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## Student Reps come to campus

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The UW-River Falls Student Senate hosts the first meeting of UW Student Reps of the school year on Oct. 4-5, and aims to pass a series of bylaws to increase organization.

Student Reps is a statewide organization comprised of, usually, the president and vice president of the UW-schools' student senates. Senate President Sam Tauchen and Vice President Anthony Sumnicht are the representatives for UWRF. The group meets five times during the school year to collaborate and implement policies that

affect the 26 campuses in the UW System.

Student Reps decided to hold its first meeting at UWRF at the annual Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee (SUFAC) meeting, which is held in Madison at the end of summer.

"Hopefully we'll be the most organized meeting of the Student Reps," Sumnicht said. "A goal of our Senate is to increase awareness of River Falls, and relevance across the state."

Sumnicht will present a set of bylaws for consideration at the Student Reps meeting. The constitution for the organization only passed last

year and Sumnicht wants to restructure the document so the bylaws detail what can be changed, while the constitution will stay the same.

"River Falls is proposing a whole constitutional overhaul. We're taking out a bunch of things and we're proposing bylaws for the organization that will completely expand its structure and reorganize it to actually be able to accomplish things," Sumnicht said.

Sumnicht explained that Student Reps might not seem like it affects students, because it does not deal with the everyday issues, but broader policy issues that are handled in the state legislature.

The United Council, another statewide organization that has been active at the state capitol in the past and works within the UW System, will lose its funding, so Sumnicht would like Student Reps to take the lead and tackle the issues that matter to students.

Gregg Heinselman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, said that he would like to see Student Reps accomplish a few issues at the state level.

He mentioned the voter ID bill and the fact that student ID numbers should not be tied into voting, since those numbers are only meant for school and personal business.

He also explained how the

tuition freeze would negatively impact UWRF because the cost to operate campus is still present, therefore segregated and user fees could increase to cover those costs.

Heinselman also said that Student Reps should be the body representing the UW System, not the United Council, since Student Reps is comprised of elected members and the United Council is not.

"That's the body the UW System needs to engage with. United Council is a separate entity that believes they have a role, yet none are elected to serve in that capacity," Heinselman said.

Both Heinselman and

Sumnicht agreed that Student Reps has an important role on UW campuses. Students should be aware of the power Student Reps holds to change policy.

"It's hard to convey to student how important this organization should be, because it doesn't really effect their daily life. It's more dealing with the state legislature and UW System as whole," Sumnicht said.

The Student Reps meeting is a public meeting and begins at 4 p.m., on Oct. 4, and continues at 8 a.m., on Oct. 5, in the St. Croix Room in the University Center.

## Differential tuition refreshes campus

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Every student attending UW-River Falls has to pay differential tuition. Differential tuition is a student investment to help create a successful college experience.

"The Executive Board worked with the Chancellor to figure out our priorities," said Director of Student Life Paul Shepherd.

UWRF students pay a small allotment in differential tuition each year. This amount is added to each student's base tuition price.

Other schools in the UW System pay differential tuition, which is a significantly greater amount than UWRF students.

Differential tuition is not instated for the sole means of raising tuition. It is part of the Falcon Promise. "It is absolutely necessary," Shepherd said.

The Falcon Promise is a partnership between students and the University, according to the UWRF website. The



Assistant Professor Sooh-Rhee Ryu teaches in an updated classroom in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Differential tuition allows for classroom renovations in buildings that are dated.

## Year of Germany kicks off new program



Photo submitted by Global Connections  
Brooke Paynter visited Germany with the Wisconsin-Hessen exchange. The Year of Germany starts a new program on campus to encourage appreciation and learning of other countries.

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UW-River Falls has started a new program this year that introduces students, faculty and the community to different countries.

The country that was chosen this year is Germany. The Year of Germany program takes place over the course of the academic year and encourages students to learn and appreciate other countries around the world.

Don Taylor is the team leader of the Year of Germany, as well as the chair of the coordinating committee that encourages others to propose ideas, plan events, and help advertise and publicize their ideas about the new program.

"One of the strategic initiatives of the University is to increase global awareness and activities, so an initiative was proposed that each year the University would choose a country to focus activities on to raise awareness among students and faculty and others about the country," Taylor said.

There were many things to

consider when choosing what country should be the first one for this new program.

"There were four things that we considered in trying to choose countries that would be most meaningful. One was how many existing resources are available to support the year of that country. Secondly, the likelihood that additional resources can be made. Third, the level of increased awareness that we felt could result in activities and the strategic importance of the country. Then the fourth area was the impact of increased awareness resulting in those activities."

There is a wide variety of German inspired academic, social activities and events that will be held throughout the school year.

"For example, we are having a year of Germany film series. The music department has German related musical

events coming up. We had the Oktoberfest, which was a social activity for the University as the kick-off event. Some of the activities are academic and some of them are

**"The country is much more than the Holocaust and World War II. It is where the bulk of Wisconsin and Minnesota residents emigrated from," student Leah Dykhoff said.**

fun activities and others are oriented to bring the public to campus," Taylor said.

Leah Dykhoff, a senior at UWRF, studied abroad in Europe last year and visited four German cities. She was excited that Germany was chosen to be this year's country because she had a positive and life changing experience there.

"I think a lot of Americans are still stuck on World War II and all that happened during that time. Our culture and school system tends to focus on that dimension of Germany, but the country is much

more than the Holocaust and World War II. It is where the bulk of Wisconsin and Minnesota residents emigrated from."

Linda Heber is a German exchange student from Schmalkalden, Germany. Heber came to UWRF at the end of August, and will be here until the end of fall semester. So far, her experience has been positive, and she is happy with her choice to come here.

"I like the classes here. It is very different from studying in Germany," Heber said.

Dykhoff and Heber plan on attending the numerous German events that the University is putting on this year, and are excited to learn more about the differences and similarities between America and Germany.

Both students and faculty can propose different German activities and events that they would be interested in seeing on campus this year. Visit the Year of Germany page on the UWRF website to submit ideas and to learn more about the program.



# Plans to renovate David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field approved, fundraising continues

The Board of Regents of the UW System approved the renovation plan for David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field at the Sept. 6, Regents’ meeting.

Following approval of the State Building Commission, which is expected at their Oct. 18, meeting, construction bids will be sought for the portion of the renovation that will take place in 2014 at UW-River Falls.

The plan calls for the replacement of the west side press box with a new structure that will include coaches boxes, a VIP room, ticketing and a new entrance. Provision for a new concession stand and additional restrooms are also part of this phase. As part of the Falcon Center project, the natural grass playing surface will be replaced with an artificial turf playing surface.

“The 2014 renovation upgrades planned for Ramer Field will undoubtedly enhance the student athlete, alumni and fan experience,” said UWRF Athletic Director Roger Ternes. “These new facilities will also have a profound impact on the recruitment and retention of quality students and on the public pride in the University.”

The renovation of the football stadium, built in the 1960s, was first announced in 2007. The University received a lead gift from First National Bank of River Falls and the family of late bank President David Smith to rename the facility as the

David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field. At the time, UWRF students also committed a portion of student fees to the project. The original plan called for a four phase, \$4 million renovation.

Additional fundraising for the project was delayed due to leadership changes for the University, the UWRF Foundation and the Department of Athletics. The effort was revived in 2012 under the leadership of Chancellor Dean Van Galen, UWRF Foundation President Chris Mueller and Ternes. A steering committee was formed to consider renovation plans.

