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## Fundraising may help stretch budgets

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A lack of funding for student organizations continues to be a major issue every academic year, but campus leaders can suggest alternative funding methods for organizations without budgets.

Student Organizations and Leadership Coordinator Anna Hunter said that one major way student organizations can increase their money supply is through fundraisers which can take many forms. Some examples she mentioned include selling things like food, art and raffle tickets, hosting events or activities and teaming up with local businesses.

"I encourage organizations to be creative and use talents or skills that the members of their organizations have," Hunter said. "Sometimes, the more unique the idea, the better the consumer response."

However, student organizations often experience hurdles with fundraising.

"Some student organizations are finding difficulty as the River Falls community tends to be pretty tapped out with fundraisers," Hunter said.

The Allocable Fees Appropriation Board (AFAB) Chair Bobbi O'Brien agreed with Hunter about the barriers to successful fundraising. Students may not realize how much time and effort organizing fundraisers can take, and the benefits may not be as plentiful as expected.

"Things such as bake sales or T-shirt sales often cost more than what you make, unless items are donated, or your revenue from this miniscule," O'Brien said.

Before student organizations can hold a fundraising event, they must attend training sessions held by UW-River Falls for multiple reasons. Hunter said that the training sessions protect the student organizations in case fundraising causes unexpected circumstances.

Also, all food sales within

the state of Wisconsin require a Food Service Permit once the people involved are trained in food handling procedures. The process is long and convoluted, so the Office of Student Life and the UWRF Risk Management Office created an easier process for student organizations.

The process is online and is an alternative to submitting a Temporary Food Service Permit Application through the Pierce County Environmental Health Office. Hunter said that once an organization representative is trained, the food safety permit is approved for one year.

"The food safety permit helps the organizations to take the necessary food handling precautions, so they are able to defend their organization if a consumer becomes ill," Hunter said.

Raffles also require student organization leaders to be trained in proper collection and drawing procedures, which allow organizations to

use UWRF's raffle permit.

Student organizations may see an increased need for fundraising and raffles because additional funding for single-event funding was not approved at the Oct. 29, Student Senate meeting. Single-event funding is historically depleted quickly and this semester is no different.

O'Brien said that AFAB will be working on requesting additional money for single-event funding in the spring semester. Until then, O'Brien and Hunter suggested applying for single-event funding soon, and only if it is necessary and pertinent to student organizations' missions.

"Begin exploring alternative ways to fund your organizations, as it will not only help to bond your organization members, but it will also provide you with great experience to share with employers in future job interviews," Hunter said. "The more creative, the better."

## Res Life to hire soon

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Residence Life is finally looking to fill the Director of Residence Life position, which has been vacant since Oct. 1, when Sandi Scott-Duex left for UW-Stout.

"I only worked with Sandi for a brief moment and it was something special to me," said Assistant Director of Resident Life and Community Development Kenney White.

Friday, Nov. 1, Residence Life hosted an Open Forum for the candidates applying for the position of Director of Residence Life.

"I imagine there are many individuals across Student Affairs or any connections with Residence Life that will apply," White said.

The recruitment process, for open positions like the Director of Residence Life, is a series of different stages. "The Open Forum is an opportunity for those applying to take part in on-site interviews," said Human Resources staff Brenda Creighton.

Creighton is involved in recruitment for academic staff, administration and faculty at UW-River Falls.

Phone screenings, on-site interviews and reference checking are all included in the hiring system the University utilizes.

"It's a very lengthy process, but we want to make sure we are an equal opportunity employer," Creighton said.

Both Creighton and White refused to comment on what specific qualifications they were seeking in the new Director of Residence Life.

The UWRF Human Resource's page on the University website spells out the guidelines and qualifications the University seeks in terms of a new Director of Residence Life; an innovative and service oriented leader are some of the mentioned characteristics.

Whoever fills the vacant position will be expected to report to the Associate Vice

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## Greenhouse offers warmer climates indoors



Desi Danforth/Student Voice

Sarah Daggett is a work-study student who works in the Greenhouse. The work-study students and professors are working hard to keep the Greenhouse running smoothly. Winter is coming, and students can get out of the cold by visiting the Greenhouse on campus. Read the story on page 3.

# Tomorrow's Educators bringing in local activist

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The student organization Tomorrow's Educators will be presenting the two-time national slam-poetry champion, local hip hop artist and social justice activist Guante from 7:30-9:00 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the Falcon's Nest.

Guante, a Minnesota local, has championed many educational and activist causes. He founded the MN Activist Project, which is an organization devoted to allowing those in the Twin Cities area who want to become involved in activism, as well as the Hip Hop Against Homophobia concert series.

Guante also moderates workshops on performance and writing for youth. He advocates issues such as privilege and identity in his poetry and raps.

"Guante brings a unique perspective to UWRF," Ruble said.

Guante, during his poetry and raps, mentions the concepts of teaching and direct service, according to Ruble. Education, the core of Tomorrow's Educators, is a viewed as a direct service field.

"We must learn about social issues, like white privilege [as a part of a direct service field]," Ruble said.

There are many social issues in the

direct service fields of education mentioned by Ruble such as the issues with inner city schools dealing with largely different ethnicities and social backgrounds that make up the student body as compared to the average educator, which is of a middle class white background.

"We need to confront these issues," Ruble said.

The hope of Tomorrow's Educators is that Guante and his activist poetry will bring to light these social issues and present them in a way that all students can enjoy understanding.

"[It will promote] learning about social issues in a fun way," Ruble said.

Tomorrow's Educators is an organization composed of 82 members registered on OrgSync. The goals of the group are carried out both on and off campus.

The group works on campus to bring the different types of education majors together, according to group president Paul Ruble. The group also does volunteer work in the River Falls community in order to represent the UW-River Falls campus in a professional manner.

The organization's volunteer involvement includes work with Big Brother Big Sister on campus events and recruitment and sponsoring tutoring in local schools. The organization is a combina-

tion of majors that pertain to the education field including Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Communication Disorders, Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Special Education.

