this season, Abbie Morris who has a batting average of .516 so far with six home runs and pitcher Brooke Lauritzen who has an earned run average of 1.35 and is 4-0 on the season.

One key game to watch will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28, when the Falcons will have a rematch against Luther College who beat them 3-2 in the NCAA Regional Tournament Championship game to end their season last year.



Brooke Lauritzen



Nicole Lubahn



Abbie Morris

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‘Safe Haven’ plays role of typical chick flick



Ryan Funes

Reviewer

The newest Nicholas Sparks film hit theaters recently, but sadly this chick flick will just make you sick.

Katie (Julianne Hough) is being followed. A police officer with mysterious intentions is searching for her, and all Katie knows is that being caught by him means death. But Katie has finally found solace in Southport, N.C., where she plans to start her new life. There she meets convenience store worker Alex Wheatley (Josh Duhamel) and all the great people that Southport has to offer, and it looks like she may finally be at peace.

But her cruel past is not far behind, with the mysterious police officer at the middle of it all.

In the end, she will have to face her past if she ever wants to continue living her life and loving the new family she has found.

All I can say about my thoughts before the movie is that I knew it was going to be a Sparks film, and that has always screamed “chick flick” to movie goers. Movie adaptions of Sparks’ novels have always meant ill

for boyfriends whose girlfriends want them to experience something lovey-dovey for once. I would like to say to those boyfriends that it gets better from here, but my experience with this movie says otherwise.

“Safe Haven’s” plot is where this movie is at its weakest, and it ultimately brings the film down.

The plot moves at a sloth’s pace when trying to set up all the drama and interactions between characters, and is so choppy with its conflict that you begin to forget over time that Katie is being chased by a police officer at all.

You never get a major sense of urgency or importance when following the conflict, and even when the movie dedicates time to show the fear Katie has of being found, it comes off as unnecessarily cut into the film and pointless.

But it does not stop there with the movie’s plot; the whole concept feels like something my 18-year-old self wrote in a 12th grade creative writing class. To make matters worse, the movie tries so hard to tug at your heartstrings and get a loving sigh out of you that it makes itself boringly mushy, as much as it makes you want it all to be over.

Finally, the movie’s plot twists add the ultimate insult to any movie goer, as the movie contains two twists to its plot which I won’t spoil. Rather I will say that the first twist is somewhat predictable, while the second is one of the most head-scratchingest, confusing and downright idiotic twists I’ve seen since the last M. Night Shyamalan film I saw.

Not much can really be said of the rest of the film. The direction is OK, the music knows when to be soft and loud for each moment in the feature, and the acting is fair enough, though some performances, especially from kids, can feel cheesy and manipulative to make you feel for what’s happening.

At the end, though, the question should be asked: did this film at least set out to do what it was supposed to be, a chick flick? The answer is, painfully, yes.

The movie looks at the relationship between a man and a woman and shows their relationship develop into love, but as a movie goer, to see such a concept done so poorly and schmaltzy so as to make me want to leave the theater, that I just can’t forgive.

So to all the boyfriends (or girlfriends) out there who were dragged to the theater for this flick, I say just bear through and laugh at the bad, because in the end laughing “Safe Haven” off is the only way to dull the schmaltzy pain it gives you.

Ryan is a lover of all things movie, TV, video games and stories and wants to become a television writer someday. In his spare time he enjoys hanging with friends, tapping into his imagination and watching cartoons of all kinds.



‘The Call’ has potential, yet fails to hold central focus

Adam Tilson

Reviwer

She became the first African American actress to win an Oscar in her performance in “Monster’s Ball” over a decade ago. She has also been in big blockbuster films such as “Die Another Day” and the first installment of the “X-Men” series.

However, she has been in pretty forgettable films like “Catwoman” and “Gothika,” and now she stars in “The Call.”

A violent thriller, “The Call” is a film that could have been an effective ‘B’ film, but toward the end it took a turn for the worst.

Berry plays Jordan, a veteran Los Angeles Police Department 911 emergency call operator. During a routine call, she becomes traumatized by the death of a teenage girl. Jordan later makes some mistakes, forcing her to resign from taking calls.

However, she becomes an instructor, teaching new employees how to handle emergency calls. Months after her traumatic experience, she is thrown back

into the fire when Jordan is forced to help another co-worker with a call from a kidnapped victim.

Jordan helps Casey, played by Abigail Breslin, who was left at the mall by a friend. Casey is forced to go home by herself. However, she gets kidnapped by some lunatic and thrown in the trunk of his car. While Casey is in the trunk of the car, she calls 911 but can’t be traced because she’s using a disposable phone given to her by her friend.