Earlier this year, the State Building Commission approved the retention of Lien Peterson Architects of Eau Claire to design the project.

Recently, major new commitments have been received from the School District of River Falls and Shannon and Angel Zimmerman of River Falls.

“The commitment of the School District of River Falls and the Zimmerman family has been a key catalyst in giving this project a new momentum,” Van Galen said. “I want to especially recognize recently retired School Superintendent Tom Westerhaus and the SDRF School Board for their partnership. I also want to express deep appreciation to First National Bank and the Smith family for making this project possible in the first place.”

The 2014 renovation is budgeted at \$1.9 million. More than \$300,000 still needs to be raised. Following completion of this phase, future renovations will replace the west and east grandstands and complete the additional restrooms to comply with building code.

“The renovation of Smith Stadium at Ramer Field has languished for too long,” Mueller said. “While we still have to raise more money to pay for the project, there was never going to be a better time to make the renovation a reality.”

Donors may also purchase an engraved brick for the west side of the stadium, a joint campaign of the UWRF Foundation and the School District of River Falls. Naming opportunities are also available. Gifts can be made to the project via the UWRF Foundation by calling 715-425-3505 or through the website at <https://www.uwrfgiving.com>.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, as part of Homecoming weekend, the University is hosting a tailgate at Ramer Field to unveil the plans for the renovated stadium. The tailgate will be held in the Ramer Field Pavilion beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$8 for lunch and can be bought at the gate. Kickoff for the Homecoming game versus UW-Platteville is at 1 p.m. For more information on the tailgate, contact the UWRF Special Events Office at [events@uwrf.edu](mailto:events@uwrf.edu) or 715-425-3545.



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**Exterior and interior architectural renderings of planned improvements to David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field including replacement of the west side press box with a new structure that will include coaches boxes, a VIP room, ticketing, a new entrance and an artificial turf playing surface.**

## News briefs

### Homecoming 2013 events to run Oct. 7-12 at UW-River Falls

The theme of the 2013 Homecoming celebration, Oct. 7-12, at UW-River Falls is “Falcon Pride,” something that will certainly be in full display during a week of events that will engage current students, welcome back and honor returning alumni, and greet community members.

The highlights of the week will include: The Chancellor’s Homecoming 5K Run/Walk Race will begin at 8 a.m., on Oct. 12 at Ramer Field. All are cordially invited to participate in a 5K run/walk race throughout campus. UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Galen will lead the race.

The Homecoming Parade begins at 10:30 a.m., on Oct. 12, on Main Street and Second Street. Join the excitement as UWRF and the Shriners come together for their annual fall parade which includes floats, marching bands, and student showcases. The parade will begin on the north end of Main Street and head down Second Street toward the campus.

The David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field Transformation Tailgate begins at 11 a.m., on Oct. 12 at Ramer Field Pavilion. All alumni and friends that are interested in hearing about the renovation plans for Ramer Field are cordially invited to this tailgate.

The Homecoming Football Game begins at 1 p.m., on Oct. 12, at David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field. Come cheer on the Falcons as

they battle UW-Platteville. A full listing of the week’s events, including registration information for select events and who to contact for more information, is available at <http://www.uwrf.edu/University-Advancement/AlumniRelations/Homecoming2013.cfm>

### UW-River Falls receives NSF Grant to make physics more accessible through short videos

UW-River Falls has received a \$199,813 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The program funded by the grant, Video Bridge: Using short direct-measurement videos to bridge the gap between abstracted physics concepts and their applications, seeks to make compelling short videos of real-life situations that illustrate physics concepts such as velocity, acceleration, conservation of momentum and angular momentum.

The program is under the direction of Matthew Vonk, physics professor at UWRF; Ellen Iverson, director of evaluation at the Carleton College Science Education Resource Center; and Peter Bohacek, physics teacher at Henry Sibley High School in Mendota Heights, Minn.

“Video technology has the power to change how young people see and understand the world around them,” Vonk said. “Physics videos are much more engaging to students than traditional written physics problems and allow students to actively investigate situations and scenarios that are simply not practical in

most educational settings. We feel strongly that educators should harness the tremendous power of video for pedagogical ends.”

UWRF has a historically strong program in physics. Compared with 261 other public comprehensive institutions nationally from 1976 to 2006, UWRF ranks ninth in sending students on to receive a Ph.D. in physics.

Examples of the types of videos this grant will fund the production of are available at [http://serc.carleton.edu/sp/library/direct\\_measurement\\_video/video\\_library.html](http://serc.carleton.edu/sp/library/direct_measurement_video/video_library.html).

“This grant will allow UWRF to be a national leader in developing creative content that harnesses the new power of technology in the classroom,” Vonk said.

For more information, contact Vonk at 715-425-3235 or [matthew.vonk@uwrf.edu](mailto:matthew.vonk@uwrf.edu).

### UW-River Falls to host first Bachelor of Fine Arts graphic design exhibition

The first three Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) graphic design graduates of UW-River Falls will present their BFA degree exhibition, “#winspiration,” at the Ames Gallery in the University Center (UC) Oct. 11–28.

Tarah Benson, Nicole Moscovitz and Pakou Mua are all from Minneapolis suburbs. Both Benson and Mua are pursuing a secondary emphasis in photography, while Moscovitz is pursuing a secondary emphasis in glass with a second major in marketing communications. Their senior show will focus on commercial art including branding, advertising,

skateboard graphics and package design.

A reception for the artists is set from 5-7 p.m., Oct. 18, on the third floor of the University Center. The Ames Gallery is open during regular University Center hours from 7 a.m. to midnight on Sunday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday from. For more information, contact the UWRF Art Department at 715-425-3266.

### UW-River Falls to facilitate panel discussion on the state of the local news media

Each semester the UW-River Falls Journalism Department sponsors the Working Journalists seminar for students and the public. This semester, a panel of media professionals will discuss the “State of the Local News Media” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, in 120 South Hall. Admission is free.

Panelists will include Rich Kremer, WPR reporter and host; Eric Black, political writer for the online newspaper, MinnPost; Steve Dzubay, RiverTowns Newspaper Group publisher; and KARE-TV Assistant News Director Stacey Nagy.

Andris Straumanis, associate journalism professor at UWRF, will moderate the discussion.

For more information, contact Sandra Ellis, professor and chair of the Journalism Department at 715-425-3169 or [sandra.ellis@uwrf.edu](mailto:sandra.ellis@uwrf.edu).

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# Professor writes screenplay for short film

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Assistant Professor of English and faculty advisor to the UW-River Falls student literary magazine “Prologue” Joseph Rein has recently acquired an interesting accolade. Rein’s screenplay, “15 Minutes with Jacob,” was made into a short film this year.

The film focuses upon the attempts of young journalist, Miss Smith, to reach into the inner workings of the serial killer Jacob Gilroy’s mind. Unfortunately, Gilroy is scheduled to be executed the following evening. Smith’s goal is to prove wrong the findings that Gilroy’s victims were killed at random, as well as find out why he turned himself into the police. As the official synopsis of the film states, ‘She has “15 Minutes with Jacob.”’

Joel Clark Ackerman plays Gilroy. The character was meant to be a cross between Hannibal Lector and Dr. House. This goal-combination leads to an intriguing and frightening character. Other cast members include Kim Cottom as Smith and Aubyn Philabaum as Rebecca.