Tomorrow's Educators was granted \$1,000 of the remaining \$3,000 available for single-event funding designated by the Allocable Fees Appropriation Board (AFAB) of Student Senate.

The organization has been working on the execution of this event since July of this past summer. This effort by Tomorrow's Educators has become one of the largest events to be held by a student organization, with the exception of fraternity and sorority sponsored events.

Tomorrow's Educators has also advocated that other organizations, such as Black Student Union and the Student Social Work Association, that confront any number of social issues to attend this event.

The event is free and open to the student population. The evening will include a facilitated discussion after the performance that will open the floor to those who have any questions, opinions or thoughts.

For more information on this event or Tomorrow's Educators, contact Ruble at paul.ruble@my.uwrf.edu.

# News Briefs:

## Jazz series at UW-River Falls presents "Stolen Moments: The Music of Oliver Nelson"

The RADD Jazz Series at UW-River Falls will present "Stolen Moments: The Music of Oliver Nelson," at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 9, in Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The event is free and open to the public.

Directed by Professor of Music David Milne, the UWRF Jazz Ensemble will perform music by the distinguished American jazz composer, arranger and performer Oliver Nelson.

The concert will include works composed and arranged by Nelson for large jazz ensemble, including classic compositions "Stolen Moments," "African Sunrise," "The Artist's Rightful Place," "Emancipation Blues," "St. Louis Blues" and "Hoe Down."

The concert kicks off the UWRF 2013-2014 RADD Jazz Series. For more information on the series, visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/MUS/Jazz/Index.cfm>

The RADD Jazz Series features the UWRF Jazz Ensemble as well as national and regional touring jazz artists. The RADD Jazz Series is dedicated to the memory of John Radd, professor of music and jazz ensemble director at UWRF. The RADD Jazz Series is collaboration between the UWRF Music Department and the UWRF Office of Student Life. For more information or accommodations, call 715-425-4444.

## Fall Experiential Learning projects at UWRF underway, new projects sought for spring

The UW-River Falls students enrolled in the Experiential Learning course recently met with their clients to launch this fall's experiential learning projects.

Each semester UWRF students in this senior level course apply their academic knowledge to real world projects that have been selected from those submitted by businesses, community organizations and government agencies. Projects are already being sought for spring semester that begins Jan. 27, 2014.

Projects students are working on this fall include drafting a business plan for a company distributing composted cow manure; writing a feasibility study for a domestic violence county court system; creating a marketing plan for a company selling an educational DVD on self-awareness; drafting a business plan for a garden center that hires adults with disabilities; creating a feasibility study on using goats for the management of brushy areas of public lands for the Wisconsin DNR; drafting a business plan for a local farmer wanting to raise and sell organic hops; developing a tool kit of fact sheets for farmers wanting to do on-farm processing; and drafting a marketing plan for a spirituality center that wants to expand its programming and clientele.

A past client includes the Pierce County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which had students evaluate the feasibility of a drug and alcohol juvenile outpatient treatment program in Pierce County. On behalf of the Council, Judge Joseph Boles expressed appreciation for the work done by the students.

"It was clear from [the students] presentation and final report that many hours went into the research, interviews and documentation of the study. These were man-hours that Pierce County did not have access to in any other way. Your students gave us the first concrete step to making a dream a reality," wrote Boles in a letter.

For more information or if you are interested in students working on a project, contact Juliet Tomkins, UWRF adjunct professor, at [juliet.tomkins@uwrf.edu](mailto:juliet.tomkins@uwrf.edu) or call 715-425-3298.

## Reception set for new solar photovoltaic system at UWRF

A small informal project completion reception for the new solar photovoltaic system at the RDI building at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is set for Monday, Nov. 11, from 3-3:30 p.m. in 129 RDI. Informal remarks will be said at 3:15 p.m.

Representatives from River Falls Municipal Utilities, the solar PV installation contractors and others from the community will be attending the reception.

One of the goals of this demonstration project was to educate people and raise awareness of solar photovoltaic systems. River Falls Municipal Utilities contributed \$64,431 as an incentive for the project.

For more information, email [alan.symicek@uwrf.edu](mailto:alan.symicek@uwrf.edu) or call 715-425-3827.



Photo by University Communications  
The photovoltaic system project has a goal of educating and raising awareness of photovoltaic systems.

## River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

### Oct. 24

- Briana Marie Olson was fined \$716 for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at South Fork Suites.

### Oct. 30

- A passport was reported missing from Grimm Hall.

### Oct. 31

- Some clothing items were reported stolen in Hathorn Hall.
- A bicycle was reported stolen from Parker Hall.

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

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# Greenhouse welcomes visitors



Desi Danforth/Student Voice

**Student tends to some of the plants in the Greenhouse. Many students at UWRF don't know the resources the Greenhouse has to offer, and Associate Professor of Horticulture David Zlesak urges students to visit the Greenhouse and appreciate the resources available.**

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The Greenhouse on the UW-River Falls campus has been around for many years, but people may be surprised about the new and old things it has to offer.

The Greenhouse consists of eight total different rooms. "The first four Greenhouse rooms were built in 1972, and the remaining four rooms were added to the original construction between 1988 and 1991," said Greenhouse and Field Plot manager Dan Waletzko. "This gave us just under 8,000 square feet of growing space for teaching and research."

Many people think that the Greenhouse is one big room full of different types of plants, but it is much more than that. David Zlesak, associate professor of horticulture, explained the different rooms inside the Greenhouse.

"The Greenhouse consists of what is called the head house, which is the area that we do not grow plants, but we have the computer system that runs the Greenhouse," Zlesak said. "We store the materials for the plants, such as the pots, soils and fertilizers."

Off of the head house are the eight different rooms or houses where there are different plant materials.

"We can control the tem-

perature and environment uniquely in each one of the rooms depending on what we're trying to grow for class materials or research purposes," Zlesak said.