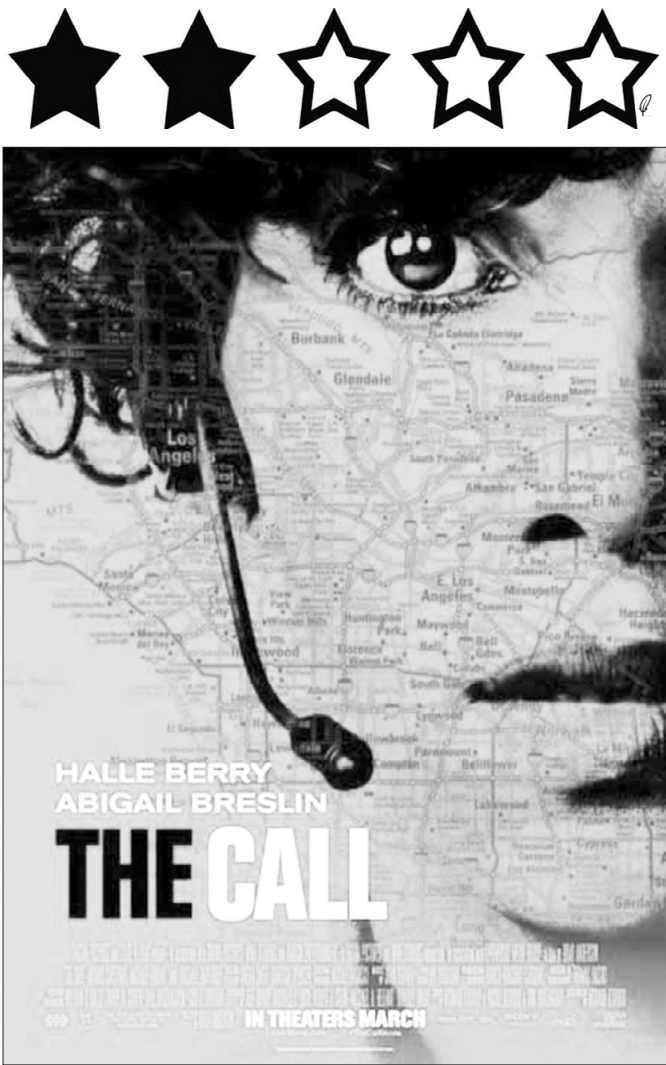
Jordan is on the task of taking the call. Jordan’s boss, played by Roma Maffia, talks to her so Jordan does not

“The Wire” and “Boardwalk Empire,” he delivers a good beginning with tension and establishing plausible scenarios. With the film shifting between Jordan and Casey, the audience is left guessing where the film is headed. However, the film fails to capitalize on how good things are going. The film starts to fall apart at about the third act in the film where with whatever amount of good effect the movie had with audiences.

The only thing I took away from the film was Breslin’s performance. We are used to seeing her as a child in “Signs” and “Little Miss Sunshine,” but seeing her in a more mature role was a nice touch. Though the film has its shortcomings, Breslin had a nice performance playing as a panicked young girl.

There have been plenty of films like this in the past, but I don’t think Berry’s character was really necessary here. I do think for the most part, both Berry and Breslin are effective in their roles. However, the fault of the film lies with the screenwriter where the writer didn’t deliver an overall solid suspenseful thriller with chilling effects.

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History, myth of Easter Bunny intertwined with religion, folklore



Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

With nearly two months of the semester under our belt, many of us are looking forward to a break. Spring break is almost here, and this time, the week-long break wraps up with a popular spring holiday: Easter.

Several different customs, traditions, and symbols are often associated with Easter every year, and one of the more prominent secular figures of the Christian holiday for children is the Easter Bunny.

While it is widely known that the Easter Bunny, like Santa Claus, bears gifts with candy, the reason for this figure is perhaps a mystery to many of us. Where exactly did it come from? With a figure that has been around for years and will continue to be around for years to come, it is important to know its significance on the holiday.

Like Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny sometimes brings toys and other gifts to children’s homes the night before the holiday. There have been numerous depictions of this holiday figure. Sometimes it is depicted as a simple rabbit, and other times it is depicted as a walking, talking, clothes bearing character.

Whether it is a character with human-like characteristics or not, children all around the world know that the Easter Bunny brings eggs and baskets of gifts. The hare has been a symbol in the Christian church for centuries, though the actual Easter Bunny was introduced starting in 1682.

The hare had been widely popular in Medieval Church art. In ancient times, several philosophers widely believed that this hare was a hermaphrodite. This means that the hare could reproduce without the loss of virginity, therefore many philosophers and Christians alike associated the hare with the Virgin Mary.

Since this new belief, the hare began to occasionally appear in illuminated manuscripts and Northern European paintings of the Virgin Mary with the Christ Child.