“15 Minutes with Jacob” is a crime-related, dramatic short film that is roughly 15 minutes long. The time of 15 minutes is the generally accepted length for most short films. In the screenplay world, where one page of dialogue is equivalent to one minute of content, it is often hard to achieve a 15 minute screenplay because of this equivalency.

According to Rein, the first draft of this screenplay was 26 pages long. It took many draft changes to shrink the script down to the acceptable size. The 15 minutes standard also appeared to be an apt time as the film begins with the line, “You’ve got 15 minutes.”

The crime thriller that is “15 Minutes with Jacob” is not Rein’s preferred genre. In truth, the idea for the screenplay was not Rein’s own.

“I have never written anything like this before,” Rein said.

He viewed this screenplay as “an escape” from his normal writing. His friend and director of “15 Minutes with Jacob,” Nino Aldi, came to Rein with the idea but was unsure how to pursue it.

Rein then began to write drafts upon drafts of the script. The final script that was used for the shooting of the film was draft No. 16.

Rein has had many works of poetry, fiction and essays appear in over 15 journals, including “The Pinch Literary Journal” and “Beyond the Workshop.” However, Rein described the experience of having his screenplay turned into a short film as an entirely different experience.

“It’s entirely different when you see your writing acted out as a screenplay because your words are taken a different way,” Rein said. “There are different levels of interpretation.”

According to Rein, his first time was not the most enjoyable experience due to the many changes made to the



Meghann Witthoft/Student Voice

**Assistant Professor Joseph Rein recently had his screenplay, “15 Minutes with Jacob,” made into a short film. He would like to see the short film screened at UWRF.**

screenplay in the process of shooting.

However, the more he watched the movie, the more he began to appreciate the movie as a whole rather than focusing upon the changes that had been made to his work.

The screenplay is currently being submitted to film festivals around the country. It has already been shown at the Action on Film International Film Festival, where it was nominated Best Score Short and Best Composition, and has also been selected to play

at the ITSA Film Festival in North Carolina.

“It’s really cool to see it chosen by film festivals but it’s also a bit maddening because I can’t be there,” Rein said.

Rein hopes that “15 Minutes with Jacob” will be chosen by a more local film festival so that he would be able to see the reactions of an audience that is not connected with the film itself. Unfortunately, while the film is being submitted to these numerous festivals it is not available to be viewed by the general

public as a requirement of the process.

Rein is looking into having a screening of the film here at UWRF; however this has yet to be discussed with producers.

The film itself has also made waves on campus. It has inspired Rein to create a special topics course in screenwriting that will be offered this coming spring.

The course is mainly set for English and Creative Writing majors but Rein is hoping for an overall crossover with other majors such as Theatre

Arts.

One major goal Rein has expressed of this course is to bring the experience of script writing to the classroom in an interactive way. “Anyone see a movie this weekend?” would actually be an appropriate discussion point in this course, Rein joked.

The short film “15 Minutes with Jacob” is an interesting accomplishment of Rein and has had an impact upon the campus. “15 Minutes with Jacob” certainly will have more than 15 minutes of fame in this year.

## Tuition: Freeze raises campus concerns

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goal of the Falcon Promise is to increase student retention and success, especially for students having significant financial need and to enhance the learning environment at UWRF.

There are four initiatives that are included in the Falcon Promise, with the disbursement of the differential tuition. Enhanced learning space is one of them.

UWRF was founded in 1874. Many buildings on campus were created early on in the University’s history. North Hall was built in 1914 in response to a growing student enrollment.

Nearly 40 years after the establishment of North Hall, UWRF took on more students and expanded the entire campus. The Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA) building and Centennial Science Hall (CSH) were then created.

Now, several decades later, UWRF is in immediate need of an update. Classrooms are outdated due to their age. Differential tuition is allocated to the enhancement of such buildings.

Recently, several rooms in CSH, North Hall and KFA were updated.

“You can see a full listing of the updates on the University website,” Shepherd said.

“The University has done a good job of updating,” said senior MollyEllen Busker in response to the work done on KFA. “I don’t think our campus is that out of date.”

The Falcon Promise guarantees that UWRF is able to upgrade classrooms and other academic learning spaces on a regular basis. Technology, audiovisual devices, chairs, tables, lighting, paint and carpeting are all aspects that are taken into consideration during a classroom update.

Differential tuition is not the sole means of funding

the enhancement of learning spaces on campus. UWRF matches the student investment from differential tuition to successfully fund the updating process.

“You can see the Falcon Promise pledge information off the Budget Office website,” Shepherd pointed out.

With the recent tuition freeze on the UW System, differential tuition will not raise.

“Potentially, this freeze is a real threat to aging buildings on our campus,” Shepherd said.

Projects are still scheduled to take place on campus to enhance even more classrooms, including CSH and KFA during 2013.

For more information and to see the projects in place for the 2013-2104 school year, Shepherd urges students to visit the UWRF website, [www.uwrf.edu/Administration/Chancellor/Falcon-Promise.cfm](http://www.uwrf.edu/Administration/Chancellor/Falcon-Promise.cfm).

## Homecoming brings activities to campus

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Homecoming is right around the corner.

Events for UW-River Falls’ homecoming will begin on Monday, Oct. 7, and run through Saturday night, Oct. 12.

On Monday, student organizations which signed up for the window decorating will be able to begin painting the windows of business in downtown River Falls. Student Organizations and Leadership Coordinator Anna Hunter said that the number of student organizations which signed up increased from roughly 13 in prior years, to 26 this year. Hunter said that there is a plan in place if the number of organizations which sign up continues to increase in future years.

“We actually have had a couple of businesses not on Main Street, but on the side streets, that have expressed that they wanted their windows painted. So we think that it will trickle out of Main Street eventually,” Hunter said.

Another event which begins on Monday is the week long, campus-wide medalion hunt. Clues for the medalion’s location will be revealed each day on Student Life’s Facebook page. The first student to find the medalion will receive a \$100 gift card to the Falcon Shop.

The next campus event takes place from 4-8 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 11, on the University Center (UC) Mall. The bean bag tournament is run by the Recreation and Sport Facilities and is open to all students, faculty and staff.

On Friday night, Oct. 12, Student Life sponsors the

Falcon’s Got Talent! Lip Sync and Variety Show. Both student organizations and individual students can register for the event. As of now, there will be 12 groups performing at this event, the most ever.

“This is anything from lip sync, to singing, to dancing, to whatever somebody wants to do to highlight their talents,” Hunter said.

Homecoming Saturday is the big day for events both on and off of the UWRF campus. The day kicks off at 8 a.m., with the Chancellor’s 5k race/walk, which begins at Ramer Field.

At 10:30 a.m., the Homecoming parade will begin at the American Legion on Main Street. The parade will proceed down Main Street, and end in back of the UC. This route for the parade is different than last year.

“We’re excited this year, because last year it got moved to Second Street. So this year we were able to bring it back to Main Street,” Hunter said. “All the UWRF groups will continue back to the University Center so they can end up back by the spirit tent area.”

The deadline for signing up for the parade is Friday, Oct. 4, but Hunter said if any students or organizations are interested in signing up after the deadline has passed, they should contact her.

The spirit tent is a new addition to the Homecoming festivities on campus and it is sponsored by the Department of Residence Life.

“The hope is that students will come and get falconized before the football game on Saturday,” said Tanya Hartwig, an area coordinator for Res Life.