This year, there are new changes that were added to the different rooms of the Greenhouse. Some of these changes include updated cabinets in the head house and the Greenhouse becoming part of a steam line and condensate return line replace-

**"We are trying to get a few more teaching improvements for the classroom and outdoor teaching area, but as always, money is tight," said Dan Waletzko, the Greenhouse and Field Plant manager.**

ment. Refurbished tech units were also added in August to improve teaching. Even with the new changes this year, there is still hope for more in the future.

"We are trying to get a few more teaching improvements for the classroom and outdoor teaching area, but as always, money is tight," Waletzko said.

With the numerous rooms and different types of plants in the Greenhouse, it is necessary to have hands on staff. As of now, there are five work-study students who help maintain the teaching collection and other teaching laboratories.

"With some of the cut backs in work study and fi-

nancial aid over the years, the students that work in the Greenhouse is less than it used to be, unfortunately. We are a little short staffed," Zlesak said.

One of the students that work in the Greenhouse with the work-study program is Amy Kiehne, a horticulture major.

"I help with little maintenance projects like checking our system or cleaning and organizing a lot of stuff. I water the plants on the weekends and do a lot of grooming and maintenance to the plants. It is a lot of work to keep all the plants in good

shape," Kiehne said. The work-study students and professors are working hard to keep the Greenhouse running smoothly, and they welcome both students and community members to check it out.

"The Greenhouse is a great resource and I encourage students from all majors, especially in the winter months when you need a little life around you, to please come to the Greenhouse and look at the collection," Zlesak said. "We are very thankful for this resource, and our hope is to update the Greenhouse with even more new technology."

## Training offers introduction to Kingian nonviolence techniques

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The 2 Day Core Orientation to Kingian Nonviolence is a featured training for the Peer Empowerment and Community Education Program this fall.

Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9, attendees will learn the right tools and skills on how and when to handle a conflict in a relationship, organization, or community in a nonviolent way. This two-day orientation will be facilitated by Senior Trainers David Jehnsen, Jonathan "Globe" Lewis, and current and former UW-River Falls students. It is an introduction to the philosophy and strategy of Kingian Nonviolence and Conflict Reconciliation, which Martin Luther King popularized.

According to Ashley Olson, sociocultural coordinator within Student Life, the facilitators will be using the Community Leaders Workbook called the Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation Program: Strategies for Responding to Conflict and Violence, by Bernard LaFay-

ette, Jr., and Jehnsen.

"This is our second time hosting this training on campus and it's an incredible opportunity to develop a sense of how to be a peaceful yet powerful leader within your community. This is a must-

ing useful include activists, individuals looking to develop leadership skills, teams, history buffs and students looking to build their resume with tangible, employable skills.

These skills are profes-

sional navigation of conflict through lectures, role plays, video presentations, and other interactive activities.

Roxanne VanDusartz, a junior at UWRF, has both helped organize and set up the event as well as attended and participated as a student to support her friends as well as to obtain a new experience and learn more about the topic of nonviolence.

"As a student who has gone, it was very enlightening and informational, I learned ways to live a more positive lifestyle and really examine my surroundings and the causes of my conflicts," VanDusartz said.

As a way to experience something new, and learn about a practice that has changed the world as we know it today, the information is not only relevant for the civil rights movement but for our lives now as well.

"It gives you a new way to see and think about things," VanDusartz said.

For questions or accommodations needed to experience the event, email [peace@uwrf.edu](mailto:peace@uwrf.edu) or call 715-425-4444.

have experience for students before they graduate," Olson said.

There is a maximum participation of 110 people for this training and currently only about half of those spots are taken up. Students, faculty, staff and alumni can attend for free and community members can attend for \$100.

Olson said that even though the training is for everyone, it is encouraged to go by those who identify in certain ways. Some that may find the train-

**"As a student who has gone, it was very enlightening and informational, I learned ways to live a more positive lifestyle and really examine my surroundings and the causes of my conflicts," said junior Roxanne VanDusart.**

## Res Life: Vacant director position to be filled soon

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Chancellor for Student Affairs. They will also be responsible for fostering a student living environment that supports and complements the mission of the University, as outlined in the job description posted online.

The mission of the Department of Residence Life is to create residential communities where students live civilly, learn effectively and discover success.

"I'm loving the dorm life, meeting new people daily is pretty awesome," said freshman Alex Carr about living on campus.

With the current policy, UWRF has approximately 2,500 students living on campus. "The candidate must have a multitude of different strengths for qualification, and that's all I can say," White said.

Scott-Deux's time at UWRF proved to be a success. She implemented many changes, including the online

application for housing.

The vacancy of Scott-Deux has been over 30 days. "I'm not sure why it hasn't been filled yet, but I do know we need to have a valid application pool," Creighton commented.

"We take into consideration gender, race and ethnicity along with several checks and balances that align with the University standards."

During the past 30 days, there has been no interim Director of Residence Life.

"Nobody has taken on the full role as a substitute until we fill the position," White said.

Nearly two months ago, the University set a deadline for applicants. The Director of Residence Life job posting states that for full consideration, applicants should submit all required materials by Aug. 30, 2013.

"We hope it will be filled in the coming weeks," Creighton said. "There are a lot of variables and factors to evaluate the candidates."

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EDITORIAL

# Lack of excitement for Phillip Phillips concert contrasts last year's vibe

Phillips Phillips is coming to campus in just one short week, on Nov. 15, yet if you looked around campus you might not even know.

Last year the campus was filled with buzz and excitement of Finals Fest. There was going to be an outdoor concert featuring Phillips. Student Life put on an elaborate amount of attention just leading up to announcing of the reveal that he would be performing and posters were splattered all over campus. Every student seemed to be talking about it and how great of a choice he was for Finals Fest coming off of his American Idol victory and first hit song, "Home."

The anticipation built up for this big event was huge, but all this excitement was shattered due Phillips having to cancel late because of health issues.

Student Life did a great job of still doing what they could to put on a good Finals Fest, but without Phillips, the energy and attendance just was not there.