Another place that the hare was associated with was the Holy Trinity. This had the “three hares motif,” which represented “one in three and three in one.” Common symbols representing this phrase are the triangle or three interlocking shapes such as rings. This motif appears often in England, usually in a very prominent location in the church, such as the central rib of the chancel roof or on a central rib of the nave. It is because of this that the symbol is known to be significant to the church instead of signature marks of masons or carpenters.

In ancient history, the rabbit or hare, not unlike the egg, were prominent symbols of fertility. Birds lay eggs in the

early spring, which is also when newly born litters of rabbits or hares appear. This coincides with the spring equinox which occurs in March, thus they became rising symbols of fertility of the earth around this time of the year. Rabbits and hares are prolific breeders, which would explain how they became symbols of fertility and entered the realm of Easter folklore.

Aside from its rich history, the Easter Bunny brings about many memories of the past for many of us. My favorite memory was in fact the time when I realized that the Easter Bunny was, but a figment of my imagination. My mom hides Easter baskets every year. One year, so as not to make it completely obvious, the baskets went behind the television. They were luckily a closely guarded secret, judging by the heap of pillows they were surrounded by.

It did, however, occur to me that the Easter Bunny would not think of anything this innovative. Therefore, this deed had been done by my mother, the same woman to inform me that the Easter Bunny comes through the wall, similar to the platform in Harry Potter. At least she knows how to hide them better this time around.

This year, make the most out of this holiday. Hide baskets, eat chocolate, search for eggs. There are many traditions to keep each year to keep the Easter Bunny tradition alive, even if that involves dozens of pillows.

Cristin is an English major and music minor from Eagan, Minn. She enjoys writing, playing the flute and swimming. After college, she would like to pursue a career as an editor.

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On-campus television show ‘Focus’ using live audience

Sydney Howell

Guest Columnist

The UW-River Falls campus television show, Focus on U, is looking for new and returning audience members for their live-to-tape episodes held bimonthly in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building in room 111. If you enjoy not paying for excellent entertainment, this is the studio show for you. Focus on U is a quality student run show that shoots from 4:45 p.m until 6 p.m. every other Thursday, and the last three shows are fast approaching. To secure your seat as a member of the Focus on U audience, make sure to arrive promptly at 4:45 p.m. on either one or all of the remaining recording dates: April 11, and April 25.

However, you may be asking yourself: What if I clap at the wrong time? How does a studio show work? What if I have to leave half way? Will there be a camera in my view the entire time?

Well, at the beginning of a Focus on U show, you will be greeted by our audience organizer Jade Kaczmariski who will give you a rundown

of how to be a proper audience member. Going into detail of the signals of when to clap and laugh.

Then, as soon as you have fully experienced a behind the scenes studio set up in all its glory – complete with microphone tests, camera focusing, and the host’s introduction practice runs – the director, Shane Donahue, will ask for quiet on the set and the show begins. From this point on there will be a lively banter of introduction between our host, Jon Lyksett, our announcer, Trevor Semann, and our news anchor, Rebecca Aanerud.

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Then the show will progress into sequencing through a wide range of package segments varying in topic from informational on upcoming campus events, to artistic mock movie trailers, to the hilarious reoccurring Studio 113 (analogous to “The Office”). Inbetween these packages, we will cut to in-studio interviews conducted by our host, Lyksett. A couple of examples of those who have appeared on our shows this

semester are Eoin Breadon, an assistant professor of art (specializing in glass) and a member of the Dance Theater show, Chris Adam. During these live interviews audience members must remain seated; however, if it is necessary for you to leave early we understand and just ask that you leave quietly during a package recording.

Last but most definitely not least, we will be closing with a musical talent from the area which can range in genre from rapping, folk, instrumental, heavy metal or country. If you are interested in being more than just an audience member and actually wish to be a part of Focus on U as a musical talent or interview guest, please contact our executive producer, Hallie Raisanen, at hallie.raisanen@my.uwrf.edu.

Now that you know what to expect as a member of a live studio audience please come join us at 4:45 p.m. in KFA’s Studio 111. We look forward to entertaining you with our next production of Focus on U.

Sydney Howell is a public relations team member for Focus on U.

Spring break offers time off regardless of location

Miranda Hammel

Columnist

The end of the stressful week we have been dealt is finally coming to close. With the end of tests, projects, presentations, relationship problems and family problems we can finally put away the books, papers, computers, phones and run to our destinations of freedom.

Whether you’re going home, somewhere warm and sunny, or somewhere with just as much snow, you have the next week to relax and put yourself first for once.

Not all of us can be so lucky as to escape to a warmer state, island or country. So if you are traveling consider yourself lucky and have fun and be safe.

We are young and have every right to go out let loose and have fun. Make memories, capture the moment, fall in love, live in the present and hold nothing back. These are the best days of our lives (it’s what we are told anyways), so make sure to hold nothing back, and say

everything that is on your mind.