Sponsors including the National Residence Hall Honor-

ary (NRHH) and Great Clips will be handing out spirit items, doing make-up and doing hair flair, among other things, according to Hartwig.

The spirit tent will be open in back of the UC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The University will be running shuttles from the UC to Ramer Field again this year. This is so students can quickly go from the spirit tent to the football game without having to walk.

“[The UC] is going to be the location where the trolleys will pick students up and bring them out to the football game,” Hartwig said. “We’re hoping to catch students coming into the commons for their Saturday brunch. Hopefully we’ll catch their eye and they’ll come out and get in the spirit.”

At Ramer Field, Student Senate will be handing out thunder sticks to students to arrive, in an effort to promote school spirit.

Senior Zac Luther plans on attending the football game again this year.

“It’s fun to see everyone wearing their shirts and celebrating one of the greatest weekends of the year,” Luther said.

Following the football game, Senate will be hosting an event, with food, at the amphitheater.

Finally, at 8 p.m. in the Falcon’s Nest in the UC, comedian Zach Sherwin will be performing. Sherwin is best known for writing, and performing, the “Epic Rap Battles of History.”

“There’s a lot of things going on,” Hartwig said.

For a full list of events visit [www.uwrf.edu/StudentLife/ActivitiesAndEvents/Homecoming.cfm](http://www.uwrf.edu/StudentLife/ActivitiesAndEvents/Homecoming.cfm).

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EDITORIAL

Students encouraged to represent campus positively

The next week will be an exciting time for the UW-River Falls campus.

This weekend UW Student Reps will be coming to campus and next week will be filled with community members, alumni and other guests for homecoming week.

Student Reps are comprised of presidents and vice presidents of Student Senates from around the state of Wisconsin. These Student Reps have five different meetings throughout the year, and this will be the only one at UWRF. This is the first meeting of the year for Student Reps, whose decisions affect 26 campuses across the state.

President Sam Tauchen and Vice President Anthony Sumnicht will be representing UWRF throughout the year with the goal of increasing awareness and relevance for our campus. We can do our part this weekend by being good examples of what we are about at UWRF.

Student Reps have a lot of power in what happens on UW campuses, and students should be aware of what they are doing. It will be held its meeting beginning at 4 p.m., this Friday, Oct. 4, and continuing at 8 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 5.

We would encourage students to attend the meetings even though it may seem that the Student Reps are handling issues which may not seem like they are directly affecting us, but they are.

Homecoming week is full of some of the greatest memories any student will have at UWRF. There are events going on throughout the whole week, in which students should take the time to get involved. These are fun ways to get to know more people, have fun and come together as a campus to celebrate “Falcon Pride.”

Homecoming is a real unifying gesture for the community of River Falls and the campus. This is shown most with student organizations painting business’ windows downtown. There is also the parade that goes down main street on homecoming day.

This is a perfect time for people who have not seen our beautiful campus or who have never experienced UWRF the way all of the students have.

With that being said we encourage students to be on their best behavior and be a good example of what us Falcons are all about.

From the artwork spread across campus, the close knit community feel and the overall atmosphere, any guest should be impressed.

We should take this chance of having visitors by giving them a friendly greeting and show them why we choose to go to school here. UWRF is our home and that is something we should all be proud of.

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Senate Corner: Senate faces busy week

**Matt Shutey**  
Legislative Affairs Director

The UW-River Falls Student Senate held an election last week that was riddled with technical issues. Qualtrics, the web-based tool used for last week’s elections, dropped the ball by giving some students the ability to vote twice, some not able to access the voting system and some students did not get the email at all.

Based off of these issues, Fall Elections Commissioner Mohammad Battah has chosen to redo the elections using Orgsync to facilitate the voting. The Orgsync voting will begin at 12 a.m., this Sunday, Oct. 6, and this time everyone will get a fair chance at voting.

All students will receive an email with a link to Orgsync, and the election can be accessed through Orgsync itself under Senate’s page.

The results will be announced at the Senate meeting at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Senate is filling one at-large position and four first year representative positions.

At the end of this week UWRF will be welcoming representatives from 14 University of Wisconsin schools, and members of the UW System staff. The UW System Student Representatives Conference is being held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, and at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, in the St. Croix room in the University Center. This meeting will be open to the public and will be discussing things that effect all University of Wisconsin Schools.

Each university in the UW System is given two voting representatives that are allowed to come to any UW System Student Representatives Conferences, and each school is allowed one vote on matters that effect all schools.

With homecoming just around the bend, Senate is excited to participate in the events. We will be joining in the parade as well as the football game festivities.

We will be handing out thunder sticks at the beginning of the game, so we can all cheer the Falcon football team to victory. Following, there will be smores and other assorted snacks at the amphitheater. So make sure to leave the game hungry and we will see you all on Oct. 12. Go Falcons!

## Find Freddy Falcon’s Feather!

Be the first person to find the lost Freddy the Falcon Feather in this issue of the Voice and win two free movie passes to the Falls Theatre! (105 S. Main St.)

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Elizabeth Daniels



# Students encouraged to fight depression

Betsy Gerbec

Guest Columnist

“To be sure, I appear at times merry and in good heart; talk, too, before others quite reasonably, and it looks as if I felt, too, God knows how well within my skin. Yet my soul maintains its deathly sleep and the heart bleeds from a thousand wounds,” said Austrian composer Hugo Wolf

It is October. A year ago I stood before my classes in a semester that seemed full of promise, so full of energy. In the fall I teach my favorite class, Zoology, and am excited to be teaching it again and make it better than ever.

This year, I have that same feeling as I stand before that class. It scares me to think how quickly that promise, that energy, that clear-sighted thinking that I had last year can suddenly be cut short.

Many of you know that I have been personally touched by the tragedy of suicide. On Sept. 28, 2012, my 23-year-old son, Dan, a senior at UW-Eau Claire, took his own life. The outpouring of love and support, by both faculty and students, was overwhelming. My husband Terry, son Zack and I want you to know how much it does help to know you are thinking about us. I am grateful to all of you for helping us through this.

From where I, and everyone else stood, Dan was smart, creative, funny and thoughtful. He loved zombies, video games, music, professional basketball and hockey. He could have been a better student, could have gotten better grades, but he was satisfied acing the classes he liked and getting by in the classes he did not. He was a people person. He liked everybody and everybody liked him. I am not just saying this from the perspective of a mother who adores her children. He was the happy-go lucky, passionate, loyal, lion-hearted boy with a million friends, the eternally lovable son.

There was no warning, beyond the fact that he seemed very tired, and more irritable than usual and he was drinking more. He told me that he was having trouble sleeping, and that is why he was irritable and drinking to help fall asleep. I suggested he go see a doctor, maybe get some blood work or some pills and he did.

The doctor recognized his depression and put Dan on anti-depressants. He started seeing a psychologist who told him he had been depressed for years. He told the doctor he had thought about suicide, but would not actually do it.

For five weeks he took the pills and worked with the counselor, but the help came too late, and Dan killed himself. I saw him three days before and he seemed better, happier, calmer, but now we know it was probably because he had made the decision. His psychologist told me with the decision made, he probably felt better, relieved. I only found out after his death about the depression and that was only because he used the meds to overdose.

When Dan died, the official from Eau Claire told me the announcement to the campus would just say that he died unexpectedly. I told him don’t you dare. Don’t you dare cover this up. You tell them what happened, you help students who feel like that, tell them that there are other ways out of what they are feeling. You find help for them. Do not let this happen again.