To the credit of both Student Life and Phillips, he is still coming to UWRF and will be putting on a concert, but why does nobody seem to care this time? It is still a well-known performer coming to campus, and it is also still free to all students.

Every other year UWRF gets a big performer for Finals Fest and it is something that is used when recruiting prospective students.

There has been some promotion for this, such as a picture contest where students could post a picture that reminded the most of home. The person who receives the most Facebook likes will get to meet Phillips.

While this is a great idea, nobody heard about it, which is evident in the fact that only 11 people participated in the contest and posted a photo. One reason this contest may have lacked participation is it could only be found on Orgsync. While Student Life wants Orgsync to succeed, it does not get the traffic yet to host a big contest without promoting it anywhere else.

Even with the lack of promotion it is still interesting that students themselves do not seem to either know or care that Phillips will be performing. This year has the potential to be a memorable one for UWRF.

Not only will we still get Finals Fest at the end of the year with a more local band, but we get Phillips this semester. Also to be getting this all for free is a great privilege and one not to be taken granted for. Phillips will be performing at UW-Eau Claire as well, but for the cost of \$10 to students.

The Phillips concert has potential to be a great memory for all UWRF students and we encourage everyone to get excited and go enjoy it next week.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Students respond to poll question with sexist answers

It seems to me that we have to have the talk. Yes, the talk about sexism. I am referring of course to the responses given by our fellow students in the Student Voices last week asking, "What annoys you the most about the opposite sex?"

I could of course go on a rant in reference to the question itself, but I will try to restrain myself. Let us begin then by addressing the men's responses.

First, in regards to women not being lady-like anymore. This statement as far as I can tell refers to either two situations. The first situation being that women are not sitting in Italian restaurants and eating spaghetti noodles with young men until they eat the same noodle, pull together and kiss.

The other being that women are not spending hours putting on makeup, trimming, styling their hair, painting their nails, choosing painfully tight dresses and high heels to match (which hurt like a beast). Either way, women should be able to choose their own path whether they want to eat spaghetti or dress up, they should be free to choose. It is of course the

American way.

Now it is time to talk to the women. Let us begin with "Guys fart too much." I am sorry that the sad fact is everyone farts. Shocker, I know. I am sorry you were not educated on this fact but it is the truth. In fact, farting has much to do with diet and exercise. Eating only hamburgers and washing them down with a big gulp of Mountain Dew does not play well with your digestion. Add on top of that a sedentary lifestyle of playing "Halo" and you have a recipe for farts. If you eat crap and sit around all day, you will fart.

Though there were more responses that were just as sexist, I do not have the time or space to deal with them. In general, you should take away that people are individuals and should be treated as such. You would never explicitly say stereotypical things about African Americans or judge them by their external appearance. Then why is it okay to stereotype gender and judge people by their external gender expression? If you want to learn more about sexism, there are feminists on campus everywhere. Just be prepared to hand over a bra to burn.

Sean Eberle  
Student

## United Nations begins fighting in Congo

The Congo is known for its vast wealth of natural resources such as tin, gold and coltan. However, this region is also known for its long history of conflict.

When dictator Mobutu Sese Seko fell from power in 1997, the country was launched into a state of complete chaos. Several rebel militias have been fighting over natural resources and territory throughout in the Congo for over a decade. The conflict in the Congo has been deemed Africa's "first World War," involves nine nations and dozens of rebel militias and has killed over 5 million people since 1998, according to The Washington Post.

The United Nations has had roughly 17,000 peacekeepers in the Congo since 1999. However, these peacekeepers have been unable to stop the rebel militias from killing and raping civilians. Despite the presence of United Nations peacekeepers, some of these rebel militias have taken over entire towns in the eastern part of the Congo.

In fact, last year the primary rebel group, M23, seized the city of Goma for a period of ten days before voluntarily withdrawing, according to The Washington Post. This incident was deemed a major failure, and millions of people throughout the world were infuriated that the 17,000 peacekeepers had failed to protect the city. As a result, the United Nations was heavily criticized.

In response to this heavy criticism, the United Nations Security Council recently approved and launched the Forward Intervention Brigade (FIB). The FIB is the first offensive combat force the United Nations has implemented

and is composed of 3,000 soldiers. The goal of the FIB is "to reverse the trajectory of one of the world's most horrific and complex conflicts," according to The Washington Post.

While it is clear that the United Nations is taking initiative to reach a solution, it is also obvious that launching the FIB will have detrimental consequences.

The first problem with the FIB is that the brigade openly supports the current Congolese government. This open support goes against the principle of neutrality that has traditionally guided United Nations missions.

The Congolese government also has a history of human rights violations. On top of these violations, the current political institutions in the Congo are crumbling. Therefore, even if the FIB is successful in defeating the rebel militias, it is highly unlikely that the current Congolese government will prevail and remain both stable and successful in the future.

Another problem with the FIB is that the brigade has made neutral volunteers from Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, and other nonprofit

organizations targets in this conflict. When rebel militias see white vans, they immediately launch an attack regardless of who is in the van because they believe that the vehicle is carrying the enemy: FIB soldiers.

Since these volunteers are now directly in the line of fire, it is likely that there will be a decrease in the number of volunteers in the Congo. This will

have a horrific impact on Congolese citizens because many of them rely on these nonprofit organizations for medical support, food, water, and other necessary resources. Without the presence and assistance of volunteers, the situation in the Congo will only continue to degrade.

Finally, the FIB puts the reputation of the United Nations at risk. The United Nations is recognized throughout the world as a neutral and just intergovernmental organization.

However, after the launch of the FIB, the United Nations risks being viewed as a partisan entity that is both willing and capable of resorting to violence. States will be less likely to turn to the United Nations for assistance because of the potential for a violent outcome.

If the organization's reputation stoops this low, it is highly unlikely that the United Nations will be able to exert its influence throughout the world with as much ease as it has in the past.