What am I doing you might wonder. Well, I am going back home to Minnesota to see my two remarkable parents and two little sisters. Not as exciting as I would like it to be, but it will still be nice to get away and run around with them all for a while. Even if I did choose to work a few days within the week, I am a poor college student and I have got to make that money.

If you are going at home over spring vacation like I am here are some things you can try:

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1. Go to the movies with your family or friends.
2. Bowling/laser tag
3. Take a hiking excursion and don’t forget your camera.
4. Decide to take on a renovation that could be done within the house.
5. Go someplace you have never been, like a new restaurant, bar, club, store or park.
6. Go to a concert if there are any in your area.
7. Hit the gym and play a game of basketball with a group of people.

Let’s just hope there is no more snow over spring break, and we can finally move into that spring weather we are all so excited for. Being able to walk outside without bundling up in every accessory is something I know I am excited for. It’s not that I hate the snow; I just think I’ve had enough and I’m ready for the sunshine.

There will be six weeks left of classes and one week of finals when we all return from our week long break. Another semester will end and go in the books as a job well done (hopefully for most of us) and summer will begin with traveling, work, internships, laziness, whatever you are planning or choose to do. Forty-nine days until tanning, swimming, bonfires, camping, fishing, hiking and everything else you love to do in the summer. Just writing about it all fuels my fire to do the best I can with the time left, because once summer comes around, it will all be worth it.

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New York culture shock turns out different than expected



Amanda White
Columnist

Before I moved to New York, people used to tell me all the time that I was in for a rude awakening.

As in literally rude people. I grew up immersed in “Minnesota Nice.” Everyone holds doors open, you can approach anyone on the street and guarantee that they will give you detailed directions for wherever you are going, and are actually interested in what you have to say.

From what people have told me about New York City, I was expecting none of that. I was totally OK with moving to New York and getting doors slammed in my face and angry words thrown my way. However, the very day I moved here my expectations were exceedingly broken.

New Yorkers are nice. To me, at least. Am I doing something right that I don’t know about? From my first taxi driver, to my roommates, to people on the bus, everyone is nice, nicer than Minnesotans. It throws me off, to be honest. When people continued to act very sincere and interested in me, I looked at them with side-eyes.

What’s the catch? Are they being sarcastic? Are they going to tell me to take a hike, or worse? So far, there is no catch. People are generally excited that I moved to their beloved New York. When I tell them of the big dreams I harbor for my future, they give me such good advice I make sure to

always have a notebook on me to write down everything they tell me.

I told myself I wouldn’t mention my Midwestern heritage right away whenever I met new people, but it’s kind of difficult to keep under wraps when they ask me what neighborhood I’m from.

Uh, Stillwater? (Tip: no one in New York knows any cities in Minnesota. Not even the Twin Cities. Just say Minnesota; it will be confusing enough. One guy asked me if that was east of New York).

However, once it’s out in the open that I am, indeed, not actually from New York, most people are genuinely interested in what Minnesota is like. When I told my roommate Shaileen, who is from Queens, that people pull their kids out of school for the hunting opener, she was speechless. She has never been camping, and the only country singer she knows is Carrie Underwood (my kind of person right there).

Growing up in New York would be so different than growing up in Minnesota. Last week I ate lunch with my friend Dovi, an Orthodox Jew who has never eaten at McDonald’s. Honestly, we talked about a lot more than that, but I can’t get over it. He had also never eaten cheese with meat. I do not even know how to process that information. Cheese and meat is the main diet of all Midwesterners.

Speaking of religion, I have seen people of all religions while in New York: Jews, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists,

Hindus and atheists. And you know what? I have never lived with more accepting people. Religion doesn’t necessarily define a person. It may be one aspect of a person’s character, but it certainly doesn’t give a complete picture of him or her.

For example, to go back to Dovi. We talked about his religion and his two-year exchange in Israel, but then the conversation turned to ice hockey. I thought I had the advantage then. Minnesota is the State of Hockey, after all. But Dovi proceeded to name off Dany Heatley, Zach Parise and Mikko Koivu.

Honestly, my jaw dropped. How did this Jewish kid from the Bronx know about these hockey players? That was my own ignorance and unwillingness to see past his religion. He has played hockey for years and is a die-hard fan of the New Jersey Devils.

These two months in New York have opened my eyes to a lot, but mainly they have taught me to never judge someone at first glance. If I do, I know they will surprise me. I thought I was an accepting, open-minded person before living in New York, but my ignorance toward religion and people who didn’t grow up like me stunted my own growth as a person.

So thank you, New York, for showing me how to truly be New York Nice. I’m coining that term. It’s going to catch on.

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