I do not know why Dan kept his misery from us. Maybe he did not want to burden us with his problems. If you are thinking like that, I am here to tell you that nothing, nothing, he could have told me would have been anywhere near the burden of missing my son that I will carry for the rest of my life. His brother is now an only child. His best friend does not have a best friend anymore. His gang of friends from home is missing part of the collective “we” that they were and it will never be the same. His girlfriend has lost him. The little kids at the cabin who loved him and worshipped the “big boy” have lost their hero.

The counseling center here at UW-River Falls has given some good advice about helping friends find help, helping them see these bad feelings are temporary. Tell them it is not you, it is the depression. Depression is not you, it’s a neuro-biological disease, a disease, just like any other and it can be cured. Please be there for each other, for your friends, or for strangers who look like they might need some support. There are “signs,” that some people who are considering suicide often give. Watch for them and make sure your friend goes to get help. Walk them to the counseling center in Hagestad Hall, watch them make an appointment, be there when they

need you. Watch for the signs.

However, the Medical Examiner in Eau Claire told me that in the case of a lot of successful suicides, there are rarely any warnings. The calm at the end might have been a sign, but I did not know to look for it.

Looking back, the increase in alcohol should have been a warning. So, too, was the insomnia and it will haunt me forever that I didn’t see it for what it was. What hurts the most is I was never given a chance to help.

So, in the end, to those who are depressed, or those who are contemplating taking their own life, please listen to me. Depression is what it is. It is not a sign of weakness, it is not a flaw, it is not shameful. Lots of people, who seem so together, whom everybody loves, for whom life seems so effortless, are depressed. If you can not talk to your friends, or your parents, or someone else, then do not. But get help. Get up and get help. There are professionals on this campus, who have chosen helping students as their life’s work and trained for that moment when you walk in the door to say you need to talk. And that is what they will do. The counselors here on campus have chosen to be here, specifically waiting for you.

Do it for yourself, do it for your friends, do it for your mother, or your boyfriend or girlfriend. But mostly, do it for yourself. Do not wait until you are thinking of suicide. There are other ways to make the hurt go away that do not involve death. Tell yourself it’s the depression making you feel that way and those feelings can go away. But *you* have to do something. Please do it.

And for those of you who do not understand what depression is, who are lucky enough not have that monster in your closet, pay attention to those around you. Put down the cell phone for a minute and really look at and listen to the people around you. Look beyond the defensiveness, the seemingly self-destructive acts, the silence, and the tendency to isolate. Do not judge them, for you do not know what is in their hearts. You don’t have to be their counselor or their confidant. Just care enough to let them know you notice them, see them as valuable and can help them find help.

Please help me spread the word about depression, suicide awareness, intervention and prevention.

## Community organizers celebrate inaugural Green Skills Sampler

Molly Breitmün

Columnist

River Falls is abundant in self-resiliency. As a community, we are amongst countless people who have diverse skills that add up to leading a sustainable lifestyle. More importantly, our resident teachers (aka our neighbors) who have tested the waters successfully are willing to share their local knowledge at the Green Skills Sampler.

When I first moved out of my parent’s home, some paths to sustainable living seemed intimidating or inaccessible. I rented an apartment where I could not imagine keeping bees or raising chickens. I had never canned or composted. I had no idea where to start or if it would be hard and expensive to dive in.

Later, as an AmeriCorps volunteer, I had the opportunity to be a part of an intentional farming community, living and working with people with developmental disabilities.

The lost arts of self-sufficiency were a major daily focus on the farm, so my exposure came quickly and easily all of a sudden. I was incredibly lucky to have the luxury of experiencing sustainable living in a community expressly dedicated to that goal. Some people learn the skills from their grandparents and elders, some fall into it because of a passion for quality or simply searching for a noble hobby and some of us will get our first taste of the satisfaction of earth-wise ingenuity at the Green Skills Sampler.

The Sampler is a full day dedicated to local resourcefulness, particularly with hands-on instruction. Topics include: home beer brewing, backyard edible and medicinal plants, maple syrup production, adult yoga, seed saving, top-bar beekeeping, small-scale berry production, fruit tree pruning, bicycle maintenance, small engine maintenance, food preservation, raising chickens, edible landscaping and square foot gardening, healthy and efficient homes, raising rabbits, environmental landscaping, solar power, whole grain baking, kitchen worm composting, scythe mowing for field and yard and natural building methods.

Anna Zalusky, a local advocate for ecological living and a coordinator for the Sampler, explained to me how this event was cultivated. Last year, a large contingent of River Falls folks, that included Zalusky and her friends and family, attended a similar event in Prairie Farm, Wis. Zalusky described it as fantastic.

“We learned a ton and brought home some really great skills that we were able to put to use right away. I tapped the maple trees in my yard,” Zalusky said.

River Falls was so well represented at the event that the organizers suggested that our community organize one as well. Monique Squire, the community education coordinator for the River Falls school district was sought out and was very supportive of the idea said Zalusky.

The organizers recruited community members to be in-



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**Maureen Ash, local baker, will be sharing her whole-grain baking skills at the Green Skills Sampler, Saturday, Oct. 5.**

structors, one having learned their skill (worm composting) at the event that originally inspired them all. Their grassroots efforts are a great example of success distinctive to River Falls.

“I have been so impressed with our community and the several organizations helping to make this event possible,” Zalusky said.

Along with Zalusky’s organization, the Local Food Partnership, the project partners include the UWRF St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development, River Falls Community Education and What We Need Is Here. Allina Health also granted funds to purchase food preservation and whole grain baking equipment.

It will be a well-rounded affair. The event will be hosting booths for local organizations such as Grow To Share, UWRF’s Student Alliance for Local and Sustainable Agriculture, Habitat for Humanity and the River Falls Municipal Utilities program, POWERful Choices.

A book swap will also be held for people interested in leaving a book and taking a new one to bring home. The Dish and the Spoon Café will provide an optional catering service. When checking in on Saturday attendees can order a lunch to be delivered for \$8. Additionally, a continental breakfast and childcare are complimentary with the \$10 registration.

The Green Skills Sampler promises fun, good food for thought and the chance to meet or catch up with neighbors interested in sustainable living. The classes have been designed to take away the intimidation associated with new activities through using concrete applications and active participation. I hope to see you there.

The Green Skills Sampler costs \$10 and will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the River Falls High School.

For the times of the class sessions, please go to: <http://www.localfoodpartnership.org/>. If you have additional questions or need complimentary childcare please email: [rflocal-food@gmail.com](mailto:rflocal-food@gmail.com).

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

## STUDENT VOICES

Where is your favorite place to study?



**Noah Hite**  
**Freshman**

“By the fireplace in the UC.”



**Carolynn Oaks**  
**Senior**

“Library”



**Amber Stone**  
**Junior**

“The area by the Falcon shop.”



**Hanna Thueson**  
**Sophomore**

“McMillan Lounge”



**Timothy Zappa**  
**Sophomore**

“Lower level of UC near the commons.”

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# Golf team aims for continued success in WIAC

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The UW-River Falls women’s golf team is set to finish its fall season at the WIAC tournament, which runs from Oct. 4-6.

Meets will conclude for the fall season following the WIAC tournament. The team will pick up its season again in the spring.

“It’s called traditional and non-traditional. Our traditional season is in the fall, which is happening right now,” said Head Golf Coach Matthew Cranston. “Spring is a about a third of the fall. The fall is the one that really counts.”