The FIB is the United Nations' way of taking control of the conflict in the Congo. However, the Security Council members should have given more thought and consideration to the circumstance before making the decision to

**When rebel militias see white vans, they immediately launch an attack regardless of who is in the van because they believe that the vehicle is carrying the enemy.**

launch the FIB.

The implementation of this new mission will undoubtedly have crippling consequences for Congolese citizens, volunteers, and the United Nations. All we can do now is sit back, cross our fingers, and hope that the United Nations can do some serious damage control.

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### Senate Corner:

## Meet senators at event, get VIP pass for concert

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Ethics Chair

Student Senate is having a massive event that we are looking for all of you to attend. On Nov. 15, we are hosting a Meet the Senators event in the Ann Lydecker Center, which is connected to Ames Suites.

This event not only will be catered by local businesses, it will also give you an exciting opportunity to attend another event put in on by Student Life. Upon attending the Meet the Senate event, students will be given a pass for preferential seating at the Phillip Phillips concert, and, as an added bonus, there will be buses that will drive students directly to the concert.

There will be prizes given out as well. These prizes will range from simple lanyards to a meet and greet with Phillips himself. So please stop on by and meet your senators, eat great food and get the best seats to see the concert of the year.

As a Senate, we would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to come into our offices and talk to us about issues facing students on campus. We believe that it helps us better represent the student body and to us that is why we are on senate. So we encourage people who have issues or who have problems with things in the university to stop by the offices and talk to us.

We have a giant white sign with green letters that says "A Senator Is In" when we are inside the office. We also would like to invite you to our meetings as well. Before we get into the basic parts of the agenda, we have an open forum session in which students can talk to the entire body. In addition, if there are issues that students have on any motion on the agenda they are welcome to speak to us on the issue. Please stop on by, we hope to see you all at our next meeting on Nov. 12.

We all hope to see you at Meet the Senate and please do stop by, we are friendly people, I promise.

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# College campuses enact unavoidable smoking bans

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Columnist

The tobacco-free campus tally is now over 1,175, as UW-River Falls implemented a 100 percent tobacco-free policy on July 1.

Tobacco-free campuses have doubled since the summer of 2011 in the U.S., and are now an extremely hot topic among college students and faculty members.

Reality is settling in: smoking bans on college campuses are unavoidable and sweeping the nation.

What once was merely an issue about first, second or third-hand smoke, has now become a debate over the immediate health of college students and faculty.

Campus-led health initiatives are intended not only to keep students fit, but help students kick the addiction. Some universities go as far as offering free nicotine patches.

The UWRF campus website successfully states the University's goals, "The purposes of this policy are to reduce harm from secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, establish a campus culture of wellness and environmental responsibility, and promote a tobacco-free future."

Universities undoubtedly have become community leaders, so UWRF is an institution with an obligation to promote health. Students will remain vulnerable to social and behavioral influences that encourage smoking, but restricting where smoking occurs on campus may diminish initiation and support dissolution.

UWRF innovatively offers cards that students can print and hand to people who are illegally smoking on campus grounds. These cards contain tobacco quit hotlines, the school's tobacco-free website and campus counseling service information.

Smokers could perceive these cards as a slap in the face or acknowledge that people actually care about their well-being.

Student smokers are the ones who have the most to lose on the issue. Their freedom to use tobacco has been lifted. Smokers are now forced to become the outcasts and rebels on campus. They must walk dozens, sometimes hundreds, of feet in order to find a "safe zone."

As a consequence of this policy, cigarette butts find homes on lawns, streets, doorsteps, businesses and churchyards.

Standing ashtrays on the edges of campus have become too much to ask for; no smoking, means no smoking. A 100 percent smoking ban has to stand tall, otherwise it is powerless.

A student-led initiative is problematic, but predominantly effective. Realistically, it is a cost-effective solution. The University of Iowa takes a different approach; they fine stu-

dents \$50 for smoking on campus, which can become difficult to enforce on such a large university.

In 2010, a Minnesota Health Education Research study closely examined college students' reactions to statewide smoke-free policies. The study found that such policies are making smoking less socially acceptable, but 83 percent of students, between the ages 18-25, reported second-hand smoke exposure within a week of the study.

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The majority of college students and faculty approve of smoking bans; 66 percent to be exact. Mean-

while, 77 percent of students are bothered by secondhand smoke. The statistics speak loudly.

Furthermore, 63 percent of college students believe smoking bans have a positive impact on their quality of life. Twenty-one percent reported being neutral, and 16 percent believe it has a negative impact.

Little by little, smoking has become banned in bars, restaurants, airplanes, private clubs, bowling alleys, theaters, hotel lobbies, public transportation and universities. This drawn-out adaptation was always unavoidable. The United States government is merely attempting to be reasonable; to extend lives.

Surprisingly, 82 percent of student smokers believe the right to breathe clean air should take priority over the right to smoke. Not surprisingly, 98 percent of non-smokers agreed.

Smoking kills. It took my grandfather in his late-fifties. As a 9-year-old, it was not easy to watch him cough up blood and spend hours weeping as cancer slowly ate his insides. But, it was his choice to smoke two packs daily. I do not blame cigarette companies or commercial advertisements. These are the choices we make in this life.

Secondhand smoke, however, is not a choice and is proven to deteriorate lungs. Everyone, smokers included, have to



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understand where universities are coming from.

Lives are at stake. Students' well-being and safety should always be a priority. This ban was a long time coming; times are changing. Smoking bans are simply unavoidable.

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## STUDENT VOICES

What's the weirdest thing you've seen on campus?

Compiled by Desi Danforth



**Mikayla Dolan**  
Sophomore

"A cowboy riding a unicycle."



**Scott Franta**  
Sophomore

"Extremist religious spokespeople trying to convert students."



**Andy Kauffman**  
Freshman

"Deer in the parking lot."



**Aaron Turek**  
Junior

"Pirates pulling a canoe on wheels with a big pirate sail."