The team starts the fall season around the Labor Day weekend and continues for eight weeks until the conference tournament. The national tournament takes place from May 13-16, in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., according to the NCAA website.

According to Cranston, the team which wins the WIAC tournament will get an automatic bid to the national tournament. However, it is possible for individual golfers to get a

bid to the national tournament without the team going.

“As an individual, they only take a few out of the entire region. You would have to shoot incredibly low the entire season, both this fall and next season in the spring,” Cranston said.

Cranston added that a golfer would probably have to shoot an average of 76, or below, for the entire fall and spring season to have a shot at qualifying. The team’s top golfer so far this season, sophomore Gillian McDonald is averaging an 83.5 during the fall season.

This season, the team features a very young group. Seven of the eight golfers are underclassmen. Senior Paige Cook is the only upperclassmen on the team, which comes with trials and tribulations.

“It’s a lot of work, because you have to be the one to set the good example,” Cook said. “The underclassmen over take you sometimes so it’s frustrating, but its all right.”

Cook was the team’s No. 3 golfer at it’s last tournament in Stevens Point.

With a strong, core group of golfers, Cranston said that the program is close to being able to capture a WIAC

championship, something which the Falcons have never accomplished. The team has been improving, and continues to improve, under Cranston’s watch.

“They really get better faster,” Cranston said. “Last year we finished fourth in the conference. I think, when I came here four years ago we were last place. So we’ve slowly moved up to fourth. It’s [the top three] going to be tough to crack, but we’re shooting to be as good as we were last year or better.”

The teams which finished ahead of the Falcons last year were UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater. Stout will be looking for it’s second straight WIAC crown and Eau Claire is ranked No. 23 in the country, according to the NCAA. The Falcons defeated Whitewater at the Stevens Point tournament last weekend.

To win the WIAC tournament a team must have the lowest score after 54 holes of golf. The tournament runs for three days, beginning at noon on Friday, Oct. 4, and ending on Sunday, Oct. 6 and is being held at the Lake Arrowhead Golf Course in Nekoosa, Wis., just south of Wisconsin Rapids.



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**Top: Senior Paige Cook gets ready for a putt on hole No. 1 at the River Falls Golf Course. Cook is golfing the No. 3 spot on the team, averaging a 92.22 so far this season. Bottom: Alex Zeuli hits a shot off of the fairway. She is the team’s No. 2 golfer, averaging a 90.22 this season.**

## Falcon Spotlight: Gillian McDonald



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Gillian McDonald is a member of the women’s golf team.

She began playing high school golf when she was in eighth grade, so she had many years of golf experience before attending UW-River Falls.

The transition from high school golf to college golf was not that difficult for McDonald.

“You just have a lot more people that are able to play at a higher level,” McDonald said.

The other main difference is that in high school the competitive season is in the spring, and in college it is in the fall.

McDonald’s favorite part of being on the golf team at UWRf is the sport’s unique combination of the team and the individual.

“It’s fun to have a team atmosphere but also be able to be competitive by yourself and have your score completely depend upon how you perform,” McDonald said.

McDonald is a sophomore this year, but she already has a strong presence at UWRf and in the WIAC. In 2012 she won an All-WIAC award, and in 2013 she was named UWRf Athletics Newcomer of the Year.

Despite winning these prestigious awards, the highlight of McDonald’s golf career at UWRf thus far is team-oriented.

“Our team keeps getting better year after year, and it’s fun to compete toward the top tier of the conference,” she said.

McDonald holds herself to high standards and sets the bar high for her personal goals in the sport. Her best career score is a 73, and her best college score thus far is a 78.

“I hope to consistently shoot in the 70s and show improvement year after year,” McDonald said.

McDonald works just as hard in the classroom as she does on the golf course. In 2012, she was a member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll. She is a dual degree student and is studying applied physics and mechanical engineering.

Outside of golf and school, she enjoys the outdoors. “I just like to be outside or out on the water,” McDonald said.

In addition, she is a two-sport athlete here at UWRf. You will see her on ice with the Falcons this winter as a goalie on the women’s hockey team.

## Men’s basketball looking to finish in top half of WIAC this season

Brandon Jones  
Columnist

As we get deeper into fall, more sports become relevant than just football. We will have hockey and basketball back in full swing now and the campus is craving a winner. For years our hockey teams have been very competitive, recently the women more than the men, but it should even itself out this year.

As for basketball, well that’s another story. The women’s basketball team here on campus has been enormously overlooked the past three years when they have had a successful run lead by the Gregorich sisters, great coaching and a terrific bench.

The women turned in another stellar year last year led by the do everything Brittany Gregorich and a cast of characters around her that did well enough to finish a respectable 8-8 in conference, and 14-12 overall. The sisters have graduated now, first Tiffany two years ago, and Brittany last year. In steps a group of young ladies, anxiously awaiting their chance to prove themselves on the hardwood. Led by Tess Lueders and Richell Mehus, this group is full of energy, excitement and the potential for a great year.

Standing in their way are the typical names; UW-Whitewater and UW-Stevens Point. The Falcons did well to earn themselves their first ever spot in the national tournament two seasons ago. They exited with a first round loss. Do not let that accomplishment go unnoticed.

The men’s team made the national tourney that same year, then had an abysmal season last year filled with Head Coach Jeff Berkhof trying to find the right puzzle pieces to fit into

the right spots. The leader of the team, Ollie White went down to injury and a group of youngsters were thrust into action against more experienced and polished players. This head scratching resulted in a poor record.

The men finished 3-13 in conference, 8-17 overall. So what do the odds look like for the men to turn it around this year? Well the usual suspects should lead the way with a potential for a surprise or two along the way. Without further ado, here are my season predictions for the WIAC men’s basketball year:

First: I think I would be crazy not to choose Whitewater here. Head Coach Pat Miller has accumulated a 262-79 record in his tenure at Whitewater, including a national championship and a handful of WIAC titles to go along with three tournament titles. His fourth best winning percentage just shy of .770, leaves him behind a list of conference legends such as Bo Ryan. Now the players, Quardell Young should shine this year, Alex Merg will be solid, Cody Odegaard is sufficient and Jack Herum a product of River Falls High School should provide a boost off of the bench. Two years removed from a national championship, this squad may lack the perennial player that team had (Chris Davis) to make the title run.

Second: Stevens Point has done enough in recruiting the last five years to earn this spot. DeVon Jackson is a stud, nobody can guard Trevor Hass or Clayton Heuer and Austin Ryf just seems to make the right play all of the time. He will not let you beat him, nor will he beat himself. Besides having a beautiful place to play ball, this team should play some pretty basketball. Constant movement and flowing should result in a strong year for the Pointers.

Third: Here is the first potential surprise, depending on

whether or not you paid attention last year. I had the privilege to go and call a UWRf men’s game at UW-Stout last year, and this team is for real. It plays with a swagger that you can fall in love with. There are guys on their team who love to jaw the whole game and back it up with big shots and timely defense. Jarvis Ragland leads this team in his senior year along with Alex Oman and Aaron Jenny. Here is a name you might not know, but keep an eye on, Troy Klingsporn. The kid can ball, and he is there for one reason, to score.