**Katie Tholen**  
Senior

"The Undies Run"



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# Women's cross country finishes third in WIAC

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The UW-River Falls women's cross country team finished third at the WIAC championship, the highest finish in program history.

"I am glad to be leaving the WIAC on a high note. All of the seniors were thrilled by the success," said senior runner Hillary Geipel. Last year the Falcons finished fifth at the WIAC championship, held on Nov. 2, their best ever finish at the time. They also defeated six time defending WIAC champion UW-Eau Claire, and came within eight points of UW-Stevens Point, ranked No. 27 in the country.

"This was the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of different people, and out of those young ladies," said Co-Head Coach Matthew Cole. "It was great to see them rally behind each other and have a lot of success and come out with one of the best finishes we have had in school history."

The team also placed three runners in the top 15. Tia Harris, who finished fourth, was named to the All-WIAC first team, and both Brittany Nordland, 10th, and Beth Riihien, 14th, were named to the All-WIAC second team. Geipel was also nominated for the WIAC Scholar Athlete award at the meet.

Co-Head Coach Scott Sekelsky, who is in his seventh season coaching the women's team, said that he has never had more than one runner be named to the All-WIAC team.

"I don't know that there has ever been more than one. Our third finisher was 14th, and there was a time when we would have been celebrating that. Now to have a fourth, a 10th and a 14th, is a pretty big deal, and we needed that to happen," Sekelsky said. "That was really exciting to see."

Leading up the meet, Cole, who is in his first season coaching the team, introduced a new tradition for the team.

"We took the kids who were going to run the conference meet out to a nice dinner. We talked about a few things and had our seniors speak on what they feel is important to the program, and what they want to leave as a legacy and see where the program grows," Cole said.

The dinner and senior speeches weren't the only new thing for the team that night.

"After that emotional speech

from them we brought the jerseys out and said, 'Oh, by the way,' and they were shocked," Cole said. "I think it helped pump them up a little bit more with new uniforms to surprise some people."

Sekelsky added that the uniforms were a nice touch, but were different for him.

"It was tough for me at first because I was not used to it. I'm used to red, every year I've been here we've worn red," Sekelsky said. "It shouldn't take uniforms to get you fired up, but being at home, knowing what's at stake and putting those on helped."

Geipel also liked the new look uniforms,

but said they were not used as extra motivation.

"I can't credit them with any of last weekend's success. The WIAC meet always has an intense and exciting atmosphere, and we did not really need the new uniforms to fire us up," Geipel said. "Besides, we know we still have work to do at the regional level and larger goals left to accomplish."

The regional meet will be hosted on Saturday, Nov. 16, by Augustana College. Sekelsky said that the regionals course will be similar to the course which the team just ran at Kilkarney Hills Golf Course.

Ten of the 12 runners for UWRF ran personal best times at the WIAC meet, but Sekelsky said that there is still some room to improve.

"A couple of them can still do more, they still have more in them," Sekelsky said. "I do think we still as a team can run better, we didn't run perfectly, we just closed well."

The Falcons' goal at regionals will be to qualify for the national meet.

"The team placed eighth at regionals last year, and this year we have improved a lot. We all have been running faster than ever, and I have no doubt that we will place higher than last year, anywhere from seventh to fifth," Geipel said. "If everything goes perfectly and we run closer as a pack, qualifying for Nationals is a definite possibility."

Cole said that qualifying for the national meet was a goal of the women's team when the season began.

"Qualifying for the NCAA National Championships is hard to do because there are limited spots and there are so many things that have to go right," Cole said. "I think the ladies have one of the best opportunities they had in many, many years to qualify for the NCAA meet, but they still have to go out and run the race and put in the work in the next couple of weeks."

The Falcons have never qualified for the national meet as a team. The NCAA Championship meet will be held on Nov. 23, and hosted by Hanover College in Indiana.



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From left to right: Runners Hillary Geipel, Kaylee Nelson, Mackenzie Wilkinson, Amanda Rothbauer and Anna Bastyr run in a pack at the WIAC Championship meet.



Photo courtesy of Tia Harris

The women's cross country team poses with its third place plaque after the WIAC Championship meet. The third place finish was the highest in program history. This was the first time in nine years that UWRF hosted the WIAC Championship meet. WIAC Commissioner Gary Karner said it was one the best run that he had ever attended, according to Sports Information Director, Jim Thies. Co-Head Coach Matthew Cole said everyone who helped at the meet deserve a special thank you for their hard work.

## Falcon Spotlight: Hillary Geipel

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Hillary Geipel is a senior runner, from Pewaukee, Wis., on the women's cross country team.

She is double majoring in both pre-veterinary medicine and biology, and double minoring in both chemistry and animal science.

Geipel was the team's seventh runner at the WIAC meet, but said that she did not initially run cross country because she liked to run.

"I first started running in high school to get in shape for basketball. I never really thought my running would go past high school," Geipel said.

However, Geipel changed her mind about running for UW-River Falls at some point after meeting with Head Coach Scott Sekelsky.

"I'm not sure when I decided I wanted to run in college. It just kind of happened, and I have no regrets."

Geipel said that her teammates are the best thing about running for the team at UWRF.

"Over the last four years my teammates have become like a second family, and running with them at practice is always the highlight of my day."

## UW-River Falls fall athletic teams reaching end of seasons, winter sports beginning

### Football

The Falcons fell to UW-La Crosse 24-21, in overtime, on Nov. 2. The team will play its final home game of the season against UW-Stout at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 9. This game is also the team's senior day.

### Women's Hockey

The Falcons went 1-1 in their series with Bethel on Nov. 1-2. They won the first game 5-3, and lost the second game 5-3. The team plays at the University of St. Thomas at 2 p.m., on Nov. 9.

### Women's Soccer

The Falcons fell to UW-La Crosse 3-2 on Nov. 2. The women's soccer team finished with an overall record of 6-11-1.

# Men's hockey will begin play in new WIAC with new look, young squad

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It will be a different looking season for the UW-River Falls men's hockey team.