Fourth: the Falcons will find a way to do this. They have the talent; it is about finding the group of five guys that can be kept on the court together as a unit to succeed. If there could be one personal complaint about last year, it would be that subs were brought in too often. There really was not a strong consistent group of five guys who could be counted on to play 30 minutes a game each night like we had grown to see with the past two Falcon teams that both made the national tournament. This year Ollie White is healthy and ready to go. The guards have to play big for this team to win. Taylor Peterson is a guy every coach wants on his team. He will do anything to win.

Fifth: the UW-Platteville Pioneers boast arguably the best post player in the league in Chas Cross, but can he carry them to a WIAC title? Not Likely. He will need some support from Brad Reinke amongst others to get to the promise land, but they should fall just short this year. I would be shocked if Cross doesn’t have double digit 20 point games.

The Rest: six- UW-Lacrosse, seven- UW-Superior, eight- UW-Eau Claire, nine- UW-Oshkosh

Brandon is a senior journalism major minoring in political science. Sports means the world to him. The sound of a ball cracking against a bat, a ref blowing his whistle. It all means the same thing for him happiness. We all have our thing, his is sports.

The Falcons play at home on Oct. 5, against UW- Oshkosh at 2 p.m. The team also plays away against UW- Superior on Oct. 9.

## Important WIAC match-ups this week for three UWRf Falcon athletic teams

Football	Volleyball
The Falcons play their WIAC opener on Oct. 5, at UW-Stevens Point.	The Falcons play at home on Oct. 4, against UW- Oshkosh at 7 p.m. The team also plays at home on Oct. 5, against UW-Whitewater at noon.

Women’s Soccer
The Falcons play at home on Oct. 5, against UW- Oshkosh at 2 p.m. The team also plays away against UW- Superior on Oct. 9.



# Young tennis team looks to juniors for leadership

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With a new head coach and only eight total players, the UW-River Falls tennis team is leaning on its three juniors to be leaders this season.

UWRF has no seniors on the team, so the leadership has come from the three juniors: Makayla Newberry, Brittany Mohn and Hannah Klimek.

“They bring good experience in practice and have a real willingness to adapt to my coaching style which has helped,” said first year Head Coach Michele Bailey.

The three juniors have stepped into the leadership role after losing six players from last years team.

“We are the leaders of the team, everyone comes to us,” Mohn said.

Newberry agreed but also stated that the whole team provides leadership and that there are no set captains on the team.

UWRF is just over halfway done with its fall season. The team has had a tough start and is sitting at an 0-6 overall record. “It has been a struggle but we have come a long way,” Klimek said.

Some of the top performers this season have been Klimek, Kelly Mendel and Kelsey Hochberger. Mendel, a freshman

for UWRF, was named the player of the week after a dual meet against UW-Oshkosh. She won in straight sets 6-1 and 6-4.

Mendel and Klimek were also named the doubles team of the week after winning 8-5 in their match against Oshkosh. Bailey said that Hochberger has one of the best work ethics she has seen.

“She works hard every practice and always leaves exhausted,” Bailey said.

Bailey mentioned that Klimek has impressed her most in match play.

“She is the most mentally tough player on the team. She has faced some tough opponents but always works hard to adjust throughout the match,” Bailey said.

Bailey said the team wants to try new things, but it is tough playing in the WIAC.

“The WIAC is one of the toughest conferences out there. We are playing teams with a lot more experienced players and coaches, which makes it hard for us to try new things,” Bailey said.

Bailey had been a tennis instructor at the Wooddale Tennis and Health Club in Woodbury, Minn., the past four years. She worked with both junior and adult players in drills, match play and instruction, according to uwrfsports.com

“The University has been super welcoming and all the

other coaches here have been encouraging and are always offering to help in any way they can,” Bailey said.

“She really is individualized in her coaching and works well one on one with us,” Mohn said.

Bailey talked a lot about the team being innovative this season and looks for that to be a key factor as the season goes on. She said through innovation the players will be able to adjust and take some risks in order to win. Another area she is working hard on is conditioning.

“We cannot catch up in experience that other players have, but we can improve our fitness. I want us to be the toughest team around,” Bailey said.

Newberry echoed what her coach said, “She has really kicked our butts, but brings a lot of positive energy.”

All three juniors agreed their goal is to finish 5th in the WIAC and they believe that goal is still attainable with three more matches against WIAC teams and the WIAC tournament still left this season.

“We just need to be positive and work on our mental game moving forward,” Klimek said.

One of the things Newberry said they need to work on is being more aggressive. “We have been told by other teams that we are to nice.”

The tennis team will play their next match at 9 a.m., on Saturday, Oct 5, at UW-La Crosse.

## Falcon Spotlight: Hannah Klimek



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Junior tennis player Hannah Klimek has been a strong leader and player for UW-River Falls the past three years.

She has been named to the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll the previous two years, was part of the WIAC doubles team of the week and won the UWRF Athletics Performance of the Year when she and teammate Makayla Newberry upset a duo from UW-Whitewater in a doubles match. The duo was previously undefeated.

Klimek has played tennis since she was in middle school. She is from Blaine, Minn., and when asked why she choose to come to UWRF she said, “I liked the feel of the campus and I liked the psychology department here.”

Coming into this season Klimek was 9-10 overall in singles play and 11-12 in doubles play. “My goal before I graduate is to be able to play in one of the top three single spots on the team and get some wins,” Klimek said.

Klimek is considered by Coach Michele Bailey to be one of the most mentally tough players on the team. Her fellow teammates agree to this and also agreed that even though often quiet Klimek can surprise people with her sense of humor.

“She can surprise us by doing impressions of people and sounding just like them,” said teammate Makayla Newberry. “She is quiet, but hilarious.”



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**Kelsey Hochberger returns a shot against UW-Oshkosh in the match on Sept. 27. Hochberger lost the match by the scores of 6-0 and 7-5.**

## See where your UWRF Falcons teams rank in WIAC standings

Football			Volleyball			Women’s Soccer		
School	WIAC	Overall	School	WIAC	Overall	School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Oshkosh	0-0	3-0	UW- Stevens Point	3-1	14-4	UW- Whitewater	3-0	8-0-2
UW- Platteville	0-0	3-0	<b>UW- River Falls</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>11-5</b>	UW- Oshkosh	2-1	5-5-1
UW- Whitewater	0-0	3-0	UW- Oshkosh	2-1	11-5	UW- La Crosse	1-1-1	2-6-1
UW- Stevens Point	0-0	2-1	UW- Eau Claire	2-1	10-9	UW- Platteville	1-1	5-6
UW- Stout	0-0	2-1	UW- La Crosse	2-1	6-8	UW- Stevens Point	1-1	3-5-2
<b>UW- River Falls</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-3</b>	UW- Whitewater	1-1	16-5	UW- Stout	1-1	3-7-1
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# Outdoor art installation showcases student talent

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The UW-River Falls art department held its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual outdoor art installation project this past week which showcased both faculty and student creations.

Many different forms of art such as fibers glass, wood, paper, clay and metal were showcased around campus. It is important to know that many of these forms of art are very experimental because installations are a whole different form of medium. More than half of the students participating in the installation event have never done any art project like this before.

Morgan Clifford, professor of arts (fibers), came up with the idea of the art installations during her second year teaching at UWRF 22 years ago. She got the idea from one of her professors while in graduate school at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan.

“The point is to remind everyone how beautiful this campus is, especially now,” Clifford said.

There are over 200 people participating in this year’s event, with some doing more than one piece of art. Some projects are done as a class; some are individually created for a class.