The team will now be playing the WIAC, instead of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA), will be playing against 15 different teams and have 14 new players on the 28 man roster.

Of the 14 returning players, four are seniors: Alec Hagaman, Jon Schreiner, Jeff Burke and Scott Lewan. Schreiner will be the captain for the team this year, while Lewan will be returning at goalie to start for his fourth straight season. Head Coach Steve Freeman said that Lewan's experience in goal will be invaluable for the team.

"We expect Scott to be one of the top goaltenders at the nation," Freeman said. "The goaltender is the backbone of the program, so we rely heavily on him and it's very reassuring for everybody to have a veteran goalie back."

Hagaman added that having a large group of young players paired with 14 returners is good for the team.

"This upcoming season is going to be exciting. We have a lot of young players that are coming in and are ready to play at a top level for us," Hagaman said. "Our returners are going to play a big role in leading the younger guys."

The schedule will also present some new challenges for the team. The Falcons will be facing three teams which they have played 10 or fewer times in their entire history. Additionally, the Falcons will play each of the four others teams in the WIAC three times, for a total of 12 conference games.

"It's a little tougher for the coaching staff, in the fact that

you have to prepare for so many different teams. It will show where you stack up, for us in the West Region," Freeman said.

Freeman added that the Falcons will be playing nearly every team from the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), and also most teams from the NCHA.

The Falcons will also be seeing their fair share of elite competition this season. The team will face off against No. 1 ranked, and defending national champion, UW-Eau Claire three times, No. 2 ranked St. Norbert, No. 10 ranked UW-Stevens Point three times, No. 14 ranked St. Scholastica and No. 15 ranked St. John's University.

Additionally, UWRF will not be eligible for an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, as the WIAC only has five teams.

"You would want to have that automatic bid, it's something to play for. But it's still the same situation, you still try to win as many hockey games as you possibly can, and let the chips fall where they may," Freeman said. "There are four bids that we'll have a chance to get in the NCAA tournament if we have a successful season."

The Falcons have a long tradition of hockey success, winning three NCHA championships, 15 WIAC league championships and three national championships. The success is something which Hagaman said the team is aiming for again this season.

"Our team goal is to win the WIAC, and at the end of the year make our push toward winning a national championship," Hagaman said.

The team will open its season at home on Friday, Nov. 8, against Concordia College- Moorhead.

# Falcon Spotlight: Zach Schrottenboer

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Zach Schrottenboer is a sophomore forward on the UW-River Falls men's hockey team. He is from Geneva, Ill., and last played on the junior hockey team Chicago, NAHL, according to uwrfsports.com.

As a freshman he made the All-NCHA rookie team and was named to the WIAC scholastic honor roll. He was fourth in the team in scoring with 16 total points on eight goals and eight assists. He is the second highest returning scorer back this season.

"I want to build on freshman year and be on the All-WIAC team this season," Schrottenboer said.

When asked why he decided to come to school at UWRF Schrottenboer said, "I chose UWRF because of the winning tradition and support of the fans we get every night."

Schrottenboer showed how important the home ice advantage is to him when he led the push behind selling shirts to students for the home opener white out game against Concordia-Moorhead College encouraging attendance.

He added that the team's goal is to be perfect at home and win the WIAC.

Schrottenboer has played hockey since he was five years old and his favorite hockey memory came when he was 14 years old. He said he played on a select USA team in the Czech Hockey Challenge where the team won the bronze medal.

Schrottenboer is a business major and when not playing hockey he enjoys working on his golf game.



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Senior Scott Lewan will be starting his fourth straight season at goalie for the UWRF men's hockey team. The team opens its season at 7:05 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at home.

## See where your UW-River Falls Falcons teams rank in WIAC standings

### Football

School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Whitewater	5-0	8-0
UW- Oshkosh	4-1	7-1
UW- Platteville	4-1	7-1
UW- La Crosse	3-2	3-5
UW- Stevens Point	2-3	4-4
UW- Stout	1-4	3-5
UW- Eau Claire	1-4	1-7
<b>UW- River Falls</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>0-8</b>

### Women's Hockey

School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Stevens Point	0-0	2-0
UW- Superior	0-0	2-0
<b>UW- River Falls</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>
UW- Eau Claire	0-0	0-1-1

### Men's Hockey

School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Stevens Point	0-0	2-0
UW- Stout	0-0	1-1
<b>UW- River Falls</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
UW- Eau Claire	0-0	0-0
UW- Superior	0-0	0-0

Current WIAC standings as of Thursday, Nov. 7



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# Be the Match drive helps save lives

Kate  
Vruwink

Columnist

Going through life many people compile a bucket list. What is on each list varies from person to person, but many people would like to have the opportunity to save someone's life.

For those people that wish to save lives, there was a chance to do so on campus. On Nov. 4 and Nov. 5, at the University Center Ballroom, UW-River Falls hosted a Be The Match blood drive.

Be The Match is an organization that helps people who have life-threatening blood cancers find a donor match in hopes of getting a life-saving marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant. A person gets diagnosed with blood cancer every four minutes, according to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Most patients do not have a matching donor in their family and rely heavily on Be The Match to find the match that they need.

Since coming into existence in 1987, Be The Match has been able to facilitate more than 55,000 marrow and cord blood transplants for people who do not have matching donors within their family. They are such a wide spread or-

ganization that they have over 10.5 million possible marrow donors and almost 185,000 cord blood units. Be the Match is also a special organization because they provide help internationally, with almost 30 percent of the total number of memberships including citizens of other countries.

Getting registered at UWRF was not difficult. Anyone can be a part of Be The Match, as long as they meet age and health guidelines and are willing to donate to any patient in need. Upon arrival, volunteers were asked to complete a confidential registration and consent form and take a painless cheek swab. On average, the total process takes less than 15 minutes.

When hearing that a cheek swab was what determined if a person could possibly be a donor or not, one might start to think about crime shows. We have all seen episodes where a cheek swab was taken for forensic investigators to determine whether or not someone committed a crime. This is because the cheek swab is a DNA sample and allows for analysis and matching.

By taking a cheek swab, the scientists at Be The Match are able to determine whether or not one can be a match for a person in need. While it might sound simple enough, it is a complex process. Being able to match tissue types is far more

difficult than matching blood types.

Even students who were unable to attend the event still had a chance to join online via BeTheMatch.org. By becoming a member online a person can create a page and share their personal story to help spread the message of why they are choosing to be a donor.

Students, faculty and community members were also informed that there were other ways to help. For example, a person can make financial contributions. Every \$100 raised helps add a new possible marrow donor to Be The Match registry. A person can also donate cord blood, volunteer or pass along the message to other people.

The on campus event was a great opportunity for the community to come together for a great cause. Not only were the volunteers taking the step to become a donor, but also they were taking a step to potentially save someone's life. After all, there is no better feeling than taking a step to cross something off your bucket list and doing a good deed that could potentially save a life.

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# 'Bad Grandpa' is successful, raunchy comedy flick

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Reviewer

The people who brought you the infamous "Jackass" series are back again, taking a character from their pranks and making one funny saga out of it.

Irving Zisman has lost his wife to illness, and he could not be happier. Before he can enjoy his newfound single life, his daughter leaves him with her son, Billy. He is expected to drive Billy across the country to his father. Zisman is reluctant, but he and Billy may just have what they both want in the end. Hidden cameras record real life reactions to the duos antics, which makes for an entertaining movie.

The refined men of "Jackass" have always held a bit of sentimental value to me. They were one of the few things my father, brother and I could all come laugh at. I was looking for that same feeling when I went to see "Bad Grandpa." My feelings did not cloud my objectiveness when I was viewing the movie; I was fully prepared for what might have been to come, since "Bad Grandpa" might not have lived up to my

expectations. Fortunately, that was not the case with "Bad Grandpa," as it turned out to be a highly enjoyable hidden camera movie.

Like any of the "Jackass" works, the real meat of the film comes down to the offbeat, raunchy pranks pulled on the regular Joes that fall victim. Like the earlier works, it delivers very well in the gags. Some of the setups are so fun that they suck you in with how inappropriate and perfect they are.

The humor does not go beyond fecal, farting, and slapstick into intellectual heights, but what makes it great is how genuine it is with the reactions, character and crazy situations. It measured up to the original films and reminded me of the times that I watched "Jackass" with my dad and brother.

I cannot deny that the strengths of "Bad Grandpa" also serve as weaknesses. The type of shock and gross-out humor may not appeal to everyone and has a somewhat narrow demographic. The humor also is not innovative, but I think it is the genuine execution of the humor that helps "Bad Grandpa."

There is little I can say of the story and direction of the film. After all, most people do not go see "Jackass" movies

to be impressed by the storyline. The direction itself has not changed from the "Jackass" days before. Although it does take a chance by using some more narrative-driven direction in some parts, which is unnecessary and makes the movie feel jaded.

There was even a sketch or two where the direction seemed to cast some people in an intentionally bad light, which I felt went against the movie's credit.

Despite the direction and story, "Bad Grandpa" still pulls itself off and stays true to itself, even if that true self is not for everyone and not for any artistic value. The weaknesses of the film, however, are made up by the humor and entertainment, which is why I recommended the movie.



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# Black Friday trends change meaning of holiday season

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Columnist

While it may seem far away now, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This means giving thanks for the things you already have, and, of course, waking up before sunrise the next morning to

trample people for things you do not have.

Black Friday has become part of American culture, and millions of people participate each year. It marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, and many stores mark down prices on popular items and launch television advertisements in early November. While I use Black Friday for extra sleep, it is the one day that shoppers are able to grasp a tremendous deal and get their gifts wrapped early.

The term Black Friday can be traced to a financial crisis in Philadelphia, Penn., during the 19th century. Around 1869, the United States was experiencing a financial crisis similar to the 2008 recession. Newsletters stressed that shopping on the day after Thanksgiving was looked down upon because of the lack of money available. Since the first two days after Thanksgiving were known to be busy shopping days down-

town, there were traffic jams and cluttered sidewalks, which created bad stimulus for business owners.

Locals desired the name to be changed on countless locations. Some stores advertised "Big Friday," but such attempts were clearly unsuccessful. It was not until after 1975 that the term Black Friday seeped out of Philadelphia and became a national trend.

During the first years of Black Friday, people had to arrive at the stores at 6 a.m. to get all the best deals. In recent years, however, that custom has changed in several stores. Many now open 5 or 4a.m. As if that is not early enough, some stores, such as Kohl's and Target open at midnight. Wal-Mart anxiously lets customers in at 8p.m. on Thanksgiving evening, which is simply preposterous. Thanksgiving is an important day to spend with family and should not be spent going out to spend money for the next holiday.

Black Friday has not always been the most popular shopping day. During the years 1993 to 2001, the most popular shopping day tended to be the last Saturday before Christmas. This trend did not last long, as Black Friday has retained its status as the most popular shopping day since 2003.

Recent examples of Black Friday deals include free color-

ing books and Crayola crayons at Toys R Us and shopping hours until early Saturday morning at stores, such as Forever 21 and Aeropostale. Many stores have also extended their sales into the following weekend.

The trends prevalent in the United States are seen in Canada and other countries. At first, Canadians shopped in the United States, mostly due to cheaper prices. In 2008 and 2009, however, the American dollar and the Canadian dollar were equal in value, so Canadian retailers began to run sales, in order to keep Canadians within the borders. A day similar to Black Friday in Canada is Boxing Day, promoting consumerism. Other countries, such as the United Kingdom, have started to participate in Black Friday, thanks to sites like Amazon and Apple.

Black Friday will come in just a blink of an eye, and advertisements are already being launched on television. If you are a frequent Black Friday shopper, keep an eye out for those sales, as they will come fast. For those who prefer not to shop, sleep well. Before getting the things you do not have,

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