There are also people outside the classes participating in the art installations who apply to have their art work displayed on campus. Those individuals must describe their art in the application and have an art professor sign off on their form for safety reasons and so the art adheres to the rules set by the department and campus.

While most of the art stays near the Kleinpell Fine Arts building, there are some students who venture off to Hathorn Hall or the Ag Science building. Clifford was not aware of any other University of Wisconsin schools that put out art installations.

Planning for a guest speaker starts almost a year in advance, in order to get in touch with the artist and make arrangements for them to come to UWRF during the time the art is displayed on campus. The guest artist this year is John Hock, artistic director and CEO of Franconia Sculpture Park in Minnesota.

He will lead an informal walkabout critique with students and guests on Wednesday afternoon. The walkabout gave him the opportunity to critique and question the artists’ work and meaning behind it. It also gave the artists a chance to ask



Alex Gajdosik/Student Voice

**Black and white cubes with a variety of designs adorn the lawn outside of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. These works of art are painted by UW-River Falls students and feature several different artistic themes.**

questions about how to improve their artwork.

Kaylee Spencer, assistant professor of art (art history), said every year the department tries to find someone in the art community that has different perspectives. The speaker rotates each year, and the department always tries to find somebody who has the foundation and experience with outdoor sculpture and installation.

“My favorite part is seeing campus’s reaction, people don’t usually have the opportunity to see what happens in art classes or make it to the galleries so bringing it outside to the public is really fun to see others respond,” Spencer said.

“I don’t necessarily love all of the art but if the ingenuity of them makes you smile, it’s done what it needs to do. The smallest installations are the most powerful,” said Clifford.



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**Over 200 students are participating in this year’s outdoor art installations. Students can see the art in various places around campus, including on the stairs leading to the University Center (right) or in the trees by the UC Mall (left).**

# Moviegoers leave ‘Cloudy’ starved for better plot, more humor

Ryan Funes  
Reviewer

Get ready for a second wind as “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” rolls into theaters.

Unfortunately, not with as much charm as the original.

Flint Lockwood wanted to change the world with his amazing invention that could turn water into food. He ultimately screwed up, but fixed his mistakes, showing his grit as an inventor. Now he has been given the chance by his inventor idol to make new inventions for the world, though he must work away from his friends.

But now he is called back to his old island home, where his old invention is wreaking havoc and creating life all of its own. Flint and his friends must journey to this familiar, yet foreign land in order to stop his machine and prove his worth as an inventor.

If there was anything I was expecting from this sequel to the first film, it was everything that made the first film great.

The first film was chock full of visual gags, fast and creative character movements and a good, unique set of humor I had not seen in an animated film before. As such, I was really craving all that in the sequel, and while what I got was all right in some of those areas, it just did not have the charm the original had.

The main problem I had with this film was the overall feel it gave, which is derived from many smaller problems. The plot of the film, which I will not spoil, was surprisingly well tread, recycling plot devices I had seen used in many films and media before. This took away a lot of the special feeling I got from the original. The fact that the directors from the last film are gone for the sequel shows very much, knowing this.

Much of the humor from the last movie has changed, seeming to go more for puns wherever there could be placed, as opposed to using the visuals to tell the jokes. For the most part, the movie felt very well-tread compared to the last film and I did not feel that many events and sweet moments in this movie were deserved.

To the movie’s credit though, the animation and designs for the food island are very colorful and fun. Many clever animals are made for this island, from Tacodiles to Shrimpanzees, and the animation of the characters is very playful, smooth and clean, with the villain of the film being particularly well animated.

Visually the film holds up well and carries the fast paced filming from the last film, if anything was to be carried.

I recommend going to see “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2.” However, if you are looking for something beyond plots of friendship, money gaining and gratuitous pun action, then you might want to look for another animated film to watch.



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 out with friends, tapping into his imagination and watching cartoons of all kinds.

# ‘Prisoners’ succeeds in capturing audiences’ attention with many talented performances

Jack Tuthill  
Reviewer

Awards season is officially closing in, and filmgoers who caught “Prisoners” this past weekend were not disappointed.

This grim, powerful and memorable film fittingly kicked off the 2013 fall season.

“Prisoners” opens with Keller and Grace Dover, played by Hugh Jackman (“Les Miserables,” “X-Men”) and Maria Bello (“A History of Violence,” “Beautiful Boy”), corralling their two children, Anna and Dylan, for a Thanksgiving meal at their best friend’s house down the block. When they arrive we are introduced to Nancy Franklin Birch, played by Viola Davis (“The Help,” “Doubt”) and Terrence Howard (“Crash,” “Iron Man”) and their two young kids, Joy and Eliza.

The families eat turkey, laugh, play music and watch football. They are unaware of the dread that is soon to follow. Near the end of the evening the four adults allow their two youngest daughters, Anna and Joy, to run down the street to the Dover household.

Hours pass and the kids never return. A small search party is formed, but the children are nowhere to be found. They have been taken.

Dylan fortunately saw the girls playing on an RV earlier in the afternoon. His description gives the police somewhere to start. Enter Detective Loki (Jake Gyllenhaal). He is a tattooed, twitchy, single cop with a perfect case record. Loki promises the families that he will find their daughters.

Ultimately, Loki locates the RV and arrests a quiet, filthy, creepy, dim young man named Alex Jones (Paul Dano). Alex

can barely speak and is frightened beyond belief, but there is not a single shred of evidence pointing to Alex as a suspect other than his identified RV.

Days pass and Keller begins to become enraged with Loki’s inability to obtain answers from Alex, who has been released. Keller must decide whether to take matters into his own hands or let Loki do his job. He chooses the former and kidnaps Alex.

Keller’s anger throughout the film is so fierce that you can literally see the veins under his skin longing to burst. His tone is low, loud and unrelenting. Keller wants justice. He will stop at nothing to find his little girl. Grace, however, copes by popping pills and sleeping all day.

Franklin and Nancy Birch have accepted the fact that their daughter is potentially in the river, buried in the woods or lying lifeless in a basement. They give Keller the go-ahead to torture Alex to obtain a resolution.

Everything is not what it seems, however, as Loki begins to unravel the complex mystery. He finds himself in a maze of suspects, clues and lies.

Nothing about this film is easy to watch, but this is a story that needed to be told. Thankfully, French Canadian director Denis Villeneuve treats the material with an effective grasp on the terrifying material.

Jackman turns in his best performance of his career. He is ferocious, brutal and violent. You can feel his character’s pain through his acting, which is hard to accomplish. Even if you do not agree with Keller’s moral code, you have to admire his courage and the depths he is willing to cast himself into.

Gyllenhaal’s Loki is a character to pull for. Loki’s desperation is different than Keller’s. He is the one who has to live with the results of the case, no matter the outcome. Gyllenhaal’s facial expressions, tone of voice and body language are tremendous. His performance is among his very best.

Davis, Howard and Bello are all fine actors in their own rights, but the screen is dominated by Jackman and Gyllenhaal.

Cinematographer Roger Deakins (“No Country for Old Men,” “Skyfall”) has been nominated for 10 Oscars, which is stunning, but has never prevailed. His work on “Prisoners” is nothing short of flawless. The breathtaking fall Pennsylvania scenery, an ominous mood, a real sense of terror and a particularly incredible car chase are all thanks to Deakins’ clever photography.

“Prisoners” holds no punches. It may crush your spirit but your eyes will be glued to the screen. It is a chess match. It is brutal. It is unmerciful. It is a tremendous fall treat. See it.



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